



A beautiful view of Day Hall and the McLaughlin Library from inside Mackinnon New Ext.

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## A New Chair for History

The History department has recently welcomed its new chair, Dr. Catherine Carstairs. Dr. Carstairs took over from Dr. Peter Goddard who has just completed a four year term. Asked about her further thoughts on her new role since she began her term, Dr. Carstairs responded: "I have always been very proud of being a faculty member in the History Department at the University of Guelph. I admire our commitment to undergraduate teaching, our impressive and varied research,



and our extensive outreach activities. I also highly value our collegial culture, which I hope to protect and enhance in the years ahead.

One of the best things about

## New Chair

becoming Chair is that I will get to know all of you: faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students better. I am eager to learn more about your ideas about our teaching and our curriculum, your research and your service. Sofie Lachapelle (Graduate Chair), Kevin James (Undergraduate Chair) and I have already been discussing ideas that we will bring to the attention of the Graduate Committee and the Curriculum Committee this fall. I firmly believe that we can come up with the best ideas through broadly canvassing our faculty and

our students, and I look forward to hearing from all of you. As we all know, postsecondary education is likely in for some challenging times in the years ahead. I hope that we can respond creatively and constructively to these challenges while continuing to make the case that the humanities are crucial to understanding the world around us and that the education that we provide in writing, research and communication is crucial to citizenship and democracy."

## Dr. Mosby's research ignites a firestorm

Dr. Ian Mosby's recently published article, "Administering Colonial Science: Nutrition Research and Human Biomedical Experimentation in Aboriginal Communities and Residential Schools, 1942–1952," continues to attract national attention.

In the paper, Dr. Mosby shows that between 1942 and 1952, some of Canada's leading nutrition experts – in cooperation with various federal departments – conducted an unprecedented series of nutritional studies of Aboriginal peoples. The most problematic of these were separate long-term studies that went so far as to include controlled experiments conducted, apparently without the subjects' informed consent or knowledge, on malnourished Aboriginal populations in Northern Manitoba and, later, in six Indian residential schools. The article quickly became the subject of national



media attention – including front-page stories by the Toronto Star, the Vancouver Sun and the Winnipeg Free Press – as well as a national day of protest organized by First Nations around the country. Following lobbying from Mosby and other academic historians, the journal *Histoire sociale/Social History*, agreed to grant

the public open access to the article for a limited period to satisfy the huge interest roused nationwide by the research.

Mosby has since completed dozens of interviews regarding the article – even with academic publications including the journal *Nature* and the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* – and he has also been invited to speak at Universities across the country in the coming academic year.

## Prof. J. Murray: Making a difference - globally

Professor Jacqueline Murray volunteered this past summer in Accra, Ghana, serving as Organizational Development Advisor for the Ministry of Education, helping with strategic planning process for the Non-Formal Education Division (NFED). NFED, she explains, “is response for nation-wide literacy education for adults and youth who could not benefit from formal education.”



During the period, Professor Murray also organized a fund-raiser through Indiegogo that brought in \$4000 to help the Theatre for Development group change and otherwise upgrade their broken and aging equipment. The latter group, according to Prof. Murray, is pivotal to the success of the program, for when a community is identified for a literacy program they are the one who “go in first to attract attention and convince the villagers of the importance of literacy.” They write and perform “songs that teach illiterate people crucial life skills such as how to boil water to purify it fully so

children don't become sick and die, or how to spread fertilizer so it enhances productivity rather than burning the land.”

This was not Professor Murray's first or even the second time to volunteer in Ghana with the



Ministry of Education's NFED nor was this the first time that she organized a major financial and material support for NFED. “The NFED was funded by the World Bank for about 12 years, however, after beginning of the “financial crisis” this funding was withdrawn”, she explained. “Now the NFED is struggling to maintain infrastructure to support its amazing human resources. In the fall [of 2012], I organized a donation of 125 computers and shipped them to the NFED to alleviate a shortage that saw 6-7 people trying to share a computer.”

## Farewell, Prof. Graeme Morton

Professor Graeme Morton, Scottish Studies Foundation Chair, left the History Department this past summer to take up a new position as Chair of Modern History at Dundee University in the UK beginning this fall. Professor Morton was the inaugural Scottish studies Foundation Chair in the department. In the words of Dr. Peter Goddard, the



A sendforth photo of Graeme Morton surrounded on the right by Peter Goddard and on the left by Catherine Carstairs and Kevin James

immediate past Chair of the Department of History, Professor Morton demonstrated energy in “reaching out to the community, galvanizing graduate students through involvement in the Scottish Studies Centre; innovating in undergraduate teaching; bringing important new participant institutions to our Historical Data (i.e. Census project) activity; engaging the Scottish Studies Foundation, and creatively working to maintain their support, and serving in a wide range of ways, including Board of Governors, across the University, delivering good humour and good advice, not least to the soon-to-be former Chair of Department. Graeme's scholarship sparkles and engages a larger public; no one of us has been as much in demand, outside of Ploughing Matches, than Graeme, who easily communicates with the Scottish diaspora in every forum.”



