

News from the Field 2008

Every fall for the past decade the *Bulletin* has featured “News from the Field” – an annual survey of what is going on in the history departments of Canadian universities and colleges. Unfortunately, this feature was getting shorter and shorter, as fewer chairs of departments responded. Weren’t historians in Canada curious to know what was going on in other departments? Didn’t they want to know who had been hired and who was now a full professor? The answer to these questions is “yes” and this fall we offer a new and improved “News from the Field.”

During the summer, we reviewed the questions on our survey form, paring it down to make it manageable for a busy chair (who is responsible for sending us the information). We also added a question, at the request of the graduate students, about how many M.A. and Ph.D. students were enrolled at each school. For anyone who would like to see the questions, the form can be viewed at: <http://www.cha-shc.ca/english/publ/bulletin/>. If anyone has ideas for questions for next year’s form, please write to the editors.

Most importantly, our form went online this year thanks to the work of our webmaster Mark Humphries. Mark prepared the code so that each completed form could come directly to the editors. This was the first time we worked this way, and because of the healthy number of responses we received, we consider it a success. However, the first year of operation was not without glitches. If you sent your department’s information, and it does not appear below, then please write to the editors and we will report your news in the next issue. Next year, with our executive coordinator giving us some assistance, we intend to spend more time encouraging departments to send in their information, and we hope that this feature will be even better.

A total of 69 institutions received the request for departmental news. Our working list included all Canadian universities and colleges where history is taught, including Quebec CEGEPs. Even though the form was conceived to collect information from an academic setting, it was also sent to public institutions such as, for example, the Canadian War Museum, with the optimism that some might choose to respond. Next year, we would like to include news from other organizations where professional historians are employed, but you must let us know who you are so you can be added to our list.

As you will read below, responses varied. News about recent publications and standard research grant awards was excluded, but otherwise what you read is what was submitted. If your university or college has a meaty report, then thanks should go to your department head (or their efficient assistant...). The

Nouvelles du milieu 2008

Depuis une décennie, le numéro d’automne du *Bulletin* présente les résultats d’un sondage mené auprès des directeurs et directrices de départements d’histoire des universités et collèges au Canada. Malheureusement, cette rubrique a pris de moins en moins de place au fil des ans puisque les directeurs et directrices répondaient de moins en moins au questionnaire portant sur les activités qui se déroulaient au sein de leur département respectif. On pouvait se demander si les historiens désiraient vraiment être informés sur ce qui se passait dans les autres départements d’histoire au pays, à savoir qui avait été engagé, qui était devenu professeur titulaire, etc. Il semble que la réponse soit OUI et nous vous offrons aujourd’hui une rubrique « Nouvelles du milieu » meilleure que jamais.

Nous avons, en premier lieu, révisé le questionnaire qui était envoyé aux directeurs et directrices de département (qui sont responsables de nous faire parvenir l’information demandée). Le nouveau format est plus simple et plus facile à remplir pour les directeurs et directrices déjà débordés de travail. Nous avons également ajouté une question, suite à la requête des étudiants diplômés, pour obtenir le nombre exact d’étudiants qui sont inscrits à la maîtrise et au doctorat dans chaque établissement. Ceux et celles qui désireraient prendre connaissance du formulaire, peuvent le faire au <http://www.cha-shc.ca/francais/publ/bulletin/>. Et si vous avez des questions au sujet du formulaire, vous pouvez les adresser à la SHC.

La plus importante innovation a été de rendre le questionnaire disponible en ligne, avec l’aide de notre webmestre, Mark Humphries, qui a créé une série de code pour que chaque questionnaire puisse être acheminé directement. Le grand nombre de réponses que nous avons reçues confirme l’efficacité de la nouvelle méthode de sondage en ligne. Nous avons toutefois connu quelques difficultés techniques. Par conséquent, si vous avez répondu au questionnaire et que vos réponses ne sont pas incluses dans ces pages, veuillez communiquer avec le coordonnateur de la SHC pour qu’il puisse les inclure dans le prochain numéro du *Bulletin*. Nous comptons d’ailleurs améliorer notre rubrique avec l’aide de notre nouveau coordonnateur exécutif qui s’assurera de communiquer avec tous les directeurs et directrices pour les encourager à nous soumettre leurs informations.

