

# Political Science NEWS



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## THE CHAIR'S MESSAGE 2012

Dr. Robert Finbow



This was a dramatic year for the department, featuring tragedy, transition, triumph and tribulation. The Chair returned - somewhat rested - from a sabbatical leave, to deal with this ever changing and challenging context.

The year opened with tragedy with the passing of three former colleagues. Kenneth Heard and J. Murray Beck had both enjoyed lengthy retirements since their excellent contributions to the department in the 1960s and 1970s. But their passing remained very sad for those who knew them best, and their memories resonate in our corridors and in the excellent alumni they mentored.

More shocking was the sudden passing of Peter Aucoin, who was close to many of us, only a few months into a well-earned but still very active, retirement. Peter's loss cost the department and wider intellectual community an excellent scholar who had been poised to make continued contributions to knowledge and public policy. He was also a mentor, friend, devoted husband and father and recent grandfather who delighted in tales of his offspring's exploits. All three of these professors left substantial legacies as scholars and teachers who helped establish and maintain the department's traditions of excellence, which were on display frequently across teaching, research and university service as the year unfolded.

The year also brought transition in our office. We said goodbye to our administrator and friend, Karen Watts, who had done so much to improve the efficient operation and warm collegiality of our main office. Karen was deservedly honoured with a 2012 Rosemary Gill Award for her excellent service to students.

We welcomed Tracy Powell to the department and she has provided excellent service; she is, herself, an award winner having received the Faculty of Graduate Studies Distinguished Service Award in 2007. Tracy's excellent performance and tireless ongoing contributions from Shannon Langton ensured a very smooth and successful transition. As always the dedication and excellent work done by our administrators remain essential to the effective and collegial operation of the department.

We also bid farewell to two faculty colleagues, Jennifer Smith and Dan Middlemiss. We were sorry to lose their talents rather suddenly but wish them all the best in their well earned retirements. Jennifer held the Eric Dennis Memorial Chair at the culmination of a career which blended rigorous academic research and extensive public service. She took early retirement and will get to enjoy life with another former colleague, Denis Stairs. Dan provided leadership to the Centre and strong undergraduate teaching to the department for many years. He will appreciate the greater flexibility to head to the golf course, where there is no doubt more than ample parking.

The year ended on a triumphant note. As the second term unfolded, department colleagues and students received multiple honours. David Black received long-overdue recognition for his excellent and selfless contributions in the department and beyond. He received the 2011-2012 FASS Award for Excellence in Teaching and was also appointed as the Lester Pearson Chair in International Development Studies, with his principle appointment remaining in our department; this came on top of his 2011 Dalhousie University Educational Leadership Award for his role in establishing the College of Sustainability and the Environment.

Our late colleague Peter Aucoin, with Lori Turnbull, (and their co-author Mark Jarvis of the University of Victoria) won the Donner Book Prize for their Book *Democratizing the Constitution: Reforming Responsible Government*. This book also won the Donald Smiley Prize from the CPSA for the best book published in English on the study of government and politics in Canada.

Frank Harvey, University Research Professor, was appointed Associate Dean of Research in FASS, and won the Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence, his *third* teaching honour. Katherine Fierlbeck won a very large Canadian Institutes of Health Research grant which will boost her own research and also help sponsor graduate students interested in health matters. Darryl Eisan, a long-time sessional teacher, won the Dalhousie Part-time Instructor Award of Excellence.

Students also excelled, as recent undergraduate alumni won both a Parliamentary Internship and a Governor's Award for exceptional student leaders. As Graduate Coordinator Frank Harvey reports below, graduate students also won several highly competitive and lucrative scholarships from national and international funding agencies to support their research. These awards indicate the continued excellence of undergraduate and graduate programmes, and are testament to the strong teaching, supervision and programme administration provided by our faculty and staff. These multiple recognitions indicate that, notwithstanding the strain of fiscal cutbacks, the department continues to excel.

Yet the year also brought its share of tribulations as fiscal restrictions prevented the full renewal of the department. There are difficult days ahead as the province continues its cuts to higher education and replacement of retired colleagues is far from guaranteed. It has been a challenging time for the Chair to secure resources to maintain the full range of programmes for which the department is well known. Using part-time teachers and limited term full-time appointments, we continue to

exist as a full-service graduate and undergraduate department, covering the 4 major subfields. But the squeeze on permanent replacements remains worrisome, especially since we are asked to increase contributions to proliferating interdisciplinary programmes and administration of the faculty and other departments.

In addition, the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies – an integral part of the department’s intellectual space for forty years – has lost federal funding and is recasting itself in new directions to continue its research and publications. And the European Union Centre of Excellence – which has provided significant research support to many department members in recent years – will be losing its Director, Finn Laursen, to retirement in 2013, and will need to compete to retain its EU funds. But the department has also been energized by contributions from new faculty and the amazing ongoing efforts of professors, staff and students alike.

As always the generosity of alumni has been very significant and greatly appreciated, helping us provide a rich experience for students while offering new forms of support. Most notably, the inaugural Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies was awarded to incoming PhD student David Morgan. In the months ahead, we may pursue a similar venture to honour Peter Aucoin and can use your support and advice as we design and fund this worthy tribute to our late colleague. And in the political and administrative climate – where a small unit like ours, however excellent, is easy to overlook - we will need your moral and political support to demonstrate to the faculty, university, province and region the importance of continued investments in professors, scholarships and resources to ensure that the tradition of excellence of this “little department that could” is maintained into the future.

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## MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

### In Memoriam: Dr. Peter Aucoin



The Department of Political Science at Dalhousie University is mourning the loss of Peter Aucoin, who was a dear friend to many here and a superb model of scholarly excellence. His warm friendship, enthusiasm and lively insights on political events and personalities will be sorely missed by all in our department, and beyond. Peter was of true Nova Scotia roots and completed degrees at Saint Mary’s and Dalhousie before receiving his doctorate at Queen’s University. He was hired at Dalhousie in 1970 and spent the next 40 years as an active scholar and teacher in both our department and Public Administration. He was made McCulloch Professor in Political Science and in 2003, and he was awarded the Eric Dennis Memorial Professor of Government and Political Science.

Peter distinguished himself as an academic who was accomplished in applied domains as well as theoretical ones. He was a highly influential scholar whose work now shapes the thinking of academics and practitioners alike. Peter was a superb communicator of his research findings, winning awards for the acumen and accessibility of his scholarly work. He was legendary for his thorough and lucid presentations of findings. There were numerous calls on his time from the real world outside academia. He was a Senior Fellow of the Canada School of Public Service. He was often sought out for advice by countless federal and provincial government agencies, including the federal Privy Council Office, the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Auditor General and the Public Service Commission.

Peter authored and edited 15 books and wrote more than 80 journal articles and book chapters on Canadian government and Canadian and comparative public administration. He was the recipient of multiple awards and recognitions beyond Dalhousie. He was the only two-time winner of J.E. Hodgetts award for best English article in *Canadian Public Administration*. His 1995 comparative book on, *The New Public Management*, was awarded the international Charles Levine Book Prize as the best book in comparative public policy and administration. He was the 1999 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Excellence by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (NS Region). He received several SSHRC research grants in the past years and remained active in research during his too brief retirement.

Major awards became an almost annual occurrence in recent years. He won the 2005 Vanier Medal for Exceptional Achievement in Public Administration from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. In 2006 he was elected as a Fellow to the Royal Society of Canada. In 2007 he was recognized for best article in the *Financial Management Institute Journal*. In 2008 he was made a Member of the Order of Canada for "his contributions as

a leading political scientist and advisor to government bodies, specializing in the areas of public administration and political governance". In 2011 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Civil Law from Saint Mary's University, where his academic career began. He recently was awarded posthumously the Donner Prize for his last book, *Democratizing the Constitution*, written in collaboration with Lori Turnbull and Mark Jarvis.

His research also had practical implications. He took a leading role in the Macdonald Royal Commission on Canada's economic prospects, the Lortie Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, and the Gomery inquiry on the sponsorship scandal. His thinking and direction shaped the recommendations in the Lortie report and influenced many subsequent court decisions on electoral systems and financing. He was often a thorn in the side of public administrators and politicians with his frank, pointed recommendations; this was perhaps because he was often sharply critical of senior public servants, and recommended that they be held accountable for actions such as those that came to light in the sponsorship scandal.

Peter Aucoin was an exemplary colleague in the Department of Political Science and the School of Public Administration. He served as both Chair of the Department and Director of the School. In 1995-96, he was President of the Canadian Political Science Association. He was a former Vice-President of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada; he served on numerous editorial boards for leading journals, shaping scholarly discourse in his field.

He was well-known for his detailed, supportive comments on the manuscripts of established and new scholars alike. Many former students went on to careers at the local, provincial, and national levels of politics and public administration in Canada, as well as in other countries overseas. He also maintained a solid network of connections throughout the worlds of politics and public administration. It is not

surprising, then, that Peter was incredibly well informed and kept fully up-to-date on contemporary issues and conundrums. For example, several younger researchers, associated with the Lortie Commission, had the opportunity to publish under their own names and went on to do graduate work and had successful academic or public service careers. His teaching excellence was recognized with the award of the 2006 Dalhousie University Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence.

Many were impressed by Peter's unabashed curiosity, energy and infectious enthusiasm as he pursued issues and challenges that intrigued him, and his hard work and thoroughness in delving into those matters. Where others may get weary and fatigued of the debates and cynicism in public life, Peter remained like a kid in a candy shop when musing about public affairs and administration, always delighting in new issues, and debates, new complications and angles to old themes. His energy was infectious. Even his serious illness did not lead to a lessening of output and interesting work.

His passing was noted by public officials and politicians alike. Premier Darryl Dexter commented that "Nova Scotia, and Canada, has lost one of its most respected all-round political scientists .... Dr. Aucoin made his mark as a

great teacher, researcher and advisor for all levels of government. His work as research director on the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and Party Financing in particular inspired a generation of scholars and helped shape electoral law and campaign finance legislation right across the country and the Commonwealth. He will be sorely missed."

Members of the Department joined with Public Administration at a memorial tribute in November, which recalled his intellectual passions and achievements. His long-time collaborator and friend, Herman Bakvis, presented his widow, Margot, with a book of condolences containing signatures from all across Canada. His most recent collaborator, Lori Turnbull, spoke eloquently of the excellent experiences she had in working with him on his last research ventures and the high quality of mentorship which he provided. Finally Margot Aucoin provided a moving tribute and outlined the importance of family and his career at Dalhousie to Peter's excellent life. The event was a touching reminder of Peter's greatest legacies – family, scholarly integrity and mentorship. His excellent research and extensive intellectual influence will remain vital and relevant for many years to come. His presence and friendship will be sorely missed in both faculties.

