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Winegard Exemplary Volunteer Involvement Award

Professor Terry Crowley is the first faculty recipient of the Dr. William Winegard Exemplary Volunteer Involvement Awards. Awarded to recognize University members who have shown commitment to volunteering in the community and have achieved outstanding service, the prize is named after former U of G president Bill Winegard.

Celebrated alongside staff and student recipients, Terry Crowley was honoured for dedicating more than 30 years of volunteer service to the community. *At Guelph* reports that, “since joining the University in 1971, he has volunteered with a variety of community organizations, often filling leadership roles. As chair of the Museum Board during Guelph’s sesquicentennial in 1977 and 1978, he helped fundraise a quarter of the costs. While on the Edward Johnson Music Foundation/Guelph Spring Festival board, he led the 20th-anniversary celebrations of 1987, which resulted in the largest festival ever held. The award-winning historian has also found time to volunteer with Amnesty International, Guelph-Wellington Legal Services, Guelph-Wellington Women-in-Crisis, McCrae House, the Wellington County Historical Society, the Guelph Chamber Choir, Guelph Arts Council and Doors Open Guelph.”

Read the full *At Guelph* story at :

http://www.uoguelph.ca/mediarel/2007/04/first_winegard.html

Murray-Snell Ontario Graduate Scholarship

The Department is proud to announce the success of the endowment campaign for the David Murray and James Snell Ontario Graduate Scholarship. By March 2007, 125 donors had contributed or pledged a total of \$100,000 to establish a permanent endowment for this scholarship, which will assist History graduate students at Guelph.

News from Scottish Studies

Sell-out at Scottish Studies Spring Colloquium

With a little panic as the hunt went on for extra chairs, the organisers of the 2007 Scottish Studies Spring Colloquium were delighted to announce 'House Full' for the second event running. With an impressive contingent of UoG students car-pooling their way to Toronto to join a strong showing from the Scottish Studies Foundation's membership, it made for one of the liveliest colloquia in recent years. Taking place on Saturday 31st March in Knox College, religion and military history were this year's themes. Special guest was former UoG graduate Dr Stuart Macdonald (Knox College, University of Toronto) who examined the legacy of eighteen year old Margaret Wilson, one half of the Wigtown Martyrs, allegedly drowned in 1685 for refusing to swear loyalty to the king and for her covenanting beliefs. Historical debate has raged over whether the execution ever took place, and Margaret Wilson has become a major figure for historians of seventeenth-century Scotland, while her depiction in a statue has been the subject of much controversy amongst Knox College students. Dr Macdonald explored her heritage as 'martyr, mascot or icon' and concluded his talk with a guided tour of the College and its now infamous statue to Margaret Wilson.

The status of Scottish Catholics and their relationship to a national identity that was long based on Presbyterianism was the theme of the talk by Dr Karly Kehoe. Dr Kehoe, SSHRC Post-Doctoral Researcher in Scottish Studies at UoG, placed her presentation within her long-standing research into the women religious movement and Catholicism in Scotland, especially after the influx of Irish Catholics fleeing the famine of the 1840s. Many of her former students were in attendance to welcome Dr Kehoe back to Canada. And the fans were out of force to greet the genealogical research advice as well as insights from behind the camera presented by Dr Kevin James (University of Guelph). The *Ancestors in the Attic* panellist used his expertise in Scottish and Irish History to explain the potential and the limits of using different kinds of 'stories' in the History TV programme. His examination of 'The Mysterious Case of the 'Mad Hatter's Death' was as entertaining as it was instructive, with fascinating links in the subsequent Q & A session made to Dr James's recent book on the Ulster hand-loom weavers.

How the British military was reformed after the Boer War and immediately prior to the First World War is the research focus of Scottish Studies doctoral student Kris Gies. His talk at the colloquium focused on the years before compulsory conscription in 1916, highlighting the part-time soldiers of the Territorial Force. Taking Glasgow as his case study, Kris examined recruitment to the Force from different occupations and from different sections of society. His ability to answer some of the most detailed military questions impressed all, especially when called upon to explain the likely price of beer in the officers' mess.

It was a combination of papers that reached out to the wide and varied

interests of the audience. The welcome challenge for the organizers is to repeat the trick at the Fall Colloquium taking place in Rozanski Hall on Saturday 29th September.

Tartan Ball and Scot of the Year 2007

Led by Vice President Joanne Shoveller, there was a strong UoG presence at the 2007 Tartan Ball and Scot of the Year ceremony held in the impressive surroundings of Casa Loma in Toronto on April 18th. Hugh Boyle, CEO of *Zoom Airlines*, presented the 2007 Scot of the Year Award to Jean Watson from Nova Scotia. Mrs Watson was the driving force behind the creation of Tartan Day in Canada and the US, making April 6th a special day in the North American calendar. Through her campaigning efforts over twenty years, this commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Arboath in 1320 is now a North American phenomenon which continues to grow. Earlier that week, city of Toronto mayor David Miller was on hand to witness the creation of **Tartan Day TO**, an event the organisers hope to one day rival Tartan Week in New York. Addressing the gathering at Casa Loma, Scottish Studies Foundation Chair Dr Graeme Morton acknowledge the success of Jean Watson and reported on the continuing good works of the UoG Scottish Studies Programme while thanking those gathered for their continued support.

