Faculty, students protest arts cuts

BY HEATHER TRAVIS

A ngered by recent election comments about cutting funding for arts programs, a number of University of Western Ontario faculty and graduate students have demonstrated how artists are critical to the social and cultural fabric of the community.

Associate professor of English, Kim Solga, initiated a peaceful protest outside the Covent Garden Market Oct. 3 and Western Fair farm market on Oct. 4 in response to comments by Prime Minister Stephen Harper during the election campaign and the recent funding cuts to arts programs.

Passersby were asked to sign a storyboard, which read ‘Art is Your Story,’ with the name of their favourite book or artist or to describe how the arts have impacted their lives. Solga, who modeled the demonstration after an initiative by the Queen’s University’s theatre department, plans to send the storyboards to each of the local federal MP candidates.

“Our goal is to find a way for ordinary Canadians to express the role the arts have played in their lives,” she says.

In August, the Conservative government made $45 million in cuts to culture funding. According to reports, Harper defended these cuts by saying “ordinary people” are not concerned with funding for the arts, alluding to overzealous demands for subsidies by “rich” artists who gather at galas and complain about grants.

“I think when ordinary working people come home, turn on the TV and see a gala of a bunch of people, you know, at a rich gala all subsidized by taxpayers claiming their subsidies aren’t high enough when they know those subsidies have actually gone up - I’m not sure that’s something that resonates with ordinary people,” Harper saying during a campaign stop in Saskatoon in September.

“Most of the artists I know have day jobs. These people struggle to make a living,” says Solga. “We think the Conservative Party’s stand on the Arts is a real harbinger of some of the detrimental effects they could have on Canadian culture.

“We are trying now to get people to think about what a serious issue this actually is ... what the arts mean to them and what they should mean in this election,” she adds.

It is difficult to garner government funding for arts projects and even research at the university level, she says.

“There is a real bias, at the provincial level and the federal level, that suggests research and innovation are science and business and engineering technology, medical technology, but that the arts and humanities were just window dressings.”

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Gut reactions about racial stereotypes can change

Media influence creation of positive and negative stereotypes

BY HEATHER TRAVIS

A method used to predict voter preferences can also be used to understand racial stereotyping, says University of Western Ontario researcher Bertram Gawronski.

The associate professor of psychology and Canadian Research Chair in Social Psychology is making waves early in his career with his exploration of the two key ways that people behave – automatic or ‘gut reactions’ and more controlled, reflective decision-making.

With the upcoming U.S. presidential elections, his timely research collaboration with the University of Padova, Italy, examining how automatic mental associations can predict the voting choices of undecided voters, has increased the profile of his work.

The study received widespread media attention because of the implications of undecided voters, who may determine the outcome of the election, having already made up their mind on a subconscious level.

However the scope of his research goes beyond the political arena into racial stereotyping, including surprising evidence our gut reactions to race can be changed, and that the media plays a role in our stereotypes.

Gawronski began his academic career as a Chemistry degree major in Germany, but was more interested in a different kind of reaction – how people’s behaviours do not always fall in line with their beliefs.

“I became interested in how people can believe one thing, (and) can do something else.”

His research has focused on the conflict between reflective and impulsive behaviours, discovering where they come from and seeing how they can be changed.

Conscious beliefs, says Gawronski, depend on consistent and factual information. Our more controlled responses and behaviours are based upon this information.

However, Gawronski argues gut reactions are most often driven by co-occurrences between an object and a positive or negative response.

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Helping native communities regain culture

BY PAUL MAYNE

“Family comes first.” Delores Kahkonen has always had her priorities straight and proudly affirms them to this day. But after many stalled attempts, the Brantford, Ont. native is finally getting the opportunity to accomplish what she’s always wanted to do — earn her PhD.

But each time she has had the opportunity to complete her educational aspiration — three to be exact — family illnesses and tragedies trumped her desire for knowledge. Never one to look back in disappointment over missed opportunities, Kahkonen is more than prepared to continue her journey.

“You forge ahead and you can feel good along the way because you’ve done things right,” says the Faculty of Education graduate student. “You’ve put family first.”

Half native-Canadian (Cayuga of the Six Nations), it’s Kahkonen’s interest in teaching and sharing her native language that inspires her to continue. Ironically it was her mother who inspired her to learn more about who she was through taking a Cayuga language course with her at the Pine Tree Native Centre in Brantford back in the mid ’80s.

While Kahkonen knew a handful of words, the three-month course, which included the Mohawk language equivalent, would end up opening her eyes to an important aspect of her life — one she never wanted to lose again.

“Our language was stripped from us,” says Kahkonen, recalling stories of her grandpa about being beaten in elementary school for using native language on the playground.

“Our language and culture are intrinsically connected. If you lose one you lose the other. It’s a connection to who you are. When you get it back, with it comes self-esteem.”

Kahkonen recalls her connection to higher learning coming at a young age. She remembers at age four, being able to attend university lectures where her grandmother lectured.

“I remember also making sure I was well-behaved so she would take me again,” says Kahkonen. “I knew at that point I would be going to university.”

For the last 18 years, Kahkonen had been living in Utah with her husband Allan and teaching at Dixie State College. During the years she contemplated obtaining her PhD, deciding she would work with the three ‘Rs’ of education — but not what most would think.

“They are ‘Remedial, Reading on Reserves’ and I am looking at achieving this through the mother tongue and storytelling,” says Kahkonen, adding Western is the best place for her to be to accomplish this objective.