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## In Memoriam: Dr. J. Murray Beck



J. Murray Beck, Professor Emeritus, a long-time department member in the field of Canadian politics, died in 2011 at the age of 96. Murray Beck was the preeminent scholar on politics in the province of Nova Scotia, chronicling decades of political change and detailing the careers of key figures in provincial political history like Joseph Howe. His detailed research and forceful argumentation made his texts essential reading and contributed substantially to political history of the province. Donald C. MacDonald described his biography of Joseph Howe as "a major contribution to Canadian historical writing". During World War II, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force in

Britain as a radar mechanic and an officer. After the War, he received degrees from Acadia University, and the University of Toronto. After a stint as a school teacher, he completed a doctorate at the University of Toronto; he then taught at Acadia University, the Royal Military College, and for 17 years in our department, retiring in 1980. He did extensive public service as a constitutional advisor to the Nova Scotia government in the late 1960s. He received honorary LL.D.s from Dalhousie, St. Francis Xavier, and the Royal Military College. He was honoured as a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a member of the Order of Canada and a fellow of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. He also received the Confederation of Canada Medal and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

He wrote the influential text on *The Government of Nova Scotia; Pendulum of Power*, a detailed accounting of elections from Confederation to 1968; a definitive two part biography of Joseph Howe; a two volume *Politics of Nova Scotia*, and the *Evolution of Municipal Government in Nova Scotia*. He also wrote many biographies of Nova Scotia notables for the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* and numerous other articles and reviews on Canadian and Nova Scotian political history and government.

He mentored many future academics including two of the department's current or recent faculty. He was both demanding and dedicated to student excellence, and mixed contemporary news accounts with academic and theoretical texts to provide relevant courses and assignments. His expectations were high but he rewarded students with strong supervision and support. Students recalled his dedication, patience, gentleness and ability to generate excitement from the driest political themes or constitutional puzzles. At his retirement he received the first ever Dalhousie Alumni teaching award, and the status of Professor Emeritus.

During his 30-year retirement he took on a new role as local historian with extensive research on his home town of Lunenburg and of Central United Church which resulted in several published articles. He was active in the community and he served on the board of Fishermen's Memorial Hospital and Harbour View Haven and participated at the Lunenburg Food Bank. In marking his passing, Premier Darryl Dexter commented "His extensive publications and insightful observations shone a spotlight on more than a century of Nova Scotia politics. He made an enduring contribution to people's understanding of this province."

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## In Memoriam: Dr. Kenneth Heard



Ken Heard, long-time colleague in the department, passed away in 2011 at the age of 91. Born in Durban, South Africa he served with the South African Air Force during World War II. He obtained undergraduate degrees from the University of Natal in South Africa and taught high school in his native country. He did post-graduate studies in London, England, and accepted a position teaching Political Science at the University of Natal.

He was a founding member of the anti-apartheid Progressive Party in South Africa. Both his intellectual foundations and religious beliefs prompted him to advocate racial equality despite the hostile political conditions of the time. He moved his family to Nova Scotia in 1964 to escape the unacceptable political situation in South Africa. He then

secured his doctoral degree and taught at Dalhousie for over twenty years, specializing in comparative politics.

Ken Heard was the consummate teaching professor long before that term came into vogue. He was noted for being a very kind and concerned faculty member who made students' well-being his top priority. Those students who worked with him remember his warmth, kindness and wit, his generosity with his time and his guidance in lessons of academics and of life. He was a truly inspirational teacher and mentor. Students often commented on his insightful teaching on multi-cultural and conflictual societies which helped many Canadian graduates, used to more sheltered circumstances, understand the challenges of life in complex societies like South Africa. In later years, he pioneered the department's course on Human Rights and Politics, which was a natural extension of his own normative and philosophical commitments.

He helped establish the department's excellent reputation in the study of African politics, which drew many stellar students over the years. He

authored articles and edited collections on African and South African politics, including topics such as regional cooperation and dependence. He did a report for Canada's Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism on linguistic duality in South Africa. He also published a monograph on *Political systems in multi-racial societies*. His seminal book on *General Elections in South Africa, 1943-1970* is still regarded as an essential work on the subject, through a critical time period in the country's history.

In his retirement years, he enjoyed his passions of literature, music and tennis, as well as contributing to his church community. He retained an active interest in literature which provided insight on other cultures and societies. He enjoyed many happy years with his wife Lesley, their children and grandchildren. His son, department alumni Andrew Heard, has followed his father's footsteps as a faculty member in political science at Simon Fraser University and remains a friend to the department. This gentle, collegial professor will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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## DR. DAN MIDDLEMISS RETIRES



Dan Middlemiss retired in 2011 after 30 years at the department. His research, scholarship, and dedication to administration and service in the department and faculty made this a well-earned retirement. He

contributed extensively to department teaching at both graduate and undergraduate levels. And his hard work in managing the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and guiding its Maritime Security stream was exceptional.

He played a key role in the graduate programme. He probably supervised more MAs than anyone else in the department, and steered many students with interests in defense policy to completion and on to careers

in the defense policy sector. Particularly unique was his ability to work with the many students from military backgrounds who came through the department, when the government (unlike now) was willing to fund such mature students.

His commitment to undergraduate teaching was also reflected in his role with first year classes which he maintained right up until his retirement, despite the onerous character of the assignment. His mentorship

in that class no doubt secured the enrolment of many in political science degrees especially those students interested in themes of international politics. He taught courses in international security, contemporary civil-military relations, and Canadian defence policy for nearly 40 years, and also lectured at the National Defence College, the Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre, and at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College.

He is held in high respect for the depth of his knowledge and expertise on Canadian defence policy. He has testified on many occasions before various parliamentary committees on the maritime and other aspects of Canadian defence and security policy. He was an external advisor to the Auditor General of Canada on comprehensive audits of the Department of National Defence. He was a member of the Board of Governors of the National Defence College, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the

Cooperative Security Competition Program, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In 1995 he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council of Canada.

He has published numerous book chapters, articles, and papers on the economic aspects of Canadian defence policy, interoperability with US forces, defense and foreign policy priorities, and on Canadian maritime policy including naval strategy and procurement. He co-authored a book on *Canadian Defence: Decisions and Determinants*. To this day he is sought out by media outlets for informed comment on defence related issues including the ship-building contract and the fighter jet replacement.

His dedicated and repeated service to the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies was exceptional. From 1987 to 1993, and again from 2005 to 2008 he served as the Director of the Centre and later on at least two

occasions as Acting Director. His leadership helped secure the Centre's partnership with DND's Security and Defence Forum and establish the CFPS' deserved reputation as the preeminent research institute on Maritime Security and Defence policy in Canada. He also helped attract the influential journal, the *Canadian Naval Review*, to the Centre and serves as Chair of its Editorial Board.

His hard work in the service of both Centre and Department established legacies extending well past his formal retirement (and he remains an active Centre fellow as well). His dedicated service and good natured repartee at department social functions will definitely be missed.

For further information on Dan's retirement and the media attention it received, see for instance <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-drive/car-life/road-sage/a-parking-space-professor-dans-final-frontier/article2156527/>

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## DR. JENNIFER SMITH RETIRES



Jennifer Smith, an alumna of our PhD programme, was a valued colleague in the department for nearly 30 years. Her academic achievements were substantial and her service to the department was exemplary. Her research thrived despite extensive commitments as department chair and member of the university Senate. She was a multiple recipient of research funding from the SSHRC of Canada and published two books with University presses. She has also published full length monographs and many refereed journal articles and book chapters.

She engaged extensively in public service, serving on the provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission and the Advisory Committee on the Division of Powers and Government Institutions for Nova Scotia. She was a constitutional expert in the Renewal of Canada Conferences and served on the Advisory Committee of the Forum of Federations. She frequently presented applied research or expert testimony to Senate Committees, budget consultation panels, and court cases on electoral boundaries disputes. She also provided advice to policy-makers on complex issues such as equalization and intergovernmental finance.

These practical engagements contributed to the scholarly depth and policy relevance of her research. She was very active in publishing works of policy and public relevance in various venues, including web-based and print policy papers, thus fulfilling the role of public intellectual. In addition, she was frequently called upon by media outlets both print and electronic, for timely commentary on elections, constitutional issues and public affairs. These scholarly and public service activities illustrate the practical relevance and breadth of her intellectual contributions across complex issues like political institutions, electoral systems, Senate reform, constitutional process and intergovernmental finance.

She also did notable service to the political science profession. She was a Director of the Canadian Political Science Association; an alumnus of the federal Parliamentary Internship Programme; and she served on selection committees for both the Parliamentary and Nova Scotia Legislative Internships. She also contributed to departmental and university governance, serving as Chair, honour's coordinator, seminar coordinator and on the graduate admissions committee, as well as the University Senate.

In addition, her contributions to department teaching and scholarship are notable. Her PhD supervisions have gone on to successful academic careers. She has also supervised 19

MAs at least 5 of whom have also moved on to academic careers. She has supervised students on a wide range of issues covering First Nations, constitutional politics, American constitutionalism, Senate reform, electoral politics and political thought. This demonstrates an amazing intellectual range which was of tremendous benefit to the Department, Faculty and University. For her lifetime of contributions, the department was happy to award her the Eric Dennis Memorial Chair in Political Science, one of the most prestigious named chairs awarded at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Jennifer also contributed to the collegial nature of the department and could always be counted on to spark lively debate and provide informed opinions on the issues of the day. She was a gracious hostess at social events in the department, and brought a touch of class to our celebrations and deliberations. She always provided frank and informed feedback on matters both academic and administrative and was a great help to this Chair in his transition to this sometimes hectic role. She is now embracing retirement fully, focusing energies on new ventures (including fiction writing) and enjoying life on the South Shore with Denis Stairs, another former colleague whose presence and insights are missed. The department joins me in wishing Jennifer all the best in her retirement.

## **An E-Interview with Jennifer**

### ***What did you study in college and where?***

I studied history and political science at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Following a year in Ottawa as a parliamentary intern, I came to Dalhousie in the fall of 1973 to do an MA in political science, and stayed for a PhD as well.

### ***What made you decide to select political science as a specialty?***

I was always interested in politics. Plus, J. Murray Beck was teaching at Dalhousie and I

found that his interests in Canadian constitutional history as well as government and politics mirrored my own.

***How did you come to be hired at Dalhousie University? What was it like adjusting to life in Maritime Canada?***

I was hired at Dalhousie in 1980 following two years teaching at Acadia University. Having lived in Nova Scotia for seven years by that time, there was little in the way of adjustment required.

