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 OFFICIALS FROM U OF R AND NCEPU WITH STUDENTS FROM SHEN KUO 2015.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

In Beijing and Changsha during the month of May, China eleven graduate students from the U of R in disciplines ranging from Psychology to Geology, presented their research alongside their peers at North China Electric Power University and Human University. These presentations were part of the ongoing Shen Kuo Program, which was first developed by Mr. Bob Schad, the now-retired senior advisor to the VPR, and is currently administered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. The original focus was on Chinese engineering students, however the scope has expanded since the early years to include all graduate students from all disciplines. As a University, we can be extremely proud of the 11 students who participated this year—proud not only for the quality of their presentations and for being outstanding ambassadors for the U of R and Canada, but also proud that they would choose to take advantage of such a wonderful international experience.

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DR. JOHN BARDEN WORKING WITH OLYMPIC ATHLETES.

FUNDING THE WAY FORWARD

[JANUARY-FEBRUARY]

The Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science has received a number of donations towards equipment, operations, and programing, including \$17,500 in sponsorship and grant funding for the Regina Engineering Students' Society from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS).

[APRIL] Dr. John Barden, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies has received an Innovation for Gold grant from the Own the Podium initiative valued at \$110,700. This funding will support

research on tracking human movement with accelerometers, and the data collected with help coaches and swimmers on Canada's Olympic Team.

[APRIL] Dr. Helen Pridmore (Department of Music) received a Canada Council for the Arts travel grant to support her travel to France in May with her new music ensemble, Motion 2. She performed in several concerts in the village of Caunes-Minervois, as part of a newly developed "Cultural Connexion" between Caunes and Canadian musicians. Motion 2 will also be performing in Regina in October. For more information, please visit: www.helenpridmore.ca

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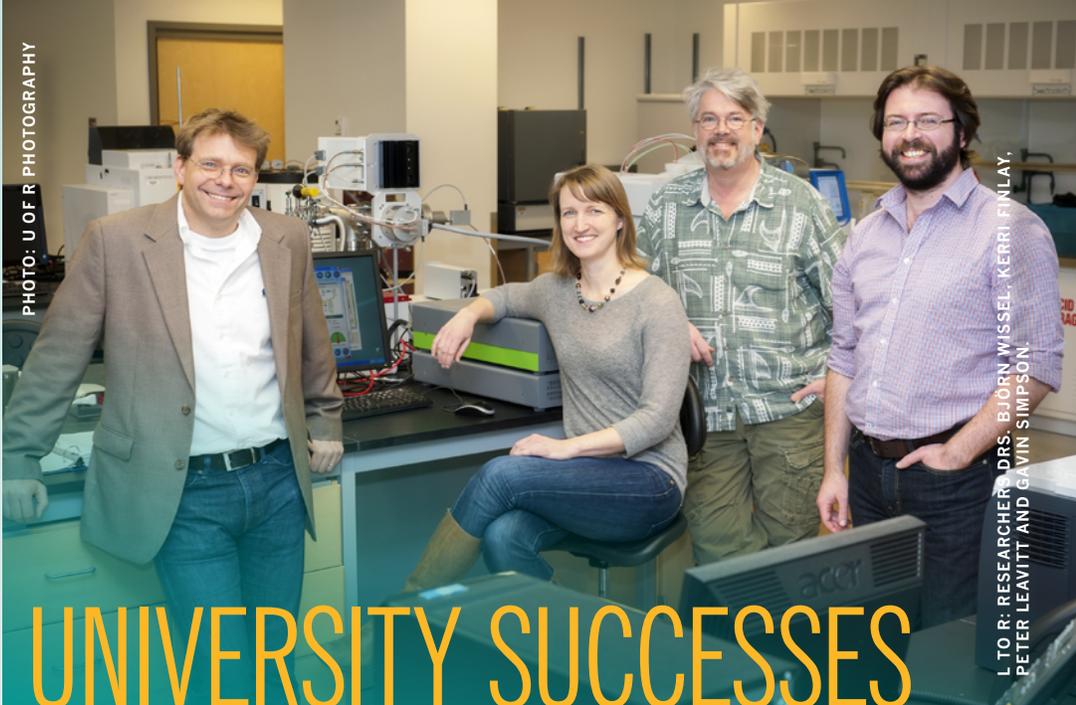
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Outside the presentations our students experienced culture from the north and south of China and made friends with their Chinese peers. Organizers for the Shen Kuo Program were Drs. X. Yang, Eberlein, Kelln, and Blachford. The Shen Kuo is a fine example of this university's global reputation for research collaboration (ranked first among comprehensive universities in Canada—*Re\$earch InfoSource*, 2009-2014). It is also a clear indication of outstanding faculty mentorship as these presentations are a direct function of their advisors' leadership and scholarly creativity. ■