“I know I am getting a much better education here in Canada than I would have received had I done my PhD in the United States,” she says. “Western was the only school I applied for. I heard great things about Western.”

With the continued support of her husband, whom she calls “an incredible and wonderful man”, Kahkonen is thrilled with what the future holds.

“I want to assist First Nations communities across the country to get their culture and language back that was taken away from them,” says Kahkonen, who looks forward to teaching, writing books, setting up programs and acting as consultant with the guidance of the First Nations elders.

“I’ve been in the starter’s block a few times, but have never run the race,” laughs Kahkonen. “I guess you could say I’m the dark horse.”

This time around, Kahkonen plans to cross the finish line a winner.
By Heather Travis

A psychological thriller of a desperate man orphaned as a child, a magic realist tale of a self-exiled mother, the tumultuous story of love, loss and anti-Semitism in Hungary at the end of the Second World War are just snapshots of the possible worlds readers can escape to for this year’s London Reads.

The titles of the 2008-09 London Reads book selections were announced Wednesday at the opening ceremony at the London Central Library featuring last year’s winning author, Joseph Boyden.


Retired Western football head coach Larry Haylor and London Ward 5 councillor Joni Baechler start off the first book event of the year with the psychological thriller, The Lost Highway.


The Book of Negroes, which describes the journey of an African slave to freedom in Canada, only to experience a different kind of oppression in Nova Scotia, will be championed on Feb. 11, 2009 by Rogers Television news director George Clark and Western student Ashley White.

Lastly, Exit Lines, the story of a spritely group of seniors who engage in small acts of rebellion to keep from falling into the monotony of their retirement home, will be read by Psychology major, Alana Janisse.

The five new book titles for London Reads were revealed last night at the opening ceremony. Book events will be held throughout the city.

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Campus United Way goal largest ever

By Paul Mayne

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Dental Sciences closed long weekend

Western’s Dental Sciences Building will be closed over the Thanksgiving weekend to allow for replacement of a high-voltage transformer.

Because this work requires a complete shutdown of all power and ventilation systems, the building will be closed to all traffic beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday. It is expected to reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. Only the Dental Sciences Board of Directors will be affected during this period. The Dental Sciences Addition and other buildings will not be affected.

While the building is scheduled to reopen Tuesday morning, all dental clinics and dental classes scheduled for Tuesday have been cancelled to allow time for cleaning and sterilization of equipment.

Further information on the building closure is available on the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry homepage at www.schulich.uwo.ca.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GEOGRAPHY

Geography kicks off its 70th anniversary celebrations with a lecture by Professor Emerita Elaine Bjorklund Philbrick. To be held at the McIntosh Gallery’s “Talk Tuesday” series on Oct. 14 at 12:30 pm, the talk is entitled “Mind’s-Eye of a Geographer-Artist.” In addition to her presentation, guests will be able to enjoy some of artwork of the late Allen Philbrick.

SHORT-LISTED FOR KEY PRIZE

English Professor Julia Emberley’s book Defamiliarizing the Aboriginal: Cultural Practices and Decolonization in Canada is shortlisted for the 2007-2008 Harold Adams Innis Prize, one of four prizes awarded by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The prize recognizes Canadian excellence in research and writing in the humanities and the social sciences.

OPEN ACCESS TO ANTHROPOLOGY RESEARCH

The American Anthropological Association will provide free-of-charge access to historical content in two flagship publications—American Anthropologist and Anthropology News. The initiative, among the first of its kind in the humanities, will provide access to materials for the purposes of personal, educational and other non-commercial uses after a 35-year period. Starting in 2009, content published from 1888 to 1973, will be available through AnthroSource, an online resource. Previously, this information was only available via AAA association membership, subscription or “pay per view”. The association was founded in 1902 and has a membership of more than 10,000.

NOBEL WINNER TO LECTURE

The winner of the 2008 Nobel Prize for Medicine, announced this week, Dr. Harald zur Hausen, will present a free public lecture at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry on Oct. 20. Hausen discovered that the human papilloma virus causes cervical cancer, leading to development of the HPV vaccine. The German scientist will deliver the Gairdner Lecture at 10:30 a.m. in Aud. A of University Hospital.

MOVING TO LONDON

During 2006-07, the City of London experienced a net influx of 3,020 persons, third highest in Ontario after Toronto and Ottawa-Gatineau. During the period, 17,450 people moved to London while 14,430 left, according to Statistics Canada. The region with the high net inflow per capita was the oil-sands-rich Fort McMurray area of Alberta.

SCAM ALERT

Students in the United States are getting phone calls from individuals claiming to be from their university and asking them to update banking or other information by calling an 800 number. It’s a scam called vishing, or voice phishing. As the warning goes: Never give private information over the phone.

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

Interested in working, studying or volunteering abroad? The annual International Opportunities Fair takes place Oct. 23, bringing together 35 organizations representing opportunities from teaching English in Japan, to attending school in Australia, to volunteering in Central America. Exhibitor booths will be in the London Hall residence conference room. The event runs 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Faculty Association President Professor John Starkey spoke during National Universities Week, accusing the Ontario government of breaking promises. He stated over 10 years, provincial expenditures for universities dropped while enrollment increased, forcing universities to limit enrollment despite government assurance of increased accessibility.

