

HISTORIANS IN THE NEWS

The Social Science Federation of Canada (SSFC) is pleased to welcome its new President, **Dr. Gregory S. Kealey**, Professor of History and University Research Professor at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Professor Kealey's teaching and research interests include Canadian social and labour history, Canadian security and intelligence and access to information. Professor Kealey replaced Professor Marshall Conley as President of the SSFC. The Federation wishes to thank Professor Conley for his dedication and energy during his term in office.

Currently teaching at the University of Victoria, **John Lutz** is this year's recipient of the University of Ottawa's prestigious Governor General's Gold Medal. It is the first time a historian has been chosen for this award which is given annually based on the excellence of both thesis and overall academic record. Dr. Lutz received the award at the fall convocation ceremony. Dr. Lutz began his studies at U of O in 1989 and had his PhD conferred April 10, 1995. His doctoral thesis was entitled "Work, Wages and Welfare in Aboriginal - Non Aboriginal Relations, British Columbia, 1849-1970". "John Lutz was also the first student to serve as English-language secretary of the Canadian Historical Association and the first student to edit the CHA newsletter, which he did for two years," adds Dr. Gaffield, who taught John Lutz undergraduate history at the University of Victoria and was also Dr. Lutz's PhD supervisor at U of O. Dr. Lutz obtained both his BA in history and economics (1983) and his MA in history (1988) at the University of Victoria, and then decided to pursue his doctoral studies at U of O.

Acadia History Professor **Margaret Conrad** has been named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada's Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences. Established in 1882, the Society is dedicated to promoting and developing learning and research. "It's a great honour and quite a surprise," says Conrad, the only woman from Atlantic Canada elected to

the Society this year. "It's a significant confirmation that the research I've done has had an impact beyond my classroom, university, and region." The Society has recognized Conrad's contributions to Maritime political economy, women's history, and migration studies. Conrad brings a feminist and regional perspective to her research and association with organizations. She authored a biography of Conservative MP George Nowlan, is a founder of *Atlantis: A Women's Studies Journal*, and co-founder of Acadia's Planter Studies Centre. Conrad says Canadians must be aware of the past to be prepared for the future. "It's essential that you have a historic sense of where you come from at a very local and personal level in order for you to be empowered to make decisions in the present," she says.

Canadian historian **Professor Raymond Joseph Huel** was awarded the George Edward Clerk Award by the English Section of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association at its annual conference at UQAM, Montréal in June 1995. Dr. Huel, a faculty member of the Department of History at the University of Lethbridge since 1974, was presented with the award in recognition of the excellence of his teaching and scholarly work in Catholic History and of his many years of involvement in the work of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association.

Throughout his academic career, Huel has written and edited a large number of books and articles relating to topics such as: French Catholic experience in Saskatchewan during the settlement period, Louis Riel, Canadian missionaries, and the history of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Western Canada. In addition to his academic work at the University of Lethbridge, he serves as director of Western Canadian Publishers and the Western Oblate History Project and his latest book, *Proclaiming the Gospel to the Indians and the Métis: The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Western Canada, 1845-1945*, is currently in the publication process at University of Alberta Press.

