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Message from the Chair

Welcome to the second annual issue of *Lakehead Sociology News*. The past year has been another one of big changes for us in terms of faculty appointments.

Dr. Jennifer Jarman, who first joined us on a contract in 2010, was appointed as a tenure-track Associate Professor starting in 2011. We are delighted that Dr. Jarman was able to join us. Dr. Jarman is profiled in this newsletter.

Dr. Dalibor Mišina has joined us for 2011/12 to teach courses in theory and methods, as well as a course based on his expertise in Media, Culture and Society.

We said goodbye to Dr. Randy Nelsen who has now moved to Montreal, although he comes back to Thunder Bay for an occasional visit, as he still has family in the area.

Dr. David Nock, meanwhile, continues to drop in from time to time, and we have had the pleasure of his company at several events this year.

There are a few temporary administrative changes for the first half of 2012. As I will be on sabbatical until July, Dr. Tony Puddephatt will be Acting Chair. Also, because Dr. Puddephatt is currently our Graduate Coordinator, he will temporarily be replaced by Dr. Chris Southcott, who will be Acting Graduate Coordinator. Both

Tony and I expect to return to our current positions in July.



I also want to draw your attention to the fact that two of our faculty members, Dr. Tony Puddephatt and Dr. Pamela Wakewich, have been honoured for exemplary teaching (see p 3). We clearly offer high quality teaching in Sociology!

News about research funding has been particularly exciting this past year, as Dr. Chris Southcott was able to secure Lakehead University's first MCRI grant! See details on this and other research inside this newsletter.

All in all, 2011 has been a great year for Sociology at Lakehead. It is a delight to be associated with such a stellar group of faculty and students.

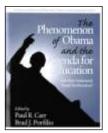
I hope you will enjoy reading about our accomplishments in this issue!

Sharon-dale Stone, Chair

Of Special Note:

Faculty Books in 2011

The year saw four books published: 2 by Thunder Bay faculty, and 2 by Orillia faculty:



Paul Carr, with Brad Porfilio co-edited The phenomenon of Obama and the agenda for education: Can hope audaciously trump neoliberalism? (Charlotte,

NC: Information Age Publishing).

Gary Genosko, with Nick Thoburn, co-edited and introduced, with an interview, After the Future: Franco 'Bifo' Berardi (Oakland: AK Press). The book explores our centurylong obsession with the concept of "the future."





Jianye Liu published Children's Schooling in Vietnam: Does Gender Matter? (Saarbrücken: LAP Lambert Academic Publishing), which is based on his Ph.D. dissertation.

Kevin Willison published Massage Therapy Visits by the Aged: Testing a Modified Andersen Model - A Critical Perspective (Saarbrücken: LAP Lambert Academic Publishing), based on his Ph.D. dissertation.



Also, Paul Carr's book Does Your Vote Count? Democracy and Critical Pedagogy (NY: Peter Lang Publishing, 2010), won a Critics' Choice Award from the American Educational Studies Association (AESA). Awards are given annually for outstanding books in the field of educational studies.

Congratulations to all!

Announcement

Antony Puddephatt and his partner Irene are proud to announce the birth of:

Anabelle May Puddephatt Born September 15, 2011



Congratulations Tony and Irene!

Teaching Awards

Congratulations to **Antony Puddephatt** again, this time for earning a Lakehead University Contributions to Teaching Award in 2011, on account of being nominated by his enthusiastic students!

Congratulations also to Pamela Wakewich who earned the Lakehead University 2011 Distinguished Instructor's Award. For her Distinguished Instructor Address, Dr. Wakewich spoke on "Boundary Crossings: Reflections on Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Teaching and Learning."



Graduating MA Students 2011

Sandrine Badio, Specialization in Women's Studies. Research paper: *The Millennium Development Goals and Women's Reproductive Health in Africa: The Case of Botswana*.

■ Sandrine is now a 1st year student in medicine at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, East Campus.

Robert Horton. Thesis: A Seventh Fire Spark: Preparing the Seventh Generation: What are the Education Related Needs and Concerns of Students from Rainy River First Nations?

