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Dr. Franco J. Vaccarino Installed as the Eighth President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Guelph



Installation ceremony at the War Memorial Hall

Dr. Franco Vaccarino was installed as the eighth president and vice-chancellor of the University of Guelph on Saturday, Sept. 27, during a ceremony that began at 4:30 p.m. in War Memorial Hall. Among the guests at the ceremony were Chancellor David Mirvish and Board of Governors chair Dick Freeborough and Ontario Minister of Education, Liz

Sandals. Other guests included Catherine Carstairs, the chair of History, and Emeritus Professor Richard Reid. The installation began with a procession that included Guelph faculty, students and staff; dignitaries; former U of G presidents; and current presidents and vice-presidents of other Canadian universities and colleges. Dr. Vaccarino was named U of G's president in January and started his new position August 1. He was formerly the principal of the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) and vice-president at the University of Toronto.

ALUMNI NEWS

Beverly J. Lemire, BA., MA (2011) has been shortlisted for the SSHRC Insight Award. The award "is given to an individual or team whose project has resulted in significant contribution to knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world." It "recognizes outstanding achievement arising from a research project funded partially or completely by SSHRC". Lemire is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Alberta.

Kiah Berkeley (BA, Hons, History '08), who has been working and living in Washington DC for some years, after working at the Smithsonian Institution and elsewhere, is now moving into a career in journalism. She has done a reporting assignment for Vice.com. She is also currently working on her MA in History at Western.

Katherine Anderson (MA '14), who spent May in



Britain is seen in the photo feeding a horse an apple on the Aran Islands, near Galway, Ireland. She also has landed a job as a Student Museum Interpreter at Joseph Schneider Haus Museum and Gallery in Kitchener.

Erin Grant (MA '09) is working for the government in BC and currently doing research support for the Minister of Advanced Education and the Minister of Jobs Tourism and Skills Training. Erin had applied and is hoping to get a job the Public Service rather than working as a Legislative employee.

Jason Wilson (PhD History '13) was in the news discussing his reggae music career and his MA and PhD research on reggae music. Jason Wilson



appeared early August on CBC's *The National* breaking news when he talked about his PhD Dissertation as it relates to the CBC story on the golden age of Canadian reggae. Dr. Wilson also did an interview with the *Globe and Mail* on July 31 last as well as had another interview with CBC's *Metro Morning* (99.1) on the morning of Friday August 1. Referencing insights from his research, Jason Wilson observed that reggae music in the late 70's played a role of creating bridges between the Caribbean immigrant and the host communities in Toronto and in facilitating sound acculturation for Jamaican immigrants.

Derek Murray (MA '09) has secured a faculty position at Capilano University, North Vancouver.

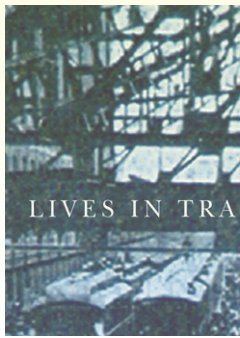
Nicholas Komarnitsky has joined Western's Public History program beginning this fall. He also recently started an internship at the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead in St. George working directly under the curator.

Aaron Van Tassel (BA 2011) just finished his internship at the Canadian Embassy in Washington DC, having completed a stint working for the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development. He has been accepted into the Legislative Internship program in Ontario. He's deferring law school for which he already secured admission for one year to do the internship.

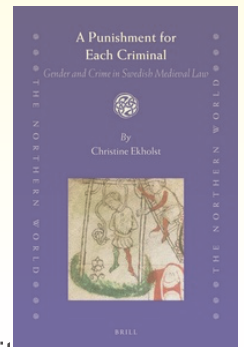
Holly Karibo (BA '06) has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of History at Tarleton State University, US.

PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

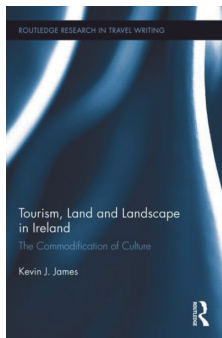
Professor Kris Inwood's new edited collection has just been published. The publisher's blurb on the book reads as follows: "This collection brings together sources from Europe, North America, and Australia in order to advance the field of quantitative longitudinal historical research. The essays examine the lives and movements of various populations over time that were important for Europe and its overseas settlements - including the experience of convicts transported to Australia and Scots who moved freely to New Zealand. The micro-level roots of economic change and social mobility of settler society are analyzed through populations studies of Chicago, Montreal, as well as rural communities in Canada and the United States. Several studies also explore ethnic inequality as experienced by Polish immigrants, French-Canadians, and Aboriginal peoples in Canada."