Zoologist John P. Weibe, in experimental research involving rats, obtained results that proposed development of the first form of male birth control. Concern about permanent harm to male hormones and irreversibility were major concerns in considering application to human subjects. However, such findings translated into great excitement in terms of potential for further research.

In an effort to shut the “revolving door”, Thames Valley District Council approved a project to aid in the transition of the mentally-disabled back into society. Studies found psychiatric patients were in need of an after-care support system in the community, in absence of which they often defaulated to the care of psychiatric facilities once again.

Ontario university staff lobbied for approval of a bill to create “equal pay for work of equal value”. Les Ste. Marie, President of the Staff Association, introduced the proposal in order to eliminate sex-based discrimination in the employment procedure.

A donation of $3,000 was given to the Western Day Care Centre on behalf of the University Students’ Council. Of the centre’s 140 children, 77 were those of undergraduate students and 20 were those of graduate students.

LOOKING BACK

From the Western News archives – October, 1983

Among the high school teachers taking summer courses offered by the university’s Extension Department were four sisters from different Roman Catholic orders. Local residents familiar with the black and white habits worn by the Sisters of St. Joseph were intrigued and surprised at those worn by the visiting sisters. Photographed following a class in the Physics Building are Sister Rose de l’Immaculée, Nuns of the Cross; Sister Marion, Ursuline; Sister Julien de Montfort, Daughters of Wisdom; and Sister Mary Louis Martial, Sisters of the Holy Cross.

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$250,000 gift to the Paul Davenport Theatre

By David Scott

Carol-Lynn Chambers, BSc'82 (Biology), MPA'01, officially took over the helm of Western’s Alumni Association at its Annual General Meeting Thursday at the Labatt Lounge at T.D. Waterhouse Stadium.

The weather didn’t dampen spirits of those who came to hear remarks from outgoing association president Jeremy Adams, BA’94 (Political Science), and Western President Paul Davenport, who awarded the first ever “Spirit of Western Award” to the London Branch of Alumni Western.

Several members of the branch received recognition for their volunteer efforts.

Chambers reflected on Adams’ legacy of injecting enthusiasm into the Alumni Association and working on many fronts to attract young alumni to become more involved with Western.

Alumnus Ron Potter announced a $250,000 donation from Foundation Western towards the renaming and refurbishing of the Talbot Theatre to the future Paul Davenport Theatre.

A video presentation highlighting the many efforts of the Alumni Association, produced by TV Western, was warmly received.

Official points of business included passing the Alumni Association budget and nominating a slate of officers.

The slate of new directors includes: Lindsay Culilffe, BA’08, and Mark Milliar, BSc’94. First-term officers include: Robert Collins (Executive & Director), BA’77, Chair, Alumni Outreach Committee; Aubrey LeBlanc (Executive & Director), BA’69, Chair, Communications Committee; Hillary Basset (Director), BA’04; Anne Baxter (Director & Homecoming Chair), BA’91; Simon Chen (Director), BA’91; John Eberhard (Director & Homecoming Chair), BA’91; Simon Chen (Director), BA’91; Gary West (Director), HBA’68, Joanne DeLaurentis (Western Board of Governors), BA’75, MA’77; Wayne Dunn (University Senate), BA’80; Christine Scrimgeour (Foundation Western Board), BA’81; Jim Etherington (Honorary Degree Committee), BA’61.

Interview with Carol-Lynn Chambers

Western Alumni Gazette editor David Scott sat down with incoming Alumni Association President Carol-Lynn Chambers who now represents the interests of more than 235,000 graduates.

Western News: How does it feel to be at the helm of the Alumni Association?

Carol-Lynn Chambers: It’s really an honour. I look around at the leadership of the organization and today (at the Alumni Association’s AGM) there are past presidents, past committee chairs, people who have really helped shape this organization. It’s a pretty big job ahead but one that I’m looking forward to.

WN: Do you have any personal goals for your two-year term, things you’d like to accomplish?

Chambers: I tend to be very goal-oriented. So, being involved in the development of the Strategic Plan (for the Alumni Association) was key for me. It is an important guidepost. Personally throughout my term I want to be gauging us back against the commitments in that Strategic Plan.

WN: What would be on your money-isn’t-a-factor wish list for the Alumni Association?

Chambers: Well, from a visionary perspective, whether or not it’s practical, ideally connect everybody (alumni) back to Western – either virtually, physically, emotionally. For everyone to go 360 degrees once. To experience what it’s like to come back and stay back and to stay connected to Western. To me, everything else flows from that.

WN: Why did you decide to volunteer time to give back to your alma mater – even when you’re living in Toronto?

Chambers: For me the attachment to the Alumni Association came very strongly after I graduated the second time (Masters of Public Administration, 2001). At a point when I was relatively established with my family, my career life and I felt a desire to contribute back something to the university. The Alumni Association is the perfect way to do that. It’s hard to describe but I came back forever when I came back the second time. I met a tremendous group of friends. I looked for opportunities to give back and found out the Alumni Association was a good place to do that – and I haven’t looked back.

WN: What do you think is the biggest challenge the Alumni Association faces in the coming year?

Chambers: I think looking around at who the Alumni Association serves, I place a lot of value in service for an organization – and when you look at who the constituents are for this organization we obviously have young alumni and even students, long-serving alumni with relationships with the university. The challenge is to continue to attract young people to the Alumni Association early in their careers – and continue to engage and value the contribution of our senior alumni. Each one brings a different perspective. So, the challenge is to bring those varied and diverse perspectives to the table and channel that toward some productive work for the organization to benefit all our constituents.

