



A Message FROM THE INTERIM DEAN

By Joanne Locke

This issue of *Connections* introduces the Faculty's new tenure-track hires. These 26 remarkable individuals have joined us from universities in Belgium, England and Japan, from universities housed in cities just south of the border and from provinces across the country. They bring with them enthusiasm and passion for teaching and demonstrated interest in enhancing student learning. They also bring with them new directions in research that will complement the important work our faculty have already been doing for many years and will further the renewal that the Faculty of Arts and Science has been experiencing in the last decade. But most importantly, they will share their knowledge and expertise with the many students who will pass through our doors in the years to come and inspire future generations of academics, researchers, community leaders and scientists.

As a public institution that is responsible to the community, we are proud of the fact that our new hires will join with our professors to play an important role in strengthening the University's ties in the community. Our Faculty, through the research and work of long-

time professors and new hires will continue to make significant contributions in matters that have a direct impact on the environment, our understanding of global issues, child development, health and well-being, economic development, public policy, communication and community development, to highlight but a few. This is evidenced by initiatives that will serve to specifically, for example, enhance our awareness and understanding of the events surrounding the detention of prisoners at Guantanamo, have implications for cancer research, and influence global conservation and development policy.

Whether it be through the research and work of our faculty, our students or our staff, one thing is certain, Concordia University's Faculty of Arts and Science continues to play an important role in fostering a better world for generations to come.



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Introducing THE NEW TENURE-TRACK PROFESSORS

The Faculty of Arts and Science is pleased to introduce the 26 new tenure-track hires who joined Concordia University in the summer of 2008. These new professors, who bring with them a wealth of expertise and a passion for teaching, were welcomed and introduced to their fellow colleagues and our facilities at an orientation session that was held on August 27th.

Davy Bigot joined the **Département d'Études françaises** as a Lecturer in the summer of 2008. M. Bigot is completing a PhD in linguistics at Université du Québec à Montréal. His research and teaching interests include sociolinguistics, the study of Canadian varieties of French from a variationist perspective, and research methodology in applied linguistics and the teaching of French. He currently works on Michif French, spoken in the community of St. Laurent (Man.), and on the variety of French spoken by young adults coming from Edmonton (Alta.). One of his future projects will focus on the community of Casselman (Ont.). Before enrolling in the PhD in Linguistics at UQAM, M. Bigot received a DEA and a master's degree from Université François Rabelais in Tours. He previously taught sociolinguistics and socio-political history of French at UQAM and Université François Rabelais.

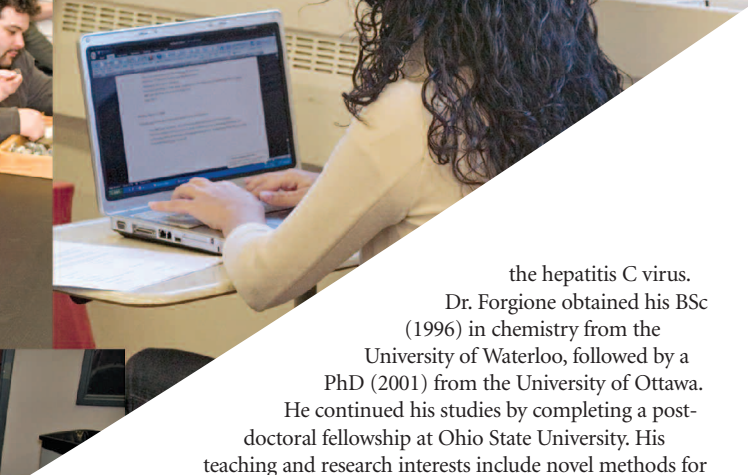
Alexandre Champagne joined the **Department of Physics** at Concordia in July 2008 as an Assistant Professor. He received his BSc (1999) in physics from McGill and his MS (2003) and PhD (2005) in physics from Cornell. He was a post-doctoral scholar in physics at the California Institute of Technology (2005-08). His work focuses primarily on experimental studies of electron transport and related effects in nanometer-sized materials. These studies explore the quantum mechanics that govern electrons when they are confined to small systems and cooled down to temperatures close to absolute zero. Some of the systems in which he is interested are: single-molecule carbon systems, two-dimensional electron gases in semiconductors, and metallic nanostructures.

