

CONNECTIONS

THE VOICE OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY'S
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

As we start a new academic year, I share in faculty, student and staff's pride for all the accomplishments that have taken place this past year alone and for our unwavering commitment to enhancing the student experience.



In the four years since I last served as interim dean, the Faculty has continued to thrive and flourish in teaching, research, and community engagement. We welcomed the School of Canadian Irish Studies and introduced a Major in Canadian Irish Studies. We also introduced a Minor in Sustainability Studies through Loyola College for Diversity

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and Sustainability (formerly Loyola International College) and have recently received approval from the *Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie* for the Major in First Peoples Studies to be offered through the School of Community

and Public Affairs. A new Graduate Diploma in Youth Work will soon be launched and several other exciting programs are in development.

We continue to enhance our programs to ensure we meet accreditation standards and strive for excellence. To that end, Concordia University was recognized by the Society of Actuaries (SOA) as a SOA Centre of Actuarial Excellence (CAE), and is one of only 24 institutions worldwide to hold this designation.

Our endeavours are not limited to academic excellence. The Faculty established seven new research centres in the last 18 months, the most recent being the Centre for Applied Synthetic Biology and Loyola Sustainability Research Centre. We have also made significant headway in terms of research in the areas of health and well-being; sustainability, human lifespan development, environmental genomics, digital media, and gaming studies to list but a few. I invite you to read the Year in Review section of Connections to learn more about what our faculty, students and alumni have been up to this past year.

Over the years, the research and work of our faculty and students have made important contributions in society. Faculty have received national and international attention for their work. As you will read in this issue of Connections, this year will



prove no exception as we welcome 10 new tenure-track hires during academic year 2013-2014. These outstanding individuals will further enhance our teaching and research capacity.

The Faculty has long held a tradition of community engagement. This tradition continued this year as students, faculty and staff fostered and developed relationships within the community whereby they shared their knowledge and expertise in a variety of formal and informal settings.



Our commitment was exemplified as we participated in local events such as ExpoScience, hosted field trip days for Westmount Science Camp, made presentations at local schools, hosted international conferences and travelled extensively to attend conferences.

As we look to the future, we will continue to strive to foster and strengthen the University's ties in the community, enhance our research capacity and ensure a strong and solid foundation for lifelong learning. ■





INTRODUCING THE NEW TENURE-TRACK PROFESSORS

The Faculty of Arts and Science is pleased to introduce the 10 new tenure-track hires who join us during the academic year 2013-2014.



EMILIA ANGELOVA is associate professor in the **Department of Philosophy**. She holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Toronto. Her research is in 20th Century Continental Philosophy, focusing especially

on Heidegger, Derrida, Nancy, and French Feminist theory, in relation to 19th Century philosophy, particularly Hegel and Kant. Her recent work is on themes such as selfhood, temporality, freedom, affect, gender and sexuality, and the imagination. She has published many articles and book chapters, is the editor of a forthcoming anthology *Hegel, Freedom, and History* with University of Toronto Press, and is completing a book on the experience of freedom in Heidegger, Kant and Nancy. She joins Concordia from

Trent University, where she taught in the Philosophy Department, and was recipient of the Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching. She was also affiliated with Trent's Theory, Culture, and Politics MA, and Cultural Studies PhD Programs.



CHEDLY BELKHODJA joins the **School of Community and Public Affairs** as professor and principal. Since 1996, he has been teaching at the department of Political Science at l'Université de Moncton, where he was also

chair for two terms. Until recently he was the director of the Atlantic Metropolis Centre and currently he is a Co-Investigator in the pan-Canadian Pathways to Prosperity Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership.

He holds a BA (1988) in Political Science from l'Université de Moncton and an MSc (1990) in Political Science from l'Université de Montréal. He completed his Diplôme d'études approfondies (1991) and his PhD (1996) in Political Science at l'Université de Montesquieu (Bordeaux, France).