Kristyn Lovato. Thesis: Sex and Death in Modern America: Media as a Haven for Taboo Transgression

Katrin Roots, Specialization in Women's Studies. Thesis: Human Trafficking in Canada: "Crisis" or Confusion? An Examination of Canada's Trafficking Legislation and the Development of a "Social Crisis."

Graduate Student External Award Winners

Congratulations to
Heather Cameron and
Vanessa Lucky for
winning Ontario Graduate
Scholarship (OGS) awards
to support their MA
research!

Vanessa Lucky's working thesis title is: "In for a Penny, in for a Pound:

for a
Pound:
Challenging Canada's
Prostitution Laws."

Heather Cameron's working thesis title is: "Constructing Risk in the Context of Unassisted Childbirth in Canada."

Graduate Student Research Activities

Students are working on theses and research papers on a range of fascinating topics:

- Lisa Alaimo, who is specializing in Women's Studies, is working on women's misrepresentation in academic science, with a focus on Marie Curie.
- Lakhi Atwal, who is specializing in Women's Studies, is planning to study gender differences with regard to youth incarceration, with a focus on marginalized male youth being overrepresented in correctional facilities due to charges associated with assault and aggressive behaviour.
- Jyoti Atwal, who is specializing in Women's Studies, is planning to study the barriers that women of colour face in the workforce.
- Max Bernosky is exploring the development of an Ontario-wide mandated nutrition policy. He is also working on getting a Graduate Diploma in Health Services and Policy Research.
- Heather Cameron, who is specializing in Women's Studies, is writing her thesis on unassisted childbirth in Canada.
- Chris Jones is interested in Sociology of Art as well as computer-mediated communication. He's considering putting these interests together for a research project to study the experiences of illustrators who learn or improve their technical skills through informal peer groups online.



Chris and Lisa studying a problem

- Martha Lariviere is planning to do interview-based research on the lived experience of surviving on social assistance in Ontario.
- Vanessa Lucky, who is specializing in Women's Studies, is analyzing the constitutional challenges to Canada's prostitution laws currently before the courts.
- Diane Prairie is wrapping up her thesis research on the recategorization of pornography through technocultural change. Her thesis looks at how technological advancements have changed how we look at sexual content in popular culture.
- Karl Reimer, who is specializing in Women's Studies, is wrapping up his research on male reproductive health, which explores men's motivations to have, and experiences with having a vasectomy.
- Lauren Watson is working on a quantitative analysis of the resilience of lone parents in Canada and the role of education and social support.

Recent and forthcoming conference activities include:

Vanessa Lucky attended the 2011 Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Fredericton, NB, to co-present a paper with Tony Puddephatt: "Mapping Trends in Sociological Theory in Canada: different meanings of theory applied in the last 10 years of the CRS and CJS."

Karl Reimer presented his paper "Men's Perspectives on Vasectomy: Discussions of Motivation and Experience" at the 2011 Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Fredericton, NB.

Karl will also be presenting "There Comes a Responsibility': Men's Perspectives on Vasectomy" at the 2012 Annual Interdisciplinary Conference of the American Men's Studies Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

Faculty Research and Community Service Activity

In addition to his book mentioned on p. 2, **Paul Carr** had a number of articles published in 2011:

En busca de la democracia... a través de la pedagogía critica [In Search of Democracy ... Through Critical Pedagogy]. *Postconvenciales* 3: 1-3.

"¿Pero qué puedo hacer yo?" Quince propuestas auto/transformadoras para estudiantes de educación. ["But What Can I Do?" Fifteen Transformational Proposals for Education Students].

Postconvencionales 3: 149-168.

Cuando "yo" se vuelve "nosotros": Todavía buscando la verdad, la paz y la democracia

[When "I" Becomes "We": Still Searching for Truth, Peace and Democracy]. Postconvenciales 3: 179-183.

Transforming Educational Leadership Without Social Justice? Looking at Critical Pedagogy as more than a Critique, and a Way Toward



Paul Carr

"Democracy." In Shields, C. (ed.), *Transformative Leadership: A Reader* (pp. 37-52). New York: Peter Lang.