Nous avons contacté 69 départements d’histoire à travers le pays pour leur demander des nouvelles sur leurs activités départementales. Nous parlons ici de tous les collèges et universités où l’histoire est enseignée, y compris les Cégeps du Québec. Même si le questionnaire a été conçu d’abord et avant tout pour recueillir des renseignements du milieu académique, nous avons également envoyé le formulaire à des institutions publiques, par exemple au Musée canadien de la guerre, en espérant que celles-ci daignent répondre. Nous aimerions encore ajouter d’autres organismes

language in which the news is reported, is the language in which it was received. Unfortunately, we received no responses from French-speaking institutions, although the form and covering note were circulated in French and English. We will be making every effort to encourage Francophone institutions to participate next year, as we refine and improve our pitch as to why this cross-Canada "gossip column" merits everyone's attention.

qui emploient des historiens et nous aimerions recevoir vos suggestions à ce sujet.

Comme vous pourrez le constater à la lecture du rapport, les réponses reçues varient énormément. Sauf pour ce qui est des nouvelles portant sur les publications récentes et les bourses de recherche, toutes les données reçues ont été inscrites dans le rapport qui suit. Si votre université ou votre collège a soumis un rapport volumineux, il faut en remercier votre directeur ou directrice (ou leur personnel). Le langage utilisé a été reproduit textuellement. Malheureusement, nous n'avons reçu aucune réponse de la part des institutions francophones malgré que la lettre de présentation et le questionnaire étaient rédigés dans les deux langues officielles du pays. Nous ferons tout le nécessaire pour que les institutions francophones participent l'an prochain. Nous allons de plus parfaire et figoler notre démarche auprès des directeurs et directrices pour les convaincre des avantages qu'ils ont à participer à notre « rubrique de potins » nationale.

At **Acadia University**, Beert C. Verstraete is the Chair of the Department of History and Classics (2006-2009). Dr. Michael Dennis was promoted to Professor. Dr. Gillian Poulter was promoted to Associated Professor. Dr. Gerrit Gerritts retired in June, 2007. Dr. David Duke and Dr. Barry Moody are on sabbatical for the 2008-2009 year. Dr. Paul Doerr is on sabbatical from January 2008 to June 2008. The department welcomed Dr. Jennifer Macdonald as Assistant Professor in a tenure-track position. Dr. Michael Dennis, Dr. Stephen Henderson and Dr. Donna Seamone received awards from the Acadia Student Union for excellence in teaching.

At **Bishop's University**, Jean L. Manore is the Chair of the Department (2008-2010). Dr. Michael Childs has been appointed to Vice Principal for a term of 3 years. Dr. Gordon Barker accepted a one-year sessional appointment in American and British history. The number of tenured positions remains at 4.5 persons.

The **Canadian Oral History Association** is chaired by Alexander Freund and Nolan Reilly (since 2006). The association has a new website: <http://www.canoha.ca>. The website offers the *Guide to Oral History Collections in Canada* (1993) as a searchable database, which is continually updated. It also offers all past issues (volumes 1-25) of the *Journal of the Canadian Oral History Association / Oral History Forum d'histoire orale* since volume 27-28 (2007-08), the *Oral History Forum d'histoire orale* is published as an electronic journal at <http://journal.canoha.ca>. *Forum* currently has an open call for papers and a CFP for a special issue on Oral History and the Family.