His research focuses on immigration destined to medium-sized cities and regions with low immigration rates. He is also interested in the policies and practices of regionalization in Canada and other advanced democratic societies. His current research, funded SSHRC, examines the mobility of international students and the role of universities in attracting and retaining highly skilled individuals.





ROSEMARY-CLAIRE COLLARD joined the **Department of Geography, Planning and Environment** as an assistant professor in August 2014. Until then she held a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

(SSHRC) postdoctoral fellowship in geography at the University of Toronto. She is currently completing her PhD in geography at the University of British Columbia and earned her MA in the same department and her BA Honours in geography and environmental studies at the University of Victoria. She has also taught at UBC and UVic. Rosemary's work spans environmental, economic, and animal geographies, and political ecology and economy. Centrally, she is interested in broadening academic thought beyond a strictly "human" subject. Her work combines primary research with critical theory to examine the foundational and often violence-ridden role of animals, particularly wildlife, in capitalism, politics, science, and culture (especially film). Her most recent research project was an international multi-site, multi-species study of global live wildlife trade.



KRISTEN A. DUNFIELD joins the **Department of Psychology** as assistant professor. She earned a BA (Honours) from the University of Calgary in 2004. She then completed her PhD in Developmental Psychology at Queen's

University in 2010. Since then, she has been employed as a Postdoctoral Fellow at The Ohio State University. Within developmental psychology, her primary interest centers on social cognitive development, with related interests in emotional development and evolutionary frameworks. Her research focuses on how children interact with, learn from, and evaluate the people in their environment. Specifically, she examines the effect of social cognition on the development, production, and maintenance of trust and prosocial behaviour. Previously she served as a teaching assistant for Introductory Statistics and has taught Develop-

mental Psychology by correspondence. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to come back to Canada and share her enthusiasm for learning and science with students of Concordia University.



MARTIN FRENCH is an assistant professor in the **Department of Sociology and Anthropology**. He holds a BA in History (University of Guelph), an MA in Political Studies (University of Victoria), and a PhD in Sociology

(Queen's University). Before joining Concordia University, French held post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Toronto, Queen's University, and New York University. He was also a visiting scholar at the University of Sydney. His research interests lie at the intersection of the sociology of risk and the sociology of information technology (IT), focusing especially on the social-justice implications of new, IT-mediated risk management practices. His current research examines the everyday data work undertaken by public health and medical care organizations. In addition to building an evidence-based understanding of contemporary information flows as they relate to broader dynamics of surveillance and privacy, French is undertaking a critical appraisal of the role of risk—as a socially constructed trope and lived reality—in the governance of bodies and populations.





JEAN-PHILIPPE LESSARD joins the **Department of Biology** as assistant professor. He holds a BSc (2004) in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences from McGill and a PhD (2010) in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the

University of Tennessee. His PhD work was funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada and the US National Science Foundation. He completed post-doctoral studies at the Centre for Macroecology, Evolution and Climate at the University of Copenhagen, where he worked on

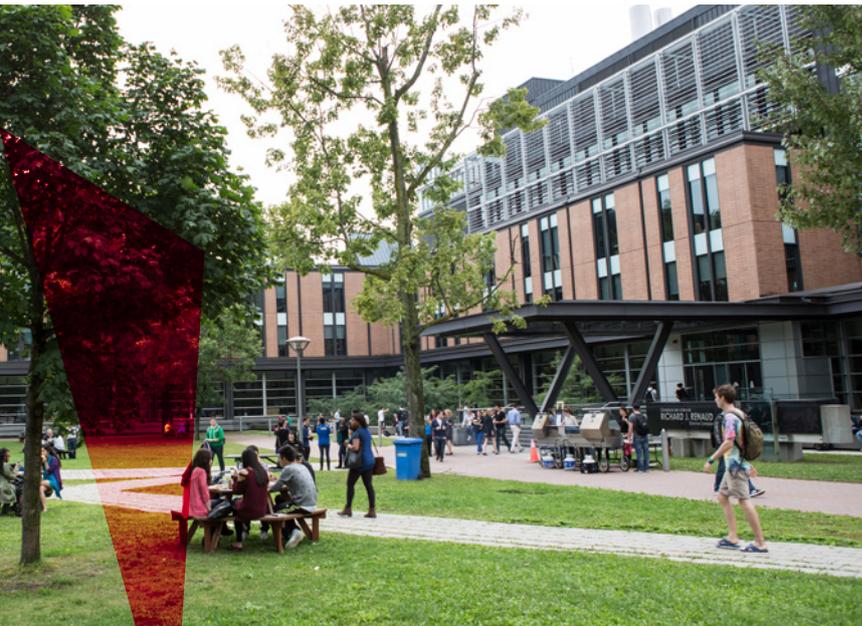
expertise in empirical ecology, ecological statistics and biogeography. He has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses at the University of Tennessee, University of Copenhagen and McGill.



