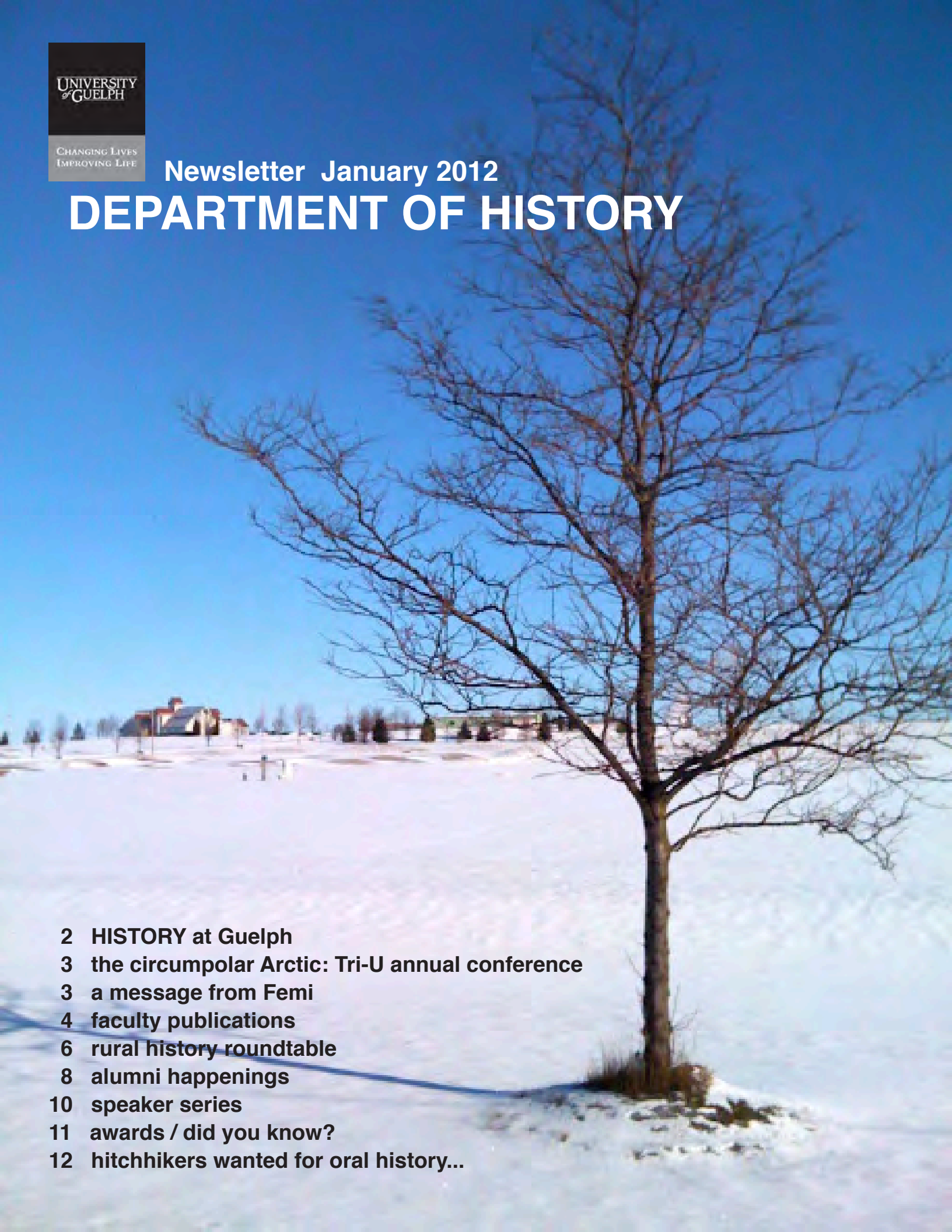


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# The Circumpolar Arctic

## Tri-University Graduate Program in History Annual Conference



### CALL FOR PAPERS

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The 18th Annual Tri-University History Conference will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo, Ontario, Canada) on **Saturday, March 3, 2012**. The Tri-University Graduate History Program, one of Canada's largest and most comprehensive, unites graduate faculty and students at the University of Guelph, the University of Waterloo, and Wilfrid Laurier University. We welcome proposals for individual papers and complete panels from graduate students and established scholars in all historical fields, especially, but not exclusively, on topics concerning aspects of the **circumpolar arctic**. In keeping with the theme of this year's conference, "Histories North and South," we are honoured to announce our keynote speaker Lene Kielsen Holm, from Nuuk, Greenland. As Director, Department for Sustainable Development and Research, for Greenland's delegation to the Inuit Circumpolar Council, and an award-winning researcher on the Sila-Inuk Project, Lene brings both her lived and her professional experience of traditional knowledge to her discussion of "The Importance of Inuit Knowledge in Documenting Environmental Change: Sila-Inuk, a Study of Inuit Hunters' and Fishermen's Observations about their Changing Environments."

Please submit paper abstracts (max. 250 words) with contact information to Suzanne Zeller, Department of History, Wilfrid Laurier University, (szeller@wlu.ca) no later than 15 January 2012.

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### a message from **Femi Kolapo**...

*Dear friends and colleagues: It has been a pleasure participating in the Dare Campaign for Stephen Lewis Foundation. I have managed to write a poem every weekday of November. I hope you have enjoyed some of the poems. Thank you for participating in my dare. Total money raised: \$1250.00. Thanks so much - Femi Kolapo*

The Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) supports community-level organizations that are turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa by providing care and support to women, orphans, grandmothers and people living with HIV and AIDS. Since 2003, we have funded more than 700 initiatives with 300 community-based organizations in the 15 African countries hardest hit by the pandemic. Visit [www.stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org)

# faculty publications

## NEW IN PRINT

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**Jodie Campbell, Elizabeth Ewan, and Heather Parker, eds.,**  
*The Shaping of Scottish Identities: Family, Nation, and the Worlds Beyond* (Centre for Scottish Studies, 2011). This is the second volume in the Centre's continuing series on Scottish history and identity:  
[http://www.uoguelph.ca/history/Scottish Studies/Guelph Series in Scottish Studies](http://www.uoguelph.ca/history/Scottish%20Studies/Guelph%20Series%20in%20Scottish%20Studies)

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**Rob Davison**  
*The Challenges of Command: The Royal Navy's Executive Branch Officers, 1880-1919* (Ashgate, 2011). Dr. Davison teaches at the University of Guelph and at Wilfrid Laurier University.

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**Norman Smith** and James Flath, eds.,  
*Beyond Suffering: Recounting War in Modern China* (UBC Press, 2011); and Dr. Smith contributes his piece: "Writing Opium in Manchukuo," to the volume.

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**Matthew Hayday** and Michael D. Behiels, eds.,  
*Contemporary Quebec: Selected Readings and Commentaries* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2011).

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**David Ross** and Andrew D. Smith, eds.,  
*Canada's Entrepreneurs, From the Fur Trade to the 1929 Stock Market Crash: Portraits from the Dictionary of Canadian Biography* (University of Toronto Press, 2011).

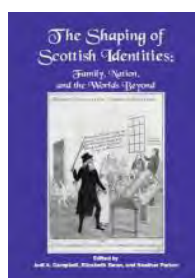
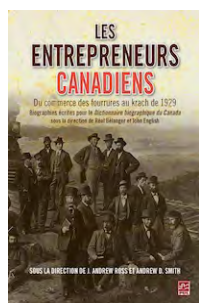
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**Catherine Carstairs,**  
"Food, Fear and the Environment in the Long 1960s," in *Debating Dissent: The 1960s in Canada*, edited by Dominique Clement, Lara Campbell and Greg Kealey (University of Toronto Press, 2011).