Ann-Louise Davidson recently joined the **Department of Education** (Educational Technology) as an Assistant Professor. After receiving a PhD (2006) in education from the University of Ottawa, she conducted post-doctoral research at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University. Her doctoral and post-doctoral research was funded by the SSHRC. Dr. Davidson served as a part-time professor at

both Ottawa and Carleton, where she taught courses in Educational Computing, Women's Studies and Sociology. Her research revolves around the changes brought by information and communication technology (ICT) in society and in the educational system. In education, she uses collaborative action research methods as a means to understand and explain the relations between pedagogy and ICT. In non-educational settings, she studies the impact of digital technologies on the social integration of minorities and marginalized populations. She has published several refereed articles in scientific journals and participated in numerous international scientific congresses.

Geoff Dover was recently hired as an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Exercise Science**. He is a Certified Athletic Therapist and a Certified Athletic Trainer. After earning his undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph, he completed his athletic therapy training at Sheridan College. He then earned his master's degree and PhD at the University of Florida. For the last three years, Dr. Dover has been the director of the Graduate Athletic Training program at the University of Florida. His research interests include implementing a novel biopsychosocial model that considers the potentially interactive roles played by psychological and functional risk factors in the development of chronic shoulder pain. Chronic pain is a prevalent, disabling and costly problem for our society. Clinical outcomes following treatment of shoulder disorders are often unfavourable and, as a result, shoulder pain represents a significant source of chronic disability. Dr. Dover's research attempts to determine the risk factors that lead to increased pain perception and decreased function in a variety of populations.

Pat Forgione joined the **Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry** as an Assistant Professor in July 2008. Prior to joining Concordia, Dr. Forgione was a research scientist at Boehringer Ingelheim, where he worked on the discovery of novel small molecule inhibitors of



the hepatitis C virus.

Dr. Forgione obtained his BSc (1996) in chemistry from the

University of Waterloo, followed by a

PhD (2001) from the University of Ottawa.

He continued his studies by completing a post-doctoral fellowship at Ohio State University. His

teaching and research interests include novel methods for

the preparation of heterocycles, method development and the

application of small molecules to the elucidation of biological func-

tions. He has authored a number of papers in both organic and medi-

cal chemistry as well as chapter reviews. Dr. Forgione teaches courses in organic and medicinal chemistry.

André Gagné is an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Theological Studies**. He received a conjoint PhD in 2008, granting him the double academic title of “docteur en théologie (études bibliques) de l’Université de Montréal” and “docteur en théologie de l’Université catholique de Louvain” (Belgium). Dr. Gagné specializes in New Testament Studies and Early Christian Apocryphal Gospels (Gospel according to Thomas, Gospel of Judas, etc.). Prior to his arrival at Concordia, Dr. Gagné was a full-time lecturer from 2005-2008 in the Department of Religious Studies of the University of Sudbury, a federated college of Laurentian University. He has written a significant number of articles in peer-reviewed academic journals, and books on New Testament exegesis and apocryphal literature. Dr. Gagné is a member of several learned societies and was invited to present papers at the Association catholique des études bibliques au Canada, the European Association for Biblical Studies, the International Organization for Qumran Studies, the Société canadienne de théologie and the Society of Biblical Literature. He is also frequently interviewed by the media on topics related to his area of expertise.

Andréanne Gagné joined the **Département d’Études françaises** as Lecturer in the summer of 2008. Mme Gagné is completing a PhD in communication sciences and disorders at McGill. She has taught language development classes and second language acquisition classes at Université de Montréal and UQAM respectively. She is interested in the interaction between the cognitive and linguistic domain in language development. Her work explored typical and atypical language development in monolingual and bilingual children. Her future research projects are oriented towards the development of an assessment tool of literacy for preschool- and school-aged children, and the prevention of learning difficulties in children schooled in a second or third language.