# Awards Galore

**Professor Jacqueline Murray** is a recipient of the 2013 D2L Innovation Award from the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.



**Daniel MacLeod's** "Pillars, Pulpits and Carts: Religious Objects and Reformed Christianity in Early Modern Glasgow" was awarded "Best Graduate Paper" for the American Academy of Religion's Eastern International Region Conference, May 2013. MacLeod has successfully defended his Phd.

## Scholarship Winners

SSHRC  CRSH



### Dr. Norman Smith



2013 College of Arts Teaching Excellence Award for Faculty

The department has a tidy number of scholarship winners this past spring:

### Marc-Adre Gagnon

OGS

Award for visiting researchers from outside of Québec (granted by Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ):

### Jodey Nurse, Phd Candidate,



2013 College of Arts Graduate Teaching Assistant Teaching Excellence Award

### Sarah Shropshire

OGS renewed

### Jodey Nurse

SSHRC travel grant

### Sara Wilmshurst

Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Masters Funding

### Heena Misty

Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Masters Funding

### Sean Grant

Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Masters Funding

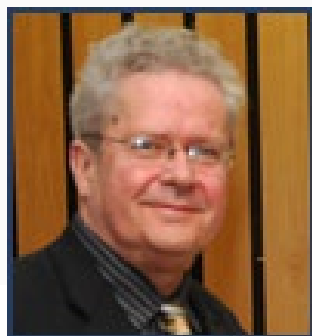
### Evan Tigchelaar,

Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Masters Funding

### Alice Glaze

Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Award from SSHRC

Former department chair, **Professor Terry**



**Crowley**, has been awarded the Order of Niagara for service to the Anglican Church of Canada. The induction will be held at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton in November and be conducted by

Michael Bird, bishop of Niagara

# Publications and Talks

## Dr. Alan Gordon

Invited talks:

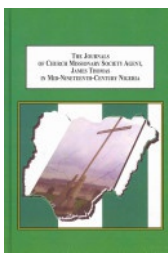
\*"Making Old Quebec," at the Royal City Men's Club, Guelph, Ontario, in April, and

\*"Tourist Gold: Shaping Place, Past, and Community at Dawson City" Meeting Places, International Canadian Studies Conference, Co-hosted by Saint Mary's University, Halifax and Mount Allison University, Sackville. September 2013.

Article:

"Teaching Quebec / Enseigner le Québec: Why Quebec's History Matters to English Canada," Canadian Issues / Thèmes Canadiens (Summer 2013)

## Dr. Femi Kolapo

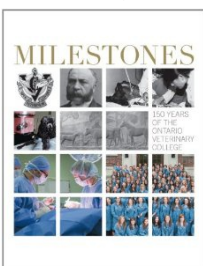


The Journals of Church Missionary Society Agent, James Thomas, in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Nigeria, Edwin Mellen Press, 2012.

## Dr. Karen Racine

has an article out in the Journal of Genocide Studies titled, "Message by Massacre: Venezuela's War to the Death, 1810-1814." JGS 15, #2 (May 2013): 201-217. Special issue on Global Violence in the Napoleonic Age.

## Lisa Cox, PhD history candidate



in joint authorship with OVC associate dean Peter Conlon has published a book tribute to OVC's 150-year anniversary. *Milestones: 150 Years of the Ontario Veterinary College*. This interesting book features "photos and details from the opening of the first veterinary college in Canada and the United States to today's OVC."

## Sarah Shropshire

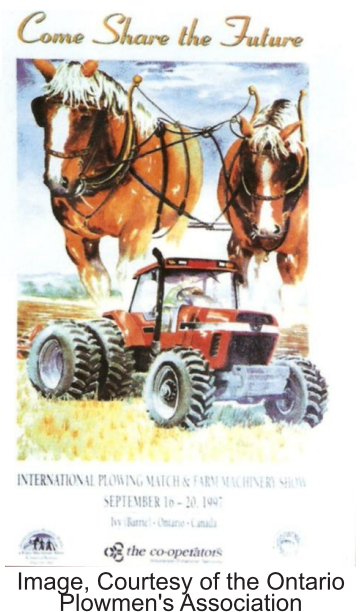
Delivered a paper at in Victoria this past June, titled, "Reproductive Responsibility, Evolving Techniques, and Changing Masculinities: Charting the History of Vasectomy in Canada".

