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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

For the first time in history, all of the Deans of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences from across Canada gathered recently at the University of Prince Edward Island for their annual conference April 22-24th, 2010. The program was designed to capture the attention of the Deans and address some of the most important issues facing post-secondary education today.

Keynote speakers included Alex Usher, President, Higher Education Strategies Inc.; Barbara Pike, Vice-President, AIMS (Atlantic Institute for Market Studies); Dr. Noreen Golfman, FEDCAN; and Brent Herbert-Copley, Vice President, SSHRC. The Honourable Shawn Murphy moderated a session between Dr. Golfman and Wade MacLauchlan, entitled *Ongoing and Oncoming Fiscal Challenges for Canadian Universities*.

We also had the good fortune of having UPEI's new Vice-President speak in a plenary session on the *Future of Universities*. Dr. James Randall is currently a professor of geography and planning at UNBC. Randall has an honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Geography, a Master of Arts degree in Economic and Urban Geography and a PhD in Economic Geography from the University of Washington.

Conference highlights included a sight-seeing tour of Prince Edward Island, a visit to the Lieutenant Governor Barbara Hagerman's home, and welcoming reception at the Inns on Great George. Special thanks to all the conference participants including Sophie Theriault, Donald Moses, Dave Cormier, Dr. Joe Velaidum, Darren D. King, and the Honourable Allan Campbell. Additional details at www.upei.ca/ccdahss

CONVOCATION

This year's Convocation will be held on Saturday, May 8, at the Chi-Wan Young Sports Centre. There are two Convocation ceremonies: the first at 10:00am and the second at 2:30pm. Bachelor of Arts degrees, as well as Public Administration diplomas, Bachelor of Music and Music Education degrees, Bachelor of Applied Arts in Print Journalism degrees, and Master of Arts degrees will be awarded at the afternoon ceremony.

I encourage one and all to attend the ceremony. It's rather a big day for the graduating students and their families. It means ever so much to have their professors present for the occasion. Gowns are available for

pickup on Thursday, 6 May from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, 7 May from 10a.m. to 6 p.m. in the gown room located next to the squash courts in the Sports Centre.

Hope you all can make it. Hope it's a bright sunny day.

International Development Week

International Development Week took place on campus from February 8 - 12. In celebrating our diverse culture, a number of exciting events took place culminating in the International Student Award luncheon at the Rodd Royalty Hotel. James Muhato of Kenya received the Dr Vianne Timmons International Student Award for his achievements at UPEI. Chris Eaton spoke about the lessons he learned while working in Afghanistan with the Aga-Khan Foundation.

A full description of the week's activities can be found at:

<http://www.upei.ca/internationalization/files/internationalization/Vol.2%20Issue%203.pdf>.

Commonwealth Day

The second Monday in March is recognized around the world as Commonwealth Day by the 54 countries who are members of the Commonwealth. On PEI, this year's ceremony, as always, was held at Trinity United Church on 8 March. Along with music and speeches extolling the virtues of the Commonwealth and its aims and objections, the flags of all the member nations were unfurled from the church balcony. This year, UPEI students **Asher Fredericks** (Pakistan) read the Commonwealth Affirmation and **Sherone Boswell** (Jamaica) lit the Candle of Health and Wellness. Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Kathleen Casey, acted as the MC for the event. The Lieutenant-Governor, Barbara Hagermann, represented the Queen.

Dalhousie University Medical Students

Dalhousie University Medical Students recently joined musicians from the University of Prince Edward Island on Saturday, April 10 in a gala concert at the Dr. Steel Recital Hall.

The concert featured Dalhousie's Music-in-Medicine participants, UPEI's Brass Quintet, Chorus and Men's Vocal Ensemble, and other UPEI vocal and instrumental soloists. **Keith Baglole**, a recent music graduate from UPEI who is now a Dalhousie medical student, performed as a baritone soloist with the TestosterTONES, one of four performance groups in the Music-in-Medicine program.

The recruitment event was an opportunity for current medical students to meet with UPEI students considering careers in the health professions.

