

PROMOTIONS & TENURE

- ◆ The Department congratulates Cody Hyndman, Patrice Gaillardetz, Lea Popovic, and Alina Stancu who were promoted to Associate Professors and were granted tenure on June 1, 2011.

HIRES

- ◆ The Department welcomes Alexey Kokotov as a tenure-track addition to the Department effective June 1, 2011.
- ◆ The Department also welcomes Johan Brannlund, Ewa Duma, Yujin Guo, Evgenij Kritchevski, and Tasneem Zaihra who have been hired as new LTAs effective August 15, 2011.

DEPARTURES

- ◆ Lennaert van Veen has officially resigned from his position as of July 31, 2010 in order to continue at Ontario Institute of Technology. He has adjunct status with the Department in order to complete the supervision of one of the students.
- ◆ One of the Department's former undergraduate students, Abdul Hannan, who graduated with honours in Statistics in 2009, passed away on August 10, 2010 whilst attempting to break up a fight. Our condolences went out to his family (in Pakistan) and friends.
- ◆ John McKay retired as of August 31, 2010.
- ◆ The Department expressed its extreme sorrow regarding the sudden passing of Ann-Marie Agnew, Graduate Program Assistant, on May 30, 2011. She had been with the Department since joining Concordia University 17 years ago. She is greatly missed.
- ◆ Most of the Departments LTA's have completed their 3-year term as of May 31, 2011 and could not be renewed despite their excellent performance. We bid good-bye to Madjid Amir, Dimiter Dryanov, Nataliia Rossokhata and and wish them luck in their future endeavours. We also congratulate Theodoro Koulis and Murari Singh for more appropriate positions and wish them success.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

- ◆ Yogendra P. Chaubey will be serving another 3-year term as Chair effective June 1, 2011.
- ◆ Galia Dafni will be taking over as the new Undergraduate Program Director from Elie Cohen as of June 1, 2011.
- ◆ Marco Bertola was selected for a Dean's award for Distinguished Scholarships.
- ◆ José Garrido was selected for a Dean's award for Academic Service.

- ◆ John Harnad was appointed as a Fellow of the Science College effective June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2013.
- ◆ Fred Szabo received the 2010-11 President's Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching.
- ◆ Nadia Hardy has been successful with the FQRSC grant.
- ◆ Marco Bertola, Yogendra P. Chaubey, Adrian Iovita, Benoit Larose, and Xiaowen Zhou are recipients of the 2011 NSERC grants.
- ◆ MASSA has been accorded accreditation from the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) - Direction générale des affaires universitaires et collégiales.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We are very proud of our student achievements. Congratulations to all!

2010

Undergraduate Awards

- ◆ Mr. Jonathan Morin (B.Sc. - Co-op, Actuarial Mathematics) was awarded the *John Culver Woody Scholarship* by the Actuarial Foundation.
- ◆ Ms. Carol Beddard (B.Sc. - Pure and Applied Mathematics) is the recipient of the Brenda Carter & David Wheeler Memorial Award for 2010-11.
- ◆ Messrs. Steven Caluori, Matthiew Hubert, David Mamane, Eric Mercier, and Shan Shi have been named a Faculty of Arts and Science Scholar for 2010-2011 for the Department. This award is given only to the top 1% of students in each of the Faculty's departments.

Graduate Awards

- ◆ Dr. Nadia Hardy received the *Prix Dieter-Lunkenbein 2010* for the best doctoral thesis in mathematical education defended in Quebec.
- ◆ Ms. Anne MacKay (M.Sc. - Mathematics) and Mr. Tayeb Assiou (Ph.D. – Mathematics) received the *2010-2011 Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la nature et les technologies (F.Q.R.N.T)*.
- ◆ During the 2010-11 academic year, *ISM Scholarships* were given to Mr. Syed Chowdhury (M.Sc.), Mr. Peyman Eslami (Ph.D.), Ms. Shan Gao (M.Sc.), Mr. Dezhao Han (M.Sc.), Mr. Rodrigo Matias (Ph.D.) Mr. Mohammad Najafi Ivaki (Ph.D.), Mr. Jungbae Nam (M.Sc.), Mr. Ivo Pendev (M.Sc.) Mr. Oscar Quijano Xacur (M.Sc.), Mr. Kirill Shmakov (Ph.D.), and Mr. Petr Zorin (M.Sc.).
- ◆ Mr. Ryan Benty (M.Sc.) has been awarded the *Power Corporation of Canada Graduate Fellowship* for 2 terms (September 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011), valued at \$2,500 per term.
- ◆ Mr. Ramin Okhrati (Ph.D. - Actuarial) has been awarded the *Power Corporation of Canada Graduate Fellowship*. The period of tenure is 2 terms (September 2010 to April 2011) and it is valued at \$2,500 per term.
- ◆ Ms. Natalie Donfrancesco (M.T.M.) has been awarded the *Nick Herscovics Memorial Scholarship*. The tenure of the award is 2 terms (September 2010 to April 2011) and it is valued at \$650 per term.

- ◆ Mr. Jésus-Rogelio Perez-Buendia (Ph.D. - Mathematics) has been awarded the 2010-11 *Mathematics and Statistics Graduate Scholarship* worth \$1,000.

2011

Convocation Medals

- ◆ Mr. David Mamane (B.Sc. - Actuarial Mathematics) received the *Governor General's Silver Medal, the Eric O'Connor Mathematics Medal, and the Mappin Medal.*
- ◆ Mr. Ferenc Balogh (Ph.D.) received the *Concordia University Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Prize in Engineering and Natural Sciences.*

Undergraduate Awards

- ◆ This year's recipients of the *Dean's Scholars Awards* are Messrs. Andrew Brulotte (B.Sc. - Specialization Actuarial Mathematics/Finance), Matthieu Hubert (B.Sc. - Specialization Actuarial Mathematics), François Lamirande (B.A. - Mathematics & Statistics), David Mamane (B.Sc. - Specialization Actuarial Mathematics), and Ms. Qui Ying Xu (B.A. - Joint Major Math & Stats & Computer Applications).
- ◆ Messrs. Bruno Joyal, Vincent Gelinas, and Mehran Moghtadai have been selected by the Dean of Arts and Science for the *2011 Summer NSERC USRA Award Program.*

Graduate Awards

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- ◆ Mr. Ramin Okhrati (Ph.D. - Actuarial) has been awarded a *Doctoral Thesis Completion Award* for 1 term (January 1 to April 30, 2011), valued at \$4,000.
- ◆ Mr. Jésus-Rogelio Perez-Buendia (Ph.D. - Mathematics) has been awarded the *2011-12 PBEEE Quebec Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students.*