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**Kris Inwood** and Michelle Hamilton,  
"The Aboriginal Population and the 1891 Census of Canada," in *Indigenous Peoples and Demography: The Complex Relation Between Identity and Statistics*, edited by P. Axelsson and P. Skold (Bergahn, 2011).

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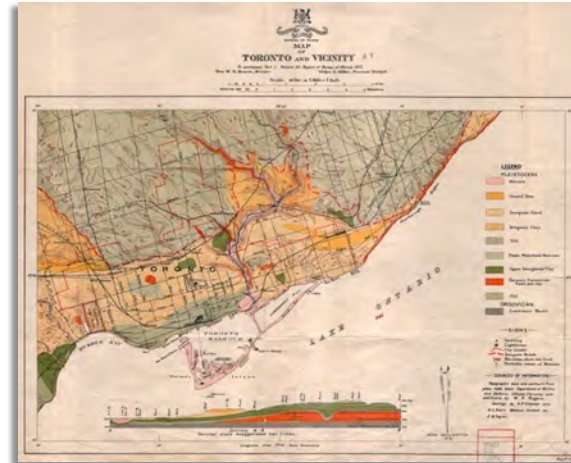


**Jennifer Bonnell**

“An Intimate Understanding of Place: Charles Sauriol and Toronto’s Don River Valley, 1927-1989,” *Canadian Historical Review* 92, no.4 (December 2011).

Dr. Bonnell is a post-doctoral researcher in the Department.

*Every summer from 1927 to 1968, Toronto conservationist Charles Sauriol and his family moved from their city home to a rustic cottage just a few kilometres away, within the urban wilderness of Toronto’s Don River Valley. In his years as a cottager, Sauriol saw the valley change from a picturesque setting of rural farms and woodlands to an increasingly threatened corridor of urban green space. His intimate familiarity with the valley led to a lifelong quest to protect it. This paper explores the history of conservation in the Don River Valley through Sauriol’s experiences. Changes in the approaches to protecting urban nature, I argue, are reflected in Sauriol’s personal experience - the strategies he employed, the language he used, and the losses he suffered as a result of urban planning policies. Over the course of Sauriol’s career as a conservationist (1940s - 1990s), the river increasingly became a symbol of urban health - specifically, the health of the relationship between urban residents and the natural environment upon which they depend. Drawing from a rich range of sources, including diary entries, published memoirs, and unpublished manuscripts and correspondence, this paper reflects upon the ways that biography can inform histories of place and better our understanding of individual responses to changing landscapes.*



- Jennifer Bonnell

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**Christine Ekholst,**

“Den politiska kärleken. Homosocialt begär och heteronormativa strukturer i medeltidens Sverige” [Political Love. Homosocial Desire and Heteronormative Practices in Medieval Sweden] (with H. Bagerius), in *Historisk Tidskrift* 1 (2011).

*Dr. Christine Ekholst is a new Contractually Limited faculty member in the Department (2011-2013) and started out this Fall by teaching HIST\*4140 - Sexuality in the Middle Ages. Dr. Ekholst holds her PhD from Stockholm U (2009) and writes and collaborates extensively in the field of gender and law in medieval history. Previously, as a post-doctoral researchers working with Dr. Nancy Partner at McGill and Dr. Judith Bennett at USC, Dr. Ekholst established a strong record of scholarship, outstanding teaching, and a commitment to new pedagogies that emphasize new ways of engaging students. We know she will be an exceptional colleague in the Department, and will energize and inspire our students in medieval, early modern and gender history. I am looking forward to working with Christine, and I think the Department will be a great home for her work in the next three years.*

- Peter Goddard, Department Chair

Visit: [www.uoguelph.ca/history/history/christine-ekholst](http://www.uoguelph.ca/history/history/christine-ekholst)

# rural history roundtable

Fall 2011 was our best semester yet...