At **Concordia University**, Shannon McSheffrey is the Chair of the Department (2007-2010). The Graduate Director is Andrew Ivaska. There are currently 51 students in the M.A. programme and 30 students in the Ph.D. programme. Andrew Ivaska and Alison Rowley were both promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Mary Vipond retired in June, 2008. Frank Chalk and Ronald Rudin were on sabbatical in 2007-08. The department welcomed Barbara Lorezkowski (North American Culture, Immigration and Gender) and Ted McCormick (Early Modern Europe, Intellectual History) to tenure track positions. Peter Gossage (Quebec) will be joining the department in July, 2009. In the fall of 2007, Clare Carroll, who specializes in Early Modern Irish Literature and History, was the O'Brien Visiting Fellow in Canadian Irish Studies. The department reported an increase of one position. Steve High and a team of 40 other university and community researchers were awarded a SSHRC Community-University Research Award (\$1.2 million) for "Life Stories of Montrealers Displaced by War, Genocide, and other Human Rights Violations" an oral history project. Last year, in February 2008, the department held the conference "Sharing Authority: Building Community-University Alliances through Oral History, Digital Storytelling and Collaboration." In March 2008, the department held the graduate conference "History in the Making XIII: Sources of Controversy: Innovative Sources, Unconventional Methods and the Archive Reimagined" that featured the speakers Angela Baker (Ryerson) and Ann Laura Stoler (New School, NY). In April 2008, the department held a three-day conference "Testimony and Rwandan Genocide" with 120 participants from across North America, Europe and Africa. In September 2008, the department hosted "South Asian Studies: A Conference to Commemorate John Hill." In April

2009, the department is holding a conference “Curating Difficult Knowledge” (for details, <http://cerery.concordia.ca>). The Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling is creating software called “Stories Matter,” an open source oral history database “by and for oral historians.”

At **Huron University College**, Jun Fang is the Chair of the Department (2007-2012). Jun Fang received tenure at the level of Associate Professor in 2008. The department anticipates appointing an Assistant Professor in World History for a two-year limited term commencing July 1, 2009. Professor Colin Reade will retire on June 30, 2009.

At **Laurentian University**, the Chair of the Department is Sara Burke (2005-2011). The Graduate Director is Mark Kuhlberg. There are 14 students currently enrolled in the M.A. programme. Mark Kuhlberg was promoted to Associate Professor. The department welcomed Benoit Grenier (New France) and Dan Byers (Canadian History) to tenure-track positions. Limited term appointments were made to Amélie Bourbeau (Canadian History) and Ariel Beaujot (Women’s History). The department reported an increase in the number of positions.

At **Lakehead University**, Patricia Jasen is Chair of the Department (2007-2010). The Graduate Director is V.C. Smith. There are currently 13 students enrolled in their M.A. programme. Professor Ernie Epps retired at the end of June, 2007. In September, 2007, Lisa Richardson, a sessional lecturer who taught Greek and Roman history, passed away. In August 2008, retired professor Dr. Ernest Zimmerman passed away. Dr. Bruce Strang and Dr. Ron Harpell began sabbatical leaves on July 1, 2008. The department welcomed two new Canadianists in tenure-track positions: Dr. Michel Beaulieu and Dr. Jane Nicholas. Geoff Read accepted a limited-term appointment in World History. A tenure-track position in non-Western history will be advertised in the fall of 2008. In 2007-08, the department’s full-time faculty increased from 9 to 10. Dr. Ron Harpelle received the Lakehead University Distinguished Instructor Award for 2007. Dr. Bruce Strang received a 2008 Contribution to Teaching Award and the Lakehead University Distinguished Instructor Award for 2008.

At **Mount Royal College**, Jennifer Pettit is the Chair of the Department (2007-2012). The department welcomed Carmen Nelson (Canadian History) and Joseph Anderson (American History) to tenure-track positions. Limited term appointments were made to Mark Humphries (Military and Canadian History) and Jeffrey Wigglesworth (European History). Scott Murray is going to Rwanda for 1 year with WorldTeach out of Harvard University. The department anticipates appointments in the History of Indigenous Peoples (outside of Canada) and Women’s Studies. The department reported an increase of 2 positions. Jennifer Pettit and Kori Street were awarded the 2008 Merlot Classic Award and the 2008 Pierre Berton Award for their work on the Canadian Mysteries Project.

At **Mount Saint Vincent University**, M. Brook Taylor is the Chair of the Department (2004-2008). Adriana Benzaquen will become the Chair of the Department in January, 2009. Kenneth C. Dewar was elected President of the MSVU Faculty Association (2007-2009). M. Brook Taylor will become Acting Dean of Arts for a period of 18 months beginning in January 2009. Frances Ealy and Adriana Benzaquen were on 12-month sabbaticals. Reginald S. Stuart was on sabbatical from January to June, 2008. The department welcomed Jonathan Roberts (World History and African History) as an Associate Professor in a tenure-track position in July, 2008. The department reported an increase of one position, bringing the total number of positions to 7.5.