***What was it like teaching here? What were the pedagogical tools and trends compared to other universities you have worked at?***

It was easy, frankly. Professor Beck retired the year that I was hired, and I picked up the courses that he had taught. They covered subjects that I knew well, so it was a pretty seamless entry for me. In addition, the department allowed me complete freedom to adjust the courses to my strengths, which was much appreciated.

***What interests were foremost in your dealings with students and researchers? How well supported were researchers with funding and university support?***

Research and publications that result from it are very important for any young academic. The university and various funding agencies and institutions always supported my efforts.

***You pursued many interests during your career: electoral boundaries and campaign***

***finance; constitutional law; federalism; the judiciary; issues in comparative government. What inspired you to focus on these themes in your research?***

I have been something of a generalist, reading widely in political theory and political history. I never wanted to focus my research and publication efforts in one area, and so studied and wrote about the areas listed. The one theme that connects them is the institutional foundations of liberal democracy. I always wanted to figure out the best institutional arrangements for liberal democratic purposes.

***What were the principal rewards (and frustrations) of working at Dalhousie University?***

Dalhousie gave me an incredible amount of freedom to pursue my research interests and media work. The only scheduled parts of the day had to do with teaching and administration. The rest was available to me to organize for my own purposes. This was fantastic.

In addition, I found it stimulating to work in the department, surrounded by brainy colleagues and interesting students.

***Can you tell us what your plans are, scholarly and otherwise, for the next few years?***

My focus is my new phase of life, which involves undertaking new interests (fiction writing) and developing older ones (gourmet cooking). I love retirement.



## WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY AND STAFF



**Jean-Christophe Boucher**, Jean-Christophe has a B.A. in History from Ottawa University, a Master's degree in Philosophy from the University of Montreal, he has completed Masters work in International Studies (IQHEI)

and has completed his PHD in Political Science at Laval University. His interests include Canadian defence and foreign policy, international security and conflict management, and methodological issues. His research in the next two years will focus on three broad themes. First, on questions related to measuring and understanding the influence of societal factors on Canadian defence and foreign policy. Second, on examining why states decide to intervene and not intervene in international crisis since the end of the Second World War. His third research focus will concentrate on conceptualizing and operationalizing non-events in international relations.



**Tamara Krawchenko**, Tamara is a former undergraduate and graduate student of Dalhousie University (BA Honours, History and Political Science; Master of Public Administration). Her doctoral research, which she completed at Carleton University, examined the new, policy specific institutions across city-regions in Europe and North America (with a focus on Canada).

Tamara has applied her expertise in varied settings: as a policy analyst in the federal and Nova Scotia Provincial governments; as a researcher for a wide range of institutes in Canada and Ukraine; and as a consultant for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Health Canada. She brings to the department experience in Canadian politics and public policy

with a focus on governance, institutions and politics at multiple levels.

She acted as a citizen advisor on Ottawa's pedestrian and transit advisory committee and has been engaged in trying to make whatever city she lives in a more human-scaled, pedestrian friendly environment.

Tamara will be with us for 10 months, with a focus on Canadian Politics. Her research interests tend to be curiosity-driven including research on infrastructure stimulus spending, the OECD and urban governance reform, public sector regulatory reform, public private partnerships in infrastructure, the governance of large urban regions, and federal government openness and communications. This year, together with Dr. Marguerite Cassin in the School of Public Administration, she'll be undertaking research in rural Atlantic communities, focusing on active strategies in response to economic and demographic change (and what lessons can be taken away from an analysis of comparative practices both provincially and internationally).

## Tracy, welcome to the department!



### An E-Interview with Tracy Powell

**Could you tell us first about your studies and work before you joined Dalhousie?** When I was going through high school there was a high demand for people in business and my school offered a program where you could obtain your regular university prep high school degree but also take a number of courses that were equivalent to a business degree from NSCC. So I jumped in and did both degrees. It was actually the co-op work placement that first brought me to Dal in early 1990. After working in Human Resources as a co-op student, I enjoyed it so much that I decided to take a year off after high school and use my business degree to my advantage before attending University. Here I am 22 years later and I'm still working at the University instead of attending it but I've never had any regrets. My educational learning has continued over the years as I have had the opportunity to take various courses and workshops.

**What jobs did you have at Dalhousie and how did these enhance your skills?** After my co-op placement and a short one month work term position at the Faculty of Health Professions, I secured a FT position off-campus at the former Grace Maternity Hospital as the Executive Assistant to the Finance Director. It was a great opportunity but I wanted to be at Dal. So HR at Dal secured me a term position at Financial Services. From there I went to another term position at the Faculty of Graduate Studies

(FGS). Very shortly after that, FGS secured a FT position for me. I stayed there for almost 10 years. It was this position that professionally groomed me and gave me the skills and knowledge of the University. From FGS, I went onto the School of Health and Human Performance (HAHP) as the Graduate and Honours Administrative Secretary. I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge from its diverse programs and I had the pleasure of connecting with many people and organizations both within and outside of Dalhousie.

**What were your responsibilities at FGS?** I wore many hats over the years at FGS. I was front counter clerk, Dean's secretary, support person to the Admissions and Programmes Officer, support person to the Administrator, I stepped in as Thesis Coordinator during busy times of the year BUT my final position was Scholarship Coordinator. I started at FGS working on a typewriter using carbon paper and measuring thesis margins with a ruler but by the time I left I was very skilled in many areas and I was part of the first group of people at Dal to be trained on the new student information system that we use today. The knowledge I received about each policy, regulation, and department on campus has proved to be extremely beneficial.

**How did you decide to move from FGS to Health and Human Performance?** It was just time to move. I applied and was offered two positions on campus but chose the School of HAHP. In addition to already knowing the wonderful staff and faculty, the thought of working with such diverse programs and in an area that promoted health and well-being was very appealing to me.

**Tell us about how you came to win an advising award?** The award I won was the FGS Distinguished Service Award. It is in recognition of individuals who have provided distinguished and long-standing service to FGS. The award is not related to academic contributions, but record of service to students, graduate

programmes, and the Faculty. Both faculty and staff at Dal can be nominated. I recall thinking, why me? Then I read the heartfelt letters that were submitted from Students, Faculty, Deans, Administrators, and Staff. It was an overwhelming but wonderful feeling. This award would not have been possible without the amazing students and people that I have had the great pleasure of working with.

**Why did you decide to apply for the position in the department?** I knew that this position would provide me with an opportunity to learn more about the University, there would be new challenges and that excited me. After being at HAHP for 11 years, I wanted a change, I wanted growth but more importantly I wanted to continue to learn. I knew the history of the Department so I was confident that the experience could only be positive for me.

**What do you think of the department so far?** I am greatly enjoying it here. The faculty, students, and staff are all wonderful to work

with. Everyone has been very patient, kind and supportive. Given the small size of the department, the large number of accomplishments of the students and faculty just amazes me and makes me excited to be a part of this department. The learning still continues and I look forward to my continued work here.

**What do you enjoy doing when you are not in the office?** I greatly enjoy spending time with my family (daughters Ashley (17), Megan (14)) and my husband (Larry). We live in the community of Williamswood. We like to travel. I love to cook and entertain in our home. I greatly enjoy decorating and volunteering my time. I get a great amount of joy out of just helping others and helping my children meet their goals. What people may not know about me is that I came from a beautiful small fishing village (Lower Prospect), in my younger years I was a competitive Dory Rower and that my Uncle (now deceased) is Joe Norris (Internationally known folk artist).

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## DEPARTMENT SEMINAR SERIES

**The Honorable Douglas Roche, O.C.**, author, parliamentarian and diplomat, *"How We Stopped Loving the Bomb"*, September 13, 2011

**Kim Pate**, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, *"Prisons: The Contemporary Enslavement of Racialized, Poor and Dispossessed – Especially When it Comes to Women"*, October 12, 2011

**Rosemary Speirs**, Equal Voice Nova Scotia, October 19, 2011

**Don Bowser**, Lecturer, Dalhousie University, *"Fear as a Commodity: Violent Non-State Actors in World Politics"*, December 5, 2011

**Nathalie Des Rosiers**, General Counsel, Canadian Civil Liberties Association, *"Is the Right to Dissent Under Threat?"* January 16, 2012

**Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky**, Professor, Saint Mary's University, *"Gender Equality Thirty Years On: Invisibilization,*

*Instrumentalization and a Shrinking Equality Opportunity Structure"*, February 14, 2012

**Dr. Mark Ayyash**, PhD from York University, *"Shock and Awe Jihad, and the Persistence of Violence in Israel-Palestine"*, February 27, 2012

**Dr. Brian Bow**, Associate Professor, Dalhousie University, *"How Canada Broke North America, and Why it Should Try to Put it Back Together"*, March 7, 2012

## HONOURS ESSAYS

**Andrew Chisholm:** Executive-Level Decision Making and Bureaucratic Politics in Nation-Building: A Case Study of Canada's Engagement in Afghanistan, 2005-2011  
**Supervisor:** Dr. D. Black

**Chelsea Cottreau:** Environmental Degradation and Inadequate Regulation: A Comparative Case Study of the BP Oil Spill and Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated (IUU) Fishing in Sierra Leone  
**Supervisor:** Dr. A. Hayden

**Benjamin Diepeveen:** Hostage Situations: How fringe parties influence policy under different electoral systems  
**Supervisor:** Dr. L. Turnbull

**Ryan Hagen:** Oil Sands v. Ottawa: The Case for a National Energy Strategy  
**Supervisor:** Dr. L. Turnbull

**Reilly Kenward:** Pairing Healthcare and Capitalist Markets: The Way Forward or Leaving the Provinces Behind  
**Supervisor:** Dr. K. Fierlbeck

**Keith Lehwald:** Seeing Ourselves Up Close: Why Public Broadcasting Still Matters in Canada  
**Supervisor:** Dr. F. Bail

**Connor O'Callaghan:** The Contradictions of John Locke's Political Legacy: Racial Liberalism and Political Persecution  
**Supervisor:** Dr. M. Denike

**Michael Petite:** Middle Eastern Horizons  
**Supervisor:** Dr. K. Fierlbeck

**Kyra Phillips:** In-Vitro Fertilization, Infertility, and Obesity  
**Supervisor:** Dr. K. Fierlbeck

**Jennifer Whitwell:** The Pattern of American Foreign Policy: From Bush to Obama  
**Supervisor:** Prof. D. Bowser

## News from the Podium of the Undergrad Society

By Josie Cole

The Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society (DUPSS) has made it their mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty.

Holding social events, debates, and panel discussions, DUPSS aims to involve all political science students in the after-hours academic life at Dalhousie University.

Students from both Kings and Dalhousie who are concentrating in Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, Gender and Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, and Public Affairs and Policy Analysis are welcome to discuss, debate, and fraternize around topics of common interest with both faculty and staff.