The critical Pedagogy of Democracy. In Malott, C. and Porfilio, B. (eds.), *Critical Pedagogy in the 21st Century: A New Generation of Scholars*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

With Brad Porfilio, Audaciously Espousing Hope within a Torrent of Hegemonic Neoliberalism: The Obama Educational Agenda and the Potential for Change. In Carr, Paul R. & Porfilio, Brad (eds.), The Phenomenon of Obama and the Agenda for Education (see p 2). This was also published in Critical Education 2(3).

With Brad Porfilio, Re-evaluating Hope and Change Alongside the Potential for Transformational Change in Education. *Journal of Inquiry and Action in Education* 4(1): 1-30.

With Gina Thésée, Discursive Epistemologies by, for and about the Decolonizing Project. In Abdi, A. (ed.), Decolonizing Philosophies of Education (pp. 15-28). Rotterdam: Sense Publishers.

Walid Chahal continues to be active as an editorial board member for Lakehead University's Advanced Institute for Globalization & Culture (aig+c). He is also active as a member of the Lakehead University Anti Racism Committee, and the Lakehead University Equity Committee.

In the community, he is currently serving as President, Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, *Thunder Bay Multicultural Association (TBMA)*.

In recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the TBMA invited Ayman Al-Yassini (the Executive Director of Canadian Race Relations Foundation) as a guest speaker on March 21st, 2011, for the event Multiculturalism and Diversity at Every Age held at the Victoria Inn, Regency Ballroom.

Also in the community, he is an active board member for Lakehead Social Planning Council and he sits on the Canadian International Council—Thunder Bay Branch.

With Taina Maki Chahal, he organized a presentation for the *Human Rights Education* group, featuring Yves Engler (author and activist) to speak on the role that Canada is playing internationally in a

talk titled "Stephen Harper's Government and Canada's Reputation on the UN Security Council," on Jan 21st, 2011, at Lakehead University.

Finally, he continues working on the "Welcoming Communities Initiative," involving seventeen universities and a large number of community organizations across Ontario, which was awarded a "Community University Research Alliance" (CURA) award in 2009.

Curtis Fogel published several articles in 2011:

Sporting Masculinity on the Gridiron: Construction, Characteristics, and Consequences. *Canadian Social Science* 7(2): 1-14.

With Andrea Quinlan: Lady Gaga and Feminism? A Critical Debate. *Cross-Cultural Communication* 7(3): 182-186.

With Andrea Quinlan: Dancing Naked: Precarious Labour in the Contemporary Female Strip Trade. Canadian Social Science 7(5): 43-50.

He has also been active at conferences. In March 2011, Curtis presented two papers at the



Curtis Fogel

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Toronto. One paper, titled "Toward a Criminology of Sport," examined the need for heightened research on crime in Canadian sport. The other paper, titled "Athletes on Trial" (with Andrea Quinlan), examined the difficulties in prosecuting male athletes charged with sexual violence against women. In April 2011, Curtis presented a paper titled "Imaginative Inquiry" at the British Sociological Association Annual Conference in London, England.

Finally, he is working on a book with Andrea Quinlan & Elizabeth Quinlan (Proposal Accepted): *Imaginative Inquiry: Innovative Approaches to Interdisciplinary Research*. Academica Press: Palo Alto, CA.

In addition to his new co-edited book, **Gary Genosko**, has been busy wrapping up his tenure as Canada Research Chair in Technoculture.

Dr. Genosko's research was profiled in the March 2011 issue of University Affairs. See http://www.universityaffairs.ca/exploring-the-glitches-in-the-system.aspx

Jennifer Jarman has several book chapters due to be published early in 2012 that are related to her research on work in an international context; and she has an article about gender segregation in the workplace that is about to be published in the prestigious journal Sociology.

Her review of Agnew, Vijay (ed.), Racialized Migrant Women in Canada, Essays in Health, Violence and Equity (Toronto: University of Toronto Press) was published in Women's Studies International Forum 34 (1): 88-89.