WN: How do you connect with an alumni body that ranges in age from people in their twenties to nineties?

Chambers: When it comes to programs and services I think both our staff and committees do a very good job of what’s called target marketing. Looking within the different constituencies of our alumni association, our communities, our young people, our geographics, our chapters and we certainly have a good handle on what attracts people back. Events and programs are really key. I think we do a good job of that now and will continue doing that. Creating the right programs for the right audiences and getting good feedback which helps make programs better. The branches and chapters have grown. Every time we have a graduation we have a new generation of alumni that we need to pay attention to.

WN: Next July when the new president starts at Western, what central message about alumni would you like her or him to know as they begin their term?

Chambers: First of all, the 235,000+ people the Alumni Association represents figure prominently in the university community. We have an important role in helping further the university’s goals. We have a strong voice on issues of importance and we have a lot to contribute in terms of social, intellectual and leadership capital to this university.

WN: How important are volunteers to the success of the Alumni Association?

Chambers: Volunteers are absolutely critical. There is a tremendous professional staff but volunteers really round out that spirit of the Alumni Association. Internationally volunteerism is critical to the association. The time people invest to this organization is tremendously valuable.

Outgoing Alumni Association President Jeremy Adams receives a gift honoring his contributions from incoming President Carol-Lynn Chambers.

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**NOTICE TO JOIN THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION**

**292nd CONVOCATION - AUTUMN 2008**

Autumn Convocation takes place on Thursday, October 23 and at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Friday, October 24. Members of Faculty, Senate, the Board of Governors and Emeritus, and/or Professors/Librarians are invited to take part in the Academic Procession.

Full information on joining the academic procession (including order of ceremony, honorary degree recipients, assembly and regalia) may be found on the Senate Website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate/convocation.pdf

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**POSITION AVAILABLE**

Research funded **RESEARCH ASSISTANT / PROGRAMMER** position with Dr. Ting-Yim Lee, Scientist, Imaging Division, Lawson Health Research Institute, London, Ontario.

**Education:**
- BSc (Hon) or MSc in math or computer science and/or physics background

**Major Responsibilities:**
- Image processing of CT and PET medical images
- Programming experience with C/C++
- Experience with IDL will be an advantage

**Compensation:**
Commensurate with experience and based on 37.5 hours / week, with full benefits package

**Application Process:**
Send a detailed resume, including the names and contact information of two references; via e-mail to: aleastic@imagingsystems.ca by no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, October 17, 2008.

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**Global warming change part of larger picture**

**BY HEATHER TRAVIS**

University of Western Ontario physics professor Wayne Hocking says it is important to look to the poles – the Arctic and Antarctica poles – to find the truth about global warming and other atmospheric changes.

Images of glaciers crumbling and polar bears walking between cracks in the ice shelf are synonymous with global warming, but Hocking says this only scratches the surface of climatic change.

But, he says in order to gain a better understanding of what these changes mean, the atmosphere above the poles are the best place to start.

“I’m not against global warming, but I want people to realize it is only one of many dynamic events that occur in the atmosphere and we need to understand them all,” he says.

Hocking recently presented his polar research to a crowded room at the Physics and Astronomy Colloquium.

The poles are important to study “because there’s no people living there, which makes it easier to monitor. But also, there are many different processes which originate in the poles,” he says.

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**The Canada Research Chair in Multilevel Governance presents**

**Professor Stephen Clarkson**

**“Does North America Exist?”**

Thursday, Oct. 9th, 2008 at 4:00 pm
Social Science Centre, Room 2110

Stephen Clarkson is Professor of political economy at the University of Toronto. He is a leading expert on the dynamics of Canada’s integration in North America.

In the summer of 1981, during a severe crisis between Pierre Trudeau’s Ottawa and Ronald Reagan’s Washington, the Canadian Institute for Economic Policy commissioned him to do a study of the bilateral agenda. This resulted in the book Canada and the Reagan Challenge.


Clarkson’s primary research and teaching remains focused on Canada’s integration in North America. Under Sam and U.S, which assessed the impact of globalization and neoconservatism on the Canadian state, appeared in 2002.

His latest work on the continental political economy, Does North America Exist? Transborder Governance after NAFTA and the War on Terrorism, will be published in late October.

Professor Clarkson has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and is a Senior Fellow of the Centre for International Governance Innovation.

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As a member of AxonMet, a consortium of scientists and organizations which operate meteor radars in the Americas longitudinal sector, Hocking is able to gather data about the atmosphere and compare measurements with other researchers. AxonMet operates 12 radars that are distributed across North and South America – from Eureka, Nunavut, to Rothera, Antarctica.

Included among those is the Clovar radar, which is located in London, Ont. and owned and operated by Western.

Meteor radars can measure atmospheric changes in temperature, wave activity, planetary motions and the structures of plasmas, among others, up to 80 to 100 km above the earth’s surface.

Hocking also uses wind profilers, which can detect changes in the lower atmospheres, recording measurements at 14 km altitude.

Aside from satisfying general scientific curiosity about changes in the atmosphere, Hocking says the data can be used to measure trends which can be interpreted through computer models to gain a better understanding of global warming.

But with all of the data he has collected on atmospheric changes over the last 15 years, Hocking is hesitant to claim he can make any predictions about global warming.