In addition to social events, DUPSS is also responsible for publishing an annual Political Science journal called the Podium, which features undergraduate papers that have been recognized for their academic achievement and insight.

Overall, the mandate of DUPSS is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the department and the larger university community. Members can benefit through numerous opportunities which will complement both academic and social life at Dalhousie University.



## 7TH ANNUAL POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

David Beitelman and Jean-Francois Bélanger

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium entitled “The Rise of the Rest? Opportunities and Implications,” and held March 8-9, 2012 at the University Club, was a great success. Sponsored primarily by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, the Canadian International Council, and the Special Projects Fund from the Security & Defence Forum within DND, the Symposium brought together 24 bright graduate students from over 12 universities across Canada – from the University of British Columbia to Memorial in Newfoundland.

The theme of this year’s Symposium was the so-called ‘rise of the rest’ – the emergence of new economic and political powers including China, Brazil, and India, and their impact on the existing international system. The Symposium featured seven panels on topics ranging from American power in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to Weapons of Mass Destruction to Changes in Security. The Symposium also benefited from the various keynote speeches delivered throughout the event.

On March 8, the lunchtime keynote address was delivered by Professor Jorge Heine, Chair in Global Governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and Professor of Political Science at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. Dr. Heine shared his thoughts on what the rise of the rest means for those experiencing it, particularly in South America.

March 9 featured two keynote addresses – the lunchtime address delivered by recent Dalhousie Political Science PhD graduate Sean Clark, now a Visiting Assistant Professor at Memorial University, and the gala dinner keynote address delivered by McGill political scientist, Dr. Mark Brawley. Dr. Clark spoke about American power and the competition it

faces from emerging powers like China, providing a balance to Dr. Heine’s address and some context for the theme of the Symposium. At our gala dinner, held at the up-scale Onyx Restaurant, Dr. Brawley delivered an expansive address that tied the themes from all the panels together and gave pointed feedback to different student presenters.

Throughout the Symposium, we benefited greatly from the participation and support of many faculty and students. Professors David Black, Brian Bow, Frank Harvey, Ruben Zaiotti, Doug Munroe, Don Bowser, and Ann Griffiths served as Chairs and Discussants. CFPS Defence Fellow Cmdr. David Peer, CIC Halifax Branch President Dr. Paul Bennett, and fellow graduate student Byron Peacock also generously served as Chairs and Discussants.

The Symposium would not have been possible without their help and we greatly appreciate their time and generosity.



We would also like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Shannon Langton and Matthew Gillis, both from the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, who worked tirelessly to help us organize and execute such a fantastic event. We also benefited greatly from undergraduates Josie Cole and Bryn Karcha, fellow graduate student Laurence Therrien, and Ali Vadhat, who volunteered their time helping with the Symposium, and from the advice and guidance provided by past Symposium organizers Carla Suarez and Sabrina Hoque – we thank you all.

## GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY NEWS

Jean-Francois Bélanger



Although the year may have lacked in social events on our end, the DGSPS and its members can be proud of their great academic successes.

This year marked the 7<sup>th</sup> iteration of the Dalhousie Political Science Graduate Symposium, chaired by David Beitelman, and what a success it was.

Twenty-eight students from all over Canada came to Dalhousie to discuss their research under the theme “The Rise of the Rest: Opportunities and Challenges.” A variety of panels were organized under this overarching theme of change, from the current role of weapons of mass destruction to the future of the BRICSAM countries. We were also graced by the presence of Dr. Jorge Heine, Dr. Mark Brawley, and Dr. Sean Clark as keynotes speakers.

This year we are breaking from the established tradition between the Symposium and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. CFPS has always supported the symposium by publishing an edited volume containing the best papers presented at the symposium. This year, our panel on WMDs was so in sync the Centre has agreed to publish a

second book out of the symposium. Both books, *Rise of the Rest: Opportunity and Challenges & WMDs in the New Strategic Environment* are going to be co-edited by David Beitelman & Jean-François Bélanger. We are particularly proud of the papers showcased in these two collected editions, as we feel those are an incredible window into the research interests of up and coming Canadian scholars. The books are expected out in the fall.

As outgoing President, I would like to thank and acknowledge the support, of those who made this year a great one. First and foremost, thank you to David Beitelman who took it upon himself to organize and deliver a great edition of the graduate student symposium. My most sincere gratitude to Shannon Langton and Matthew Gillis who went above and beyond what was required of them to help and make the symposium the success it was. In no particular order, thank you to Brian Bow, Frank Harvey, Doug Munroe, David Black, Don Bowser, David Peers, Ann Griffiths, Karen Watts and Robert Finbow for the help they provided to the symposium and to the society throughout the year. Last but not least, I would like to say thank you to my cohort—Laurence Therrien, Kendra Coombes, Dave Beitelman and Kristian Rafuse—for a great year and a great time.

I know I made friends for life. Here is to this past year and to the next that promises to be as gratifying and successful, a well-established tradition in our department.

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**“Dal grad students take on the world. PoliSci PhD candidates publish collections beyond their years.”** Article published in the Chronicle Herald. (April 2012)

**Sean Clark, Sabrina Hoque and Carla Suarez**, Clark and Hoque recently published a collection of essays with Routledge Press of New York focusing on themes raised in Fareed Zakaria’s 2008 book *Post-American World*. Book title “Debating a Post-American World: What lies Ahead Edited by Sean Clark and Sabrina Hoque” While Suarez produced the collection *Security and Conflict*, containing the best essays given at a March 2011 symposium, which she organized under the auspices of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. Book title “Security and Conflict: Evolving Theory and Practice Edited by Carla Suarez”. Full article can be viewed at <http://thechronicalherald.ca/books/79807-dal-grad-students-take-world>

## GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

Frank Harvey



Our graduate students have had a very productive and successful year. Seven MA students completed their research and defended their thesis in August/September. The range of topics covered was impressive: “Private Military Companies and State Sovereignty: An English School Approach to Regulation and its Consequences” (**Michael Boone**); “New Brunswick Power and Historical Institutionalism: Why the people of New Brunswick could not accept the sale” (**Angelle Bourque**); “Incorporation models and public opinion in Canada, France and Great Britain 2001-2011” (**Kirin Brown**); “An ever closer union? Immigration and Asylum Policy in Italy and Spain: A tale of two Europeanizations” (**Carolyn Ferguson**); “Peaceful Abiding Soldiers: Incorporating Mind Training in the Canadian Forces” (**Amanda Hester**); “Provincial Reconstruction Teams: A face of foreign policy” (**Lewis Irvine**); “Between Rhetoric and Reality: A Psychosocial Examination of Rwanda’s National Unity and Reconciliation Policy” (**Catherine Vergos**).

MA students currently enrolled in our program, **Jean-Francois Bélanger**, **Laurence Therrien** and **Kendra Coombs**, have defended their MA thesis proposals and will be completing projects on, respectively, “Strategic stability in the 21st century: toward a BMD paradigm”; “Humanitarian military interventions in the 21st Century: the search for a strategic neutrality”; “The Politics of End-of-life-care.” Jean-Francois Bélanger was awarded a three year SSHRC Doctoral scholarship to continue his academic career as a PhD student at an institution of his choice.

Three doctoral students (**Iain Grant**, **Sean Clark** and **David McDonough**) have all successfully defended their dissertations titled, respectively: “Russia, Germany and the contest for Hegemony in European Natural Gas”; “To Whom go the Spoils?: Explaining 4,000 years of battlefield victory & defeat”; “Ambivalent Ally: Culture, Cybernetics, and the Evolution of Canadian Grand Strategy”. Sean is currently teaching political science at Memorial University (Newfoundland), and David is completing the first of a two year SSHRC Post-doctoral Fellowship at Waterloo’s Centre for International Governance Innovation, working with David Welch.

**Dave Meadows** and **Eric Lehre** are scheduled to submit final drafts of their respective dissertations and will likely defend this summer or early Fall, 2012.

PhD candidates **Sarbina Hoque**, **Sarah Dunphy**, **Mohammad Eshan** and **Marcella Firmini** have all successfully defended their respective PhD thesis proposals and are currently engaged in dissertation research and writing. **Sabrina** has co-edited a book with Sean Clark, “Debating the Post-American World: What Lies Ahead” (Routledge: UK), and is currently working as an intern at the United Nations conducting research on measuring the successes (and failures) of UNDP policies and programs.

**Mohammad** received an International Development Research Council (IDRC) research grant to complete fieldwork on conflict of interest challenges facing the public sectors of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. His proposal was the only one nominated for this award from the Atlantic Provinces. His new book “From Government to E-Governance: Public Administration in the Digital Age” co-authored with Muhammad Muinul Islam (Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh) will be released in July 2012. Publisher: IGI Global

**Glenn Graham**, **Michelle Coffin**, **Byron Peacock** and **Cameron McKay** successfully completed their written and oral comprehensive exams

and are currently preparing their dissertation proposals. **Byron Peacock** was recently awarded two prestigious research scholarships, one from the International Olympic Committee and another from the Killam Foundation Pre-doctoral Scholarship Program. **Cameron McKay** was recently awarded a SSHRC scholarship for one year.



Carla Suarez (Trudeau Foundation Photo)

Doctoral student **Carla Suarez** has been awarded the **Trudeau Scholarship** valued at \$180,000 over the next three years. Each year, the Trudeau Foundation awards up to 15 scholarships to

the “most talented” Canadian doctoral students in the social sciences and humanities. Through a political ethnography, Carla’s dissertation examines civilian self-protection strategies in South Sudan. Critical of the growing limitations of the civilian protection regime, she is interested in dissecting the complex intersection between agency, protection, and violence among young women and men living through war. By taking a “bottom-up” approach, her research will also yield a better understanding of the interplay between macro-level interventions by humanitarian actors and micro-level strategies used by local communities.

**The first Glyn Berry Graduate Scholarship in International Affairs** has been awarded to **David Morgan**, an incoming PhD student working on development and international affairs. The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and the Office of Alumni Affairs are currently organizing an event in October 2012 in honour of Glyn Berry to celebrate the first recipient.

We would like to congratulate **Karen Watts** for receiving the 2012 Rosemary Gill Award, and thank her for her years of outstanding service to graduate students.

The department is very happy to welcome **Tracy Powell** as the department’s administrative secretary and graduate program assistant. From 1991-2000, Tracy held multiple positions within the Faculty of Graduate Studies (e.g., Scholarship Coordinator and Assistant to the Admissions and Programmes Officer). In 2000 she moved to the School of Health and Human Performance as their Graduate and Honours Secretary, a position she held until joining us. Tracy was nominated in 2002 for Dalhousie’s Rosemary Gill Award, and was awarded the Faculty of Graduate Studies Distinguished Service award in 2007. The department is very fortunate to have Tracy join us - she has done an outstanding job in a very short period of time making sure the transition to a new graduate program assistant is seamless.