This paper has been accepted for publication in the Canadian Bulletin of Medical History, under the title, "What's a Guy To Do?: reproductive responsibility, changing masculinities, and the history of vasectomy in Canada".

**Professor Terry Crowley** presented a paper at McGill University on the Canadian veterinary professor and missionary to Korea, Frank Schofield, a person honoured for his contributions to Korean independence. Called Korea's 34th Patriot (there were 33 signers to Korea's declaration of independence from Japan in 1919), Frank Schofield is the only non-Korean buried in Seoul's national cemetery

## Professor Catharine Wilson

presented her research on "Plowing, Plowing Matches and Masculinity" to the crowds who were gathered to celebrate the International Plowing Match. One of the largest farm shows in North America, the International Plowing Match celebrated its 100th anniversary this



Image, Courtesy of the Ontario Plowmen's Association

September. Part of the entertainment was silent films of the Match created by the Ontario Bureau of Motion Pictures in the years 1917-1923. A scholarly version of Dr Wilson's work has been submitted to the *Canadian Historical Review*.

# Alumni happenings

## **Kiah Berkeley, BA'09 (History)**

is currently working on an MA in US history at Western. Between degrees she worked in Washington DC for the Smithsonian Institution as a guide/instructor for African American history collections. She is planning a career in journalism...

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## **Graham Shular, BA'11 alumnus,**

has concluded his MA History course work at Western University, London, Ontario. He should be at the Toronto in "the fall to complete his Master of Teaching program at OISE.

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## **Denny Brett, BA'12 (History)**

begins his MA in history at the University of Alberta fall 2013 studying the history of land reclamation with respect to the oil sands. He spent the summer working at the Ministry of Energy in Edmonton, and has written about that experience for a forthcoming post on Josh McFadyen's blog "The Otter": <http://niche-canada.org/otter>

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## **Lindsay King, BA'13 (History)**

begins an MA in History at Ottawa this fall.

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## **Sara Nixon , BA '13 (History)**

was accepted into the Public History masters program at Carleton University. She explains that her "research will explore the role and value of Heritage Tourism in small, rural communities in Ontario. I am interested in determining the extent at which heritage tourism contributes to the pride, identity and sense of belonging in small-towns and assessing the different strategies small communities can utilize to develop heritage tourism. She worked with the Town of Grimsby this summer to develop a strategy for "Grimsby to be able to utilize its heritage (and other assets) as a way to

promote itself to tourists." Her research for Grimsby will provide material for her academic research at Carleton, she says.

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## **Heena Mistry BA'13**

is starting her OGS funded masters this fall at Queens Her proposed research project focuses on the experience of the South Asian diaspora in Kenya, especially that of students in the pre- and post- colonial Kenyan education system

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## **Dr. Jason Wilson**

Juno-nominated reggae artist, who defended his PhD in the department this summer, performed at Hugh's Room recently making the Great War his



theme. He devised a "tribute show to weird wartime comedy troupes that were the forerunners of modern satire"

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/toronto/trenchant-humour-from-the-trenches/article12893441>

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## **Tara Hedican**

Guelph B.A. History alumnus, was a top national undergraduate wrestler, worked for the Upper Grand District School Board from 2006 before moving in 2012 to the Ojibway Heritage School in Shoal Lake where she is now principal. Tara also earned the M.A. in public administration from Queen's and MSc. in education from D'Youville College.



# Alumni happenings

## Wade Cormack MA'13 (History)

has received a funded doctoral research position to study carry out research into "the origins of golf, a pillar of Scottish identity and one of the country's most distinctive contributions to global culture" This three-year research position is jointly funded by the University of the Highlands and Islands, Inverness, and the Royal Dornoch Golf Club. Wade Cormack came tops among the "unknown



number of candidates" who applied for this research position.

<http://www.leaderpost.com/news/Canadian+find+origins+Scotland+game/8655884/story.html>

## Dr. Elizabeth Ritchie

Guelph History alumnus, who teaches at the University of Highland's Dornoch Centre for History was a recipient of an award at the fourth annual



University of Highlands teaching awards. The award cited Dr. Ritchie as Most Engaging Online Tutor.