“For this to be effective, we need to be there for 20, 30, 40 years, have a long-term data set and then we can start to make useful predictions,” he says.

He says researchers do not know enough about the atmospheric changes and how they influence each other to draw any conclusions about global warming.

“We know there is so much complexity involved, we want to tread more cautiously,” he says.

“Maybe in 10 years time, it’ll all start to freeze over, we just don’t know.”

As well, Hocking cautions against focusing solely on global warming, but rather to view it as one of many atmospheric changes that must be researched and understood.

“I think it’s too narrow of a view,” he says. “You’ve got to consider everything together and see global warming as part of a larger picture rather than something in isolation.”

Although he is working in remote regions, Hocking’s measurements in the poles have implications around the world besides studying global warming, such as increasing the accuracy of weather monitoring.

“You could have a hundred cities in Europe and you get the weather from all of them, but having one city in the Arctic ties down the predictions much more tightly,” he says. “Having a remote site can help to define the forecast much more clearly.”

Daily updates from the AxonMet radars can be viewed at www.physics.uwo.ca/~whocking/axonmet/
Growth Spurt

The new $21-million Student Services building is rising beside University Community Centre. When opened next summer, the four-storey building will become home to services such as the Registrar’s Office, Financial Aid, International Student Services, Services for Students with Disabilities, and Indigenous Services. It will include the David S. Chu International Student Centre, funded through a $1-million donation by the Chu Family.

Art matters to everyone

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Brook Pratt, a fourth-year English PhD student, was stationed at the market soliciting support for the arts.

“Even if you are not personally invested in art, in fact you are because the last film you saw or the last book you read was funded,” she says.

The demonstration was intended “to remind people that even if you are not an artist, art matters to everyone.”

Second-year English PhD student Nadine Fladd stopped by the market on Oct. 3 to show her support.

“Funding for artists is incredibly important because without them, we would have nothing to study.”

Similarly, Jasmine VanEvery, a Fanshawe College student, wrote down a project she published about youth homelessness on the storyboard, which she says had a great impact on her life.

“I really like writing. I really like the being able to express myself,” she says.

The students also engaged in poetry readings and invited others to perform music or take part in the demonstration.

Post-Doctoral Position

Long-Term Health Effects of Woman Abuse Research Consortium

Applications are invited for a full-time post-doctoral position as part of an interdisciplinary research team led by Dr. Marilyn Ford-Gilboe, Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, The University of Western Ontario. This 1 year position is funded through a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) New Emerging Team (NET) grant. The effective start date is October 15, 2008 or as soon as possible after this date. The successful candidate will contribute to the research conducted by the team, with a specific focus on the development and testing of a community-based intervention for women who have left abusive partners. In addition, the incumbent is expected to begin developing their own program of research related to the health of women who have experienced abuse.

Eligible candidates will have completed a PhD within the past 5 years and must possess expertise in one or more of the following areas: women’s health, family health, mental health, violence, development and testing of interventions. They must demonstrate high potential for developing a program of funded research related to intimate partner violence and for contributing to the goals of the NET. Proven ability to work effectively in a team environment is essential.

Interested candidates should submit a current CV, names of 3 referees and a brief letter of intent outlining specific research interests and a proposed focus for future work by email to Dr. Marilyn Ford-Gilboe (mfordg@uwo.ca). For more information, please visit http://www.women-health.ca.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND - NEW RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INITIATIVES AWARD MAJOR GRANT COMPETITION - APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for applications to the 2009-2010 Academic Development Fund - New Research and Scholarly Initiatives Award (Major Grant Competition) is 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2008. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

Applications are available in electronic format only and may be obtained from the University Secretariat website (www.uwo.ca/univsec/senate), or by contacting the SUPAD Secretary at 519-661-2055 (msoswald@uwo.ca). Completed electronic applications are to be submitted (in PDF format) to the SUPAD Secretary (email: msoswald@uwo.ca) by the designated deadline. Applications to the ADF New Research and Scholarly Initiatives Award will no longer be accepted in print format.
Journalism program marks 60 years

By Heather Travis

Dreaming of enlisting in the Royal Canadian Navy, Clark Davey never thought he would have a lengthy career in the news business.

The former managing editor of the Globe and Mail, who also founded off his career as publisher of the Montreal Gazette, the Ottawa Citizen and the Vancouver Sun, was a member of the inaugural class of the University of Western Ontario’s Journalism program. He also served as the former president and chair of The Canadian Press.

In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Journalism Program at Western, five alumni from the graduating class of 1948, along with family and friends, will be reunited on Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Intercontinental Toronto Centre. A cocktail reception will be held from 5-7 p.m.

The event marks a milestone in the history of the first university-level journalism program in Canada and it is open to all of Western’s journalism alumni, faculty and students.

After being heartbroken over the news that his poor eyesight – Davey says his eyes were weakened from years of reading under the bed covers with a flashlight – would prevent him from joining the Navy, his high school English teacher gave him a piece of advice that changed his career outlook.

“Clark, people will pay you to write,” she told him.

So, at 17 years old, Davey enrolled in Western’s Journalism program.

“I was the baby of the class,” he says, adding most of his classmates were young adult war veterans.

There were 27 men and women in the class, many of whom went on to have successful careers in the media industry.

Unlike the classrooms today which are inundated with technology, Davey says students worked on typewriters and the Friday afternoon labs resembled more of a cocktail party. As the culture of the newsroom has changed, so has the role of a journalist and the news business evolved over the years, he says.

