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Faculty Books


Joe Carens ’Culture, Citizenship, and Community won last year’s C. B. Macpherson award from the CPSA.


Correction: In the last issue we wrote that Aristotle and the Philosophy of Friendship, Cambridge University Press, 2002, was by Thomas Pangle and Lorraine Smith Pangle. It was, in fact, written solely by Lorraine Smith Pangle. We regret this error.

Faculty News

Last fall, Emanuel Adler was selected as a member of the European Academy of Sciences.

Jacques Bertrand’s article "Legacies of the Authoritarian Past: Religious Violence in Indonesia's Moluccan Islands" has won the William L. Holland prize for the outstanding article published in Pacific Affairs in 2002.

David Cameron, completing his year as Acting Chair for us, is beginning a one-year appointment as Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Education and Teaching, Faculty of Arts and Science.

Frank Cunningham was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

Following her successful conference, "Dilemmas of Global Justice" at U of T this spring, Nancy Kokaz learned that she won a research fellowship at the School of Social Science of The Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.
Jeffrey Kopstein and Joseph Wong each received news this spring that the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada will be supporting their research. Joe also received funding for his research from the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics.

In addition to winning the Faculty of Arts and Science Distinguished Teaching Award, Clifford Orwin was also named the St. Michael's College Teacher of the Year, as chosen by the SMC student union.

Peter Russell, last season making it into the semi-finals of the annual Minnicog Island cribbage tournament, now has set his sights on this year’s finals.

Grace Skogstad is currently serving as president of the Canadian Political Science Association.

Janice Stein was among three selected to receive the very first Trudeau Fellowships which provide research support for three years. She has also won the very prestigious Molson Prize in the Social Sciences and Humanities from the Canada Council for the Arts. Two Molson Prizes, worth $50,000 each, are awarded each year to distinguished Canadians, one in the arts and the other in the social sciences or humanities. The Prizes recognize the recipients’ outstanding lifetime contribution to the cultural and intellectual life of Canada.

Linda White received a Fulbright faculty award which she will take up from January through August 2004 at Georgetown University’s Public Policy Institute in Washington, D.C.

**Doughnuts to Dollars**

On a dark February morning, about 7:30 a.m., Gadhi Cruz and Yvette Burke drove an old van toward Richmond Hill. They had worked and planned for this day for quite some time. Their destination was an out-of-the-way Krispy Kreme store, their mission … a doughnut fundraiser! Since Krispy Kreme has received so much press, yet no stores have opened in Toronto, Gadhi and Yvette thought a lot of people might be willing to buy/try the doughnuts. With the help of Meera Rai, Advancement Development Officer for the Faculty of Arts and Science, they collected orders for 100 dozen doughnuts! And, bursting with confidence, they bought an additional 50 dozen which they sold on campus with the help of their GRADitude Campaign committee. All in all, Gadhi and Yvette ran the most successful campaign in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

GRADitude is an entirely student-run, fundraising campaign that is an annual giving program of the University of Toronto. It is the oldest and the most successful graduating gift campaign of its kind in Canada. GRADitude gives graduating students the
opportunity to share in the improvement of their colleges, faculties and departments. Participating constituencies of graduating students select gifts they wish to support based on their importance to the student population.

The goal this year is a bursary, to be awarded in 2003-04. Given the success of the campaign, there will likely be bursaries for several years. The recipient will be a student in good standing in her/his senior year. Both financial need and active involvement in the Political Science Department or in extra-curricular activities will be considered in selecting the winner.

And congratulations to Gadhi for winning a Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award!

**Grad Tidings**

Five of the department's graduate students have taken home Royal Bank Graduate Fellowships in Public and Economic Policy. The Fellowship was created through a generous donation by the bank with matching funds from the University and the Government of Ontario. The winners are Nicole Anastasopoulos, Sarah Hartley, Joshua Heatley, Christopher Gore, and Jacqueline Krikorian.

James Alvey's book *Adam Smith: Optimist or Pessimist?* based on his 1996 PhD was published by Ashgate in June 2003.

Antoine Bilodeau is off to the Australian National University on a SSHRCC post-doctoral fellowship where he will study the politics of immigration.

Peter Busch (Ph.D. 1999) has just received a three-year Ennis postdoctoral fellowship at Villanova University.

Recent PhDs Cornelius Chipoma and Martin Horak were co-winners of the 2003 Vincent Lemieux prize for the best political science PhD thesis in a Canadian university in the last two years. Congrats also to their supervisors, Patricia McCarney (Chipoma) and Richard Stren (Horak).

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David Glover (PhD 1982), after ten years as Director of Economic Policy at the International Development Research Center (IDRC) Ottawa, has moved to Singapore where he founded and manages IDRC’s Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia.

Martin Horak has a tenure-track job at the University of Western Ontario.
Pamela Jordan joined the History Department, tenure track, at the U of Saskatchewan.