DC Malloy, professor and VPR

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L TO R: RESEARCHERS BJORN WISSEL, KERRI FINLAY, PETER LEAVITT AND GAVIN SIMPSON

UNIVERSITY SUCCESSES

[FEBRUARY]

Dr. Peter Dorrington and Sophie Bouffard (Institut français) co-edited a recently published a book entitled “Le statut du français dans l’Ouest canadien: la cause Caron” (Éditions Yvon Blais, Montreal). Comprised of contributions from scholars across Canada, this book considers the case of Gilles Caron, a Quebecer who challenged English unilingualism in the Prairie provinces and explores governments’ obligations to uphold bilingualism in Canada.

[FEBRUARY]

Dr. Heather Price, Associate Professor of Psychology, and recently-graduated doctoral student Dr. Ryan Fitzgerald (currently a lecturer at the University of Portsmouth), have had a paper accepted to the prestigious journal, *Psychological Bulletin*. This journal is ranked as #4 among 564 psychology journals listed in the Thomson-ISI Citation Reports (2013 edition), with an impact factor of 14. Publication forthcoming.

[FEBRUARY]

Dr. Kerri Finlay, lecturer in the Department of Biology, led a team of researchers on a ground-breaking study looking at how decades of global warming have changed the chemistry of Canadian prairie lakes, allowing them to capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The study was conducted in collaboration with researchers from the U of R and the University of Minnesota, with funding from NSERC, the Canada Research Chair program, CFI, and the Province of Saskatchewan. This research has been published in the highly prestigious journal *Nature* in March, 2015. [March] Dr. Gordon Asmundson (Psychology) has been appointed Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Anxiety Disorders*, published by Elsevier Science. This is one of the most prestigious journals in clinical psychology, ranked 19 out of 111 journals in the discipline according to Citation Reports.

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REBECCA BERTHIAUME

On behalf of all researchers at the UofR, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Rebecca Berthiaume who is leaving us for a new position working in the Department of National Defense in Ottawa. Rebecca has been the driving force for the *Update* and has done outstanding work in keeping the public informed of all of our research endeavours. She will be missed. Despite her departure, the *Update* will continue to present our success stories from this strong foundation as it has become essential reading for the U of R's research activity. —Dave Malloy



BOOK COVER COURTESY SOPHIE BOUFFARD AND PETER DORRINGTON.

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[MARCH] The journal *Behaviour Therapy* also identified an article written by Dr. Asmundson (in collaboration with others) as being their most downloaded article of 2014. *Behaviour Therapy* is a highly regarded international publication in the field of Psychology. Many journals allow readers to download articles and track the number of downloads as a new metric to evaluate the impact of research.

[APRIL] Dr. Amr Henni and Dr. Ezeddin Shirif from the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science received the 2015 Award for Innovation at the Regina Chamber of Commerce Paragon Awards on April 2. Their winning project is entitled “Produced Water Treatment: From Reservoir Brine to Tap Water”.

[APRIL] The Centre for Teaching and Learning announced winners of the 2015 CTL Teaching awards. The suite of awards recognizes excellent, innovative, and engaging teaching. The winners are:

- Dr. Alec Couros and Dr. Susanne Kuehling—Award for Innovation in Teaching;
- Ms. Andi Céline Martin, Dr. Dominic Gregorio, and Dr. Francesco Freddolini—New Faculty Award of Recognition;
- Dr. Fidji Gendron—Teaching Award of Excellence in Flexible Learning.

DR. DENA MCMARTIN;

[APRIL] The University of Regina Alumni Association announced the recipients of the 2015 Awards of Excellence. This year’s recipients have distinguished themselves in the areas of teaching, research, and graduate research mentorship.