“Those of us who have been in the business have seen incredible changes – from the world of hot type to the world of computers,” he says. “It’s the biggest revolution in printing since 1450 and it’s all happened in our working lifetimes.”

Other confirmed attendees from the inaugural class include: Neil MacCarl, an infamous Toronto Star baseball writer; Hugh MacCaulay, former chairman of the board for Canadian Tire Hydro; William French, former literary critic for the Globe and Mail; and John Cranford.

This is the first formal reunion for the inaugural class. Davey, who currently resides in Ottawa, is excited to reminisce with his former classmates.

“We haven’t really had a class reunion since we left,” says the 80-year-old. “I am looking forward to it.”

Faculty of Information and Media Studies Associate Dean, Nick Dyer-Witheford, says the anniversary event will commemorate the evolution of the Journalism program at Western.

“It’s significant because this is the anniversary of one of the best journalism programs offered by a Canadian university,” he says.

“Over the course of its six decades of existence, the program has changed to reflect the changing state of journalism ... while at the same time maintaining its premier reputation.”

Like members of the inaugural class, many graduates of the program have made waves in the media industry over the years, he adds.

“The reputation of our program has been carried by our graduates into every corner of the Canadian news industry and into every format, from print, radio and television, and now increasingly digital and online reporting,” he says.

“It’s obvious we have a pervasive influence.”

Those interested in attending the Oct. 16 event can contact

Faculty of Information and Media Studies Alumni Officer Karen Boddy at kbdody@uwo.ca. A link to the event is also available on the Journalism program website at www.fims.uwo.ca/journalism/index.htm.

Job Prep 101

For many master’s students, the prospect of choosing a non-academic career after graduation can be a daunting challenge. In an effort make this transition a smoother one, The Career Centre @ Western is offering ‘Job Prep 101’, a six-part workshop designed to assist master’s students as they prepare for non-academic employment.

Beginning Oct. 16, the workshop series provides detailed information about interviewing, turning resumes into CVs, writing cover letters and identifying transferable skills. Each session is two hours in duration and takes place in Room 210-211 of the Teaching Support Centre.

Registration for these sessions is required and can be done online at careercentral.uwo.ca.
No matter where you looked this past weekend – purple power was in full force. From purple shirts and faces to purple hair and body paint, thousands of alumni returned home to what has become Canada’s biggest and best homecoming. Honouring past alumni, a parade, a victorious football game and, most importantly, sunny skies – it made for yet another memorable Homecoming weekend.
Robert Williams, fourth-year Visual Arts student, grazes through an art book on sale last week at the McIntosh Gallery’s art book sale. The books and catalogues were sold by the centimetre and included everything from artist biographies and exhibition catalogues to technical how-to books.

Every centimetre counts

Heather Travis, Western News

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we actually found an increase in people's negative affective responses when they negated the stereotype,” he says.

In other words, participants had more negative gut reactions towards black people when they were told to respond ‘no’ each time they were shown an image and word combination that confirms a stereotype, for example, black people are criminals. On the flip side, participants had more positive gut reactions towards black people when they were asked to respond ‘yes’ to counter-stereotypical traits of black people (e.g. Black people are friendly).

What this means is that when people negate something – or say that black people are not criminals – they might actually strengthen the connection between the two images or ideas, says Gawronski. For example, if a person is told not to think of a white bear, they will automatically do the opposite and think of the bear, he explains.

Media exposure greatly influences the formation of these positive or negative responses towards a person or object, he adds. Repeatedly showing images together or combining terms can affect what people believe, he says, by conditioning an association between the two things.

“There are certain clichés and stereotypes that are still incorporated in media … Its mere co-occurrence and that creates these associations that then lead to these impulsive reactions,” he says.

The co-occurrence of the names of Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden during speeches by U.S. President George W. Bush creates a mental association between the men in people’s memory, says Gawronski, even if it was never explicitly said the two were linked.

However, it is possible for a person to reflectively change their impulsive responses.

“Affirming something different or new is more helpful in overcoming these mental associations that are responsible for our immediate affective responses, as compared to negating the contents that have produced these reactions in the first place,” he says.

Gawronski is examining ways to change people’s impulsive responses to mental illness, apply his method to the treatment of phobias and change a person’s eating habits by conditioning different food associations with positive or negative behavioural responses.

“If we can give them advice on how they can change their positive response towards chocolate or how they could change their negative impulsive response towards the spider, that’s obviously more helpful than just saying the spider is not really harmful,” he says.

The bottom line for Gawronski is that the gut reactions of humans need not be set in stone. With a little work, almost anyone can perform a behaviour makeover.
A federal general election is taking place on October 14, 2008.

You will find the voting hours for your polling station on your voter information card or at www.elections.ca by clicking on “Voter Information Service”.

If you haven’t received this card, you are probably not on the voters list. To register, all you need to do is go to your polling station on election day, where you must prove your identity and address.

New identification rules to vote

When you vote, you must prove your identity and address.

For the list of acceptable pieces of identification authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, please see the pamphlet you received by mail from Elections Canada or visit www.elections.ca and click on “Voter Identification at the Polls”.

To vote, you must:
- be a Canadian citizen
- be at least 18 years old on election day
- prove your identity and address

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARDSON FOUNDED DEPARTMENT

Professor Emeritus R. Alan Richardson, founder of the Department of History of Medicine and Science, has passed away at the age of 80. Richardson joined the Faculty of Medicine in 1967 and taught students in several faculties until 1992, when he became Professor Emeritus.