## John Dehass BA'08

is Maclean's On Campus online editor. Dehass wrote for the *Canon*, an online student journal, when he was at the University of Guelph

## Bradley Crawford MA '11

While applying into a doctorate program for the next academic session, he is currently writing freelance and most recently had an article published in the September 9 edition of the *National Post* on Robert Mugabe's legacy in

# Workshops & Conferences

## Tri-University History Conference

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-University History Conference

**NEW APPROACHES TO HISTORY**

The Tri-University History Conference

**MARCH 23, 2013 - 8:30-5:30PM**  
Best Western Hotel 716 Gordon Street, Guelph, Ontario

**Keynote Speakers:**

<b>Ian Milligan</b> University of Waterloo	"Preparing for the Infinite Archive: Social Historians and the Looming Digital Deluge."
<b>Amy Milne-Smith</b> Laurier University	"Queensberry's Misrule: Exploring honour, duty, and the gentleman in late-Victorian Britain."
<b>Norman Smith</b> University of Guelph	"Sources, Sources and the Writing of Manchurian History."

To register, please e-mail Laura Greaves: [lm2greav@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:lm2greav@uwaterloo.ca) Registration is FREE.

[www.triuniversityhistory.ca](http://www.triuniversityhistory.ca)

Logos for University of Waterloo, Laurier University, University of Guelph, and Best Western.

Dr. Catherine Carstairs and PhD student Caitlin Holton organized a very successful well-attended Tri-U conference on Saturday March 23, 2013 at the Best Western Hotel, 716 Gordon Street, Guelph.

Commenting on the quality of presentations, Peter Goddard, the past Chair of History remarked that "some really good talks were presented around key theme of 'new approaches'. ... sessions were reported to be engaging..."

## Rural History Round table

On Tuesday, April 16 at the OAC Boardroom in Johnson Hall Room 104, from 1:30-3:30pm, the Rural History Roundtable and Dept. of History hosted **Jonathan McCuarrie** who gave a talk on "Finding a Fair Price: Canadian Tobacco Cooperatives during the Interwar Years"

# Workshops & Conferences

## Professor Elizabeth Ewan

on Monday, April 22 at Hope House, 75 Norfolk St., Guelph from 7-9pm, participated with other University of Guelph Research Chairs on a panel that spoke to the topic of "Why the Humanities? A Community Conversation" The discussion was moderated by Robert Enright.

## Conflict in the Classroom Workshop

The History Department, with the support of the TSS, organized a workshop on dealing with conflict in the classroom, to answer to needs expressed in conversation with History graduate students. The workshop held on Tuesday, September 3rd at 1-2:30pm in Rozanski Hall, 106. Thanks to TSS's Erin Aspenliede who put it together. Below is the description of the workshop:

Incidents of classroom incivility are common and they do have impacts on student learning (Bayer and Braxton, 2004). Even while these incidents commonly occur, instructors and students may have different understandings of what constitutes "civility" and "incivility" in the classroom. This workshop aims to provide you with a shared understanding of what "civility" and "incivility" mean in History classes at the University of Guelph by both defining the terms and by describing what behaviours and attitudes contributing to "incivility" in the teaching and learning environment. Further, this workshop will prepare you to both proactively prevent incivility in your teaching and learning environment and to respond to incidents of incivility if they arise.

To these ends, by the end of this workshop you will be able to:

- Define civility and incivility as they pertain to

teaching and learning in higher education;

- Describe those behaviours and attitudes understood as "civil";
- Evaluate a range of research-based causes for classroom incivility;
- Identify strategies to prevent and respond to incivility if it arises in the classroom and/or the teaching and learning environment.

## The Foodscapes Conference,

"Foodscapes of Plenty and of Want: Historical



REGISTRATION IS FREE. Please indicate that you'd like to attend by e-mailing [foodscapes2013@gmail.com](mailto:foodscapes2013@gmail.com).



Perspectives on Food, Health and the Environment in Canada" was organized by Drs. Ian Mosby and Catherine Carstairs. It featured new research from faculty and graduate students from the department and all over Canada. The conference was held June 23-25.



# Announcements

## HIST\*3480 Workplace Learning

Undergraduate student, **Jeremy Dechert**, completed HIST3480 Workplace Learning this year. This is an independent study course based on either History related voluntary or paid workplace experience. Evaluation is based on assignments relating to work duties and take the form of a weekly journal, and a major project relating to some specific aspect of the work experience. Jeremy worked at the Guelph Public Library. In addition to creating a research paper on open access in the early Ontario public library movement, Jeremy wrote an article on the history of Guelph Public Library for their website which you can now view. Under the supervision of GPL archivist Darcy Hiltz, Jeremy was able to gain first hand experience in archival techniques, methods and organization, and how archives are used by academics and the general public. Jeremy considers HIST3480 to have been an "invaluable experience in briefly sampling a career as an archivist or librarian." He has been "reaffirmed in (his) desire to pursue a career in library and information science."