On the conference circuit, Dr.
Jarman's paper "Understanding
Gender Inequality in Employment,"
co-authored with R. Blackburn and G.

Racko, was presented at the British Sociology Association Conference, London School of Economics, April 2011.

In addition to publishing his book (see p. 2) **Jianye Liu** has been busy working on his SSHRC-funded project investigating health care in China. He is also busy with a second SSHRC-funded project (awarded in 2011) called "Vulnerable families and individuals:

Risk and resilience over the adult life course."

Also, with Danielle McLean and Chris Southcott he published "Social Capital and the Social Economy in the Canadian North-A Preliminary Analysis." SERNNoCa Research Report #3" Whitehorse YT.

Bruce Minore and his colleagues at the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research continued to implement their program of research on Aboriginal health, supported by grants from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Canadian Institutes for Health Research and the Ontario Stroke System. Based on this research they published during 2011:

M. Keightley, V. Kendall, S.H. Jang, C. Parker, S. Agnihotri, A. Colatonio, B. Minore, M. Katt, A. Cameron, R. White, C. Longboat-White and A. Bellavance. "From Health Care to Home Community: An Aboriginal Community-Based ABI Transition Strategy." *Brain Injury* 25(2): 142-152.

As well, Dr. Minore gave several academic conference presentations:

- J. B. Minore, M. E. Hill, J. Park, G. Bandoh, R. Page, S. Perry, M. Tiernan. *Toward Providing Patient-Centred Care for Aboriginal Clients with Asthma and COPD*. Presentation at the Canadian Congress on Respiratory Health, held in Quebec City, April 29, 2011.
- J. B. Minore, M. E. Hill. Towards Improving Care for Canadian Aboriginal Clients with Asthma and COPD: Using a Mixed Methods Approach to Offset Data Gaps.

 Presentation at the 2011 Mixed Methods International Conference, University of Leeds, Leeds, U.K., June 28 -30, 2011
- J. B. Minore, M. E. Hill. Closing Down: The Health Effects of Downsizing the Forest Industry in Northwestern Ontario.

 Presentation at the 10th Annual Conference of the Canadian Society for Rural Health Research, held in Vancouver, October 20 22, 2011.

He also gave presentations to decision-makers:

"Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research: Strengthening Rural Health Through Research," at the Rural Development Network Meeting, May 4, 2011

"Aboriginal Respiratory Health: What the Data Does (and Does Not) Tell Us" at the Primary Care Asthma Program Advisory Meeting, Toronto, April 26, 2011.

"An Innovative Approach to Opiate Detoxification for Northern First Nations People," MOHLTC Research Showcase for Decision-Makers, Dec. 1, 2011.

Before joining us in August 2011, **Dalibor Mišina** presented his paper "'(What's So



Funny 'bout)
Peace, Love and
Understanding':
Rock-Music and the
Rebuilding of Civic
Identity in the
Post-Conflict
Balkans" at the
World Convention
of the Association
for the Study of
Nationalities
(Columbia

University, New York, April).

Antony Puddephatt published "Language and Mind in the Thought of G.H. Mead: Challenges from Chomsky's Linguistics," in Studies in Symbolic Interaction, 36: 75-106. He is currently working on a related paper that investigates Mead's theory of science, and considers how this might be expanded by incorporating Lonnie Athens' framework of radical interactionism.

With his co-author Vanessa Lucky, he presented "Mapping Trends and Directions for Sociological Theory in Canada" at a theory panel hosted at the 2011 Canadian

Sociological Association meetings in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Dr. Puddephatt returned as program coordinator for the 2011 *Qualitative Analysis Meetings*, held in Brantford, Ontario. He is currently editing a special issue (featuring the best papers from this conference) for the journal *Qualitative Sociology Review*.

Finally, he looks forward to co-authoring a new book with his colleague Neil McLaughlin, tentatively titled *Canada's Sociological Imagination*, which is under contract with Wilfrid Laurier University Press.