## DAVID MORGAN RECEIVES GLYN BERRY SCHOLARSHIP



**David Morgan**, (BA Honours in Political Science and IDS, 2009) was awarded the inaugural Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies. The award was named for Glyn R. Berry, a senior Canadian diplomat and Dalhousie Political Science alumnus who lost his life in Afghanistan while heading up provincial reconstruction in 2003. Mr. Berry devoted his life’s work to the protection of civilians when their governments proved unable to do so. Mr. Morgan is inspired by this example and is a most exceptional and suitable recipient.

Mr. Morgan is one of the best students to graduate from our undergraduate programme

in recent years. He achieved an average of A/A+ throughout his academic career, graduating with First Class Honours in Political Science and International Development Studies. He received a highly competitive Dalhousie University Chancellor's Scholarship (valued at \$32,000). His honours thesis on "Poverty Reduction and National Autonomy: The Role of Domestic Politics in Uganda" was awarded the James H. Aitchison Award for Best Honours Thesis in our department. During his time at Dalhousie, he also participated in a field study tour in East Africa which helped to inspire his interest in African politics and development.

His studies subsequently brought him to the University of British Columbia, where he completed a MA in Political Science in 2011, with a prestigious SSHRC Joseph Armand-Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. His thesis, entitled "Preventing the Accidental Guerrilla Syndrome: Reintegration and Reconciliation as Tools of War and Control", examined peace-building initiatives in post-conflict environments, focusing specifically on demobilization and reintegration processes in northern Uganda. Since obtaining his Master's degree, Mr. Morgan has worked as a research assistant with the Networks of Centres of Excellence Knowledge Mobilization project on Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts, based out of the Resilience Research Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In September, 2012, he will be returning to Dalhousie University to pursue doctoral research. His dissertation will explore

the intersection of international and local conceptions of protection, with a focus on the ideologies, assumptions, and motivations that have underpinned Canada's extensive involvement in advancing the international normative framework on civilian protection. In his dissertation research he intends to focus on the "alarming gap" between the "growing international recognition of a 'responsibility to protect' civilians from mass atrocities within their borders" and actual "practice in the field of civilian protection".

David Morgan's combination of academic excellence and humanitarian principles make him a highly suitable recipient for the inaugural award. We are very pleased to host this young scholar and assist in the development of his intellectual ambitions and passions. We believe his intellectual vision is a testament to the legacy Glyn Berry's dedication to the protection of the vulnerable in conflict-ridden countries around the world.

The Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy will henceforth be awarded to a PhD candidate who specializes in Canadian foreign policy, defence and security policy, development assistance policy, or another area addressing Canada's role in international affairs. We acknowledge generous support for the award from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, from Mr. Berry's former colleagues in DFAIT and from our department's alumni, without whose support this award would not be possible.

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## Doris Boyle Prize for Best Graduate Essay

**David Beitelman** is the winner of this year's Doris Boyle Prize. The prize is awarded for the best essay written by a graduate student in the area of international relations. Doris Boyle served for many years as Administrative Secretary of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, from its creation in 1971 until retirement. The prize was created by faculty and research staff of the Centre to honour her contributions to the activities of the Centre. David is currently working on his PhD Poli. Sci. degree.

**Commonwealth Political Science Prize:**

Established by John W. Beveridge (BA Honours 1971), the prize name derives from “commonweal”, understood as a society and government that endeavours to serve and represent community, without tending towards totalitarianism. The prize is awarded annually to the student who achieves the highest grade in a course in political philosophy/the foundations of political thought.

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**Sarah Bouchard**, was among the exceptional student leaders honoured with a Governors' Award in March 2012. The Governors' Award is the top prize given to students who demonstrate exceptional leadership and community service. Sarah is a fifth-year Political Science and Religious Studies major. She has also been active in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in their Peer Partnership program and was named the 2011 Outstanding Peer Advisor. Please see the Dalhousie News article at

<http://www.dal.ca/news/2012/03/29/exceptional-student-leaders-honoured-with-governors-awards.html>

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**Keith Lehwald** has been recognized with two awards, the **2011-12 Eric Dennis Gold Medal** and **The James H. Aitchison Award**.



**Eric Dennis Gold Medal:** Founded by Senator William Dennis and Mrs Dennis, this medal will be awarded on graduation to the student who stands first among those taking First Class honours in Government of Political Science. This is the University Medal in Political Science.

**The James H. Aitchison Award:** In 1979 colleagues of Dr. J. H. Aitchison established a fund from which an annual prize would be awarded in recognition of the best undergraduate honours essay. The fund was established to honour Professor Aitchison who was instrumental in founding the Department.

**An E-Interview with Keith Lehwald**

***What made you take political science? Was there anything or anybody who inspired you?***

In grade 2, when I was 6 or 7 years old, I had to write a journal entry including what I wanted to be when I grew up. My answer? “A lawyer and a politician.” I credit the lively political debates in my family, along with the colourful caricatures and scenarios of the CBC sketch comedy *Royal Canadian Air Farce*, for igniting my early interest in politics. Sometimes it led to early insight and research; other times, it led to things like a drawing circa 2000 of Jean Chrétien and Stockwell Day fighting each other in battle mechs. Nevertheless, I was certainly happy to be able to channel that early inspiration into an

honours essay about the importance of the CBC to Canada, quoting a recent book about *Air Farce* in the process. I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of parliamentary and legislative simulations in my political development. I believe these simulations are fantastic educational opportunities because they allow students to learn about the democratic process through hands-on activities as well as develop confidence and public speaking skills. I was lucky enough to attend Halifax West High School, which has its own annual Model Parliament that is now entering its 22<sup>nd</sup> year. The event draws about 50 students every year, thanks in part, I believe, to allowing less-than-serious bills (such as turning the school into a dance academy or, as the resident Bloc has tried numerous times, separating the school from Canada) that can be less intimidating to people otherwise disinterested in politics, alongside more traditional proposals. While there, I also took part in the annual provincial Model Legislature, then organized by the Department of Education, and the Halifax Model UN. The Model UN unfortunately went defunct several years ago. Fearing a similar fate for the Model Parliament after some staffing changes at Halifax West, I offered to help organize it however I could; I have now been its co-organizer along with teacher Sandra Starratt, as well as Speaker of the House for the main event, since 2009.

***Is there a particular area of political science that interests you?*** With my grandparents as locally-focused Liberals highly active within their riding associations and my dad never afraid to voice his opinions, especially during electoral campaigns, it was perhaps inevitable that Canadian politics would grab my interest. It is the political system in which I can be most directly active, and that fact is crucial to me. In recent years, I have found myself becoming even more locally oriented, taking greater interest in provincial and municipal politics as well as federal affairs. Having the opportunity to work as a page at the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, thereby getting a front-row seat to

debates and committees has certainly had a hand in that.

***What are your plans after you graduate? What are your long-term plans?*** Over the summer, I will be working as a tour guide at Province House and Government House, and subsequently I will be attending the Schulich School of Law in September. I am currently leaning towards concentrating on constitutional law, but I am not yet decided. After the three years of my J.D., specific details become fuzzy, but I will probably attempt to find work in my field before considering further education. I would also like to become more directly involved in politics when I feel the time is right. As much as I am able to do well in academics, my real passion is working with people and institutions on the ground, like I do at Halifax West. As a result, I may just end up doing exactly what I wanted to do in grade 2 after all.

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**Molly Lawson** has been awarded the **H.B. McCulloch Memorial Prize in Political Science**.

**H.B. McCulloch Memorial Prize in Political Science:** This prize is awarded annually to the student who, among all the first and second years students registered in introductory classes in Political Science, is judged to have written the best essay in the second term.

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Congratulations to **Conor Noseworthy** (BA, Major in Political Science and Economics, graduated May 15, 2012) for his success in receiving an MA SSHRC scholarship for the 2012-13 academic year. Conor has accepted an MA (*Political Science*) position at McGill University. His supervisor will be Dr. Elisabeth Gidengil, Hiram Mills Professor, Director, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship.

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**Josie Cole, Morgan Knox, and Veronique Rendell-Fournier** (all seen in photo above), are BA Political Science Majors who were selected and invited along with three other Dalhousie Undergraduate students (seen in photo above) to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Model NATO Youth Summit in July 2012. MoNYS 2012 will be the first simulation of the NATO decision-making process in Europe (Brussels) and the largest one in the world. 221 participants divided into 29 delegations from both Europe and North America will engage in debates upon MoNYS central theme: *“Political responsibility through leadership, innovation and strategic thinking in the XXI century.”* They will experience 6 days of real team work as they enthusiastically work towards achieving peace and stability in the world, as well as experience international cooperation and cultural gain. This Summit will prove to be an amazing experience for these students. Please see Dalhousie News article at <http://www.dal.ca/news/2012/07/10/model-nato-participants-rise-to-global-action.html>

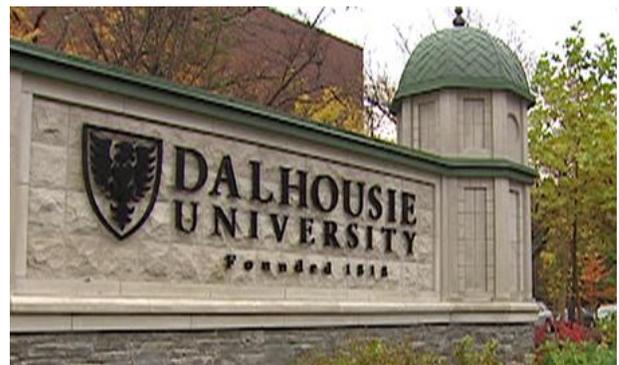


Left to Right: Luke Schuster, Morgan Knox, Sam Vlessing (Delegation Ambassador), Veronique Rendell-Fournier, and Joseph Shupac. Missing: Josie Cole

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**Carla Suarez** (current PhD student) and **David Black** received funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and International Development Research Centre

(IDRC) to support a upcoming workshop “Surviving Violence: Comparative Perspectives from Africa and Latin America”. The goal of the workshop is to build interdisciplinary, cross regional and thematic understanding of various forms of civilian protection in situations of armed violence. It will examine: (1) strategies used by local actors, including tactics of avoidance, neutrality, and confrontation, and (2) strategies adopted by international actors, such as peacekeeping, humanitarianism, and international development. The premise is that civilian self-protection tactics are not adequately recognized and incorporated by international actors during and after armed conflict. The workshop will be hosted by the The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, in conjunction with the Resilience Research Centre and the Child Soldiers Initiative, on September 28-29, 2012. Although the workshop is limited to invited participants, we invite faculty members, staff, students and alumni of the Political Science department to attend the workshop’s evening reception and art exhibition featuring the photography, art, and music of war-affected communities.