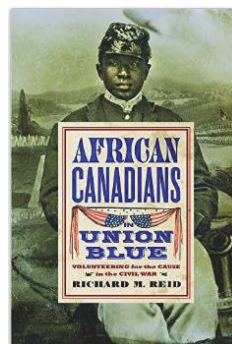
Dr. Christine Ekholst's book is off the press. *A Punishment for Each Criminal* is the first in-depth analysis of how gender influenced Swedish medieval law. Christine Ekholst demonstrates how the law codes gradually and unevenly introduced women as possible perpetrators for all serious crimes. The laws reveal that legislators not only expected men and women to commit different types of crimes; they also punished men and women in different ways if they were convicted. The laws consistently stipulated different methods of executions for men and women; while men were hanged or broken on the wheel, women were buried alive, stoned, or burned at the stake. *A Punishment for Each Criminal* explores the background to the important legislative changes that took place when women were made personally responsible for their own crimes.



Dr. Kevin James newly published book explores "a broad range of evocative Irish travel writing from 1850 to 1914, much of it highly entertaining and heavily laced with irony and humour, draws out interplays between tourism, travel literature and commodifications of culture. It focuses on the importance of informal tourist economies, illicit dimensions of tourism, national landscapes, 'legend' and invented tradition in modern tourism."



Professor Emeritus, Dr. Richard Reid's new book, published by the University of British Columbia Press, is out. *African Canadians in Union Blue: Volunteering for the Cause in America's Civil War*. The book explores the context in which many African Canadians headed south to volunteer as soldiers in the American Civil War.



Teaching Excellence Awards

Dr. Kevin James - Faculty Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Ian Mosby - Sessional Teaching Excellence Award

Mark Sholdice - Teaching Assistant Teaching Excellence Award.

The Awards were given at the Dean's Reception on Monday, September 22nd

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Department of History

Gateway Seminar



Fall 2014

"History Education, Diverse Careers"

An informal discussion with Guelph History graduates;

Barb Legault, Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and

Eamon O'Flynn, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.

Wednesday, October 8th, 5:30-7:00pm, MacKinnon 225

All History students welcome.

Pizza & pop will be provided.

Celebrating Canada

Dr. Mathew Hayday organized a public roundtable from 18 - 20 September 2014 that brought together experts from a variety of backgrounds to discuss the ways that national holidays and commemorative events shape our understanding of Canadian identity. Issues considered included the degree of political involvement in these events, the particular messaging that is conveyed, and the desirability of centrally-organized versus popularly-driven events. This roundtable was part of the events connected with Dr. Hayday's SSHRC Connection Grant for his proposed edited two-volume collection on National Holidays, Commemorations and the Construction of National Identity.

The History Department presents

**RURAL
HISTORY
ROUNDTABLE:**

**SPEAKER SERIES
FALL 2014**

CULTIVATING THE COURSE:

Golf Course Knowledge and Technology in Canada, 1873-1945

Elizabeth Jewett

PhD Candidate in the History Department at the University of Toronto

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2:30-4:00PM

Location: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph

MAKING GREEN REVOLUTIONS:

Kansas Farms, Recovery and the New Agriculture, 1918-1981

Ken Sylvester

Research Associate Professor, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan,
co-editor of *Historical Methods*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1:30-3:00PM

Location: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph

FOOD, GAS, LODGING, AND MORE:

The Roadside Economy in Rural British Columbia, 1920-1960

Ben Bradley

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 4:00-5:30PM

Location: MacKinnon Building, Room 231, University of Guelph

THE SOLDIERS OF THE SOIL AND YMCA WAR WORK

In Rural Canada during the First World War

Jon Weier

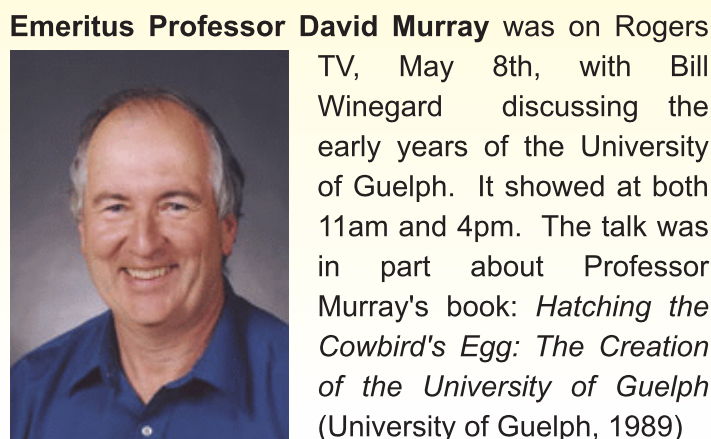
PhD Candidate in the History Department at Western University

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2:30-4:30PM

Location: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph



Dr. Susan Armstrong-Reid gave a presentation on "A Marriage of Convenience: Nursing with the China Convoy," at the conference of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing, June 15 2014, York University, Toronto; she gave another presentation titled "A Marriage of Convenience: Girl Nurses in the China Convoy," at the conference of the American Association for the History of Nursing, September 20, 2014 University of Connecticut School of Nursing, Hartford Connecticut. At the forthcoming conference of the Social Science History Association, on November 9 2014, at Toronto Dr. Armstrong-Reid will be giving a presentation titled "Don't send women but send the men as fast as you can: Nursing in the China Convoy 1941-1946."