At **Queen’s University**, Richard Greenfield is the Chair of the Department (2003-2009). The Graduate Director is Sandra den Otter. There are currently 60 students enrolled in the M.A. programme and 60 students enrolled in the Ph.D. programme. Jamey Carson was promoted to Professor. Caroline-Isabelle Caron, Anthony D’Elia, and Barrington Walker were promoted to Associate Professor. Barrington Walker is the Diversity Advisor the VP Academic. Caroline-Isabelle Caron is the Director of Canadian Studies. Caroline-Isabelle Caron, Rosanne Currarino, Ian McKay are on leave from July 2008 to June 2009. Anthony D’Elia and Jane Errington were on leave from July 2007 to June 2008. Emily Hill and Tim Smith are on leave from July 2008 to December 2008. Adnan Husain and David Parker were on leave from January 2008 to June 2008. The department welcomed Amitava Chowdhury (History of the Caribbean) and Wendy Wall (U.S. History post-1920) to tenure-track position in July 2008. Elizabeth Lapina (Medieval) is appointed to the department for 2007-2009. Margaret Oliver is a post-doctoral fellow. Kojo Amonor of Legon, Ghana came to the department on the Good Family Visiting Faculty Fellowship from July to December, 2007. Selcuk Esenbel of Bogazici, Istanbul, came to the department on the Good Family Visiting Faculty Fellowship from July 2008 to June 2009. The department reported an increase of two tenure-track positions. Karen Dubinsky was awarded the Queen’s University Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision. The John Sherwood Memorial Lecture was delivered by Ron Diebert (University of Toronto, Political Science) in March 2008. The New World Coming Conference was held in June 2007. The Nugent Lecture was delivered by Ann Laura Stoler (New School, NY) in October, 2008. Ian McKay will deliver the Faculty Lecture in November, 2008.

At the **Royal Military College of Canada**, Roch Legault is the Chair of the Department (2008-2010). Béatrice Richard was appointed Associate Professor. Jane Errington is the Dean of Arts. Professors Ron Haycock and Harold Klepak retired.

At **Ryerson University**, Carl Benn is the Chair of the Department (2008-2013). Martin Grieg and Ingrid Hehmeyer were promoted to Associate Professor. The department reports

that Francis A. Coghlan (1928-2007), former Professor of History at the University of New Brunswick, returned to teaching in 2005 at Ryerson until illness prevented him from continuing. He was delighted to be teaching at the age of 79. Arne Kislenko is on sabbatical (2007-08). Ron Stagg was on leave (2007-08). Yunxiang Gao is on parental leave (2008-09). Davide MacKenzie and John Morgan are on sabbatical (2008-09). Catherine Ellis is on parental leave (2009). Joey Power is on sabbatical (2009). In 2008, the department welcomed Carl Benn (former Chief Curator of the City of Toronto Museums and Heritage Services) to the position of Chair of the Department. The department welcomed Angela Blake (20th-century American cultural history, urban history and sound studies) in 2007 to the rank of Associate Professor. In 2007, the department welcomed Jenny Carson (American Labour and Women's History) and Robert Teigrob (Cold War, International Relations, U.S. Foreign Policy) to tenure-track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor. Olivier Courteaux (International Relations, First and Second World Wars, Capitalism) was awarded a limited-term appointment. The department reported an increase in the number of positions. Ross Fair received the Ontario Historical Society's 2007-08 Riddell Award honouring the best article in Ontario history published during the award year. Ingrid Hehmeyer won an Award of Appreciation from the Embassy of the Republic of Yemen for her scholarly work in that country. Jennifer Hubbard's book *A Science on the Scales: The Rise of Canadian Atlantic Fisheries Biology 1898-1939* won the North American Society for Oceanic history's John Lyman Book Award for the history of Canadian Naval and Maritime history. Arne Kislenko was a recipient of a Government of Ontario Leadership in Faculty Teaching Awards (LIFT) as well as Ryerson University's first President's Teaching Award. Last year, Ryerson co-hosted, with the University of Toronto, the biennial conference of the Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association. This year, Arne Kislenko is organizing a conference or event on Indochina 'thirty years later,' the proceeds of which will support a child-centred charity in Cambodia. A second conference he will be organizing will focus on security issues in North and South America at Ryerson through the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies (CASIS). Arne Kislenko will continue his "Alternative Spring Break" student group that visits a developing country during Reading Week to work on a development project with an NGO. Last year, the group worked with Habitat for Humanity this year it will partner with Youth Challenge International.