Kevin Gould is an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Geography, Planning and Environment**. Kevin will come to Concordia in December 2008 from Dartmouth College, where he has been a Research Fellow (2008) in the Geography Department and the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding. After earning a BA (1993) in biology from Swarthmore College, Kevin worked as an applied ecologist on conservation and development projects in Central and South America. He obtained a master’s degree (2001) from the University of Florida, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, where he studied land economics and tropical forestry. He went on to carry out doctoral work in geography at the University of British Columbia, where he is nearing completion of his PhD. As a political ecologist and critical geographer, Kevin has ongoing research on conservation and development policy in the Americas. His work examines the entanglements of race, nature and nation in contemporary governmental systems as well as in social justice struggles. He has a special interest in the epistemological and material productivity of neoliberal economic policies and in the role of development in counterinsurgency strategy.

Madelyn Kissock joined the **Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics** as Associate Professor in the summer of 2008. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Kissock held the position of

Associate Professor in the Linguistics Department at Oakland University. She holds a PhD in linguistics from Harvard and master’s degrees in linguistics from both Harvard and Boston College. Her research spans a wide range of topics in linguistics, from core theory areas such as syntax and phonology, to historical linguistics acquisition and experimental methods and results.

Marc Lafrance, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, is presently completing a SSHRC post-doctoral fellowship at Concordia’s Simone de Beauvoir Institute. The winner of two Commonwealth Scholarships, Dr. Lafrance earned his master’s and doctoral degrees in cultural studies at the University of Oxford while receiving additional training at the British Institute of Psychoanalysis (London) and the École normale supérieure (Paris). Informed by an interest in self, body and society, his research program consists of three major areas: the steady proliferation of cosmetic, reconstructive and transplant surgeries; the apparent rise in body image disturbances and body modification practices; and representations of gender and sexuality in the mainstream media. Dr. Lafrance is the recipient of a three-year SSHRC Standard Research Grant (2007-2010) and has published in a wide range of refereed journals and book collections. Over the course of the past year, he has been featured in the *Ottawa Citizen* and has served as a panelist on CBC Radio’s *The Current*.

Barbara Lorenzkowski is an Assistant Professor in the **Department of History**. Prior to being appointed, Dr. Lorenzkowski held the position of Adjunct Professor in the Department of History, where she had been Scholar-in-Residence from 2005-2007. She received her PhD from the University of Ottawa in 2002, where she won the Pierre Laberge Prize for outstanding doctoral dissertation in the humanities. She also holds an MA in history from the University of Ottawa and a diploma in journalism (MA equivalent) from the University of Dortmund, Germany. In 1998, Dr. Lorenzkowski was co-winner of the Hilda Neatby Prize for the best English-language article in women’s history, awarded by the Canadian Historical Association. Having recently submitted her first book manuscript, on “Sounds of Ethnicity: Listening to German North America, 1850-1914,” Dr. Lorenzkowski’s current research explores the intersections of gender, ethnicity and social space in two book-length research projects, tentatively entitled “The Culture of the Classroom: Children, Teachers, and Schools in Ontario, 1850-1950” and “The Children’s War: Mapping the Worlds of Childhood, 1939-1945.”

Lisa Lynch is Assistant Professor in the **Department of Journalism**. While working as a journalist in the San Francisco Bay Area in the late 1980s, Dr. Lynch earned a master’s in journalism from the University of California at Berkeley. She later returned to school and received her PhD (2000) in American literature from Rutgers University. In 2001, she joined the faculty of the Catholic University of America as Assistant Professor of Media Studies. Since then, Dr. Lynch has worked as a scholar with broad interests in culture and technology, publishing, presenting and teaching her research in the fields of new media, the cultural reception of genetics, science fiction, disaster narratives, visual culture and human rights. Since 2004, she has been the director, along with Elena Razlogova (now Assistant Professor of History at Concordia) of the Guantanamo Project, a multimedia documentary about the U.S. detention of prisoners at Guantanamo. She has written for publications ranging from *Literature and Medicine* and *New Literary History* to *Open Democracy* and the *Arab Studies Journal*. She is currently at work on the representation of the post-cold war nuclear threat in film, museums and the visual arts.

