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The School of Social Work and Family Studies

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Social and economic justice,
equity and respect

Society, knowledge,
values & skills



Report...

from the Director,
Professor Graham Riches

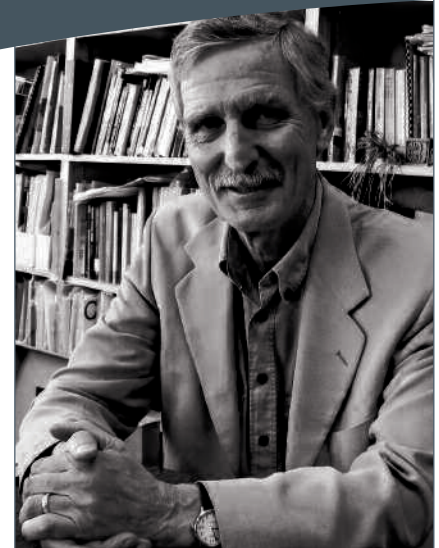


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The School is in mourning. It is with the deepest regret, I must report the passing away of two of our most gifted students, **Paula Sharpe** and **Autumn Jenkinson**.

Autumn, an outstanding MSW student and a BSW graduate of the University College of the Fraser Valley, lost her life in a motor cycle accident near her home in Abbotsford, May 14, 2007. Autumn, the mother of Djambe, was recognized by BCASW and nationally by CASW and CASSW for her pioneering work in advancing the interests of Social Work students and for her leadership regarding matters of social justice. Paula graduated with the Marjorie Ellis Topping Memorial Medal for the most outstanding BSW graduate in 2003. After practising social work in the UK she returned in 2005 with her partner, Darren Brouwer, to Ottawa where her son Micah was born in 2006. Paula was tragically struck down in a road accident May 16, 2007. The loss of their lives is unimaginable for all - their families and friends, fellow students and colleagues and the social work community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends. Eulogies to these two outstanding

students and aspiring social work leaders, Autumn and Paula, appear in *The Bridge* (p 8-9).

Sadly, John Grdovich, a former visiting student from Windsor passed away aged 27, in Vancouver on June 26, 2007.

It is always difficult when outstanding faculty leave for new appointments elsewhere and especially so as we bid a fond farewell to **Professor Dan Perlman** who is leaving the School and UBC. Congratulations to Dan on his appointment as Head of the *Department of Human Development and Family Studies* at the *University of North Carolina* in Greensboro. Dan's loss to Family Studies at UBC will I am sure be irreplaceable. As a mark of his scholarly distinction he was appointed as a full professor at UBC 24 years ago and since that time has published over fourteen books and forty peer reviewed articles in leading journals and is an international leading authority on the subject of close relationships. He was previously Director of the *School of Family and Nutritional Sciences* (1986-1992). My great good fortune and that of the School has been that Dan's ability and experience as a fine administrator served us all

well in his role as Associate Director of the School. He was wise in his knowledge of the mysteries and art of UBC administration and, thankfully, freely shared his advice. Always modest, facilitative, incredibly hardworking and with a commitment to the highest of academic standards it has been a joy to



Professor Graham Allan

work with him over the past nine years. There can be no doubt that UBC's loss will be UNC's gain and we wish him all the very best.

We are also saying a fond farewell to **Professor Graham Allan** who for the past two years has been a Visiting Professor in the School with an appointment in Family Studies. Graham who joined us from Keele University in the UK where he is a Professor and Head in the School of Social Relations impressed us all with his many contributions to the intellectual life of the School - his teaching and graduate supervision, his scholarly work in the area of step families and the major role he played in establishing the Family Studies seminar series. His warm and collegial manner, his sense of humour and his ability actively to engage with all in the School will be missed. We wish him well on his return to the UK.