Prior to Western, Richardson completed his doctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin with an investigation of Charles Darwin’s biological theories.

Richardson developed specialized courses at Western in the areas of greatest interest to him, primarily the history of anthropology, the history of evolutionary thought and the history of science and medicine in Canada.

He considered teaching an extremely important responsibility, often forming friendships with students that continued long after their graduation.

He died Saturday, Sept. 27 at Parkwood Hospital in London.

Seeking young alumni

Alumni Relations and Communications & Public Affairs are looking for young graduates with compelling stories to profile in the 2009 issue Young Alumni Magazine.

Please send the graduate’s name, year of graduation and degree, contact information, along with a synopsis of why the story of the young alumni should be shared with next year’s graduating class to Christina Fox, Student & Young Alumni Outreach Officer at cfox@uwo.ca
Ready, set ... vote!

The federal election is set for Oct. 14. Federal policies can have a significant impact on the mission of the university, particularly in the area of research and financial aid. The University of Western Ontario is located near the middle of the London North Centre riding and several polls are in campus residences. Visit www.elections.ca for information about eligibility to vote and other frequently asked questions.

The major London North Centre candidates are listed below in alphabetical order.

MARY ANN HODGE – GREEN PARTY
Contact: 519-642-1378
maryannhodge@greenparty.ca
After completing her Bachelor of Science at The University of Western Ontario, Hodge pursued a successful career in Facilities Management, culminating in the construction of the first commercial LEED certified office building. She currently resides in London North Centre where she is a teacher, and active community member.

STEVE HOLMES – NDP
Contact: 519-432-1818
steveholmes@ndp.ca
A bus driver with London Transit for 34 years, Holmes is president of the Amalgamated Transit Union (Local 741) and vice-president of the London District Labour Council. Has lived in London North Centre all of his life and is married with four children and eight grandchildren.

GLEN PEARSON – LIBERAL
Contact: 519-520-5506
info@londonnorthcentre.ca
Pearson was elected as Member of Parliament for London North Centre in 2006. Prior to entering politics, Pearson was perhaps best known as the volunteer director of the London Food Bank. In its 20 years of operation the Food Bank has fed thousands of local individuals and families and has been a driving force in the attempt to end child poverty in Canada.

PAUL VAN MEERBERGEN – CONSERVATIVE
Contact: 519-204-0625
votepaulvanmeer@gmail.com
Van Meerbergen is in charge of business development at Lamko Tool & Mold in London, a specialized manufacturer of equipment for the auto industry. He has worked with Lamko for 13 years. Prior to this he was the Ottawa parliamentary assistant to Member of Parliament, Terry Clifford. He has served on London City Council since 2003.

Steve Holmes, M.D., Ph.D.
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
The 15th Annual Murray Barr Lecture
The Department of Anatomy & Cell Biology
Presents

Dr. Jeffery Kordower
The Jean-Schweppe-Amour Professor of Neurological Sciences
Professor of Neurosurgery
Director, Research Center for Brain Repair
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois

“A Tale of Two Stories: Why Nigral Neurons Degenerate in Parkinson’s Disease and How to Save Them”

Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.
Auditorium A, 3rd Floor LHSC, University Campus
Coffee and Continental Breakfast Available 8:30-9:00
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

THE RIDING

Population: 107,672
Results: 2006 byelection percentage of vote for major parties
Liberal Glen Pearson 34.8%
Green Elizabeth May 25.8%
Conservative Dianne Haskett 24.4%
New Democrat Megan Walker 14%
Total votes cast: 38,099

DEMOGRAPHICS
Ethnic groups: 86.8% White, 2.5% Chinese, 1.9%
Black, 1.9% South Asian, 1.7% Aboriginal, 1.2%
Southeast Asian, 1.1% Arab
Languages: 79.8% English, 1.4% French, 18.0%
Other
Religions: 38.5% Protestant, 27.3% Catholic, 22.6%
No religion, 3.0% Muslim, 2.8% Other Christian,
2.2% Christian Orthodox, 1.1% Jewish
Average income: $31,574
Statistics Canada 2001
Piled Higher & Deeper
a grad student comic strip

October 9
Mclnosh Gallery - Hieltelands. FAST MARKS:
Shy Glabach, Diana Thompson, Cofette Urban.
Kicking off the new academic year is an exhibi-
tion curated by Patrick Mahen, Chair of Visual
Arts. Contact 519-661-3981 or collins@uwo.ca
mclnoshgallery.ca

Physics & Astronomy Colloquium - Jean-
Pierre St-Maurice, University of Saskatchewan.
“Studying the Aurora Borealis in the 21st Cen-
tury” Physics & Astronomy 123. 1:30 p.m.

Men/Women's Cross Country - MacLaurin
Open at Gifford Park. 3:30 p.m.

Department of Political Science - Stephen
Clarkson, Political Economy, University of Toron-
to: “Does North America Exist?” Social Science
Centre, Room 210. 4 p.m.

Bruce McCaffrey Memorial Graduate Seminar
Series - Marina Soroka, “The ‘Ladies’ Depart-
ment’ of the Russian Foreign Ministry, 1900 -
1992.” SSIC 4317 (History Department) 4:30 p.m.
All welcome.

Men's Soccer - Windsor at Western. 5 p.m.