FENWICK MCKELVEY is an assistant professor in the **Department of Communication Studies**.

He completed his MA (2008) and his PhD (2012) in the joint program in Communication and Culture

of York University and Ryerson University. His doctoral work was supported by a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. Fenwick investigates how algorithms afford new forms of control in digital media. He explores this issue of control through studies of Internet routing algorithms and political campaign management software. His work has appeared in Fibreculture, Global Media Journal and First Monday. He is also co-author of *The Permanent Campaign: New Media, New Politics* with Dr. Elmer and Dr. Langlois. He is presently developing a book manuscript entitled *Media Demons: Algorithms, Internet Routing and Time*. Fenwick will be joining us from Seattle, Washington where he has been a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Scholar at the Department of Communication at the University of Washington for the past year.



updating a century old map depicting global patterns of biological diversity. In 2012, he was awarded the Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science Postdoctoral Fellowship (based at McGill) to work on the diversity of plants in the Monteregian Hills. His research focuses on elucidating the ecological and evolutionary forces that drive the origin, maintenance and distribution of biological diversity on Earth. He brings to Concordia



EMER O'TOOLE joins the **School of Canadian Irish Studies** as assistant professor of Irish Performance Studies. She holds a PhD in the ethics of intercultural theatre from Royal Holloway, University of London, an MPhil in Irish

Theatre and Performance from Trinity College, Dublin, and a BA in Philosophy and English Literature from the National University of Ireland, Galway. She worked as a visiting lecturer at Royal Holloway between 2009 and 2013, teaching courses including



Contemporary Theatremaking and Theatre and Globalization. She was a postdoctoral research assistant on Royal Holloway's European Research Council funded Indigeneity in the Contemporary World project between 2012 and 2013. Emer's research interrogates the materialities – in terms of economics, politics, history, race, gender and class – that inform performances of Irishness in a globalized and globalizing world. Using postcolonial and Bourdieusian theory, she tackles questions about power, privilege, identity and culture.



STANTON PADDOCK

is pleased to join the **Department of Journalism** as an assistant professor teaching photojournalism and visual storytelling. He holds a BA in classics and Egyptology from Emory University and an MA

in visual communication from Ohio University. He is a PhD candidate in journalism studies at the University of Maryland. As a photojournalist, he has covered everything from the US presidential elections to unrest in the Middle East. He has taught visual journalism for Frederick College, The US State Department, and the University of Maryland's College Park and University College campuses. Stanton's research explores the pedagogy of visual education. His current research interest examines historical precedent for modern trends in journalism education set by the diffusion and growth of photojournalism instruction in higher education in the post-WWII years.