Ted McCormick joined the **Department of History** as Assistant Professor of Early Modern European History in July 2008. He received his BA from the University of Maryland, College Park, and his MA and PhD from Columbia University. His current research examines the intellectual, social and political contexts for the emergence of early forms of social science, particularly in 17th-century Britain and Ireland. He has published articles in *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* and the *Journal of Historical Sociology*, as well as a chapter in Coleman A. Dennehy (ed.), *Restoration Ireland* (Ashgate, 2008). His first book, *Sir William Petty and the Ambitions of Political Arithmetic*, will be published by Oxford University Press in 2009. Dr. McCormick has taught at the Pratt Institute and the Cooper Union (in New York) and most recently held a 2006-2008 Government of Ireland post-doctoral research fellowship at the Moore Institute, National University of Ireland, Galway.

Kenneth McIntyre is an Assistant Professor in Concordia's **Department of Political Science**. Prior to arriving at Concordia, he was an Assistant Professor of Government at Center College in Danville, Kentucky, and an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, Kentucky. Dr. McIntyre received a bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton, master's degrees from both Tulane University and the University of Wales, and a PhD in political science from Tulane. His research interests include the philosophy of history and social science, the philosophy of practice and political scepticism, and the political philosophy of the British Idealists (especially Oakeshott and Collingwood). His publications include *The Limits of Political Theory: Oakeshott's Philosophy of Civil Association* (Exeter, UK: Imprint Academic, 2004) and articles on social contract theory, the philosophy of history, and Orwell's political thought. He is currently working on a book on the historical and political thought of Herbert Butterfield and is also researching modern critiques of ideological and empirical politics. He teaches courses in contemporary political philosophy and the history of political thought.

Jim McLean joins the **Department of Journalism** as he prepares to defend his PhD thesis in communication studies at Concordia. He holds an MA in journalism from the University of Western Ontario and a BA in English and history, also from Western. In addition, Professor McLean is a university-trained printmaker with a BFA from the University of Regina. He is co-editor of the forthcoming book *Public Art in Canada: Critical Perspectives* from the University of Toronto Press. He is a former executive producer and producer of news and current affairs with CTV Regina and CBC Television, Saskatchewan.

David Morris joined Concordia's **Department of Philosophy** as Associate Professor in July 2008. He received his MA and PhD in philosophy from the University of Toronto. His main interests are phenomenology and existentialism (especially Merleau-Ponty), continental philosophy, Hegel and Bergson, with a focus on the philosophy of the body, mind and nature. His other interests include 19th-century German Idealism, ancient and modern philosophy (especially Aristotle, Descartes and Berkeley) and philosophy of biology. His most recent publications are on expression and perception in Merleau-Ponty; Hegel on understanding; animals and humans, in relation to the problem of mind and body; method in Husserl, Bergson and Peirce; and Hegel on the logic of measuring the body. His book *The Sense of Space* is published by SUNY Press. He recently completed a manuscript entitled *Life and the Body in Hegel's Logic: Understanding Hegel's Science of Logic through Contemporary Science*. Before coming to Concordia, he taught in the Department of Philosophy at Trent University in Peterborough.

Véronique Pepin was hired as an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Exercise Science** in 2008. Prior to joining Concordia, she served as a lecturer and assistant researcher at Université de Montréal. She holds a BSc (1996) in physical education from Université de Montréal, a clinical MSc (1997) in cardiac rehabilitation from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, a PhD (2003) in exercise and wellness from Arizona State University and a post-doctorate (2006) in pulmonary rehabilitation from Hôpital Laval. In addition to her Concordia position, Dr. Pepin holds a researcher position at Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur de Montréal. Since joining Sacré-Coeur in 2006, she has established a research program in pulmonary rehabilitation. Her research interests are in the areas of exercise testing and training in individuals with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). She is a research scholar from the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ) and has received funding from the FRSQ and the Canadian Lung Association. She is the author of several publications and is a regular presenter at regional, national and international conferences.

Diane Pesco was hired in the **Department of Education** (Child Studies Program) as an Assistant Professor in 2008. Prior to joining Concordia, Dr. Pesco was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Waterloo's Department of Psychology. She received her PhD and MSc from the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders at McGill. Her research addresses the conversational and narrative skills of children of diverse ability and from varied linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Dr. Pesco has served as a speech-language consultant in Montreal and nearby Mohawk communities, working directly with children and collaborating with teachers and caregivers in supporting children's oral language and early literacy. She has taught courses on children's language development and on language assessment at McGill and Université de Montréal.