At **Simon Fraser University**, J. I. Little is the Chair of the Department until December of this year. Mark Leier will be the Chair of the Department beginning in January 2009 through to the end of 2012. Elise Chenier is the Graduate Director. There are 36 students currently enrolled in the M.A. programme and 20 students enrolled in the Ph.D. programme. John Stubbs retired in August, 2008. John Craig is on administrative/study

leave from September 2008 to April 2010. Alec Dawson and Janice Matsumura are on study leave from September 2008 to August 2009. The department welcomed Jeremy Brown (Chinese History) Paul Garfinkel (Modern Italian History) Nicolas Kenny (French Canadian – joint history and French), Jennifer Spear (U.S. History) to tenure-track positions. Limited-term positions are held by Sarah Walshaw (African History), Greg Dochuk (British History) and Geoffrey Schmalz (Hellenic Studies). From September 2008 to April 2009, Martin Monsalve (Latin American) is a Visiting Professor. The department reported a decrease of three positions. J. I. Little received the 2008 Dean's Medal of Academic Excellence. Hilmar Pabel received a Research Fellowship at Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies for Winter 2009.

At **St. Thomas University**, Michael Dawson is the Chair of the Department (2006-2009). Fikru Gebrekidan was promoted to Associate Professor. Karen Robert was on sabbatical from July to December, 2007. Brad Cross was on sabbatical from January to June, 2008. Michael Dawson was on sabbatical from January to June, 2008. Robin Vose was on sabbatical from July to December, 2007. Julia Torrie is on sabbatical from July 2008 to June 2009. Rusty Bitterman received the St. Thomas University Teaching Excellence Award. Brad Cross received the St. Thomas University Instructional Leadership Award. Julia Torrie received a Humboldt Foundation Fellowship.

At **Trent University**, Tim Stapleton is the Chair of the Department (2005-2009). The Graduate Director is Ivana Elbl. There are currently 22 students enrolled in the M.A. programme. Tim Stapleton was promoted to Professor. C.M. Greene passed away. D.M.K. Sheinin is on sabbatical from September to December, 2008. Joan Sangster is a Canada-U.S. Fulbright Scholar and will be Visiting Professor at Princeton and Duke Universities in 2008-2009. N. Christie is an adjunct faculty member. The department reported a decrease of one professor. Dimitry Anastakas was awarded \$71,000 from AUTO21 to investigate the role of public policy in the auto sector. Dimitry Anastakis received the J.J. Talman Award from the Ontario Historical Society for his book *Auto Pact: Creating a Borderless North American Auto Industry, 1960-1971*. Carolyn Kay is one of six winners of the 2007 Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Teaching Award. Ivana Elbl received the 2007 Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching. Ivana Elbl is one of five recipients of an Ontario Leadership in Faculty Teaching (LIFT) Award. Robert Wright received the Canadian Authors Association Literary Award/Lela Common Award for Canadian history for his book, *Three Nights in Havana: Pierre Trudeau, Fidel Castro and the Cold War World*. The 2008 W. L. Morton Lecture will be delivered by Richard Gwyn in November 2008.

At the **University of Alberta**, David Mills is the Chair of the Department of History and Classics (2008-2009). The Graduate Director is Frances Swyripa. There are currently 37