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September 28: **Fabio Faria Mendes**

“Landholding, Kinship and Inheritance in Nineteenth Century Minas Gerais, Brazil: A Preliminary Analysis of the Parish Registers of 1855-56”

Dr. Mendes is Professor of History at the Federal University of Viçosa, Brazil

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October 11: **Ashleigh Androsoff**

“Pulling Together, Pulling Apart: Doukhobor Communalism, Canadian Liberalism, and Land Settlement in Western Canada, 1899-1924”

Dr. Androsoff defended her dissertation, “Spirit Wrestling: Identity Conflict and the Canadian ‘Doukhobor Problem’, 1899-1999” at the University of Toronto in February of this year, and is currently teaching at Saint Mary’s University

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October 25: **Lisa Cox, Melissa Segeren and Robyn Graham**

“The C.A.V. Barker Museum of Canadian Veterinary History: New Possibilities for Rural History at the University of Guelph” *plus*

“We are celebrating OVC’s 150th anniversary year”

Lisa Cox is a PhD candidate in History currently working on a comparative history of bovine tuberculosis eradication in late 19th and early 20th century Ontario and New York State. Melissa Segeren is an MA student whose thesis will focus on rural child labour in early 20th century Ontario. Robyn Graham is a M.A. student in the Department of History

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November 8: **Dr. Aya Fujiwara**

“Internal Displacement and Ethno-Religious Identity: Japanese-Canadian Sugar Beet Workers in Southern Alberta, 1941-1953”

Dr. Fujiwara has completed her PhD at the University of Alberta, and a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History at McMaster University. She is currently teaching at the University of Alberta

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November 16: **Sam Sharp**

“The Value of Reciprocal Networks and Occupational Pluralism in 19th Century Glengarry County: James Cameron’s Diary”

Sam Sharp is an undergraduate student in the Department and winner of our Ruth and Eber Pollard Prize in Canadian History

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November 18: **Thomas Rogers**

“The Nature of Labor: Work and the Agro-Environment of Sugarcane in Brazil”

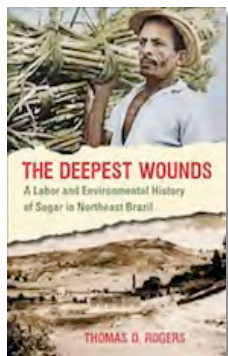
Dr. Rogers is Assistant Professor of History at Emory University and the author of *The Deepest Wounds: A Labor and Environmental History of Sugar in Northeast Brazil* (University of North Carolina Press, 2010)

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November 29: **Jennifer Bonnell**

“An Environmental History of an Urban Borderland: Toronto’s Don River Valley, 1860-1930”

Dr. Bonnell is a SSHRC post-doctoral fellow in the Department of History



# rural history roundtable

winter 2012 schedule

10th  
anniversary  
season!



All Rural History Roundtables take place in the OAC Boardroom  
(104 Johnston Hall) on the University of Guelph Campus.  
All Welcome!

January 23, 2:30-4:30: **Catharine Wilson**

“‘Bees-Gone-Wrong’: The Untold Story about Neighbourhoods and the Good Old Days of Threshing and Barn Raising Bees in Ontario”

Dr Wilson is Professor of History at the University of Guelph and Coordinator of the Rural History Roundtable

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February 7, 10:30-12:30: **Patricia Bowley**

“Soybeans and Ontario Crop Agriculture, 1880s-1970s: Responding to a Century of Challenges on the Farm”

Pat Bowley is a doctoral candidate in the Department

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February 28, 10:30-12:30: **Rebecca Beausart**

“Beyond Tea Parties and Calling Cards: Women and Domestic Leisure in Late-Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth Century Rural and Small-Town Ontario”

Rebecca Beausart is a PhD candidate in History at York University

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March 13, 10:00-12:00: **Kevin James**

“The Inn, the Hotel & the Tourist: Narratives of Rural Irish Travel Accommodation, 1801-1926”

Dr Kevin James is Associate Professor in the Department and member of the Scottish Studies faculty and investigates Scottish and Irish tourism history

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April 4, 10:00-12:00: **Andrea Gal**