MIREILLE PAQUET joined the **Department of Political Science** in July 2013. She is completing her PhD in political science at the Université de Montréal and holds a MA from the University of Ottawa and a BA from Université

de Montréal. Her areas of specialization are public policy, Canadian politics – with a focus on provincial



politics and federalism – as well as immigration, integration and citizenship (policies and processes). Her doctoral work, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) J.A. – Bombardier Fellowship, examines Canadian provinces' public policies for immigrant attraction, selection and integration and their impacts on federalism. She has also conducted research on citizenship tests and civic integration, immigration integration in Canada and on policies to attract and integrate newcomers in francophone minority communities. Her work has been featured in the Journal of International Migration and Integration and in the Oxford Bibliographies Online. Mireille Paquet is an active member of the Canada Research Chair in Citizenship and Governance at the Université de Montréal, as well as a researcher at the Centre on Governance of Ottawa University. Before coming to Concordia, she taught public policy to undergraduate and graduate students at the Université de Sherbrooke and Université de Montréal. ■



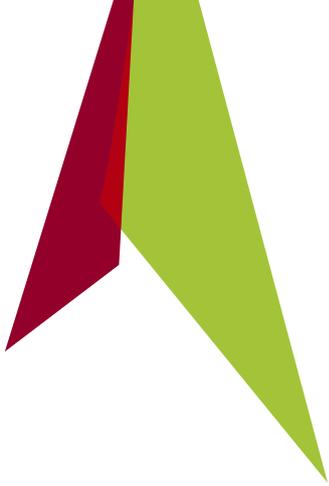


YEAR IN REVIEW

FACULTY AND STUDENT NEWS, AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Josip Novakovich, professor in the Department of English, was shortlisted for the Man Booker International Prize for fiction.
- Marguerite Mendell, professor and principal of the School of Community and Public Affairs and director of the Karl Polanyi Institute of Political Economy, was awarded the inaugural Prix Pierre-Dansereau from the Association francophone pour le savoir (Acfas)
- Csaba Nikolényi, professor and chair of the Department of Political Science and co-director of the Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies, was a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University Centre for European Studies.
- Krista Lynes, professor in the Department of Communications Studies, was named Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Feminist Media Studies.
- Dale Stack, professor in the Department of Psychology and member of the Centre for Research in Human Development, was elected to the status of Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA).
- Ira Robinson, professor in the Department of Religion, was awarded the prestigious Louis Rosenberg Canadian Jewish Studies Distinguished Service Award by the Association of Canadian Jewish Studies in recognition of his lifelong contribution to the study of Canadian Jewry.
- Linda Kay (MA 01), chair and associate professor, Department of Journalism, was named as the 2013 Woman of Distinction in the Communications category by the Women's Y Foundation
- Karine Lalonde, PhD student supervised by Yves Gélinas, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was awarded a Prix d'excellence du Chapitre Saint-Laurent.
- Dominic Pinel, a PhD student in Vincent Martin's lab, was awarded the best poster in the category of fuels at the International Metabolic Engineering Conference.
- Erin Johns, graduate student with the Centre for Research in Human Development, was awarded the Canada Institute of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Aging Age + Prize for her article The Profile of Executive Functioning in Amnesic Mild Cognitive Impairment: Disproportionate Deficits in Inhibitory Control (Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society (2012)).
- Concordia University was recognized by the Society of Actuaries (SOA) as a SOA Centre of Actuarial Excellence (CAE), and is one of only 24 institutions worldwide to hold this designation, which has been awarded for a five year period from December 7, 2012 to December 31, 2017.
- Antoine Bilodeau, associate professor in the Department of Political Science, received an important research grant from the provincial government's "Programme de soutien à la recherche en matière d'affaires





intergouvernementales et d'identité québécoise / Secrétariat aux affaires intergouvernementales canadiennes". The title of the project is "De nouveaux citoyens à part entière? Portrait et dynamiques de l'intégration des néo-Québécois à la communauté politique québécoise". This will be the first study of its kind both in Quebec and in Canada at the provincial level. This project will further enhance our position as the premier institution to study the politics of attitudes to immigration and minorities.