students in the M.A. programme and 49 students in the Ph.D. programme. Chris Mackay, Frances Pownall, Jeremy Rossiter and Jane Samson were promoted to Professor. Ryan Dunch is now the Chair of the Department of East Asian Studies. David Johnson is the Associate Dean of Research for the Faculty of Arts and Ken Munro is the Director of the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies and the Dean of St. Joseph's College. Julian Martin retired. Larry Aronsen was on leave from January to June, 2008. Willi Braun and Andrew Gow were on sabbatical from January to June 2008. Sean Gouglas, Margriet Haagsma, Steven Hijmans, David Mills, Guy Thompson, and Daniel Woolf were on sabbatical from July 2007 to June 2008. The department welcomed Jeremy Cartadonna (French History), Magdy El-Shammaa (Middle Eastern History), Adam Kemesis (Latin Poetry), James Muir (Canadian History and Law) and Liza Piper (Canadian History) to tenure track positions. Ibrahim Abu-Rabi was appointed Chair of Islamic Studies. Peter Baskerville was appointed Chair of Modern Western Canadian History. Kelly MacFarlane was appointed Faculty Lecturer. Aloka Parasher-Sen was appointed Singhmar Chair in Classical Indian Polity and Society. The department anticipates appointments in U.S. History and Latin American History. Invited or Visiting professors included Michael Amandry (Classics), Jeffrey Keshen (Canadian History) and R. Cole Harris (Canadian History). The department reported an increase in the number of professors. Peter Baskerville was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Ehud Ben-Zvi has been awarded the Killam Professorship. David Marples was awarded the University Cup. Erika Dyck was awarded a CRC at the University of Saskatchewan. Last year, Jeffrey Keshen was the L.H. Thomas Distinguished Speaker. R. Cole Harris gave the Western Canadian History Lecture. The Canadian Association of African Studies Conference was organized by Ann McDougall. The Western Canadian History Conference was organized by Sarah Carter. The Classical Association of the Canadian West Conference was organized by Rebecca Nagel. Special events for this coming year include: a special exhibition entitled Saeculum: Commemorative coins from Ancient Rome in the W.G. Hardy Museum; the Oxford History of Writing History Conference organized by Daniel Woolf; the Western Canadian History Lecture will be given by Rod Macleod; and John Van Seters, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus, UNC, will visit. In addition, this year is the centenary of the University of Alberta. The Department of History and the Department of Classics (now merged) were two of the original departments. Rod Macleod published *All True Things: A History of the University of Alberta, 1908-2008* (University of Alberta Press).

At the **University of Guelph**, Peter Goddard is Chair of the Department (2008-2013) and Alan Gordon is Associate Chair (2008-9). David Monod, Wilfrid Laurier University, is the Tri-University History Graduate Program Director, replacing Richard Reid. In 2007 and 2008, Catherine Carstairs, Norman

Smith, and Alan McDougall were granted tenure and promoted to associate professor; Femi Kolapo and Kevin James were promoted to associate professor. Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg, and Claiton da Silva, Sao Paulo, Brazil, were visiting professors. Linda Mahood won the College of Arts Faculty Teaching Award and received a Special Merit Award from the University of Guelph Faculty Association. Jennifer McDonald won the College of Arts Teaching Award for contractually limited faculty members and she obtained an appointment at Acadia University. Matthew Hayday's book, *Bilingual Today, United Tomorrow: Official Languages in Education and Canadian Federalism* (MQUP), made the shortlist for the Harold Adams Innis Prize for best book in the social sciences, awarded by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Catherine Carstairs was elected to C.H.A. Council. Leaves: Stuart McCook (parental), Karen Racine, William Cormack, Terry Crowley, Elizabeth Ewan, Kris Inwood, Doug McCalla, Catharine Wilson, Kevin James (parental), Sofie Lachapelle (maternity). Conferences: Ontario Historical Society, 13-14 June 2008; Scottish Studies, September 2008; Tri-University History Conference, November 2008.

At the **University of Lethbridge**, Heidi MacDonald is the Chair of the Department (2004-2009). There is currently 1 student in the M.A. programme. David Hay was appointed to Associate Professor. The department reported an increase of one historian to the department in 2006. Malcolm Greenshields and Michael Hayden (University of Saskatchewan) received the John Gilmary Shea Prize from the American Catholic History Society for their book *Six Hundred Years of Reform: Bishops and the French Church 1190-1789*.