“A Glimpse into the Everyday Consumption Patterns of Early Twentieth-Century Rural Ontario Families”

Andrea Gal is a PhD candidate in History at Wilfrid Laurier University

# alumni happenings...



got news? send it! [snance@uoguelph.ca](mailto:snance@uoguelph.ca)

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**Luis Felipe Villacorta Ostalaza**, Department M.A. student and archivist at Museo Raimondi in Peru, received an offer from the new Minister of Culture in Peru last month for the position of director of the National Museum of History and Archaeology (a really big deal!). He declined in order to finish his editorial work on the botanical opus of Raimondi c. 1864.  
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**Josh DeHaas** (BA '09) is currently a writer for MacLeans' *OnCampus* column. He recently wrote a piece grading the iPhone apps of six Canadian universities:  
<http://oncampus.macleans.ca/education/2011/06/30/on-campus-grades-six-university-apps/>  
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**Joey Czikk** (BA '09) is currently completing his graduate studies in Journalism at Concordia.  
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**Sam McLean**, former undergrad and Tri-U Grad. Prog. M.A., is attending King's College London for a Ph.D.  
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**Eddie Rogers**, former post-doctoral researcher working with Kevin James, is now a SSHRC-funded post-doctoral researcher at the University of Toronto working with David Wilson. The *Journal of British Studies* has just published Eddie's insightful article on the Glorious Revolution—which he researched while at Guelph: Edmund Rogers, "1688-1888: Victorian Society and the Bicentenary of the Glorious Revolution," *Journal of British Studies* 50, no. 4 (October 2011): 892-916.  
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**Sally Armstrong** (BA '10) is attending the University of Toronto's Masters of Information Program.  
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**Josh Budish** (BA '08) is a graduate student Algonquin College's Sport Business Management Program in Ottawa. Josh spent September 2010 – March 2011 interning with Football Canada and is currently interning with the Damon Allen Quarterback Academy. He is additionally a member of the Canadian Football Research Society (CFRS). Josh recently published some of his research in the CFRS Newsletter, *The Flying Wing* and is co-authoring a book for the Canadian Football Hall of Fame profiling all of its inductees since its first class of 1965.





**Donald Rennie** (BA '75) was sworn in in November 2010 as judge of the Federal Court. After graduating from Guelph, he earned a law degree from Dalhousie University in 1978 and was admitted to the Ontario bar in 1981, the Yukon bar in 1982 and the Alberta Bar in 1985. He has held several positions with the Department of Justice Canada, beginning as counsel for civil litigation in 1981, and was serving as assistant deputy attorney general (litigation) when appointed as a judge. His main areas of practice were matters regarding the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, public and constitutional law, tort liability and commercial law.

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**Timothy C. Winegard**, former student in the Department and grandson of the University's second president, William Winegard, has just published a book with the University of Manitoba Press, *For King and Kanata: Canadian Indians and the First World War* (2011).

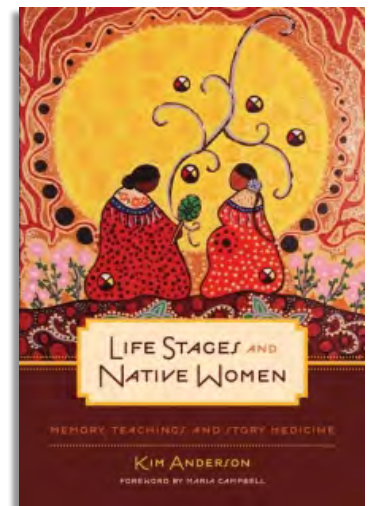
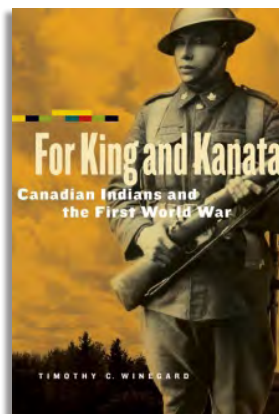
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**Michelle Hamilton**, a recent Department post-doctoral researcher, is currently teaching at the University of Western Ontario, was awarded the Floyd S. Chalmers Award for the best book on Ontario's history (2010-2011) in acknowledgement of *Collections and Objections: Aboriginal Material Culture in Southern Ontario*. Michelle Hamilton joins **Catharine Wilson**, **Doug McCalla**, and **Terry Crowley** as winners of this award associated with the University of Guelph.