Following stints with with the Carter Center and Women's Campaign International, Irene Langran (PhD 2002) has become Assistant Director of Development & Communications for Carelift International, a non-profit organization working to solve health care problems in developing countries.


Rosemary Nagy (PhD 2002) has a tenure-track appointment at Carleton.

Post-Doctoral Fellow Peter Nyers has a tenure-track appointment at McMaster.

Current PhD student Martin Papillon, who, with Luc Turgeon, organized a February 2003 U of T Conference of young scholars of federalism, has been appointed a Fellow of the Canadian Policy Research Network (CPRN).

Shalendra Sharma (PhD 1992) has been promoted to full professor at the University of San Francisco. His book "Democracy and Development in India" (Lynn Rienner, 1999) was a Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 1999.


Julie Simmons, currently completing her degree in the Department, will be taking up a tenure-stream position at the University of Guelph in July.

Lavinia Stan has just received an appointment as Assistant Professor of political science (tenure track) at St. Francis Xavier.

The International Council of Canadian Studies has awarded its inaugural Pierre Savard Award to Annis Mae Timpson for Driven Apart: Women’s Employment Equality and Child Care in Canadian Public Policy (UBC Press, 2001) which is based on her thesis, supervised by Ron Manzer.

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David Whorely (ABD) has a tenure track job at Brock.

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Gary Wilson has received the same at University of Northern British Columbia.

Connaught Hat Trick

Three members of the Department scored big this spring winning the University of Toronto’s prestigious Connaught Research Fellowship. The award carries with it a six month leave from teaching and administrative responsibilities within which to pursue their research. Sylvia Bashevkin won for her study City Women and the Challenge of Urban Governance, Joe Fletcher will complete his book The Irony of Bills of Rights and Neil Nevitte will investigate Changing Patterns of Social Cohesion in Canada. The strong showing in the Connaught competition is due in no small part to Rita O’Brien who ably coordinated the submissions on behalf of the Department.

Focus on Faculty

The pace of faculty renewal has noticeably quickened around the Department. This spring we have made five new appointments. Renan Levine will take up the American Politics position at St. George. Renan has published in the field of third-party candidates and is completing his dissertation at Duke University on multi-candidate elections in U.S. politics. David Pond will be filling the Canadian Politics vacancy at UTM. He received his Ph.D. from our Department in 1992, and has been working as a senior Research Officer at the Legislative Library at Queen’s Park. David, who has served as an adjunct lecturer at Erindale for many years, is an authority on the operation of Westminster-style legislatures as well as Ontario politics and government.

We have three new colleagues in the field of Comparative Politics (Developing Countries). Ana Maria Bejarano will be joining the faculty at UTM. She is a Latin American specialist who received her doctorate from Columbia in 2000. Antoinette Handley has accepted a position at St. George. Antoinette has just received her Ph.D. from Princeton on the role of business in economic policy making in four African countries. Wambui Mwangi, who comes to us from Vassar with a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania (2002), has been appointed at UTM. Wambui is researching the relationship between currency and colonialism in Kenya.

These appointments come on top of those last year of Henry Farrell and Carla Norrlöf at Scarborough as well as Simone Chambers and Jeff Kopstein at St. George.
Canadian Federalism Expertise at Work in Sri Lanka

A little over a year ago, our Acting Chair, David Cameron was in India as part of an international network of scholars known as the Forum of Federations (www.forumfed.org). At the meeting he was asked to go to Sri Lanka where the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) have been fighting since 1983 for a separate state for the island's 3.2 million Hindu Tamils, claiming political and economic discrimination at the hands of the Sinhalese Buddhist majority. The bitter struggle between the LTTE and government forces has taken the lives of more than 65,000, displaced an estimated 800,000, and LTTE suicide bombers have struck both civilian and government targets, most notably killing President Ranasinghe Premadasa in 1993. By 2002, however, both sides had come to recognize that military victory was impossible and began looking for a way out of the conflict. Back channel feelers to the Forum indicated that assistance would be welcome in guiding the two sides in their tentative first steps toward beginning formal peace negotiations.

Cameron made his first trip to Sri Lanka for meetings with G.L. Peiris, Sri Lanka’s Minister for Constitutional Affairs and Ruth Archibald, then Canadian High Commissioner. And an alliance was struck with the local Centre for Policy Alternatives in Columbo, aimed at supporting what will likely be a long and complex peace process.

With funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade’s Human Security Program and the Canadian International Development Agency’s Peacebuilding Fund, the Forum of Federations began an Educational and Advisory Support Program to work directly with the negotiators, providing each side with confidential advice on governance, constitution-building and federalism. Concurrently, a wide-ranging public information initiative was set in motion in collaboration with the Centre for Policy Alternatives.

