Welcome to the third annual issue of Lakehead Sociology News which is appearing later than in previous years, but I hope that you find it is worth waiting for. As seems to be fast becoming the norm, 2012 for the Department of Sociology was once again filled with changes.

While I was on sabbatical during the first half of 2012 the position of Acting Chair was very ably filled by Dr. Tony Puddephatt. Tony’s position of Graduate Coordinator, meanwhile, was temporarily taken over by Dr. Chris Southcott. Both Tony and I returned to our usual duties as Chair and Graduate Coordinator on July 1. For a brief two-week period at the end of September, however, I had to be absent from campus and Dr. Jennifer Jarman stepped in to take over as Acting Chair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for helping out, so that everything was able to run smoothly.

Perhaps the biggest change in the Department during 2012 was the departure of Dr. Gary Genosko, who held the position of Canada Research Chair in Technoculture Studies from 2002-2012. The room which housed his Technoculture lab is now being used as much-needed office space for graduate students, and at a later date, we have aspirations of developing the space as a research methods lab.

Fortunately, we were able to keep Dr. Dalibor Mišina for a second year. Dr. Mišina is proving to be a popular instructor; he does an outstanding job of covering some of our theory courses and generally sparking student interest with his expertise in media, culture and society. As noted on the next page, the prestigious publisher Ashgate has just released his book *Shake, Rattle and Roll: Yugoslav Rock Music and the Poetics of Social Critique*.

In 2012, we saw three of our graduate students graduate with their M.A., and in September we brought in a great cohort of new graduate students. News about our graduate students can be found inside this issue.

Our usual speakers series, unfortunately, ran into a few snags for the 2012-13 year, and we were unable to bring in any speakers for the fall term. We are, however, proud to be able to feature some of our own faculty as speakers. In January, Dr. Dalibor Mišina gave a well-attended talk on the subject of his new book. As well, there are two talks for winter 2013 being given by Sociology faculty that are sponsored by other units in the university. First, Dr. Chris Southcott was chosen as Lakehead’s Distinguished Researcher for 2011, and in January 2013, gave a talk about his research program. Second, I will be giving a talk to medical students about my research in March, as part of a series sponsored by the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Details can be found inside this newsletter. We are also pleased to be able to help with bringing in an outside speaker for the winter term: in March we are co-sponsoring a talk by Dr. Janice Graham from Dalhousie University. More details about these events, and other departmental activities, are inside the newsletter. Enjoy the issue!

Sharon-Dale Stone, Chair
Of Special Note:

2012 Faculty Books

**Dr. Paul Carr**

Paul Carr, along with David Zyngier and Marc Pruyn co-edited *Can Educators Make a Difference: Experimenting With and Experiencing Democracy in Education* (Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing).


**Dr. Dalibor Mišina**


**Dr. Randle Nelsen**

Randle Nelsen published *Life of the Party: A Study in Sociability, Community, and Social Inequality* (Toronto: Between the Lines).

Research Funding: New and Continuing

**Dr. Paul Carr**

2012-2017 - SSHRC Award - *Democracy, Political Literacy and the Quest for Transformative Education*, $265,500.

**Dr. Jianye Liu**

2012 SSHRC Award - awarded $6,125.00 for his research under the auspices of the Population Change and Life-course research cluster.

2011-2014 SSHRC Award – co-applicant with Dr. Zenaida Ravaneera, at the University of Western Ontario awarded $74,150.00 - Vulnerable families and individuals: Risk and resilience over the adult life course.

**Dr. Bruce Minore**


2012-2013 – Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care – Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research. With W. Warry. Allocation of continuing operating grant. $370,000.

**Dr. Chris Southcott**

2011 – 2015 - Canada Foundation for Innovation (PI) - Northern Social Science Laboratories, $282,764.

2011 - 2018 - SSHRC MCRI (PI) - Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic, $2,500,000.

2009 - 2014 - SSHRC (Collaborator with Victoria Esses, Western, as PI) - Welcoming communities: Working to improve the inclusion of visible minorities and immigrants in second and third tier Ontario cities, $999,000.

2009 – 2012 - SSHRC (Collaborator with Martha Dowsley as PI) - Inuit Women and the Subsistence
Economy, $138,600.

2006 – 2012 - SSHRC (PI) – Northern Social Economy Research Network, $1,750,000

Dr. Kevin Willison
2010 – 2012 HRSDC Grant – Principle Investigator: Dr. Lynn McDonald (Dept. of Social Work, University of Toronto) $500,000.