- Dr. Janis Dale (Geology)—Award for Excellence in Teaching;
- Dr. Gordon Huang (Engineering)—Award for Excellence in Research;
- Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos—Award for Excellence in Graduate Research Mentorship.

[APRIL] Dr. Dena McMartin, Associate Vice-President (Academic & Research) and Professor in Engineering, has received the 2015 McCannel Award from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS). This award recognizes accomplishments in engineering, service to the profession in public education, and service to the community. ■

L TO R: VAN ISMAN, PRESIDENT & CEO OF INNOVATION PLACE, DR. EZEDDIN SHIRIF, DR. AMR HENNI, AND DAVID MALLOY.



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TAKE NOTE!



[JANUARY]

Dr. Yongping Li, an alumna of the University of Regina's Institute for Energy, Environment, and Sustainable Communities (IEESC) and current professor at North China Electric Power University, was elected as Distinguished Professor of the Yangtze Scholars Program, by the Chinese Ministry of Education. Dr. Li also received the 11th Chinese Female Scientist Award, recognizing female researchers who have made outstanding and creative research achievements. [February] On February 26, Campion College hosted the Regina book launch of Dr. Lee Ward's new work *Modern Democracy and the Theological-Political Problem in Spinoza, Rousseau, and Jefferson* (published by Palgrave Macmillan). This study examines the intersection of philosophical developments which have come to define contemporary life in the liberal democratic West. Dr. Ward is an Associate Professor of politics and

international studies at Campion College.

[MARCH] Dr. Raymond Blake (Department of History) has recently published two new articles in top peer-reviewed Canadian studies journals:

- "Politics and the Federal Principle in Canada: Offshore Oil Development and the Quest for Political Stability and Social Justice", *Canadian Historical Review* 96 1 (March 2015): 32-60.
- "Confederation and Conspiracy: An Extended Essay on Greg Malone's Don't Tell the Newfoundlanders". Review Essay. *Newfoundland and Labrador Studies* 29 2 (2014): 303-317. [March] On March 12, the Humanities Research Institute held its annual Dr. Barbara Powell Lecture, its signature event of the year. This year's speaker was Dr. Gerald McMaster, professor of Indigenous Visual Culture and Critical Cura-

torial Studies at OCAD University, Toronto. His talk explored the artistic consequences of the cultural exchange between Native North Americans and Europeans over the past 1000 years.

[MARCH] Researchers Stuart Wilson and Ken Sagynbekov (Economics) are working with the Collaborative Centre for Justice and Safety (CCJS) to identify the socio-economic determinants of crime and how changes to the economy and demographics influence crime rates in Canada and Saskatchewan. Their work was featured the *Leader-Post* on March 23. To learn more about this project, visit the CCJS website: www.justiceandsafety.ca/centre-initiatives/community-safety.

[APRIL] An undergraduate class in Devising Inclusive Theatre completed its winter semester with a small production entitled *Neither Heroes Nor Ordinary People*. This class was aimed at students with mobility challenges and featured five students in wheelchairs as well as able-bodied students. Since the performance, the group has been approached by five other organizations in Regina to remount the show at upcoming performances.

[MAY] Dr. Medrie Purdham, Assistant Professor in the Department of English, has received the 2015 City of Regina Writing Award. A reception in her honour was held on May 25 at which she read from her work. One of the recipients of an Honourable Mention in this competition was Cassidy McFadzean, a recent graduate of the U of R English and Creative Writing program. After graduation, McFadzean went on to study at the prestigious Iowa Writer's Workshop, and has recently published a book of original poetry. ■

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DR. RAYMOND BLAKE

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DR. MEDRIE PERDHAM

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CASSIDY MCFADZEAN

SUPPORTING YOUNG ACADEMICS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Dr. Brenda Rossow-Kimball, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies knows from first-hand experience the impact that mentorship and faculty support can have on nurturing young academics to succeed.

After successfully defending her doctoral dissertation at the University of Alberta in 2014 (which examined the retirement experiences of older adults with intellectual disabilities in Regina), Dr. Rossow-Kimball learned in March of this year that the U of A had selected hers as the best social science dissertation of 2014 and submitted it for consideration for the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies Distinguished Dissertation Award, and nominated for national adjudication. Only two Distinguished Dissertation Awards

are given (one each in sciences and social sciences/humanities), chosen from nominated dissertations across Canada. Results of this competition are forthcoming.