Rural History Roundtable

During the fall and winter, through the Canada Research Chair in Rural History, five sessions were held of an informal Roundtable in Rural History. The objective is to foster an exchange of ideas among faculty and students with an interest in rural history through presentations on issues of general interest in the field, including work in progress.

This year's speakers were:

Dr. Sterling Evans, Canada Research Chair in History at Brandon University, who spoke on his current research on markets, environmental change, and agriculture in the Great Plains in transnational perspective.

Stuart Basten, a doctoral student in historical demography at Cambridge University, currently on an EU funded fellowship at Krakow's Jagiellonian University, who spoke about the law and debates on parish registers in England in the early 19th century.

Josh Macfadyen, doctoral student at Guelph, whose "Breaking Sod or Breaking Even: Flax on the Northern Great Plains and Prairies, 1890-1931" was a preview of a paper he later presented to annual meeting of the American Society for Environmental History.

Dr. David Gerber, Chair of the Department of History, University of Buffalo

(SUNY), who spoke on the interpretation of emigrant letters, the subject of his most recent book, *Authors of Their Lives: The Personal Correspondence of British Immigrants to North America in the Nineteenth Century*.

Sharon Weaver, doctoral student at Guelph, who spoke on her forthcoming paper "Countercultural Response to the Sixties: Gender and Back-to-the-land in Coastal Communities", which is being prepared for an international conference later this summer, *New World Coming: The Sixties and the Shaping of Global Consciousness*

If you would like to be on the mailing list for next year's Roundtable series or have suggestions for speakers, please contact Douglas McCalla at dmccalla@uoguelph.ca

Publications, Awards, and Distinctions

Books:

Norman Smith, *Resisting Manchukuo: Chinese Women Writers and the Japanese Occupation* Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2007

Articles:

Tara H. Abraham, "Cybernetics and theoretical approaches in 20th-century brain and behaviour sciences," *Biological Theory*, Vol. 1, 4 (Fall 2006): 418-422.

Michelle Hamilton and Rebecca Woods. "'A Wealth of Historical Interest: The Medical Artifact Collection at the University of Western Ontario,'" *The Public Historian*, Vol. 29, 1 (2007): 77-91.

Talks and Presentations:

Sophie Lachapelle, "Spirits, Scientists, and French Psychical Research," School of Continuing Studies University Lecture Series, Oakville Public Library, October 2006.

Sophie Lachapelle, "Science on Stage: Magic Shows and Amusing Physics in Nineteenth-Century Paris," History of Science Society, Vancouver. November 2006.

Tara Abraham, "The Disciplinary Context of Warren S. McCulloch's Mechanization of Mind" Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto, January 2007.

Alan Gordon, "Travelling to the Past: History and Tourism in 20th Century

Ontario,” Guelph Historical Society, February 2007.

Michelle Hamilton spoke to some thirty undergraduates about careers in the museum field in March. The event was organized by the University of Guelph History Society.

Josh MacFadyen, “Breaking Sod or Breaking Even? Flax on the Northern Great Plains and Prairies, 1890-1930,” American Society for Environmental History, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 2007.

Douglas McCalla, “Seeing Pioneers as Modern: Rural Upper Canadians Go Shopping”, 2e Colloque international du CIEQ, Temps, espace et modernités, Saint-Alexis-des-Monts, Québec, March 2007.

Stuart McCook, “Commodities and Disease: Portals into Global Environmental History,” American Society for Environmental History, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 2007.

Stuart McCook, “The Agricultural Sciences and Ideologies of Development in Latin America” [As Ciencias Agrícolas e as Ideologias de Desenvolvimento en Iberoamérica,] University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, March 2007.

Jill McMillan “Accommodation of Lunacy in 19th Century Scotland” McGill-Queen’s Graduate Student Conference in History, Queen’s University at Kingston, March 2007.

Josh MacFadyen, “Exploring History Through the Life of a Commodity: The Case of Flax,” Canada on Display, Trent University, Peterborough, April 2007.

Stuart McCook, “The Ecological Life of Coffee,” Workshop on the Social, Moral, and Ecological Life of Coffee, Miami University, Oxford Ohio, April 2007.

Karen Racine’s paper “Our Man in Spain: Henry Crabb Robinson as Correspondent for the Times during the Peninsular War, 1808-1809” was read on her behalf at Dr. Williams’s Centre for Dissenting Studies, University of London, April 2007.