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**Kim Anderson** (Ph.D. '10), Cree/Métis educator and Associate Professor in Indigenous Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, has transformed her UofG dissertation in History into a new book, *Life Stages and Native Women: Memory, Teachings, and Story Medicine* (University of Manitoba Press 2011). She is also the author of *A Recognition of Being: Reconstructing Native Womanhood*, the co-editor, with Bonita Lawrence, of *Strong Women Stories: Native Vision and Community Survival*, and is currently working on a SSHRC-funded project on First Nations men and masculinity.

*The NEW Book*: A rare and inspiring guide to the health and well-being of Aboriginal women and their communities. The process of “digging up medicines”—of rediscovering the stories of the past—serves as a powerful healing force in the decolonization and recovery of Aboriginal communities. In *Life Stages and Native Women*, Kim Anderson shares the teachings of fourteen elders from the Canadian prairies and Ontario to illustrate how different life stages were experienced by Métis, Cree, and Anishinaabe girls and women during the mid-twentieth century. These elders relate stories about their own lives, the experiences of girls and women of their childhood communities, and customs related to pregnancy, birth, post-natal care, infant and child care, puberty rites, gender and age-specific work roles, the distinct roles of post-menopausal women, and women's roles in managing death. Through these teachings, we learn how evolving responsibilities from infancy to adulthood shaped women's identities and place within Indigenous society, and were integral to the health and well-being of their communities. By understanding how healthy communities were created in the past, Anderson explains how this traditional knowledge can be applied toward rebuilding healthy Indigenous communities today.





## speaker series

As part of the Graduate course **History 6280, Canada: Community and Identity** taught by Associate Professor **Catherine Carstairs**, the Department welcomed a series of scholars whose research complemented the course. This past semester History 6280 focused on gender and women in Canada, paying careful attention to how the writing of gender/women's history has changed over time. The group considered various important historical phenomena, including feminist activism, biography, gender, the body, and consumption.

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September 29: **Bettina Bradbury**, York University

"Traces: the challenges and treats of tracking women from wife to widow in 19th century Montreal."

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October 20: **Ian Mosby**, University of Guelph (History Postdoctoral Researcher)

"Tealess Teas, Meatless Days, and Recipes for Victory: Food, Gender and Citizenship in Wartime Canada, 1939-1945"

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November 17: **Kristine Alexander**, University of Western Ontario

"We Must Give the Modern Girl a Training in Citizenship": The Girl Guides in Interwar England, Canada and India"

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**Alan Gordon**, Associate Professor in the Department, was a special guest of the History Department of the University of Windsor this past November. He was invited to present some of his latest research on Canadian heritage and identity: "Historical Sleuthing and Amateur Archaeology at Camp-lain's Port Royal in the 1930's."

*This paper uses the example of the reconstruction of Port Royal, Samuel Champlain's 'habitation' in 17th-century Nova Scotia, to probe developments in Canadian historical consciousness in the 20th century. The reconstruction, officially built by the federal government, was the product of negotiation between local history buffs and a nascent field of professional public history. Their disputes, foibles, and successes, occasionally descending into the absurd, illuminate the early days of Canadian public history and help us to unpack the relationship between History and the material world. – Alan*

# awards

**Karen Racine's** article, "‘This England and this Now’: British Cultural and Intellectual Influences in the Spanish American Independence Era," recently published in the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, has been recognized with an Honorable Mention in the prestigious and very competitive **Robertson Prize** for scholarly articles offered by the Conference on Latin American Historians. The Honorable Mention will be formally presented at the American Historical Association/Conference on Latin American Historians Annual meeting in Chicago early in January 2012.