Awards and Nominations

Professor Walid Chahal
Nomination - Nominated for Lakehead University’s “Contribution to Teaching Award”, 2012.

Dr. Kevin Willison
Award – Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition – Valuable Contributor Award 2012.

Dr. Chris Southcott
Selected for the 2011 Distinguished Researcher Award. This is the highest honour conferred to a full-time faculty member for excellence in research and scholarly activity at Lakehead University for a period of at least 10 years.

Honor - Selected to be a Chair of the SSHRC Adjudication Committee 2012.

Graduating M.A. Students 2012

Diane Prairie. Thesis: Recategorizing Pornography through Technocultural Change

Karl Reimer. Research Paper: There Comes a Responsibility: 'Mis’Conceptions, Masculinities and Men’s Experiences of Vasectomy


Graduate Publications, Awards & Scholarships

Max Bernosky

Scholarship - $15000 OTC scholarship, funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and the Canadian Foundation of Healthcare Improvement (CFHI)

Chris Gash

Martha Lariviere
2012 Award: First Nations Women's Day Award given by Beendigen Inc. - Honouring her personal achievements and educational attainment.

2011 – 2013 Scholarship - granted a second scholarship by the Department of Sociology, Lakehead University.

Pam Wakewich, Jane Nicholas and M.A. Grad Karl Reimer spring 2012
Graduate Student Research Activities

Lisa Alaimo
(Sociology with Specialization in Women’s Studies)
Master’s Thesis Marie Curie: A Socio-historical and Contextual Biography, combines the Sociology of Ideas/Knowledge approach with Intersectional Feminist Analysis.

Max Bernosky
(Sociology and Diploma in Health Services and Policy Research)
Thesis Title: Nutritional Reform in the Lakehead District School Board: An Analysis of Policy Development and Implementation

Chris Gash
(Sociology with Specialization in Women’s Studies)
Thesis Title: Educating Towards Improving Whole Person Care

Chris Jones
Research Topic: The Impact of Fly-in, Fly-out (FIFO) Commuting on Mining Workers

Martha Lariviere
Research Topic: Doing life backwards: Researching the Aboriginal population in relation to employment, education and their path to career attainment.

Amanda McIntosh
(Sociology with a Specialization in Gerontology)
Research Topic: long term care vs. home care in the aging population From an economic, personal (the elderly person), and agency (long term care home and visiting home support agencies) perspective.

Brenda Sedgwick

Faculty Research and Community Service Activity

Paul Carr
As well as the two previously mentioned on p.2, a partial list of publications for 2012 includes:


Walid Chahal
In 2012 Walid continued be active in the Thunder Bay community. He spoke at and helped organize several events:
Walid remains the Co-chair of
Diversity Thunder Bay and organized the Sixth Annual Breakfast to combat racial discrimination, held on March 23rd, 2012.

Other community activities/positions include: President, Thunder Bay Multicultural Association; Lakehead Social History Institute Advisory Committee; Board member, Thunder Bay Multicultural Association; Board member, Board of Directors Lakehead Social Planning Council; Canadian International Council (Thunder Bay Branch) Committee; Public Education & Media Awareness Strategy– City of Thunder Bay Anti-Racism committee.

Curtis Fogel
Throughout 2012 Curtis has published several articles including:


Snow on the Gridiron: A Brief History of Canadian football. Physical Culture and Sport, 54:49-54.


Jennifer Jarman
A partial list of publications for 2012 includes:


“Gender Inequality, Modernization and Development in South and Southeast Asia” in Lambert, P., R. Connelly, B. Blackburn and V. Gayle (eds.) Social Stratification: Trends and Processes (London: Ashgate).


David Nock in the character of author Charles Dickens, delivering an introduction to dramatic readings of his A Christmas Carol.

Jianye Liu
Jianye continues his research along with R. Beaujot (PI) and Dr. Zenaida Ravaneara at the University of Western Ontario.

Jianye also co-chairs the International committee of the Canadian Population Society and is a Member of the Kanter Award Committee, USA.

Bruce Minore
Bruce along with C. Mushquash, Psychology and CRaNHR, and M.E.Hill, CRaNHR are currently working on the research project “Evaluation of Community Approaches to Prescription Drug Abuse”. This project will evaluate the implementation of community-based approaches to prescription drug abuse in Northern Ontario First Nations. A participatory research framework, designed to maximize opportunities for community representatives to take an active role in the evaluation process, will guide development of instruments, data collection and analysis.