Graeme Morton lectured to The Illinois St Andrew's Society and the Canadian Club of Chicago at their Mid-Day Club, Chicago, on 12 April 2007, as well as talks to the Erin Canadian Legion (February), Fergus Rotary Club (January), St Andrew's Society of Montreal (January), and the Archeology-History Adult Education Series, Guelph (January).

Awards:

Kevin James was awarded a SSHRC Standard Research Grant for his project on “Transnational dimensions of Irish tourist-development, 1885-1914.”

Susan Nance was awarded a Princeton University Library Research Grant for this summer by the Friends of the Princeton Library.

Distinguished Presidential Professor

Professor Keith Cassidy received a Presidential Distinguished Professor Award at a ceremony in April.

Other Announcements

University Professor Emeritus Dr. Gilbert Stelter received the Ontario Heritage Trust Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

In September 2006, Stuart McCook was elected President of the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) for an 18-month term.

Alan Gordon was named co-editor of the *Urban History Review / Revue d'histoire urbaine*.

Jacqueline Murray returns to the Department after a year as a Visiting Senior Fellow at Green College at the University of British Columbia.

Graduate Studies

Tri-University Director

Dr David Monod of Wilfrid Laurier University will succeed Dr Richard Reid as Tri-University History Program Director as of 1 July 2007.

Richard Reid steps down after his many years of sterling service that included first being Guelph History Graduate Co-ordinator. Dr. Reid has consistently shown dedication and devotion rare in university circles, especially in preparing the huge multi-volumned 7-year Ontario Council on Graduate Studies Program Assessment, but he has still managed to keep up with scholarship and will have a book appear shortly.

Theses Defended

Marc Bernhard, “Capital Crime and Punishment in Wellington County, 1847-1921: A Case for ‘Extra Legal’ Influences in the Judicial Process,” 16

January 2007. Advisor: Alan Gordon.

Amy Parker, “‘Making the Most of What We Have’: The Women’s Institutes of Huron County, Ontario During the Inter-War Period,” 23 February 2007. Advisor: Douglas McCalla.

Barb Legault, “Man-Size Means Moderations: Educational Programs of the Addiction Research Foundation, 1951-1969,” 2 May 2007. Advisor: Catherine Carstairs.

Awards and Accomplishments

MA candidate in History/IDEV Jessica Dionne has been awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship which she will take up for doctoral studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies at University of London in Sept 2007

MA candidates Danielle Matheusik, Shannon O'Connor, and Jessica Steinberg won Canada Graduate Scholarships from SSHRC.

PhD candidate Josh MacFadyen won an Ontario Graduate Scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year.

PhD candidate Josh MacFadyen published a review of Alexander John Watson’s *Marginal Man: The Dark Vision of Harold Innis* on H-Canada, February, 2007.

<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=300351176318179>.

MA Candidate Tom Hooper’s review of Christopher MacLennan’s *Toward the Charter: Canadians and the Demand for a National Bill of Rights, 1929-1960* was published by H-Canada in December 2006.

<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=109191169498678>

Record Linkage from Systematic Sources

On 5-7 March, Kris Inwood and the 1891 Census Project hosted an international workshop, “The Next Generation of Record Linkage from Systematic Sources”, which focused on sources, software, methodologies and research applications for linking the records of individuals found in multiple systematic sources. Participants included leaders of some of the world’s and Canada’s largest historical and genealogical record linkage projects – from the United States, England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Norway, Québec, and Ontario – along with members of the History and Economics Departments at Guelph. Asher Kirk-Elleker, MA student in History, presented a paper on his research linking World War 1 personnel records to the 1901 manuscript

census. Financial support for the workshop was provided by the College of Arts and the College of Management and Economics.

Upcoming Events

Global Approaches Conference

This summer the University of Guelph will host “Global Approaches: The 4th International Alcohol and Drug History Conference.” The conference will be held at the Ramada Inn on the weekend of 10-12 August 2007. Bringing together more than 50 scholars from Canada, the United States, Britain, and Europe, “Global Approaches” will examine such themes as Medical Discourses, Alcohol and Social Change, Images and Cultures of Consumption, Business and Prohibition, Alcohol and Narcotics Regulation, and Drugs and Morality. Further information as well as the conference program is available at: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/history/conference.shtml>

The History Department Newsletter is published once per semester, in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. The deadline to submit information for inclusion in the Fall 2007 issue is 1 September 2007.

Alumni News

Guelph BA History Paul Jenkins, winner of the Stanford Reid prize in 2000, is now SSHRC-supported doctoral candidate at Glasgow University.

Cathryn Spence (MA 2006), currently pursuing a PhD at the University of Edinburgh, won the Women’s History Scotland prize for an article based on her MA thesis.

Former faculty member Stephanie Bangarth has accepted a tenure-track position at King’s College, University of Western Ontario.

Former post-doctoral fellow Gary Peatling takes up a post of Lecturer in European/British History at the University of Plymouth.