Women's Soccer - Windsor at Western. 7:15
p.m.

Visual Arts Department Speaker Series - Kent
Monkman, Painter/Mixed-Media Artist/Filmmak-
er. Toronto. (Art now) VAC 100. 8 p.m.

October 10
Biochemistry Visiting Speaker Program -
Zongchao Jia. Department of Biochemistry,
Queen's University: “The first structure of bacte-
rial tyrosine kinase” MSB 384. 10:30 a.m.

Faculty of Education - Bob Lingard, School of
Education, University of Queensland. “Analyz-
ing Education Policies in a Globalized World:
theoretical and methodological considerations.”
Faculty of Education Bldg. Room 101D. 11 a.m.

Women's Lacrosse - McMaster at Western.
5 p.m.

Women's Basketball - York (Exhibition) at
Western. 6 p.m.

Men's Hockey - Waterloo at Western. 7:30 p.m.

October 11

Women's Lacrosse - Laurier at Western. 9 a.m.

Women's Lacrosse - Guelph at Western. 1 p.m.

October 14

Senior Alumni Program - Patricia Skidmore-
Skuce, Professor Emerita, Department of His-
tory, Brescia University College. “A Loving His-
- tory — Brescia University College.” McKellar
Room, UCC. 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Oncology Grand Rounds - Department of
Oncology and London Regional Cancer Program.
David Palma, BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver, BC.
“Obesity and Cancer, Here’s the Skinny” Room
12-924 a/b. 12 – 1 p.m.

Department of Geography - Elaine Bjorklund
Philbrick, Professor Emerita, kicks off depart-
ment’s 70th anniversary celebration with a
presentation at the Mclnosh Gallery’s “Talk
Tuesday” series. “Wind’s eye of a Geographer-
Artist” In addition to her presentation, you
will be able to enjoy some of the late Allen
Philbrick’s outstanding artwork. 12:30 p.m.

Canadian Library month - Western Libraries
have organized events to celebrate! Open Access
Day. Participate in a webinar with Sir Richard
Roberts, joint winner of the Nobel Prize in
Physiology and Medicine 1992 to discuss the
impacts of Open Access on research and schol-
arship. Teaching Support Centre Room 120, The
D.B. Weldon Library. 7 – 8 p.m.

October 15

Don Wright Faculty of Music - Hear the
Symphonic Band in a prelude to our celebra-
tion of 40 years as a faculty. Allhouse College,
12:30 p.m.

Modern Languages and Literatures presents
“La Tertulia” Spanish Conversation Group. Any-
one wishing to speak Spanish and meet people
from different Spanish-speaking countries is
welcome. Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. UC 117 Email
tertullia@uwo.ca

Health Professional Education Seminar
- Doreen Bartlett “Clinical Physiotherapist
Specialization in Canada. Development of and
Plans for Testing the Evaluation of Advanced
Competencies” Room 1520 Elborn College. 4:30
– 6 p.m.

Canadian Library month - Western Libraries
The Hollywood Librarian: A free screening of the
first documentary to explore the world of the
librarian through the eyes of Hollywood. Cour-
tesy of Western Libraries and Faculty of Informa-
tion and Media Studies. Limited seating. North
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**Western Libraries** - Head, Research and Instructional Services (Allyn and Betty Taylor Library) - Seeks a dynamic and innovative leader for a continuing-track appointment with Western Libraries, with specific responsibilities as Head, Research and Instructional Services, Allyn and Betty Taylor Library. Interviews are anticipated to take place before the end of November. Closing date for receipt of applications is December 10, 2008. Quote reference #: TAY-HRIS-0811. Only applications received by email will be considered.

**Western Libraries Director, C.B. “Bud” Johnston Library** - Seeks a dynamic and innovative leader for a continuing-track appointment with Western Libraries as Director of the C. B. “Bud” Johnston Library. The Johnston Library is located in the Richard Ivey School of Business Building close to its core user group. Interviews are anticipated to take place before the end of November. Closing date for receipt of applications is November 10, 2008. Quote reference #: JOHNSTON-DIR-0811. Only applications received by email will be considered.

**Richard Ivey School of Business** - Management Science - Seeks candidates for a position as probationary (tenure-track) Assistant Professor in the Management Science teaching group. This position is available as of July 2009. Submission deadline is December 31, 2008, although applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.

**Richard Ivey School of Business Management Science** - Seeks candidates for a (visiting/adjunct) Professor or Associate Professor in the Management Science teaching group. This position is available as of July 2009. Submission deadline is December 31, 2008, although applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.

**Faculty of Arts and Humanities** - Department of Visual Arts - Invites applications for one position, to begin 1 July 2009, at the rank of Associate Professor with Tenure (specialization open). It may be possible to make an appointment at the rank of (full) Professor. A distinguished and dynamic record of publication and teaching in Film Studies is essential. Applications must be received by 01 December 2008.

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**Academic**

**PhD Lectures**

Wendi A. Roscoe - Physiology - Animal Models of Multiple Sclerosis: Connexin Expression and Angiogenesis - Oct. 9, 1 p.m., Room 205 TC

Colin McDonald - Physiology - Image-Guided Surface-Based Registration of the Elbow, Oct. 15, 9 a.m., Room 224 UC

Hesham K.M. Zare - Civil and Environmental Engineering, Three-Dimensional and Energy Disipation Studies of Hydraulic Jumps, Oct. 15, 2002 SEB

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