- Gearóid Ó hAllmhuráin, Johnson Chair in Quebec and Canadian Irish Studies, was awarded a Research-Creation grant from the Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FQRSC) for a documentary film project entitled: Requiem de la Famine : commémoration musicale et culturelle de la Grande Famine Irlandaise au Québec.
- Sylvia Kairouz, associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, was awarded the Fonds de recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FQRSC) Research Chair on Gambling.
- Malcolm Whiteway, professor in the Department of Biology, was awarded a Tier I Canada Research Chair in Microbial Genomics. Through the Centre for Structural and Functional Genomics, Malcolm Whiteway has received \$943,000 in funding from Merck to support his research into *Candida albicans*, a medically important fungal pathogen.
- Carsten Wrosch, professor in the Department of Psychology and member of the Centre for Research in Human Development, was awarded a grant from the Canada Institute of Health Research (CIHR) for the Montreal Aging and Health Study (MAHS). Wrosch leads an interdisciplinary research team consisting of lifespan, personality, health, psychiatry and kinesiology researchers from across North America.
- A book by Peter Stoett, professor in the Department of Political Science and director of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre, titled *Ecopolitics: Crisis, Governance, and Justice* was published by University of Toronto Press.
- A paper by Alex Champagne, assistant professor in the Department of Physics, and his working group, was published in *Nano Letters* (impact factor = 13).
- Adam Radomsky, associate professor in the department of Psychology and director of the Centre for Clinical Research in Health, hosted a



meeting of the Research Consortium on Intrusive Fear at Concordia University. Internationally renowned researchers from 10 countries gathered to talk about intrusive thoughts in obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).

- Wilson Jacob and Theresa Ventura, Department of History, organized and hosted a series of talks for the Department around the general theme "Global Histories: Theory, Method, Practice".
- Kimberley Manning, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, was a member of the organizing committee that hosted the National Workshop on Gender Creative Kids.
- Xavier Ottenwaelder, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, presented "Structure et réactivité de complexes métal-nitrosoaryles bio-inspirés," at the 80th ACFAS Conference
- Dirk Ortgies, graduate student in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry who is supervised by Pat Forgione, presented three papers at the Canadian Chemistry Conference.
- Stephane Sevigny, graduate student in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry who is supervised by Pat Forgione, presented "Optimization of a Palladium-Catalyzed Desulfinylative Cross-Coupling Reaction of Heteroaromatic Sulfinates and Aryl Halides" at the Canadian Chemistry Conference which was held in Montreal June 5 – 9, 2012:
- James McIntosh, professor in the Department of Economics, presented Obesity and the Demand for Canadian Physician Services at the Canadian Economics Association Meeting.



ALUMNI NEWS AND AWARDS



- Bernard Lucht (S BA 66) was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada "For his contributions to public broadcasting as a radio producer and for his commitment to providing a forum for intellectual discourse and debate."
- Elizabeth McWeeny (L BA 72) was named a Member of the Order of Canada "For her work as a volunteer, advocate and leading Canadian voice on behalf of refugees."
- Paul Levesque (L BA 57) received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his contributions to Canada.
- Fr. Emmett Johns (L BA 74, LLD 97) was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal .
- Richard Pound (S BA 63, LLD 10) received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.
- Peter Carpenter (BA 98), received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in the category of Canadian Paralympic Committee Builders for his coaching of swimmer Valérie Grand'Maison, winner of one gold and two silver medals at the London2012 Paralympic Games.
- Pierre Even (GrDipl 90-Communication Studies), Oscar-nominated and multiple award-winning film producer and President, Item 7 Productions, received the 2013 Jutra Award for Best Film, the 2013 Canadian Screen Award in the category of Best Motion Picture and the Best Foreign Language Film nominee at the 85th Academy Awards for *Rebelle/War Witch*.
- Oana Avasilichioaei (MA 02) won the A.M. Klein Prize for Poetry from the Quebec Writers' Federation for *We, Beasts*.
- Anthony (Tony) Pollard (BA 76) was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award from *Hotelier* magazine for being instrumental in building the profile of the hotel industry in Canada and abroad.
- Darren Entwistle (BA 86) was awarded the 2012 Ontario Science Centre Innovator Award.
- Sarah Sajedi (BSc 91) was awarded the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance's Sara Kirke Award for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. ■



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