## FACULTY AND STAFF AWARDS

### The Prestigious Donner Prize

The late **Peter Aucoin, Lori Turnbull** and **Mark D. Jarvis**, were recently awarded a Donner prize valued at \$50,000 for their book “Democratizing the Constitution: Reforming Responsible Government” from Edmond Montgomery Publications at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Donner Prize Celebration held in Toronto (May 2012). The prestigious Donner prize was established in 1998 to recognize and reward annually excellence and innovation in public policy thinking, writing and research in Canada.



L.Turnbull (centre) with co-writer M. Jarvis (second from right) and M. Aucoin, wife of the late Peter Aucoin (right). Also pictured from left: A. Gotlieb (Donner Canadian Foundation chairman) and C. Winson (Donner Canadian Foundation governor). (Donner Foundation photo)

Quoting Lori from her interview with Ryan McNutt from Dal News “*There was someone missing, though, and through the evening the weight of his absence grew heavier. And when Democratizing the Constitution was named the winner, their acceptance speech quickly became a tribute to his legacy.* She is referring to Peter Aucoin, beloved Dalhousie political science professor and renowned public policy scholar, who passed away last year at the age of 67. *We were delighted to be shortlisted, don’t get me wrong. But we wanted this for Peter. The book is in some ways, a culmination of his life’s work.*” Please see full Dalhousie News article at: <http://www.dal.ca/news/2012/05/09/donner-award-win-pays-tribute-to-an-academic-legacy.html>

In addition to the Donner Prize, we are pleased to inform you that this book has also won the

2012 Canadian Political Science Association’s Donald Smiley prize. The Smiley Prize is awarded to the best book published in a field relating to the study of government and politics in Canada. The winner was announced at the 2012 Conference of the Canadian Political Science Association being hosted at the University of Alberta (June 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>).

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### David Black receives multiple honours



**David Black** received several overdue honours in 2011-12. He was awarded a Dalhousie University Educational Leadership Award for his role in establishing

the College of Sustainability and the Environment. The award is offered to faculty members who lead “efforts to ensure that ... students receive instruction of the highest quality” through innovation in programmes and teaching methods.

He also won the 2011-12 FASS Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is presented to “a faculty member who has made an outstanding contribution to teaching and serving the students of the Faculty”. David has provided excellent instruction and supervision in both Political Science and IDS. Despite his heavy administrative workload, David has taken on a disproportionate share of honours, masters and doctoral supervisions, comprehensive field examinations, and thesis committee assignments. David’s nomination for this well-deserved and overdue honour was supported with many enthusiastic testimonials from students.

David was also appointed as Lester B. Pearson Chair in International Development, one of the named chairs reserved for professors with “distinguished records as scholars and teachers”. This Chair is named for the Canadian Prime Minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner, best known for his internationalism and peacekeeping efforts. There can be no more suitable recipient than this industrious and diplomatic colleague, whose embrace of cultural and intellectual diversity makes him such an effective exponent of internationalism, peace-building, interdisciplinarity and collegiality.

On a different note, Dave's co-owned coffee shop, Local Jo, won "best kids friendly" in The Coast's Annual poll. It must be all the practice he gets with the three kids at home!

Congratulations Dave on an exceptional year!

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## Frank Harvey Wins Alumni Teaching Award



Frank Harvey in his office. (Nick Pearce photo)

The 2012 Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence has been awarded to **Frank Harvey**. This is a prestigious university-wide award and is high praise indeed for his teaching excellence. The citation on the Alumni relations website reads as follows:

*“Established in 1979 this award is presented annually to the professor who, in the eyes of his or her students and peers, has displayed the qualities of superior teaching, enthusiasm for the subject, and interest in the needs of students.” The “Candidate must have comprehensive knowledge of subject, be well prepared, have enthusiasm, encourage student participation, set a high standard and motivate, communicate effectively, be accessible for*

*students and have a reputation for superior teaching”.*

Frank’s classes are consistently among the highest rated in the department. He provides both theoretical rigour and a climate for debate and discussion. He has an excellent personal rapport with students which creates a sense of community and collaboration. This creates a strong basis for mentorship. When paired with his rigorous scholarly approach, it ensures that students working in his field will flourish and excel in all facets of their academic careers. Frank’s students have a strong completion rate and have had considerable success in pursuing varied careers in public service and academe.

He has always played a strong role in the graduate programme, culminating with his current excellent performance as Graduate Coordinator. He has worked closely with students in the preparation of their SSHRC doctoral fellowship applications, and has helped them secure these and other prestigious scholarships and grants to fund their research. He has been a mentor in the wider professional sense, assisting students with conference participation, career networking, and publications. He has worked in collaboration with students to give their research and publications a boost at their early career stage. He helped get the Annual Graduate Student Symposium off the ground, an event which flourishes to the present, with strong attendance and publication spin-offs.

This is the latest in a string of awards recognizing Frank’s pedagogical excellence. He was the 1998 winner of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 2008/2009 Dalhousie University Award for Outstanding Graduate Faculty Advisor or Mentor. All colleagues join in congratulating Frank on his *third* teaching award.

Frank's teaching award was also noted in Dal News. Here is a link to the full story: <http://www.dal.ca/news/2012/05/28/addicted-to-the-classroom.html>

## Darryl Eisan Wins Part-time Sessional Instructor Award



Congratulations to **Darryl Eisan** who is a Part-time Sessional Instructor in Political Science. He was awarded with one of this year's Dalhousie Sessional and Part-time Instructor Awards of Excellence.

### How did you feel about winning this award?

It feels great to be recognized by students and by my peers. Enough said.

### How long have you been associated with the Department of Political Science?

I began teaching for Dalhousie's Political Science Department in 2000 and since the 2008-2009 academic year, I have been teaching for the Faculty of Management as well.

### What do you enjoy most about teaching as a Part-time academic?

I am drawn to teaching at the university level because I find that it is an excellent complement to my professional responsibilities with the Government of Nova Scotia. Moreover, the opportunity to provide students with a real life perspective on how government and politics work is a direct benefit to the university community, our city, province and country. Assisting the youth of today and the "future" of "tomorrow" is my prime motivator to teach and provides me with significant personal and professional satisfaction. Teaching at the university level keeps me fresh and up to date on current literature, research, etc., and I am also energized by being around the campus, interacting with students and networking with faculty on an ongoing basis. In fact, I am challenged by the students and encouraged by their depth of knowledge.

## Karen Watts Wins the Rosemary Gill Award



**Karen Watts**, who was our department administrator from 2005 to 2011, was awarded a Rosemary Gill Award for service to students in 2012. This very competitive award is a highly deserved honour for this great colleague and dedicated administrator. It recognizes the excellent assistance she provided to students during her 6 year tenure in the department. Her dedication and hard work on behalf of students at all levels of instruction set high standards for all faculty and staff on campus.

Karen's discretion, fairness, and support were extended to all who passed through our office. Karen dealt with all efficiently, gracefully, and thoughtfully no matter what their needs. She dealt with a wide range of requests for assistance, from prospective students and their families, first-year students trying to navigate the unfamiliar terrain of the university, honours students under the strain of finishing their thesis, and graduate students dealing with the stress of a comprehensive examination or dissertation defense. And her skill and knowledge of the complex university bureaucracy helped smooth the way for students, supervisors and faculty members in many invisible but essential ways.

She was particularly important to the Graduate programme, and dealt with the increased volume of administrative work required at the

departmental level very effectively. She provided tremendous support to the graduate coordinator, and helped to bring in, support and see through to completion several graduate cohorts. She took on the challenges and mundane paperwork, which seems to multiply constantly, with unfailing energy and enthusiasm. As the graduate students noted in nominating her, a student visiting her office is “invariably left with the impression he or she is receiving the same attention and priority as the most senior faculty member in the department.”

Karen was an exceptional source of support and advice to the Chair, and assisted in making sure the department functioned smoothly despite his own disorganized manner. Her stamp will long remain in the office as she helped to redesign its operation to provide better service to faculty and especially front-end support to students. During her tenure, the office became both much more efficient and welcoming, for which she deserves our gratitude. In the process, she made our department a better and more appealing place, a convivial and welcoming environment for students and faculty alike. As one individual stated, “the fact that she has a big smile on her face every time I step into her office makes the day ahead a bit easier.”

Karen has moved on to new opportunities in the Department of Radiation Oncology in the Faculty of Medicine. But she left our department in great shape, with her work now carried on by our excellent administrators, Tracy and Shannon. All department colleagues wish Karen all the best in her new position, and wish her and her family good luck and good health in future.

For more on Karen's Rosemary Gill Award, check out this item in Dal News The university held a nice reception at which Tom Traves praised Karen and the other winners.

Congratulations again to Karen!

<http://www.dal.ca/news/2012/06/06/giving-their-all-for-dalhousie-students.html>.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Peter Arthur**, continued in his position as Honours Coordinator. All ten Honours students successfully defended their theses on time. He participated in the 2012 African Capacity Indicators (ACIR) Validation Workshop and Conference in Tunis between 19-20 January 2012. Sponsored by the African Development Bank and Organization by African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), the Workshop and Conference focused on the role and place of capacity development for agricultural transformation and food security in Africa. He also published three articles as follows: 1) “*Capacity Development and Reconstruction in Post-conflict African Environments*,” World Journal of Entrepreneurship, Management and Sustainable Development, Vol 7, Nos. 2/3/4, pp. 267-306. (2011) 2) “*Adverting the Resource Curse in Ghana: Assessing the Options*,” In Larry Swatuk & Matthew Schnurr (Eds), Natural Resources and Social Conflict: Towards Critical Environmental Security, London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 18-127. (2012) And 3) “*Rethinking Development in Africa through Small and Medium-Scale Enterprises (SMEs)*,” in Tim Shaw, Kobena Hanson & George Kararach (Eds), Rethinking Development Challenges for Public Policy, London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.234-259.(2012)

**David Black** and his family (including three kids aged 7, 10, and 13) spent their six month sabbatical in Geneva, Switzerland. Dave was a Research Fellow at the Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, while Heather was working on maternal health issues at the World Health Organization. They lived just over the border in France, and were thoroughly spoiled by nearby weekly markets and the incredible cosmopolitanism of this corner of Europe.

He is getting no sympathy from colleagues since returning to ‘active duty’ as Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and in the classroom. He continues to research and write about Canada’s involvement in Africa, Canadian aid policy, and the international politics of sport, with an emphasis

on allure and pitfalls of sport ‘mega events’ like the Olympics and World Cup.