Military Conference

The University of Prince Edward Island, The Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society at UNB, HMCS Queen Charlotte and the Prince Edward Island Regiment hosted the first annual Atlantic Military Affairs Symposium in Charlottetown, April 16-17. Local soldiers, sailors, and aircrew formed the core of this public military history and current affairs gathering to focus on the Island's role in the defence of Canada. The keynote address at UPEI on April 16 was delivered by renowned Canadian naval historian, Professor Roger Sarty from Wilfrid Laurier University. In honour of Canada's Naval Centennial, his presentation was titled, "*By accident as much as by design: The surprising origins and rise of the Royal Canadian Navy, 1881-1945.*"

On April 17, local and national military historians presented on subjects ranging from the Island's 19th Century militia and contribution in two world wars, to the role of today's PEI army and naval reservists around the world. The featured speakers included The Gregg Centre's Lee Windsor and Brent Wilson, PEI historians **Boyde Beck** and **David Campbell**, and reservists from HMCS Queen Charlotte and the Prince Edward Island Regiment who have returned from service overseas. **Dr. Bruce Craig** was an integral leader in making this conference a success. We are optimistic that this collaborative partnership will become an annual event.

OUR STUDENTS

VOTE FOR THE ARTS! The "Win with UPEI" contest website [upei.me](http://www.upei.me) asked visitors to vote for their favorite project, with faculties receiving a percentage of the bursary dollars to award to student applicants interested in pursuing community projects at home or around the world. A second component allowed anyone with a connection to the Island University to enter a story, photo or video online for a chance to win prizes. The results are in. Check out <http://www.upei.me> to see how the Faculty of Arts and the University 100 program did.

The IPAC AGM and luncheon will be held on Friday, June 4th from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Public Administration Certificates will be presented at the luncheon along with the award for the student with the highest average in the required courses for the PA Certificate. This year's recipients include **Kevin Arthur, Deborah Barry, Kathryn Hood, Abby Morgan, Maria Smith, Cory Stevenson, Dwayne Stride, Donelda Marie Walsh** and **MaryBeth Younker**. The luncheon will be held at the Holland College Culinary Institute. The speaker is Mark Butler, the head of ACOA in Newfoundland. He will be speaking about opportunities for regional cooperation in advancing the profession of public servants.

Dolores Levangie, a graduate student in the MAIS program, was awarded a SSHRC graduate scholarship this past year. She is currently conducting the research for her Master's thesis on Chiloe Island in Chile where she studies the properties and uses of seaweeds with local fishers and native chiefs.

MAIS graduates **Laurie Brinklow** and **Kathy Stuart** have been accepted, with scholarships, into Ph.D programs at the University of Tasmania and Australia National University respectively.

OUR FACULTY

2010 Education Research Forum: Research With/in Communities hosted by the Centre for Education Research (CER) was held recently at the Rodd Royalty Hotel, Charlottetown. The Faculty of Arts was highly represented in this conference. Presenters included: **Dr. Annabel Cohen, Dr. Jean Mitchell, Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino, Dr. June Countryman, and Professor Janice McKendrick.**

Nancy MacIntosh, a Sessional Instructor in the English Department, will be traveling to Winchester, England to do a poster presentation called "*Caring: a multiliteracy*". The conference is hosted by the United Kingdom Literacies Association. She is very happy to be attending and presenting at this conference.

Research on Tap: a series of public discussions with UPEI researchers.

Research on Tap is an opportunity for the public to interact with our researchers in a comfortable environment. In December, **Dr. Joe Velaidum**, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies and Director of the Centre for Christianity and Culture, launched the series with a talk entitled "*Same old arguments of the new atheism movement*." Following Dr. Velaidum's presentation, the floor was opened for discussion to anyone who wanted to participate.

In January, **Dr. Ed MacDonald**, Acting Chair of the Department of History, discussed "*Package Deals: Exploring the History of Tourism on PEI*". In February, just in time for Valentine's Day, **Dr. Stacey L. MacKinnon**, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology held a discussion about relationships, trust, and revenge. In March **Dr. Michael Shaver**, an assistant professor of chemistry who focuses on "green" chemistry, defended both the honour of his profession, and the much-maligned so-called enemy of the environment with his talk entitled "*Good Plastics: why chemists have a bad name and what we're doing about it*". In April, **Dr. Jennifer Taylor** of Family and Nutritional Sciences discussed "*Fries with that? Are school nutrition policies the solution to childhood obesity?*" Taylor discussed nutrition policies in Island schools, including ones that categorize food based on their nutritional value.