As part of a team including Bob Rae, former Premier of Ontario and Peter Meekison, Alberta's former constitutional advisor, Cameron, who is a former Ontario Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, again traveled to Sri Lanka in September 2002. Workshops and meetings were held with the two sides to assess what technical information they would require in preparing for the upcoming negotiations. In addition, a number of public information sessions on multilevel governance were held with key groups, including public servants, professional associations, civil society organizations and businesses.

Since September, Norway has brokered six rounds of negotiations taking our peripatetic Acting Chair to Thailand (twice), Oslo, Berlin and Tokyo. By working on the margins, Cameron has been able to provide detailed advice and information before and after the meetings to G.L. Peiris, the chief negotiator for the Government of Sri Lanka as well as to Dr. Anton Balasingam of the LTTE, and their advisors. Both parties have expressed interest in aspects of the Canadian experience such as the Supreme Court of Canada’s secession reference decision as they work toward a decentralized federation.
Cameron describes his role at the sessions as “serving the process, not the parties.” He admits, however, this often amounts simply to hanging around at the negotiations. Nevertheless, while his and the other Canadians’ role remains largely ill-defined, they have garnered considerable trust from both sides. And their combined practical and academic expertise with federalism has been particularly valuable in edging the parties forward in their discussions.

The first real breakthrough came last December when the parties issued a joint press release committing them to some form of federalism as the foundation for the new peace. In doing so, the Tigers effectively gave up their long-standing demand for independence, while, for its part, the Sri Lanka government for the first time no longer insisted upon a unitary state. In this the Canadian model played a key role.

More recently, at the close of March’s meeting in Japan, the parties reaffirmed their commitment to develop a federal system based on internal self-determination. Moreover, they invited Cameron and the Forum of Federations team to move beyond advising the parties separately and sit in on the meetings during the next round scheduled for April.

Cameron was set to join the face-to-face negotiations when the Tamils announced they were suspending their participation “for the time being” because decisions made in previous rounds have not yet been implemented. Their key demand is for a rebel-controlled interim administration in northern and eastern provinces of the country. Sri Lanka's prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, however, is asking for patience insofar as his government lacks the requisite two-thirds majority in parliament for constitution change to create an interim administration. Other challenges to the process include the British and American designation of the LTTE as a terrorist group, an unhappy Tamil Muslim minority looking for a form of non-territorial federal representation and, last but not least, the frail health of the chief Tamil negotiator.

While he views the current impasse as “a major stumbling block in the process,” Cameron is familiar with the ups and downs of protracted political negotiations. As such he remains hopeful that the parties will continue to recognize that armed struggle will not bring an end to Sri Lanka’s problems. So he waits, ever ready to fly to the next round of negotiations.
**Staff Shot: Van Bui**

Van Bui has been with the Department on a permanent, part-time basis since 1999, providing faculty, staff and graduate students with technical support and application programming. A typical workday involves responding to and correcting problems with hardware, software and network connections. The crashes and illegal operations that make the rest of us weep are fairly routine, but he finds changing versions of software and the resulting incompatibilities to be particularly vexing, as is coaxing aging machines to run more recent applications. Nevertheless, Bui particularly enjoys the challenge in discovering just where the problem lies and getting us on our way once again. Web design is also a big part of his job as he reworks and supports faculty who increasingly use the Web in delivering their courses. On the horizon, he looks forward to setting up the Department’s own servers in the not too distant future.

Outside of his time at the Department, Van Bui is part of an innovative graphics design team, fevaNet.com (the v is for Van). They have provided web-based design services to small business clients for the past seven years.

To unwind from the stresses of computer work, Bui turns to the joys of fishing, routinely dropping his line in waters from Algonquin Park to Miami. He began fishing with his dad and brothers when he was only 4 years old. At age 10 he landed a huge, shoulder high carp near Dunvillie, Ontario which set him on a path after the “big ones.” By age 13 he had built a fishing raft at Wards Island from which he occasionally succumbed to the temptation of leaping in after another large carp. His biggest catch to date was a two meter long monster landed while fishing with doughballs in Thailand. Ironically, he doesn’t like to eat fish, preferring to “catch and release” though he will occasionally prepare a particularly tasty catch for his family.

In addition to reading computer books to stay current, not long after joining the department Van Bui developed a new interest. It seems that chatting with Political Science professors as he fixed their machines hooked him, as it were, on following political news, particularly foreign news. And perhaps fittingly, he largely relies on the Internet to do so.
Four Faculty Members Retire

Four career-long stalwarts of the Department are taking retirement this year: Stephen Clarkson came as a lecturer in 1964, Ron Manzer as assistant professor in 1967, and Alkis Kontos and Bob Matthews both arrived in 1969, also as assistant professors. Separate receptions in each of their honour are being planned for the spring and fall. We wish them all a successful retirement!