Alisa Piekny was hired as an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Biology** in 2008. She completed her PhD (2003) at the University of Calgary in the lab of Dr. Mains. Her thesis involved studying the cell shape changes that drive the embryonic development of *C. elegans*, a nematode worm whose genome has been well characterized. She worked as a CIHR post-doctoral fellow in the lab of Dr. Glotzer, first at the Institute of Molecular Pathology in Vienna (2005), then at the University of Chicago. Her research focused on the spatial and temporal mechanism of cell division in mammalian cells. She will continue her research on cell division, but will also study cell shape changes using both *C. elegans* and mammalian cells as model systems. This work has implications for both our understanding of development at the cellular level and for cancer. She will be teaching physiology and will teach or develop an advanced cell biology course.

Jeremy Stolow has joined Concordia as an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Communication Studies**. He completed his PhD in social and political thought at York University (2000) and subsequently held the following positions: post-doctoral fellow in the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cambridge (2000-2002), Assistant Professor in Sociology at Trent University (2002-2003) and Assistant Professor in Sociology and Communication Studies at McMaster University (2003-2008). He also held visiting professorships at New York University (2003-2004) and the University of Amsterdam (2005). Dr. Stolow's principal areas of research are media history, religion and media, culture and technology, and transnational cultural studies. He has researched and published on various aspects of these topics, including a study of the politics and material culture of Orthodox Jewish book publishing (culminating in a book, *Orthodox By Design*, forthcoming with California U.P.), a project on spiritualism and electricity in the 19th century, and an edited book project, *Deus in Machina: Exploring Religion and Technology in Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspective* (forthcoming, Fordham U.P.). Dr. Stolow also sits on the International Advisory Board of the Center for Religion and Media, NYU, and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Communication Association.

Vivek Venkatesh joins the Educational Technology program in the **Department of Education** as Assistant Professor while he is completing his PhD. He specializes in conducting research in the areas of indexing technologies, knowledge management and e-learning, and in teaching courses related to methodologies of inquiry and educational psychology. He is also an active member of the Standards Council of Canada, participating in the development of international standards for topic map technologies and learning service providers.

François Vézina was recently hired as an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Biology**. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Vézina was a post-doctoral researcher at the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research. He received a BSc from Université du Québec à Rimouski in 1995, an MSc from Université de Sherbrooke in 1998 and a PhD from Simon Fraser University in 2004. Dr. Vézina's research program centres on the physiological and functional ecology of birds. His main interests are wintering and reproductive energetics of temperate resident passerine as well as migratory species breeding in the High Arctic.

Marc Lafrance



Roberto Viereck Salinas is an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics**. He received his PhD in Hispanic philology from Complutense University in Madrid (2003), a diploma in Native American studies from Casa de América, Madrid (2000), and a post-graduate degree in university level education (1998), a bachelor's degree in social communication and journalism (1996) and a bachelor's degree in Hispanic language and literature (1991) from the University of Chile. Before joining Concordia he spent four years at Queen's University (Kingston) as Assistant Professor in the Department of Spanish and Italian, one year at Saint Thomas University (Fredericton) as Assistant Professor in the Department of Modern Languages, and four years as a *profesor instructor* in the Department of Hispanic Literature at University of Chile (Santiago). His current research is on contemporary Spanish American indigenous poetry. His publications include several articles on colonial Spanish American literature and translation as an aesthetic (Felipe Guaman Poma de Ayala and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega), and contemporary indigenous poetry in Mexico, Guatemala and Chile. Dr. Viereck also published a book of poetry in Madrid (2001) and a booklet of poetry in Valencia, Spain (2002).

