

of Canadian geography and history, including an understanding of the "important role played by waterways in the history of Canada" and a "valuable experience working with primary source documents"; the sense of "a surprisingly different culture and language" existing just north of Vermont's border; a "set of canoeing skills" oriented to the "rigors of northern travel"; an appreciation for the kind of "first hand educational experience" that provides a "workout for your body as well as your mind"; and lastly, knowledge of themselves and of their place in a North American civilization. "Moving from industrialized New England, to the resource frontier, then back again," a student reflected with particular clarity, "it came to me just where I've been living all my life."

Still, there is room to experiment with the format and method of a course of this design. There are alternative readings to assign, other sources to study, different factories to tour, other waterways to trace. More subtle and complex is devising the most effective and successful way to encourage students to integrate

the analytical and experiential components of the work - to join the "thinking" with the "doing" - and emerge intellectually energized as a result. Is reading and research better completed before or after the field experience? Can such study be somehow pursued along the river itself? Is a nightly journal submitted at the end of the course adequate to assess students' retention and progress? How can the instructor properly evaluate course work that is, by necessity, individualized, and therefore somewhat subjective in its outcome? These are challenging pedagogical questions; some tinkering can and should continue to find the best answers. Meanwhile, I remain convinced by the larger value of the travel-study experience for my American students. Here is one possible means of breathing life and relevance into the study of Canadian history.

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## HISTORIANS IN THE NEWS / HISTORIENS A LA UNE

Laurentian University's **Linda Ambrose** has been awarded the Alison Prentice Award for her book, *For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario*. Honouring the best book in women's history, this award is given every three years by the Ontario Historical Society.

Friends, family, faculty and fans gathered at Mount Allison University in early May to commemorate the career of **David Beatty**. After thirty-three years, Dr. Beatty has retired. Widely recognized as one of Mount A's greatest teachers, Dr. Beatty has contributed a statement of his teaching philosophy to this edition of the *Bulletin*.

En mars dernier, **Gérard Bouchard** (UQAC, IREP) a prononcé une série de conférences très courues à l'Université McGill. Le 10 mars, il fut l'invité de la quatrième « Grande conférence Desjardins », organisée par le Programme d'études sur le Québec de l'Université McGill. La communication de Gérard Bouchard s'intitulait « L'histoire comparée des collectivités neuves »; le chercheur y présentait ses dernières réflexions sur le renouvellement des approches en étude de la collectivité québécoise. Le 11 mars, il présentait au Montreal History Group un exposé sur l'utilité de son concept de « collectivité neuve ». Avec Pierre Anctil, il fut aussi l'un des organisateurs du colloque « Les relations judéo-québécoises : identités et perceptions mutuelles », qui eut lieu le 25 mars. Son objectif principal était de déclencher un dialogue entre les deux communautés culturelles. Parmi les participants, notons la présence de Greta Chambers (ancienne chancelière de McGill) et de Guy Bouthillier. Ce colloque a par ailleurs reçu une bonne couverture médiatique.

Au département d'histoire de l'Université Laval, l'ethnologue **Jean-Claude Dupont** s'est mérité le prix Gérard-Morrisset.

**René Durocher** (Université de Montréal) a été nommé directeur du Centre de recherches Lionel-Groulx et directeur de la Fondation Lionel-Groulx.

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations has awarded the 1999 Warren F. Kuehl Prize to **Frances Early** for her book, *World Without War: How U.S. Feminists and Pacifists Resisted World War I* (Syracuse University Press, 1997). The award is given to the author or authors of an outstanding book dealing with the history of peace movements. The prize includes a cash award of \$1,000. Dr. Early is the chair of the Mount Saint Vincent University Department of History.

La Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal a décerné récemment ses Grands prix annuels. **Nadia Fahmy-Eid** a obtenu le Prix Esdras-Minville pour les sciences humaines. La SSJB reconnaît ainsi publiquement la carrière de notre collègue retraitée et sa contribution remarquable à l'histoire du Québec et à l'histoire des femmes.

**Alvin Finkel** of Athabasca University has received the Craig Cunningham Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. This is the university's highest honour for teaching.

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**Geoffrey Hayes** from the University of Waterloo has received the Fred Landon Award for his book, *Waterloo County: An Illustrated History*. Awarded by the Ontario Historical Society, it recognizes the best book on regional history published in the past three years.

Two history doctoral candidates received Fulbright Scholarships to study in the United States. McGill's **Belinda Huang** will be attending Princeton and York's **Fiona Miller** will be attending the University of Pennsylvania.

University of Toronto associate professor **Franca Iacovetta** has been awarded the 1998 Thérèse F.-Casgrain Fellowship for Research on Women and Social Change in Canada. Dr. Iacovetta will use the \$40,000 fellowship to write a book based on her original research into the post-war origins of multiculturalism in Canada and its effects on immigrant and refugee women. The project is titled *Making Model Citizens in Cold War Canada: Newcomers and Gatekeepers*. The fellowship is awarded every second year through a national competition administered by SSHRC on behalf of the Thérèse F.-Casgrain Foundation.

UNB's **Beverly Lemire** has been awarded a two-year Killam Fellowship to study "Women, Household Credit and Consumerism During the Rise of Industrial Capitalism in England, 1600-1850." In addition, Dr. Lemire is organizing an international conference on "Women and Credit." To be held at UNB on 15-18 September 1999, the conference will bring together scholars from across Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Europe, India, Australia and South Africa.

**Mike O'Brien** from Memorial University has been awarded the Riddell Award for the best article on Ontario history published in 1998. His article, "Manhood and the Militia Myth: Masculinity, Class and militarism in Ontario, 1902-1914" appeared in *Labour/Le Travail*, Fall 1998.

**Peter Oliver** received the J.J. Talman Award for his book, *Terror to Evil Doers: Prisons and Punishments in Nineteenth-Century Ontario*. This award honours the best book on Ontario's social, economic, political or cultural history published in the past three years.

**Bill Parenteau** received the CHR Prize for Best Article in 1998. "Care, Control and Supervision: Native People in the Canadian Atlantic Salmon Fishery, 1867-1900" appeared in March 1998.

**Mark Vajcner** is the new University Archivist at the University of Regina. Mr. Vajcner comes to the position from the University of Alberta where he was Assistant Archivist for 3 years. He is a graduate of the joint Master's program in archives offered by the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg. The University of Regina Archives contains the records of the university, and its predecessor institutions, dating back to the founding of Regina College in 1911. The Archives has a substantial collection relating to the history of the visual arts in Saskatchewan and in other parts of Canada. In addition the Archives holds the papers of numerous Canadian journalists, writers, and prairie publishers.

**Merit Awards for 1998-1999** were recently presented by the Acting National Archivist to Eleanor Brown, Robert Ferris and Gilles Légaré for the individual awards, to the ArchiviaNet team (Dave Brown, Jean-Stéphen Piché, Denise Rioux, Donna Sheaves) for the interbranch team award and to the Network Management Team (Gordon Belyea, Robert Lee, Bud Mannoly and Tom Pachla) for the intrabranch team award.

**Les prix de mérites de 1998-1999** ont été récemment remis par l'Archiviste national par intérim à Eleanor Brown, Robert Ferris et Gilles Légaré pour les prix individuels, à l'équipe d'ArchiviaNet (Dave Brown, Jean-Stéphen Piché, Denise Rioux, Donna Sheaves) pour le prix de l'équipe inter-directions et à l'équipe de la Gestion du réseau (Gordon Belyea, Robert Lee, Bud Mannoly, Tom Pachla) pour l'équipe d'une direction.