**Brian Bow**, continued to serve as a Senior Fellow at Center for North American Studies at American University, and (with Greg Anderson) organized the International Relations section of the 2012 CPSA conference. In the past year, he published two articles and five chapters, including “Diplomatic Cultures: Multiple Wests and Identity in US-Canada and US-Mexico Relations” (with Arturo Santa Cruz), in Peter J. Katzenstein, ed., *Anglo-America and its Discontents: Civilizational Politics beyond West and East* (Routledge, 2012) and “Defying Gravity: Canada’s Search for ‘Counterweights’ to the United States,” in Janice Gross Stein, ed., *Diplomacy in the Digital Age: Essays in Honour of Ambassador Allan Gotlieb* (McClelland & Stewart, 2011). He has a co-edited volume (with Arturo Santa Cruz) coming out in the fall, titled *The State and Security in Mexico: Transformation and Crisis in Regional Perspective* (Routledge), and is working on a new book on the history of North American regional integration.

**Katherine Fierbeck**, in addition to her work in Political Science, she is also the Chair of Spanish and Latin American Studies, Coordinator for the Health Studies Minor program and Coordinator for the Beijing Exchange Programme. She was awarded \$173,875 for a collaborative research project funded through the Advancing Theoretical Methods research stream of the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR). The project title “*Redesigning governance mechanisms in intergovernmental health care relations.*” Katherine published “Uncharted waters,” review essay in the *Literary Review of Canada* (May 2012). Her Book “*Health Care Federalism in Canada: Critical Junctures and Critical Perspectives* (with Bill Lahey) is currently under review with McGill-Queens University Press.

**Robert Finbow** continued his research on Canada’s trade talks with the European Union. He has a forthcoming chapter on “Embedding liberalization: Will CETA undermine the social dimension of trans-Atlantic integration?” in Finn Laursen (ed.), *The EU and the Political Economy of Transatlantic Relations*. His research on “Submerging the urban? Halifax in a multi-level

governance system” was published in Robert Young and Martin Horak (eds), *Sites of Governance: Multilevel Governance and Policy Making in Canada’s Big Cities* Montreal: McGill-Queens’ Press 2012, 73-103.

His conference presentations included “The Eurozone crisis and the social dimension: prospects for democracy in a reconstituted fiscal union” presented to the 6th EUCE conference, on the “Widening and Deepening of European Integration” Dalhousie University, April 13, 2012; “From NAFTA to CETA: Risks and Opportunities” presented to An International Workshop “Exploring the Comprehensive Trade and Economic Trade Agreement between Canada and the EU” organized by York University EUCE with the EU Chamber of Commerce in Toronto, February 29, 2012; and “Voting for the colour of their tie? From Progressive Conservatives to Conservative Progressives in Nova Scotia’s three-party system” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association, Mt. Allison University, Sackville, NB, October 2, 2011.

He also organized a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary roundtable on the “Current significance of the repatriation of the Canadian constitution in 1982” in March 2012, which discussed the lingering political implications of repatriation and the Charter of Rights. Participants included Alain-G. Gagnon (Université de Québec à Montreal), Jim Bickerton (St. F.X.), Michael MacMillan (Mount Saint Vincent) and Dianne Pothier (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University)

**Kristin Good**, was on sabbatical leave and is currently on parental leave. During her sabbatical she was invited to give a keynote address on her book “*Municipalities and Multiculturalism: The Politics of Immigration in Toronto and Vancouver*” at the Nordic Canadian Studies Association’s (NACS) X Triennial Conference, Aarhus, Denmark (August 2011). She also conducted research in Calgary and Winnipeg as part of her SSHRC standard research grant entitled “*The Politics and Governance of Immigration and Multiculturalism Canadian Cities.*”

**Anders Hayden**, made presentations this year to the Canadian Political Science Association, the

Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association, and the Montreal International Conference on Degrowth in the Americas. He participated in a “High-Level Meeting on Happiness and Well Being: Defining a New Economic Paradigm” at the United Nations on invitation of the Prime Minister of Bhutan. His work accepted for publication includes a book chapter entitled, “Why are Canada and the EU attacking Each Other’s Green Energy Initiatives? The Limits and Tensions of Ecological Modernization” (in a volume edited by Finn Laursen), an article on “Working Less for a Sustainable Future” in a special issue of Solutions Journal for the UN Summit on Sustainable Development in Rio, and a report on “Europe’s Climate & Energy Policy: Lessons for Canada in Sharing the Effort of Emissions Reductions?” He has also been working on revisions to a book manuscript.

**Finn Laursen** continued to direct the EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE), one of five such centres receiving financial support from the European Commission. The centre supports EU related research by faculty members and also has some means for student support, especially graduate students doing EU related research. It organizes an annual research conference and invites speakers from Europe. This year’s annual conference took place 11-13 April. The topic was “Widening and Deepening of European Integration: Challenges and Strategic Choices facing the European Union.” The conference was opened by the EU’s ambassador to Canada, H.E. Matthias Brinkmann. About 25 papers were presented.



Participants in 6th annual EUCE conference in front of University Club

Two books will now be prepared on the basis of these papers, one on EU Enlargement and one

on policy challenges focusing on the Eurozone crisis. The latter will be published by Ashgate. Based on last year’s conference on Transatlantic Relations two books are now being published by P.I.E. Peter Lang in Brussels. The respective titles are: *The EU and the Political Economy of Transatlantic Relations* and *The EU, Security and Transatlantic Relations*. Finn Laursen also continued his work on EU treaties. Based on financial support from the EU’s Jean Monnet programme a book on the EU treaties entitled *Designing the European Union: From Paris to Lisbon* has been edited. It will be published by Palgrave MacMillan later this year.

**Ruben Zaiotti** has had a very busy year juggling work and his very active sons. Ari and Luca are in fact not just twins (double trouble anybody?) but also going through what is correctly called the ‘terrible two’ stage in their very young lives. Call it the perfect storm.... In the spare time that I had left, I have worked on my ongoing research on the European Union and issues of international security. In 2011 the book *‘Cultures of border controls: Schengen and the evolution of European frontiers’* came out with University of Chicago Press. It was particular timely, since border control has recently become (again) a very hot topic in Europe. Over the last twelve months I have continued my work on a research project dealing with transatlantic cooperation over matters of homeland security. An article on this topic has appeared on the journal *European Security*.

The year ahead looks busy too. Sticking to the theme of Europe and its woes, I am planning to work on a new research project that focuses on the European Union’s (troubled) quest to define a coherent identity on the world stage. I just received the news that SSHRC will be supporting this project. Now I just need some extra energy and good sleep to complete it. Ari and Luca: do you hear what daddy is saying?

Last year I also started a blog. You can check my musings on Europe and borders at [www.schengenalia.com](http://www.schengenalia.com)

## THE CENTRE FOR FOREIGN POLICY STUDIES: 2011-12 HIGHLIGHTS

Matthew Gillis

2011-2012 has been another busy and successful year for the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, marked by a number of high-profile events, ambitious programs, seminars, research and training courses.

The Centre began the academic year with its seminar series, a prominent weekly forum on diverse issues. Aply organized this year by Sabrina Hoque, a PhD candidate in the Department, the series featured innumerable high-calibre presentations by speakers from the Dalhousie community, the Canadian Forces, NGOs, the public service, academia, and others. Among the many excellent presentations, a few highlights included MP Megan Leslie on Canada's environmental reputation, Cdr. Craig Skjerpen on the Navy's role off Libya, and Dr. Cindy Blackstock on First Nations health care. The Centre partnered with several organizations to help deliver many of its seminars this year, building new or strengthening existing connections with the Marine & Environmental Law Institute, the Canadian Studies Programme, the Canadian Forces, the Halifax Peace Coalition, the International Commission of Jurists, and the Atlantic Jewish Council.

This year, the Centre continued to expand its collaboration with the Child Soldiers Initiative (CSI) under the Conflict Affected Children and Youth research pillar through various high-profile events and activities under the leadership of the Centre's Deputy Director, Shelly Whitman. In March, the Centre partnered with CSI to organize an event on the challenges posed by the Lord's Resistance Army. This very timely event culminated in a public expert panel featuring Philip Lancaster, Ledio Cakaj, Guillaume Lacaille and Ron Atkinson with approximately 125 in attendance. In addition to regular CSI research projects, Senior Project Officer Tanya Zayed made three trips to the Democratic Republic of the Congo over the last

year for training courses delivered to the Congolese National Forces on ways to help address the use and recruitment of children by armed groups. The Child Soldiers Initiative also helped to raise awareness across Canada about the issue of child soldiers through the Zero Force campaign and cycling team, and through involvement with the Nova Scotia Multicultural Festival. CSI has strengthened its relationship with the Canadian Directorate of Military Training Centres in Aldershot, NS now delivering a one day course twice a year to military officers from around the globe. In addition, CSI has been named as subject matter experts on child soldiers by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and has just secured a major grant from the United States Institute of Peace to further this relationship.

The Child Soldiers Initiative and the Centre also became partners in a new Network Centres of Excellence Knowledge Mobilisation Grant on "Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts" which is a four year grant that is housed within the Resilience Research Centre at Dalhousie.



events and developments for the Centre's Maritime Security Policy Programme. In October, the Centre hosted a two-day workshop entitled "Closing the Gap: Western Hemisphere Approaches to Future Maritime Security Challenges," organized by the Centre's Defence Fellow, Commander David Peer. The results of this workshop provide academic context and background for a major maritime security conference being held in Canada by the NATO Combined Joint Operations from the Sea Centre of Excellence (CJOS COE) and the Centre for Excellence in Confined and Shallow Waters (COE CSW). The Centre also partnered with the

Marine & Environmental Law Institute, College of Sustainability, and the Canadian Studies Programme to deliver a very successful and popular Arctic Forum Lecture Series. The Centre, in collaboration with the Marine Affairs Program, continues to be an integral part of the Dalhousie Marine Piracy Project funded by the TK Foundation. Centre fellows, Mark Sloan and David Griffiths, along with Deputy Director, Shelly Whitman and PhD student, Carla Suarez have been major contributors to the project, and the Centre also helped to organize a workshop showcasing the project in September.

The Centre also continued to publish the Canadian Naval Review and its electronic companion, the online moderated discussion page BroadSides. BroadSides, now well-established as a forum for timely engagement of important maritime issues, averages 11,400 'hits' per month from April 2011 to March 2012. On the heels of the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy announcement in October, the forum set new records after receiving over 14,000 'hits'.