Mark Watson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, received his PhD (2006) in anthropology from the University of Alberta. From 2006-2008 he was post-doctoral fellow in the comparative study of indigenous rights and identity at McGill, where he taught courses on the international indigenous peoples' movement and anthropological research techniques. His main area of research concerns the history, social dynamics and organizational strategies of indigenous peoples in urban and metropolitan areas from both local and comparative perspectives. Since 2002, he has worked with indigenous Ainu who have migrated from their traditional homeland of Hokkaido in northern Japan to the southern capital region of Kanto (incorporating Tokyo and surrounding prefectures). This work underlines the misguided regionalization of contemporary Ainu studies and policy affairs to northern Japan

and demonstrates how Ainu life in Tokyo raises important questions concerning urban indigenous identity, self-organization and political rights. Dr. Watson is currently completing a manuscript on Tokyo Ainu for the Japan Anthropology Workshop Series (JAWS) of Routledge Press and is also co-editor of a forthcoming book on Ainu research through the University of Hawaii Press.

Huan Xie joined the **Department of Economics** as a Lecturer in the summer of 2008. Ms. Xie is completing her PhD in economics at the University of Pittsburgh and holds a BA in economics from Fudan University in Shanghai. Ms. Xie is the recipient of the Andrew W. Mellon Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship. Her research uses game theoretical and experimental approaches to study individuals' behaviour.

Felice Yuen recently joined the **Department of Applied Human Sciences** as Assistant Professor. Dr. Yuen received her BA in recreation administration from the University of Alberta and earned a master's degree and a PhD in recreation and leisure studies from the University of Waterloo. She is interested in leisure experience and its influence on quality of life for individuals and their communities. Her research and practice has focused on the impact of Aboriginal ceremonies on Aboriginal federally sentenced women's experiences of healing, self-identity and self-understanding. Dr. Yuen, who is the recipient of a three-year Canada Scholar Award from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, has also served as Project Manager on Dr. Alison Pedlar's SSHRC-funded research at Grand Valley Institution, a federal women's penitentiary in Kitchener, Ontario.



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Alicia Wright, who is a 2nd year MSc student in the Department of Exercise Science, is the recipient of a prestigious Banting and Best Graduate Scholarship Master's Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). This award goes to support Alicia for her research project entitled "Effects of Aerobic Exercise on Asthma Morbidity: a Pilot Project." Alicia is supervised by Dr. Simon Bacon.



Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Sacher**, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, who has been awarded the Maud Menten New Principal Investigator Prize (Biomedical). The prize is given by the CIHR Institute of Genetics, and carries a one-year research grant of \$30,000 for 2007-2008. Dr. Sacher's project title is "Identification and characterization of factors interacting with the multi-subunit vesicle tethering complex TRAPP I."



Leo Kelner, a recent graduate of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, has won the Governor-General's Silver Medal for having the highest grade point average among first-cycle graduates at spring convocation.

Congratulations to **Antoine Guillemette, Paul Hébert** and **David Sworn**, all students in the History Department, for having been awarded the prestigious Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship for doctoral study. **Mariline Bernard** and **Kristin Biefer**, students entering into the graduate program, also bring this prestigious award with them.



Congratulations to **Dr. Pablo Gilabert**, Department of Philosophy, who was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Standard Research Grant for his work on global justices. In addition, Dr. Gilabert's article titled "Global Justice and Poverty Relief in Nonideal Circumstances" was published in *Social Theory and Practice* 34.3 (2008), pp. 411-438.

Chemistry and Biochemistry undergraduate students **Sebastien Murphy, Alexandre Lawandi, Fiona Allum-Bordage, Dragosh Catana** and **Francis McManus** were all awarded NSERC Undergraduate Summer Research Awards to conduct research in the laboratories of faculty members in the department in the areas of biochemistry, analytical chemistry and organic chemistry. **Carmen Bayly**, who is supervised by Dr. Ann English in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Dr. Tongpil Min at Biotechnology Research Institute, received the research award from the FRSQ Summer Program for students in medicine and health sciences.

The **Department of Religion's Graduate Student Association** hosted the 13th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference on February 7, 2008. The title of the Conference was "Accommodating Religion? Community, Definition, Discourse."

Congratulations to **Linda Kay**, Associate Professor with the Department of Journalism and actively involved Fellow of the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, who recently had a chapter titled "Going Deep" published in *The Bigger Picture: Elements of Feature Writing for Canadian Journalists*, Toronto: Edmond Montgomery Publications (July 2008).