At the **University of New Brunswick**, Gary K. Waite is the Chair of the Department (2008-2011). The Graduate Director is R. Steven Turner. There are currently 47 students in the M.A. programme and 28 students in the Ph.D. programme. Lianne McTavish was promoted to Professor in July, 2007. Lianne McTavish resigned in July, 2008. Retired professor, Francis Coghlan, passed away. Gary K. Waite was on sabbatical from July 2007 until July 2008. Bill Parenteau was on sabbatical from July 2007 to July 2008. David Frank was on sabbatical from January 2008 to June 2008. Dr. Bonnie Huskins was appointed to an 8-month sessional position in the history of the Colonial Americas (2007-2008). Dr. Lisa Todd was appointed to a 9-month sessional position in Modern European history (2008-2009). The department anticipates appointments in Canadian History and either Visual Culture or the Colonial Americas for July 1, 2009. It was noted that there has been a decrease in the number of historians in the department. Dr. R. Steven Turner received the UNB Teaching Professor award for 2007-2009. Dr. Margaret Conrad was the recipient of a Honourary Degree from Acadia University. Dr. Gary K. Waite was awarded the Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies 2007 Montaigne Prize for the best paper presented at the 2007 meetings. Special

events from last year include the department's hosting of the Ninth Annual University of Maine/UNB History Graduate Student Conference (September, 2007)

At the **University of Saskatchewan**, Valerie J. Korinek is the Chair of the Department (2008-2011). The Graduate Director is Geoff Cunfer. There are currently 47 students enrolled in the M.A. programme and 32 enrolled in the Ph.D. programme. Dr. Pamela Jordan was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in July, 2008. Dr. Brett Fairbairn was promoted to Provost and V.P. Academic in July, 2008. Keith Carlson was on sabbatical in 2007-2008. The department welcomed Robert Englebert (pre-industrial French Canada) and Simonne Horwitz (African History and Medical History) to tenure-track positions in July, 2008. Lisa Smith became an Assistant Professor with tenure in June, 2008 and Erika Dyck became an Associated Professor with tenure in July, 2008. The Canada Research Chair for Native-Newcomer Relations, held by Jim Miller, was successfully renewed in 2008. The department reported that there has been an increase of one of the number of historians in their department. Bill Waiser was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2007. Last year, the department held the 2nd Annual Buffalo Conference at Watrous, Saskatchewan. This year, the conference "Situating Science: Science in Human Context Workshop" is being organized by Larry Stewart and Lesley Biggs on October 3, 2008. The Bilson Lecture is being delivered by Sarah Ellis on November 3 and is entitled "The Historian as Chrysanthemum." In 2009, the department will celebrate 100 years of history at the University of Saskatchewan with an event entitled "Bringing History Home" on October 2-3. For more information about this special event, please contact Bill Waiser, Chair of the Centennial Committee of the University of Saskatchewan (bill.waiser@usask.ca).

At the **University of Victoria**, Tom Saunders is the Chair of the Department (205-2010). The Graduate Director is Elizabeth Vibert. There are currently 41 students enrolled in the M.A.

programme and 19 enrolled in the Ph.D. programme. Sara Beam, Martin Bunton, Andrea McKenzie, and Richard Rajala were promoted to associate professor. Angus McLaren and Peter Baskerville retired. Professor Emeritus Wesley T. "Ted" Wooley passed away. The department welcomed Jillian Walshaw (French History) and Paul Bramadat (History of Religion) to tenure-track positions. An appointment in American history is anticipated this year. The department will have two visiting professors as Lansdowne Lecturers – Professor Thomas Bender of New York University and Professor Roger Owen of Harvard. Peter Baskerville has been appointed to the Royal Society of Canada. Angus McLaren won the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Last year, the Fraser River Symposium was organized by Dan Marshall, a sessional instructor; a military history conference entitled "Between Memory and History" was organized by David Zimmerman and Shawn Cafferky; and the International Committee for the History of Technology Conference was organized by David Zimmerman and Shawn Cafferky. This year the department is hosting the Qualicum Conference for graduate students from BC universities and faculty (January 30 – February 1, 2009); and the British Columbia Studies Conference, "Space and Place in British Columbia" (April 30-May 2, 2009).

At the **University of Windsor**, Peter Way is Chair of the Department (2006-2011). The Graduate Director is Miriam Wright. There are currently 30 students enrolled in their M.A. programme. Christina Burr and Leslie Howsam are on leave this fall. Christina Simmons is on leave for the year. Two tenure track appointments have been made: Dr. Mohamed Mohamed in the field of African History and Dr. Shauna Huffaker in the field of the Middle Eastern History. The chair noted that there has been an increase in the number of history professors in their department.