The 7th Annual Graduate Political Science Symposium was held in March 2012. Entitled “Rise of the Rest? Opportunities and Implications,” this year's symposium brought together nearly 30 bright young graduate students from across Canada to engage in two days of discussion and presentation. Keynote

addresses from Jorge Heine (Balsillie School of International Affairs), Sean Clark (Memorial University) and Mark Brawley (McGill University) also highlighted the event. The conference was supported through several partnerships, including the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS), the Canadian International Council (CIC), and SDF Special Project funding. The symposium received glowing feedback from all involved – a hearty congratulations to symposium organizers Dave Beitelman and Jean-François Bélanger! This year also marks the final iteration of the Security and Defence Forum grant which has, for many years, been a unique source of support for excellence in security and defence research, teaching, and outreach. Indeed, the Centre now faces many adjustment challenges moving forward in our abilities to retain skilled personnel, offer access to seed funding, and recruit talented graduate students. However, we remain optimistic about the future, given the impressive accomplishments of our programs and Fellows notably, though by no means only, in the areas of Maritime Security and Conflict- Affected Children and Youth. We have a variety of significant events and initiatives planned, including a major international workshop on “Surviving Violence” focusing on modes of civilian protection in conflict situations, and intend to pursue new collaborative research funding opportunities linked to re-focused strategic priorities. We believe the Centre has – and will continue to have – a vital role to play as the major focal point for foreign, defence, and development policy expertise in the Atlantic region.



“Participants hear from panellists, keynote speakers, and discussants during the 7th Annual Political Science Graduate Symposium.”

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Luke Ashworth**, PhD Political Science (1994) was appointed Chair of the Political Science department at Memorial University, St. John's. He moved his family back to Canada from Limerick, Ireland.

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**Gavin Charles**, BA Honours in Political Science and History (2011), First Class Honours and Eric Dennis Gold Medal was offered a placement in the Parliamentary Internship Programme.



Gavin Charles enjoying another rainy evening in London

### E- Interview with Gavin

After I finish my Master's studies in the United Kingdom this summer, I'm looking forward to returning to Canada in September to start the Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP) in Ottawa. The PIP is a national postgraduate

program, run by the Canadian Political Science Association under the auspices of the Speaker of the House of Commons. Every year, 10 young people from across Canada are selected to take part. During the ten-month programme, interns learn about and participate in the parliamentary process by working with Members of parliament from both the Government and the Opposition, spending five months on each side. As part of the structured programme, interns have access to a series of discussions with prominent Canadians from the public and private sectors, including politicians, journalists, diplomats and business leaders. The interns also take part in a number of study tours allowing them to compare the federal legislative process in Canada with other jurisdictions in the country and abroad.

During my undergraduate studies I had the opportunity to work in Parliament as a tour guide for two summers, a job I would definitely recommend to other Dalhousie political science students. I loved the experience of working in a place where decisions are made every day that shape the country and the world beyond, and I'm very excited to be returning there this September. I also know several people who have

taken part in the PIP (including another Dalhousie political science grad), and they all raved about the experience, which made applying an even easier decision. I hope that the coming year will help me better understand legislative and policymaking processes, particularly concerning Canada's international relations.

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**Jennifer Chisholm**, BA Honours in Political Science and International Dev Studies (2010), currently working as a Communications Coordinator, Marketing, Communications and Development, Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, Halifax, NS.

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**Matthew Gillis**, BA Honours Political Science (2009) and MA Political Science (October 2010), was awarded the Jacques Cartier Prize by the Canadian Nautical Research Society for having written the best Master of Arts thesis on a maritime subject in Canada. Areas of research eligible include, but are not limited to, history, political studies and political economy, literature, archaeology, underwater archaeology, anthropology, geography, sociology, ecology, and any other branch of learning related to

human uses of the seas, oceans, rivers, or lakes. Theses demonstrating interdisciplinary approaches beyond history and the arts are encouraged. Matt's thesis was entitled "Canadian Maritime Security in an Era of Climate Change: The Away Game." The award was accompanied by a monetary CDN prize.

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**Edna Keeble**, PhD Political Science (1994), is currently the Chair of the Department of Political Science and holds the rank of Professor at Saint Mary's University

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David McDonough

**David McDonough**, PhD Political Science (2012), began a SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Department of Political Science/Balsillie School of International Affairs at the University of Waterloo in January 2012. He has just released a new edited book "Canada's National Security in the Post-9/11 World: Strategy, Interests, and Threats (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012)

**Andrea Olive**, MA Political Science (2003) and a PhD from Purdue University, recently joined the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto as an Assistant Professor.

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**Lydia Perovic**, MA Political Science (2001), now a writer living in Toronto published her first novel (2012), "Incidental Music".

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**Larry Swatuk**, PhD Political Science (1993), is currently the Director and Associate Professor, Environment Enterprise and Development at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

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## Feature Alumni Profile

**Graham Flack, Associate Deputy Minister of Public Safety**



*Whether mitigating the recent financial crisis or navigating issues of national security, Associate Deputy Minister Graham Flack says his undergraduate degree from Dalhousie helps steer his work: transitioning policies into advice to Ministers and increasing well-being for all Canadians.*

Graham Flack was born in Halifax, NS. He applied to schools in Ontario but came to Dalhousie because of its smaller size and the strong reputation of its Economics and Political Science professoriate.

After graduating from Dalhousie in 1988 with a BA in Political Science and Economics, Mr Flack went on to pursue work in Politics and Economics as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford

University, and studied law, first at Dalhousie (LLB 1993) and later at Harvard (LLM 1995.)

Since 1995, he has worked for the Canadian government, first at the Privy Council Office on the Quebec Secession Reference and Clarity Act and later as Director of Operations, where he was responsible for developing and implementing the Canada-US Smart Borders Declaration and Action Plan. He also headed the team which developed Canada's first National Security Policy.

In 2005, he joined Natural Resources Canada as Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of Energy Policy, where he was responsible for negotiations around the Mackenzie and Alaska Pipelines. In 2006, he was recruited by Mark Carney to the Department of Finance as Assistant Deputy Minister, International Trade and Finance, where he worked on international development, trade and finance issues, including the G7 and G20 response to the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Flack says he relied heavily on the foundation he received as an undergraduate in all of these fields. When dealing with the economic crisis, Flack says classes with Economics professor Alistair Sinclair were particularly useful.

In Sinclair's two-hour class on macroeconomics, he would teach the academics of economics in the first hour, and then pull out the *Globe & Mail's* Report on Business in the second. "This helped us understand the connection between what we were learning and the way the world is operating," Flack says. In terms of skills, it taught him how to translate academic knowledge into policy.

At the height of the recent economic crisis, Flack was in a position to recommend Canada unilaterally eliminate all tariffs on inputs. The idea had been germinating since a lecture in Sinclair's International Trade class as a means of increasing business investment and improving the well-being of consumers. The recommendation was accepted by the

government, making Canada the first G20 country to be a tariff-free zone for input tariffs.

The confidence that Flack has when making these recommendations is something he attributes, in part, to his time in the Political Science Department.

He recalls rigorous debate in classes with Denis Stairs. "He expected you to be prepared and ready but enjoyed it if students expressed views were not the same as his." His professors encouraged dissent and conviction in one's own arguments and beliefs; this openness to hearing different points of view is a core belief he still holds. "It improves outcomes and makes us more effective in advising governments" he says.

In his first job at the Privy Council, he advocated launching a reference case to the Supreme Court on Quebec's right to secession to unity Minister Stéphane Dion. "I don't think I would have been bold enough to do this without the confidence that Denis and Alistair instilled in me," he says, and credits it in part to being able to pursue such a diverse career.

In 2010, he was appointed as one of the deputy ministers of Public Safety, the arm of government which handles emergency management, national security, crime prevention and law enforcement.

Flack said the professors he had during his undergraduate degree at Dalhousie were among the best in his post-secondary experience. "That includes Oxford and Harvard." He uses the word "extraordinary" when referring not just to Stairs and Sinclair, but others within each department, as well as Philosophy's David Braybrooke and History's Peter Waite. "They challenged me but weren't afraid to be challenged themselves. They shaped me and I have extraordinary respect for them," he says.

The value of an arts degree, Flack says, is critical and multidisciplinary thinking. "It's become increasingly apparent in the policy world that all

challenges are increasing in complexity and interconnectivity.” Issues seemingly as diverse as national security, energy policy, financial regulation and national unity are interconnected and require access to a diverse range of policy levers from different fields. “Hyperspecialization in narrow areas does not facilitate solutions to public policy challenges – a liberal arts education increases capacity to solve issues.”

*Flack’s parents still live In Nova Scotia, and he returns to Dalhousie from time-to-time to give lectures and talks. He lives in Ottawa with his wife, Christine Franklin, a fellow Dal grad, and his two children, future Dal students.*

Krista Armstrong

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A hobby and off-shoot of his time in the Political Science department has been the “Recruitment of Policy Leaders”, an initiative he started in 2001. This programme works to attract exceptional Canadians into public service, which in turn will ensure “...not just better policies but better institutions,” he says. He says it’s very rewarding to watch it grow and see recruits make their mark on public policy. “The public service is a noble calling,” he says, building on lessons from his time in the Political Science Department which taught him that all Canadians have an opportunity and obligation to influence and change the world.

Indeed he has.



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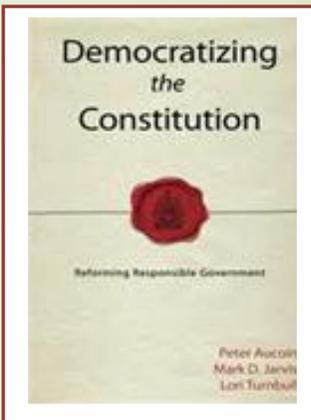
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# Department Memories



"Really? I won this award?"



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Secretary to the Cabinet



Greffier du Conseil privé et  
Secrétaire du Cabinet

I would like to offer my deepest condolences on the passing of Dr. Peter Aucoin.

Peter had a very distinguished career as a professor and policy advisor to the Government of Canada. He was frequently asked to lend his public administration expertise to the Privy Council Office, the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Public Service Commission and the Office of the Auditor General of Canada.



Kirin Brown is presented with  
Certificate of Appreciation



MP Megan Leslie visits the  
Centre



Ruben Zaiotti at EUCE Conf.

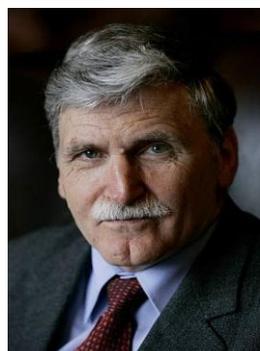
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**Halifax Roundtable: Current significance  
of the repatriation of the Canadian  
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**Monday, March 19 from 4 to 6 PM**

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Building, Dalhousie University



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