Dr. Rossow-Kimball has been a faculty member in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies (KHS) at the U of R since 2004. She completed both her MSc (U of S) and PhD (U of A) while continuing to teach in Regina. Dr. Rossow-Kimball attributes her success to the encouragement she received from the Faculty, which granted her a two-year leave to pursue her



DR. BRENDA ROSSOW-KIMBALL

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PhD in Edmonton. Upon her return, she assumed a full-time position as lecturer in the Faculty while completing her dissertation, and was appointed Assistant Professor in 2014 upon completion of her degree. “KHS has supported me immensely in my academic pursuits”, says Dr. Rossow-Kimball. “I would suggest they have had a helping hand in supporting me to achieve this success”. ■

WHAT'S NEW IN COMMUNITY RESEARCH?



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MELISSA WUERCH

Saskatchewan exceeds most other provinces in rates of sexual assault and violence against women. The vast majority of victims do not formally disclose their sexual assault experience to an individual in a position of authority, or to individuals with whom they are close to and trust. To help address this problem and better support victims, the Regina and area Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) reached out to the Community Research Unit, Faculty of Arts, for the expertise to develop evaluation tools for two new pilot programs. The two initiatives, Anonymous Reporting and Third Option Program, offer victims the opportunity to disclose and/or provide evidence without committing

to anything further. These enable victims to receive the benefits of accessing specialized health care and community support services, without foregoing their sense of autonomy when going through the reporting process.

The Community Research Unit connected SART to Psychology faculty member Dr. Heather Price, and master's student Melissa Wuerch was hired as the project researcher. Ms. Wuerch created a survey for sexual assault victims in order to measure the effectiveness of the programs. She also conducted interviews and prepared a report for other jurisdictions interested in duplicating the programs. Already, the Moose Jaw police department has expressed interest in implementing the programs in that city.

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“Working in collaboration with members of the Regina and area Sexual Assault Response Team, as well as receiving guidance and support from the Community Research Unit has been a wonderful experience”, Wuerch said. “This initiative was developed by passionate, dedicated,

and knowledgeable individuals, all with the goal of helping victims of sexual assault following a traumatic experience. Being a part of this project allowed me to learn more about the importance and value of community-based research, and how through this, we are able to support and empower our community”.

The report on the implementation process can be found at: ourspace.uregina.ca/handle/10294/5637

More information on CRU research projects can be found at: www.uregina.ca/arts/community-research/Research/index.html ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

[SEPTEMBER]

Rae Staseson, Dean of Fine Arts, will be co-curating an exhibition of the late Charles Gagnon’s work for the Media Gallery at Concordia University September, 2015.

Charles Gagnon (1934-2003) was a painter, photographer, and filmmaker, who was one of the most important artists in the Quebec and Canadian art world for more than 35 years. Gagnon was one of the few multidisciplinary artists of his generation, and was the first Artist in Residence at Concordia University.

This exhibition will be presented in conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration of that university’s Department of Communications Studies. For more information, please contact Rae Staseson: finearts.dean@uregina.ca

[SEPTEMBER] The *Performing Turtle Island: Fluid Identities and Community Continuities* conference will be held on September 17-19, 2015. A partnership between the University of Regina Faculty of Fine Arts and First Nations University of Canada, *Performing Turtle Island* is a 2 ½ day gathering that brings together established and emerging scholars and artists in a national symposium on how Indigenous theatre and performance are connected to Indigenous identity and community health.

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This Gathering provides a diverse range of keynotes, performances, seminars, and workshops that touch on innovative approaches to performance, education, research, health, and community consultation.

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The gathering will focus on current Saskatchewan and Canadian Indigenous playwrights and modes of performing Indigenous identity on conventional and non-conventional stages through critical and performative lenses. In addition to the participation of numerous significant Indigenous artists and scholars, there will also be three keynotes presented by internationally-recognized artists and researchers.

Performing Turtle Island is the Canadian node of a larger network of nationally

and internationally connected conferences. Some of the panels, performances, and sessions will be teleconferenced nationally to McGill and Concordia Universities’ “Trans-Montreal Symposium”, while the entire conference is connected internationally to Performance Studies International’s Globally Dispersed Conference 2015: “Fluid States: Performances of unKnowing”.

For more information on this event visit www.performingturtleisland.org/ ■

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