*I'm surprised and happy!* - Karen

**Michael Boterman**, our graduate secretary, was recommended and approved for the **President's Award for Exemplary Staff Service** in the category of **Hidden Hero**. The award was announced publicly at the Annual Community Breakfast this past Fall.

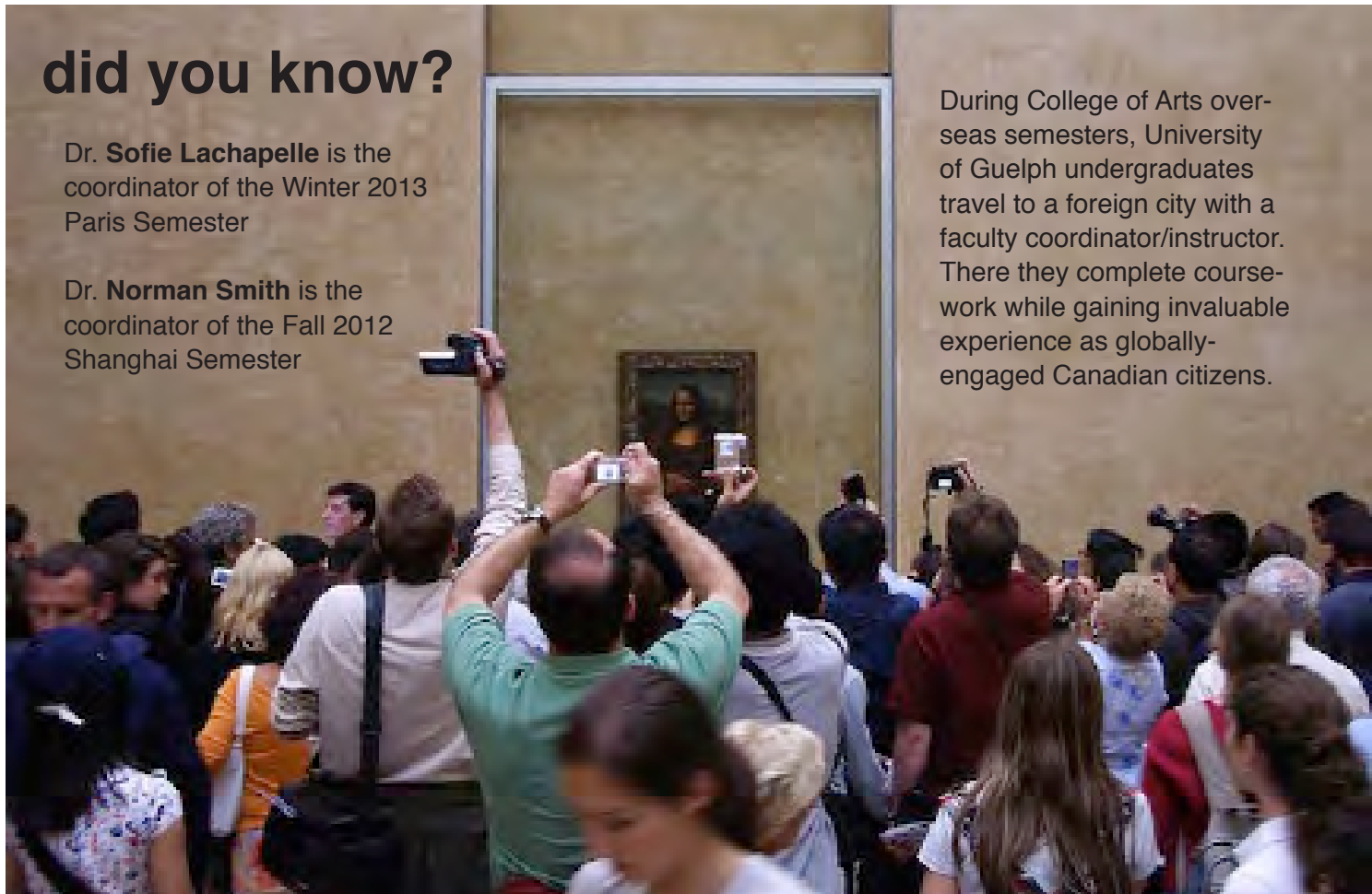
*I received, today, a letter for the President congratulating me on the distinction of receiving the "Hidden Hero" Award, an award offered by the president for Exemplary Staff Service. Thank you so much to whomever is behind this. You've given me a lift and new-found hope and faith that what I'm doing is actually appreciated. I do my work out of duty, respect and consideration, not for accolades. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Cheers!* - Michael