William Tayeebwa, doctoral student in the Department of Communication Studies, was awarded the Trudeau Foundation's prestigious scholarship. The scholarship will allow Tayeebwa to explore the role radio broadcast programs play in conflict resolution in the African Great Lakes region.

Congratulations to **Andre Roy**, part-time instructor with the Département d'Études françaises, who was awarded the 2007 CBC Literary Award in the French language category for his poems. The CBC Literary Awards competition is the only literary competition that celebrates original, unpublished works in Canada's two official languages.

Congratulations to **Dr. Andrew Ryder**, Department of Psychology, whose cross-cultural study of depression was published in the May 2008 issue of *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*. (**Ryder, A. G.**, Yang, J., Zhu, X., Yao, S., Yi, J., Heine, S. J., & Bagby, R. M. (2008). The cultural shaping of depressive symptoms: Somatization and psychologization in China and North America. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 117, 300-313.)

Dr. Erica Lehrer, Department of History and Department of Sociology and Anthropology, received honourable mention in the Emerging Scholar's Award, University of Michigan Institute for the Humanities 2008.

Robert Carver, undergraduate student with the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, was invited to the Rising Stars of Research, the national undergraduate science research poster competition that was held in Vancouver from August 21 to 23, where he presented his research results on the assessment of a fish habitat restoration project in the Nicolet River, looking at sediment transport around in-stream structures implemented to enhance habitat of trout.

The **Sociology and Anthropology Student Union (SASU)** was the recipient of the "Most Sustainable Member Association Award" in 2007-08 from the Arts and Science Federation of Associations (ASFA). This is the second award in two consecutive years for this student union. Last year ASFA awarded SASU the "ASFA Award for Most Outstanding Association" in 2006-07.

Congratulations to **Drs. Ann English** and **Gilles Peslherbe**, both members of the Centre for Research in Molecular Modelling in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. They obtained an FQRNT team project grant for \$131,000 entitled "Elaboration of Biologically Derived S-Nitrosothiols: Towards New NO Donors and Pharmaceuticals." This work is being conducted in collaboration with **Dr. Brian Kennedy** at Merck Frosst.

Dr. Raymond Le Van Mao from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry was recently awarded a \$200,000 Strategic Project Grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council. He will use these funds over the next two years to study new catalytic processes for the production of premium gasoline and monomers of plastics and synthetic fibres from cellulosic biomass.

Linda Paetow, MSc student in the Department of Biology, received the Murray A. Fallis Award for her presentation “The fungal pathogen *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* may pose a threat to the survivorship of amphibian larvae infected with other parasites” at the Canadian Society of Zoologists Meeting held in Halifax in May 2008. The Fallis Award is presented annually for the best student presentation in Parasitology. This marks the third time a Concordia student has won the award.

Jennifer Oner, undergraduate student in the Department of Education, is the winner of the first Grace Lodge Cunningham Award. This award is given for having achieved the highest academic standing in Language Arts I and II at the end of the academic year.

Dr. Jochen Jaeger, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, was keynote speaker at the Ontario Road Ecology Stewardship Symposium in Toronto on April 23. Dr. Jaeger presented on “The Rauischholzhausen agenda for road ecology and implications for eastern North America.”

Dr. Sushil Misra, Department of Physics, was elected Secretary of the International Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Society (IES) for a three-year term that begins in October 2008. Dr. Misra was also invited to present at the Asia Pacific Electron Spin Resonance Conference which was held in Cairns, Australia from July 13 to 18, 2008.

Congratulations to **Dr. John Capobianco** from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry for securing a grant from the Ministère du Développement économique, de l'innovation et de l'Exportation. The title of the project, “Adaptation de nanoparticules pour utilisation dans des systèmes de détection biologiques,” builds on the expertise that Dr. Capobianco has developed on the synthesis and characterization of lanthanide-doped complexes.

Dr. Simon Bacon, Department of Exercise Science, is Co-investigator on a \$385,000 research operating grant from CIHR for a project entitled “Improving prediction of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality in men and women using a new nuclear medicine imaging technique designed to assess endothelial function by vascular reactivity.” Dr. Bacon is also a co-investigator on a one-year \$100,000 grant entitled “GENESIS PRAXY (GENdEr and Sex DeterminantS of Cardiovascular Disease: From Bench to Beyond PRemature Acute Coronary SYndrome).” This is a pan-Canada grant to assess the sex and gender difference in the presentation and outcomes of an acute coronary syndrome in young people.