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The History Department has hired **Heather Parker as the Scottish Studies postdoctoral fellow**. She will take over some of Prof. Graeme Morton's work in running the Scottish Studies Office, and editing the International Review of Scottish Studies as well as research and teaching.

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**Guelph's 50th anniversary** is coming in 2014. Anyone thinking of organizing a major event might want to think about branding it as a 50th anniversary event.

The **Scottish Studies and Rural History** roundtable both have active semesters of activity planned.

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The department will be bringing in a number of speakers, including **Dianne Newell** who will be speaking as part of the ASTRA series on October 24th.

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# Rumours

## What is Dr. Peter Goddard up to?



Dr. Goddard has recently stepped aside from being the History chair at the end of a five year term. Asked what he would be doing in the next little while. He responded, "I have just returned from the Speak to the Wild conference at Wells Gray Park

in central B.C. This meeting discussed "wilderness" and its preservation in the 21st century. This meeting, organized by the Wells Gray World Heritage Committee and the Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Science, assembled a diverse group including botanists, zoologists, ecologists, environmental activists, philosophers, poets, an aboriginal elder, a light-keeper and a historian; my own involvement brought my longstanding association with the Park together with my current research on religious modes of non-attachment and questioning of ownership.

Later in the Fall I will travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the Sixteenth-Century Studies conference; I will present a paper on Franciscan modes of understanding the angelic as well as the demonic; the other panel participants will address Jesuit conceptions. The panel is organized by scholars at Fordham University; that they include a paper on Franciscan outlooks has something to with the new Jesuit pope, Francis, I think.

Much of the leave will necessarily focus on the work on Franciscanism, and specifically the Capuchin order; I hope to have presentable ms by end of it.

My term as Chair was highly interesting and largely enjoyable; it is lovely to be able to work with such a strong and supportive group of faculty and staff, and to continue to teach our ever-interesting students at all levels. In this academic year I will continue to advise graduate students; I also have a research project on learning outcomes in DE formats on the way. I will present a pre-concert talk for the Guelph Chamber Choir's Joan of Arc silent movie collaboration in November.

I also hope to follow the example of a number of my colleagues, and publish a poem.

The History Department presents

## RURAL HISTORY ROUNDTABLE: FALL 2013 SERIES



**Jodey Nurse**  
 'Exhibiting Great Taste and Skill':  
 Women's Work at Fall Fairs in Ontario, 1846-1980."

**THURSDAY OCT 17, 7-8pm**  
 Guelph Public Library, Programming Room, 2nd floor  
Jointly sponsored by the Rural History Roundtable and the Guelph Public Library

Jodey Nurse is Ph.D. Candidate and Co-coordinator of the Rural History Roundtable Series at the University of Guelph. Her current research examines women's participation in county and township agricultural societies and fairs.

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**Alice J. Hovorka**  
 "The Lives of Women and Chickens in Botswana:  
 Intersections, Hierarchies, and Everyday Lives"

**THURSDAY OCT 31, 2:30-4:30PM**  
 Room: MacKinnon Building, Room 308,  
 University of Guelph

Dr. Alice J. Hovorka is an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Guelph. Her research focuses on contemporary human-environment relations in Southern Africa and features animals as central actors in human affairs.

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**Sean Graham**  
 "A Thousand Miles from the City:  
 Early National Radio and Rural Canada"

**Thursday 14 November, 2:30-4:30pm**  
 Room: MacKinnon Building, Room 132,  
 University of Guelph

Sean Graham is a PhD Candidate in history at the University of Ottawa studying the early years of the CBC. He also hosts the History Slam

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**Bruce Muirhead**  
 "Dairy Supply Management:  
 History, Challenges and Opportunities for a Resilient and Sustainable System"

**FRIDAY 22 NOV, 1:30 – 3:30PM**  
 Room: Florence Partridge Room, McLaughlin Library, 3rd Floor,  
 University of Guelph

Dr. Bruce Muirhead is Associate Vice President, External Research, and a Professor in the Department of History at the University of Waterloo. He has written extensively on Canadian trade negotiations since the Second World War, as well as Canadian politics, diplomacy and economic development. His most recent work, which was funded by the Norwegian Research Council, focuses on the evolution of Canadian agricultural policy, especially dairy supply management.





## Oscar Daniel Raine Mosby



is among the latest addition to the History Department. Oscar was born April 11 at about 4 a.m to Laural Rainer and Dr. Ian Mosby weighing an impressive 8lbs 6oz

**Congrats** on putting to bed are due:

**Heather Parker**, who had a baby this summer, and

PhD student, **Rochelle Pereira** who also recently put to bed.

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