Emeritus Professor David Murray was on Rogers TV, May 8th, with Bill Winegard discussing the early years of the University of Guelph. It showed at both 11am and 4pm. The talk was in part about Professor Murray's book: *Hatching the Cowbird's Egg: The Creation of the University of Guelph* (University of Guelph, 1989)

Marc-André Gagnon was interviewed on Radio-Canada over the weekend about his research on St-Jean-Baptiste Day (June 24), which celebrates the patron saint of French-Canada. In Quebec, it is currently known as la Fête Nationale. Marc-André Gagnon's doctoral research is being supervised by Prof. Mathew Hayday.

Dr. Stuart McCook was interviewed on CTV News Canada AM, Friday May 23. He talked about the current devastating outbreak of the coffee rust, an epidemic disease of the coffee plant, in Central America. Dr. McCook's current book project is a global history of the rust since the 1860s.

Grad School Info Session for Undergraduate History Majors

Tuesday October 7
5:30 - 6:30 pm, MCKN 304

Are you a History Major? Are you considering applying to Grad School?

Come and find out:

- How to choose a program
- How to write a strong application
- Graduate studies in History at the University of Guelph
- Studying and researching abroad
- What being a grad student is all about

Speakers:

Professors Susannah Ferreira, Matthew Hayday, and Catharine Wilson, and MA student Gillian Forth

Pizza and pop will be provided

Department of History SSHRC & OGS Info Session

Tuesday, October 7
6:30-8:00pm, MCKN 304

Interested in applying for an OGS or a SSHRC at the MA or the PhD level this year? Want to find out more about the process and learn how to write a strong application?

Join us at the SSHRC and OGS Info Session organized by the Department of History.

Speakers:

Professors Elizabeth Ewan and Matthew Hayday
PhD student Chelsea Hartlen and MA student Sara Wilmshurst

2013 DEADLINES:

SSHRC (PhD): October 31, 2014

SSHRC (MA): December 1, 2014

OGS (MA and PhD): December 1, 2014

This event is open to all MA and PhD students in the Department of History as well as all upper-year history undergraduate students who are considering applying to graduate school this year. Pizza will be provided.



The Otter: Call for Book Reviewers

The Otter Blog is pleased to announce that it is accepting book reviews for the monthly column on Canadian environmental history. The Otter Blog functions under the Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE). NiCHE is a confederation of researchers and educators who work at the intersection of nature and history, seeking to provide that context. NiCHE acts to help make that work more available to fellow researchers, policy makers and the Canadian public.

We invite book reviewers at any stage in their academic and professional careers (public historians, graduate students, Associate Professors, etc). Book reviews must be 750-1,200 words in length. In addition to having the opportunity to be published in a reputable and recognized academic blog, all reviewers will receive a complementary copy of the selected book prior to writing the review. All deadlines will be established after a reviewer is paired with their chosen book.

For more on The Otter visit: <http://niche-canada.org/category/the-otter/>

Editor: Denny Brett (BA, MA, Hons '12), now of the University of Alberta.



News Release

Recognizing the unique experiences of graduate students, a group of Ontario universities has come together with the help of funding from the Ontario government to develop www.mygradskills.ca, a set of free online professional skills training tools that will help grad students find their future.

"Graduate students have a very different experience at university than undergrads," says Bonnie M. Patterson, President and CEO of the Council of Ontario Universities (COU).

"Being asked to scour literature, analyze data, write papers and take classes is an intense experience. Grad students find it challenging to allocate time to consider what's next, and so universities are offering them this extraordinary free professional development program to take online – in their own time and at their own pace."

MyGradSkills.ca, developed by the Ontario Consortium for Graduate Professional Skills, is available starting today to any Ontario graduate student. Using their university email account, students can log in to view 18 short, self-paced training units on topics such as how to write a resume, how to conduct a job search, the art of entrepreneurship, teaching and learning, and academic and professional communications.

The seven universities that are part of the consortium that made this possible are McMaster University, Queen's University, University of Guelph, University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, and Western University.

For further information, please contact:

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Scottish Studies Foundation Chair is Appointed

Dr. James E. Fraser will be joining the History



Department in the winter semester as the Scottish Studies Foundation Chair. Dr. Fraser comes to us from the Department of History at the University of Edinburgh where he is a Senior Lecturer in Early Scottish History. He is the author of *From Caledonia to Pictland: Scotland to 795* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009); *The Roman Conquest of Scotland: the battle of Mons Graupius AD 84* (Stroud, Tempus Publishing, 2005); and *The Battle of Dunnichen 685* (Stroud: Tempus Publishing, 2002). He has extensive teaching experience at the graduate and undergraduate level. He is 1999 MA History graduate of the University of Guelph.

Dr Patricia Bowley, a recent graduate of the History department, was appreciated at the 140th anniversary celebrations of the Ontario College of Agriculture yesterday. Pat researched and wrote- *140 Faces of OAC* website launched on thursday September 18, 2014. The website was sponsored in part by the Francis and Ruth Redelemeier Professorship in Rural History.

Olga Petrik joined History Department back in



February as Undergraduate Secretary following the retirement of Edna Mumford. Olga works with History department in

the mornings but returns to SETS in the afternoon to resume her role as their Graduate Secretary.

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