Edward Chung (Religious Studies) presented two international conference papers (invited): "*Sagehood and Religious Practice in Yi T'oegye's Neo-Confucianism*" at the 22nd International Conference on T'oegye Studies. The International T'oegye Society and Youngnam Institute of T'oegye Studies, Youngnam University, South Korea, Aug. 29-31, 2009 (23 pages total); and "*The Religious Thought of Yi T'oegye (1501-70): A Neo-Confucian and Comparative Perspective*" at the 2nd International Conference on East Asian Confucianisms: Interactions and Innovations. The Confucius Institute and Rutgers University (The State University of New Jersey), April 30-May 1, 2009 (17 pages).

Dr. Chung also published two articles: "*Daesoon Religious Thought: A Confucian and Comparative Interpretation*," The Academic Journal of Daesoonjinri, vol. 3 (2010), 22 pages, The Daesoon Research Institute; and "*Sagehood and Religious Practice in Yi T'oegye's Neo-Confucianism: A Korean and Global Perspective*", a revised conference paper in The Literature and Thought of Yi T'oegye: Proceedings of the 22nd International T'oegye Studies Conference, pp. 263-291, The International T'oegye Society and the Youngnam Institute of T'oegye Studies, 2009.

Malcolm Murray's Atheist Primer is now available in the UPEI Bookstore. The UPEI philosophy professor explores traditional and non-traditional reasons to believe in a god -- including appeals to faith -- and finds them all wanting. Pick up a copy today to see if he's right.

Greg Irvine (Music) is having a busy spring of teaching and performing. On April 29 and May 2 he performed with Symphony Nova Scotia in their Dvorak Festival in Halifax under Maestro Bernhard Gueller. Later in May he will be heading to Eugene, Oregon where he will be guest instructor of the University of Oregon's 15 euphonium and tuba majors for a two week period. Upon his return in June, he will once again be participating in the Scotia Festival of Music, performing with the Festival Orchestra.

UPEI continues to maintain an active exchange program in Island Studies with the International University of Kagoshima in Japan. This past year, faculty members **Brent MacLaine** (English) and **Palinasimay Nagarajan** (Economics) both taught courses in Kagoshima. An active student exchange also continues with IUK.

The Institute of Island Studies at the University of Prince Edward Island has released a survey report entitled, "Quality of Island Life: Tyne Valley and Surrounding Areas, 2006." For further information, please contact **Dr. Irene Novaczek** at (902) 566-0386 or inovaczek@upei.ca.

Student Engagement Dissemination Grant Winners (February 2010)

Andrew Zinck and June Countryman
2010 STHLE conference

Vickie Johnston and Inge Dorsey
7th Annual Teaching Professor Conference

"Students Come First" Project Grant Winners (February 2010)

Vickie Johnston, Mark Barrett, Callum Beck, Inge Dorsey, Kyla Hennessey, Alaina Roach-O'Keefe

Project A & Project B, University 100

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UPCOMING EVENTS

A gala book launch and poetry celebration will be held at the Haviland Club in Charlottetown, on Saturday, May 8, at 7:30-9:30 p.m. The gala is hosted by the UPEI English Department and PEI Writers' Guild. **Hugh MacDonald**, the Island's new Poet Laureate, will lead off the evening. **David Helwig**, recent recipient of the Order of Canada for his distinguished literary career, will launch and read from two new books: *Smuggling Donkeys*, his latest novella, and *The Sway of Otherwise*, a sonnet collection "evoking the vivid realities of summer and winter, love and death," with the title taken from a poem about walking sandbars on a brilliant summer day. UPEI professor **Richard Lemm** will launch his newest poetry collection, *Burning House*, with poems that range from an undertakers' convention in Charlottetown to his American ancestors' participation in several wars. There will also be a tribute to **John Smith**, PEI's first Poet Laureate, with the launch of a special issue of the literary journal *Canadian Notes & Queries* devoted to John Smith the poet, professor, and friend. The issue is edited by Islander and poet **David Hickey**.