Dalibor Mišina
Professionally Dalibor is involved with the ASN (Association for the Study of Nationalities): World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities and the CSA (Canadian Sociological Association): CSA Conference at CFHSS Congress.

Randle Nelsen
In addition to the book mentioned on p. 2, Randy published:


David Nock
In April of 2012 David presented “Herbert Blumer and American Social Psychology on the Eve of the ‘SI Revolution”, to the Couch-Stone
Symposium, held at Evanston, Illinois and sponsored by Northwestern University.

**Antony Puddephatt**

Throughout 2012 Tony has had several articles published including:


Outside of the department Tony supports the sociological community in various capacities including: Guest Editor for special issue “Best of the Qualitatives 2011” in *Qualitative Sociology Review*, 2012. Member of the Publications Committee, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Approval Editor for the online peer-reviewed journal *Qualitative Sociology Review*.

**Chris Southcott**

In 2012 Chris published several articles including:


“Can Resource Development Help Make Arctic Communities Sustainable? Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic” *Northern Public Affairs*.


M.A. Graduates Becky and Meggi along with Pam at Meggi’s wedding reception.

**Sharon-Dale Stone**

Sharon-Dale has published several articles during 2012 including:


Within the Thunder Bay community Sharon-Dale currently is a Board member, Thunder Bay Health Coalition, and remains involved with the Thunder Bay and District Injured Workers Support Group.
Dr. Pamela Wakewich


Papers from her new collaborative project on risk and HPV vaccine decision making with colleagues from Western Ontario, U of T and Laurier Brantford was presented at national conferences this year: “Biological Risks or Gendered Responsibilities? An Interdisciplinary Conceptual Framework for Communication and Decision-making about Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine,” was presented at the CIHR ‘Advancing Excellence in Gender, Sex and Health Research Conference’ in Montreal in October. And “Teaching Against the Grain: Findings from a Peer Mentoring Workshop on Teaching the Social Determinants of Health in Higher Education,” and “Gender, risk, and embodied vulnerability,” were presented at the 3rd Biennial CSSH Conference “Sociological Contributions to Health Equity in Ottawa in October.

Pam also remains active in provincial and national peer and professional service as member of: ECHO (Ontario Women's Health Council) Equity and Inclusiveness and Research Expertise Committees and serving as a Member of the Executive of Canadian Society for the Sociology of Health (CSSH).

Kevin Willison

Kevin made several presentations including:

“Pursuing Active Engagement in Large Classrooms,” For: Mind the Gap: Reconsidering the First Year Teaching and Learning Experience. Lakehead University – Teaching and Learning Week.

“Building Research Capacity via Collaborative and Community Linkages.” Lakehead University 2012 Research and Innovation week, Orillia Campus.

“Alternative Directions Within Primary Health Care to Enhance Chronic Disease Management.” Lakehead University 2012 Research and Innovation week, Orillia Campus.

“Enhancing Chronic Disease Management via Community Based Participatory Research.” Department of Sociology 2011-2012 Speakers Series, Lakehead University.
Annual Speakers Series

The 2012-2013 Speakers Series was placed on hiatus for the fall term, but there are several presentations scheduled during the 2013 winter term:

January 30, 1:00
Dr. Dalibor Mišina, Department of Sociology, Lakehead University
*Shake, Rattle and Roll: Yugoslav Rock Music and the Poetics of Social Critique*

February 12, 10:30
Dr. Chris Southcott, Department of Sociology, Lakehead University
Distinguished Researcher Lecture: *Economic & Social Sustainability in Northern Communities*

March 21, 12:00
Dr. Sharon-Dale Stone, Department of Sociology, Lakehead University
Northern Ontario School of Medicine: Northern Ontario History of Health and Medicine Group Series
*Young Women Experiencing Hemorrhagic Stroke: Psychosocial Considerations*

March 21, 3:00
Dr. Janice Graham, Director of the Technoscience and Regulation Research Unit, Dalhousie University
Co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology, the Department of Health Studies, and the Gerontology Programs
*From the Hyped Hopes of Dementia Therapies to Health Canada’s Approval of New Drugs, Are We Really Getting What We Need?*

New Sociology Student Newsletter

A Sociology Student Newsletter should be available online in the near future. Although the purpose of the newsletter is to introduce both new and prospective Sociology student’s to the Lakehead Sociology department, there will be useful information for Sociology students at all levels within the newsletter. Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with its contents and feel free to direct your students to the newsletter, which will be available on the sociology website.

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