Chris Southcott continues his research on the Northwestern Ontario region and the circumpolar north. In 2011 he published "Immigration, Integration and Inclusion in Thunder Bay" in *Immigration, Integration and Inclusion in Ontario Cities*, edited by Caroline Andrew, John Biles, Meyer Burstein, Vicki Esses and Erin Tolley (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's Press).

He was especially active making presentations to various bodies, based on his research. For example:

- he presented at the University of the Arctic Annual Thematic Networks Meetings, Kilpisjarvi, Finland (January)
- in February he was a guest speaker for the Human Resources and Skills Development Canada Northern Research Series (Gatineau, QC)
- he began March in Goose Bay-Happy Valley, Labrador to present at the Labrador Symposium on the Social Economy, and then went back to Gatineau to give another presentation to the Interdepartmental Committee on Northern Affairs, and
- in April he was in Seattle, WA to present at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers.



Chris Southcott

In addition to his continuing research projects funded by bodies such as SSHRC and ArcticNet, Dr. Southcott has begun work as the PI for a \$2.5 million SSHRC MCRI grant to look at sustainable development in the Arctic.

Sharon Dale Stone has continued research on a number of projects related to aging and disability. In 2011 she published:

With Valorie Crooks and Michelle Owen: "Enabling University Teaching for Canadian Academics with Multiple Sclerosis through Problem-Focused Coping." Canadian Journal of Occupational Therapy 78 (1): 45-49.

Her review of *Contesting Aging and Loss*, edited by Janice E. Graham and Peter H. Stephenson, appeared in *Canadian Journal on Aging* 30 (1): 155-156.

With colleagues Robert Sweet, Paul Anisef, and Maria Adamuti-Trache, she co-wrote and submitted Understanding the Experience of Immigrants with Disabilities Living in Canada: A Detailed Analysis Using the 2006 Participation and Activity Limitation Survey to Human Resources and Social Development Canada. February 2011 (93 pages).

Conference activities included presenting:

Age-Related Disability: Believing is Seeing is Experiencing. At the Aging, Old Age, Memory, Aesthetics Conference, The University of Toronto, March 21, 2011.

With Lise Arseneau: Conversations in Long-Term Care: Dementia and Evidence Of Personhood. Paper presented in the session Gerontology and End of Life Care. 28th Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford Campus, May 13, 2011.

With colleagues at other universities, she began working on research funded by The Drummond Foundation: Older Adults' Lived Experience of Age-Related Vision Loss - (P.I. D. Rudman, The University of Western Ontario).

Pamela Wakewich has been hard at work on writing up her research with her collaborator Helen Smith. They have two publications forthcoming:
Regulating Body Boundaries and Health during World War Two: Nationalist Discourse, Media Representations and the Experiences of Canadian Women War Workers. Gender & History [Forthcoming April 2012]; and

Trans/forming the Citizen Body in Wartime: National and Local Public Discourse on Women's Bodies and 'Body Work' for Women during World War Two." In P. Gentile and J. Nicholas, eds. *Contests and Contestations: Bodies and Nation in Canadian History*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Drs. Wakewich and Smith were also invited to present their paper "Trans/forming the Citizen Body During Wartime," at the Ontario Women's History Network, Annual Meeting, Kingston, Ontario, April 1-2, 2011.

With B. Leipert and other colleagues, she co-published "Rural Women's Health Promotion Needs and Resources: A Photovoice Perspective" in J. Kulig and A. Williams, eds. *Health in Rural Canada* (Vancouver: UBC Press), pp. 481-503.

In the community, she has been busy as a Research Consultant, SPR Associates Inc., for the northern Ontario component of the "Evaluation of the Victim/Witness Assistance Program (V/WAP)." Funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General, Ontario.

Dr. Wakewich also serves as a member of the Research Expert Panel, ECHO Ontario Women's Health Council.

Kevin Willison was busy giving conference presentations/invited lectures in 2011:

"Enhancing Care for Abused Seniors and Supporting PSWs via Inter-collaborative Practice." Presentation for the ONPEA (The Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse) & PSNO (Personal Support Network of Ontario) Annual Conference 2011 (Toronto). November 16, 2011.