## did you know?

Dr. **Sofie Lachapelle** is the coordinator of the Winter 2013 Paris Semester

Dr. **Norman Smith** is the coordinator of the Fall 2012 Shanghai Semester

During College of Arts overseas semesters, University of Guelph undergraduates travel to a foreign city with a faculty coordinator/instructor. There they complete coursework while gaining invaluable experience as globally-engaged Canadian citizens.





# Linda Mahood

## and the search for stories of hitchhiking in Canada

- by Teresa Pitman for @Guelph

Pierre Elliot Trudeau hitchhiked around Europe and the Middle East as a young man, long before he became prime minister. In 1970, apparently remembering his own happy experiences, he publicly advised young Canadians to “Hit the road. Drive or hitchhike and see what Canada’s all about.”

Many teens and young adults took his advice, and hitchhikers with their thumbs stuck out became a familiar sight on Canadian highways. In 1971, the *Globe and Mail* predicted some 300,000 youth would pass through Winnipeg that summer, and that about 500,000 would end their hitchhiking journey in Vancouver.

History professor **Linda Mahood** never hitched across Canada, but she did hitchhike around her home in Saskatchewan and later on Vancouver Island. “When I mentioned this to some of the students in my women’s history class, they were horrified,” says Mahood. “That’s when I started to get interested in the history of hitchhiking.” Over potluck suppers, brown-bag lunches, and during a CBC call-in show, Mahood has been interviewing people between the ages of 50 and 65 about their experiences. She’s now starting a sabbatical year to finish her research and write a book on the topic of youth tourism, which is part of a bigger biographical project about growing up in the 1970s.

Mahood has heard from hitchhikers in many different situations: those who traveled in groups and those who traveled alone, a couple who did a hitchhiking honeymoon, and a teen single mother who hitchhiked with her baby. In rural areas, hitchhiking was often the main way teens got around.

Today, hitchhiking is rare. “Those were more innocent times,” says Mahood. “Our parents didn’t think anything of us hitchhiking or backpacking or camping outdoors.” In fact, most of the people she’s spoken to so far have described at least one or two experiences of what she calls “the dark side of hitchhiking.” Some were approached for sexual favours or were sexually assaulted; some found themselves out of money and stranded in an area with little traffic; some lived for days on truck-stop French fries with gravy.

There were also many positive and memorable moments. One woman had hitchhiked to a Vancouver beach. As she and her friend rested near huge logs that had washed ashore, helicopters descended to the shore. “She told me they saw men in suits and CBC cameras, and then Pierre Trudeau stepped out of the helicopter,” says Mahood. “Trudeau gave her a pencil. She said that later her mother told her she’d seen her on TV with the prime minister.” Another woman described being stuck in New Brunswick without any money. “Then a gust of wind blew up and a \$20 bill blew right against her chest, where she caught it,” says Mahood. In those days, that was more than enough for a meal and a night in the hostel – it got them all the way to Winnipeg.

**Dr. Mahood is looking for more people with hitchhiking stories and memories to share. Anyone interested can contact her at [lmahood@uoguelph.ca](mailto:lmahood@uoguelph.ca)**



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