A Classical Potpourri for Trombone and Piano

On Saturday, May 15 at 7:30pm, join UPEI Music Dept. sessional lecturers **Dale Sorensen** and **Jacqueline Sorensen** for a recital of classical music for trombone and piano spanning 400 years of history. Dale will demonstrate his collection of low brass instruments (including alto, tenor and bass trombones, euphonium, bass trumpet and sackbut) in the performance of works by Beethoven, Gliere, Ravel, Saint-Saens, Spohr, Telemann and more with his sister Jacqueline on piano.

Dale Sorensen is the tenor trombonist with the Charlottetown Festival Orchestra, a sessional lecturer in trombone at UPEI, and the founder and artistic director of PEI's contemporary music ensemble eklektikos. **Jacqueline Sorensen** is a Charlottetown-based pianist who currently holds positions as Sessional Lecturer at the UPEI Music Department, Director of Music at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown, and Piano Examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

For tickets call Betty Auld, 902-894-5272 or Davida Stewart at 902-892-1878.

Location: St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown

Research Breakfast – 26 May

The next UPEI Research Breakfast takes place on Wednesday, 26 May, bright and early at 7:30 a.m. in the Georgian Room of the Charlottetown Hotel. Besides a delightfully delicious breakfast, those in attendance will hear **Dr. Ian Dowbiggin** give a talk on the topic of "*Reason to Panic ? The History of Anxiety Disorders and High Anxiety: Its Implications for the 21st Century.*" He will be followed by **Dr. Jason Pearson** who will reveal some technological wonders in his presentation entitled "*Unlocking the Crystal Ball Inside Your Computer.*" Remember, the early bird gets the big breakfast. See you there !

The Institute of Island Studies is holding a national conference that will contribute to the social study of Island life and bring academics on a local and international level together on PEI from June 13 - 18, 2010. Entitled *Time and Place: Environmental Histories, Environmental Futures, and Prince Edward Island*, this unique conference will be a highly interactive, week-long exploration of the Island's environmental history featuring exciting keynote presenters who will place PEI's history into its national and global context. The conference will bring together local, national, and international participants to develop an understanding of PEI's environmental history, assist future environmental planning on PEI, and explore the value of islands for crafting comprehensive plans for sustainability. There will be workshops, field trips, and public lectures. Registration for the conference is now closed, but day registration will be available, and there will be public speakers each evening open to everyone. For more information, check out the conference website: <http://niche-canada.org/pei2010>

Register for Montgomery conference

Former UPEI president **Dr. Elizabeth Rollins Epperly**, a world-renowned scholar and author on the life and work of L.M. Montgomery, will headline the international conference, "*L.M. Montgomery and the Matter of Nature*" running June 23 to 27 at UPEI. Check out <http://www.upei.ca/lmmi> for full conference details.

The XI International Small Islands Studies Association (ISISA) Conference will be held in Bornholm, Denmark this coming August. UPEI will be well represented at the conference. The Conference has accepted submissions (invited and otherwise) from **Godfrey Baldacchino, Irene Novaczek, Palanasimay Nagarajan, Laura Lee Howard, Suzanne Thomas**, and MAIS student **Erin Kielly**.

Upcoming Competitions:

Fulbright Student Program (Available to Canadian graduate students who want to study and/or do research in the United States for nine months during the 2011-2012 academic year)

Competition Opens: **May 1, 2010**

Competition Closes: **November 15, 2010**

Competition Reminder Sent: August 2010

Fulbright Scholar and Chairs Program (Available to Canadian Scholars and senior professionals who want to lecture and/or do research in the United States during the 2011-2012 academic year)

Competition Opens: **May 1, 2010**

Competition Closes: **November 15, 2010**

Competition Reminder Sent: August 2010

Killam Fellowships Program (Available to Canadian undergraduate students, usually in their third year, who want to study for one or two semesters in the United States)

Competition Opens: **September 1, 2010**

Competition Closes: **January 31, 2011***

Recruitment Materials Provided: August 2010

Competition Reminder Sent: October 2010 & December 2010