Congratulations to **Alex Goldberg**, a post-doctoral student from Dr. Titorenko's lab in the Department of Biology, for winning a Frederick Banting and Charles Best CGS Doctoral Award. This award is administered by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and is intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field in Canada. Candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity.

Dr. Judith Patterson, Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, was invited by the mayor's office of the City of Los Angeles to participate in the C40 Airports and Climate Protection workshop, April 7-9, in Los Angeles. This workshop was sponsored by the Clinton Climate Initiative of the Clinton Foundation and Los Angeles World Airports. Dr. Patterson moderated the session “Globalisation without Carbon”, and gave a presentation entitled “Energy Sources in the 21st Century”.

Congratulations to **David Cyr**, an undergraduate student in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. He recently received a Concordia Council for Student Life Outstanding Contribution Award. David is a member of the Cooperative Education Program and Science College and is serving as VP Academic of the Association of Biochemistry and Chemistry Undergraduate Society.

Congratulations to **Tu-Quynh Trinh**, undergraduate student in translation in the Département d'Études françaises, for having been awarded the Prix Mary Coppins by the Ordre des traducteurs, terminologues et interprètes agréés du Québec for the best undergraduate student in translation.

While studying algae under stress, **Dr. William Zerges** and **PhD student James Uniacke** (Department of Biology) recently discovered structures analogous to RNA granules that form in mammalian cells under similar stress conditions. Their results have implications for the biology of these RNA granules and the responses made by plants and algae to stressful conditions. Their paper describing this finding will be published in the *Journal of Cell Biology*.

Melissa Garcia Lamarca, part-time faculty member with the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment, was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship for a Master's of Building and Urban Design in Development at University College London for the upcoming academic year (2009-2010).

Congratulations to **Dr. Calvin Kalman**, Department of Physics, whose third book, *Successful Science and Engineering Teaching: Theoretical and Learning Perspectives*, was published in April. Dr. Kalman also served as chair of the eighth international conference on Hyperons, Charm and Beauty Hadrons, which was held in South Carolina (Springer Science + Business Media B.V., 2008).

Congratulations to **Dr. Lisa Serbin**, Centre for Research in Human Development, who was made a Fellow of the Clinical Psychology Society (a division of the American Psychological Association) in May.

Dr. William J. Buxton, Department of Communication Studies, was awarded a SSHRC Research Grant, 2008-2011, for his work “Civilizing” Canada, *Enacting Space, Binding Time: The “Possibilist” Practice of Harold Adams Innis, 1920-1952*. Dr. Buxton has also been elected Secretary of the Rhodes Scholarship Committee for Quebec. The Secretary's responsibilities include overseeing the annual selection process for Quebec's Rhodes Scholars and serving as a liaison between the Rhodes Trust in Oxford and the Quebec constituency.

Congratulations to **Drs. Gilles Peslherbe, Paul Joyce** and **Guillaume Lamoureux** for NSERC Discovery grants awarded for a total of \$573,700 for the next 3-5 years. **Dr. Lamoureux** was also the recipient of both equipment and operating funds from the FQRNT Nouveaux Chercheurs program for \$76,300.





Back row from left:
Alexander Heggie, Tara Millman, Mattyas Huggard
Front row from left:
Amie Wright, Carina Foran and Jason Reinglas



undergraduate RESEARCH DAY

The Faculty of Arts and Science hosted its annual Undergraduate Research Day on Friday, April 4, 2008. More than 80 undergraduate students participated in the event, which featured poster and oral presentations on topics from the social sciences, humanities, and natural and health sciences.

Congratulations to the six students who received awards for their outstanding presentations!

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Humanities:

Mattyas Huggard, Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics

Natural and Health Sciences:

Tara Millman, Department of Psychology

Social Sciences:

Alexander Heggie, Department of Religion

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Humanities:

Amie Wright, Department of History

Natural and Health Sciences:

Jason Reinglas, Department of Exercise Science

Social Sciences:

Carina Foran, Simone de Beauvoir Institute

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