Kevin Willison

"Integrating CBPR and ICP Initiatives to Offset Ageism and Augment Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect." Presentation for the 40th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting, Canadian Association on Gerontology. Ottawa, October 22, 2011.

"Augmenting Inter-collaborative Primary Health Care Practices via the Social Sciences." Presentation for: Primary Health Care Research Day. Toronto, June 8, 2011.

"Defining and Measuring Elder Abuse and Neglect - Preparatory Work Required To Measure The Prevalence Of Abuse And Neglect Of Older Adults In Canada." Presentation given at the Forums on Interdisciplinary Gerontology, Spring Speaker Series, Lakehead University. April 27, 2011.

New Faculty Profile: Dr. Jennifer Jarman

After a wonderful year as a contract faculty member, we were delighted last spring that Dr. Jennifer Jarman agreed to join us permanently. She brings a wealth of experience with her. Dr. Jarman has taught sociology on three continents. She taught for six years at the Department of

Sociology at one of Asia's leading universities, the National University of Singapore, and prior to that spent ten years at the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University, on Canada's east coast. Prior to that she was a Senior Research Associate at the University of Cambridge, where she had also completed her doctorate. She has been an executive Member of the Canadian Sociology Association and has been an editorial board member of the journals, Capital and Class, and the Asian Journal of Social Sciences.

For the past 20 years, Dr. Jarman has been involved

with a program of research based at the Social and Political Sciences Department, Cambridge University under the leadership of Dr. Robert M. Blackburn. This program has been assessing the gendering of labour markets nationally and internationally, with a particular focus on segregation issues. Segregation issues have been at the core of efforts to legislate equality and develop employment policy. Findings from these projects have been published in journals including Sociology; Work, Employment and Society; and the British Journal of Sociology. The team, with the

recent addition of Dr. Girts Racko (Judge Institute of Management, Cambridge University) is currently experimenting to extend the analysis to include religious differences.

Over the past ten years, she has been working on understanding the nature of the

burgeoning global call centre industry, and its implications for the careers of the people who are employed there. Although the industry has a bad reputation for exploitative and monotonous work, it has also become a major employer of university graduates around the world. Recent estimates suggest that fully 4% of the US labour force is employed in call centres, and that the volume of work the industry performs has steadily expanded with increased rationalization of service sector work processes. Dr. Jarman has conducted an analysis of the way the industry is growing in several key countries: Canada, Malaysia, Singapore and India. She is currently working on a book focusing on the

implications of her findings for regulation of the industry.

Dr. Jarman grew up in an immigrant community in Toronto, observing and discussing the impacts of globalization from an early age. She has been an avid traveller but is now one of Thunder Bay's most enthusiastic residents, looking forward to expanding her knowledge of the north shore of Lake Superior and the huge, beautiful expanse which is northwestern Ontario.



Sociology Speakers Series 2011/12

Our annual series got off to a great start in the Fall. Speakers were:

September 28, Dr. Paul Carr, Lakehead Orillia Campus:

Does Your Vote Count? Re-Thinking Normative, Hegemonic Democracy and the Question

for Transformative Education

October 28, Dr. Aaron Segaert, Homelessness Secretariat, HRSDC: Homeless: A portrait of Emergency Shelter Use in Canada

November 23, Dr. Barbara Marshall, Department of Sociology, Trent University

Medicalizing the 'Third Age'

FOR THE WINTER TERM OUR SPEAKERS WILL BE:

January 25, Dr. Kevin Willison, Lakehead Orillia Campus:

Community Based Participatory Research as a Practical Strategy to Enhance Chronic

Disease Management

Dr. Willison's talk will take place in Orillia and videoconferenced to Thunder Bay.

February 29, Dr. Rick Helmes-Hayes, Department of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo:

The Continuing Relevance of John Porter's Tradition for Canadian Sociology

March 30, Dr. Dalibor Mišina, Lakehead Thunder Bay Campus, and Dr. Nick Cruickshank, Algoma University:

Repertoires of Contention: Identity, Cultural Autonomy, Political Sovereignty and (the Search for) Trans-territorial Romani State

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