In 2006 we also said farewell to **Professor John Gilbert**, the first Principal of the *College of Health*

Disciplines. John through his powerful imagination and leadership played the instrumental role in the creation of the College and its commitment to interprofessional education in health and human service programs at UBC. For the School this has been a significant development. We have participated as a full member in the College Council. Social Work students have benefited from a range of interprofessional courses taken with fellow students in allied disciplines such as *Nursing, Pharmacy, Medicine, Law and Physical and Occupational Therapy* as well as in the innovative team based rural placement project (see MSW student Veena Birring's account of her 2003 BSW practicum experience, *The Bridge*, p 13). Collaborative research has also blossomed. John's leadership at all times was consultative and forward looking as he stressed the importance of the health and social professions working collaboratively across their boundaries. We wish him all the very best. We would also like to thank **Professor Leslie Bainbridge** who has served as **Principal pro tem** for advancing the work of the College since John's retirement.

It is now with great pleasure that we welcome **Professor Louise Nasmith** as the new Principal. Louise comes to us from the University of Toronto where she was head of the Department of Family and Community Medicine where she helped create a faculty development program and contributed to a blueprint to advance interprofessional education and care in Ontario.

In terms of future developments the *School of Social Work and Family Studies* is once again facing significant change. The External Review of the School earlier this year, conducted as part of a regular review cycle of all academic

units through the *Dean of Arts* office, has made a number of important recommendations with far reaching implications for both family studies and social work education at UBC. As this edition of *The Bridge* goes to press, the School is already considering the proposed changes.

The main question considered by the Review team was whether the School, which in 1999 brought together Social Work and Family Studies should continue as a joint structure, and if not, how each unit could maximize its full potential and its future development. In essence the External Review found that while the period of the merger had seen important advances in terms of the excellence of faculty hiring, strengthened research ability and a degree of collaborative activity including a joint doctoral program, it had not proved possible to establish a compelling longer term vision for the future of the School for either unit given the current arrangement. The Review also noted that the additional faculty positions required to assist in the bridging of Social Work and Family Studies had not been forthcoming.

The main recommendation is that the association between Social Work and Family Studies be dissolved and that discussions begin as to what new alignments may create the necessary fusion of human and physical capital to move both programs forward in compelling ways. It was further recommended that Family Studies consider joining the Department of Sociology. This transition has now been approved by the School Council following a formal and welcoming invitation from Sociology and approval by Family Studies faculty. This recommendation now awaits discussion and approval by the Faculty of Arts and Senate this Fall.

Regarding Social Work, the Review recommended the creation of a single School of Social Work comprising UBC-Vancouver and UBC-Okanagan, the discontinuation of the BSW at UBC-V and, in essence the creation of a Graduate School of Social Work (with 1 year and 2 year MSW programs and the PhD in Social Work) on the Vancouver campus. Indeed in light of the current UBC financial cutbacks resulting in the loss of faculty positions, it is clearly a time for rethinking priorities. Certainly the refocusing of the MSW and the development of the PhD in Social Work is timely and the renewal of the MSW has, in any event, been at the centre of a Task Force Strategic Review in 2006/07 led by **Dr. Brian O'Neill**. It must be emphasized that these recommendations are still very much under discussion as they raise very significant questions for the future role of the School and social work education at UBC. This is particularly so in light of the current faculty resource base and identifying a clear mission and asking what do we want to be best at?

At this time we are focusing our discussions on the graduate programs while also beginning to explore with each other the possible benefits which the UBC-V and UBC-O schools of social work might enjoy in terms of assisting each other in their respective programs. It is important to note that the recommendation to create one School of Social Work is just that and there have been no formal consultations or discussions with UBCO as yet. It should also be noted that a new cohort of BSW students has been admitted for the Fall 2007 and this year the BSW program will undergo national re-accreditation. The coming academic year promises to be a time of significant decisions!

Finally, as this is my last year as Director, I can report that the

Dean has approved an External Search for a new Director. I wish to thank all full and sessional faculty, agency field instructors, staff, students and alumni for your continuing contributions to the life and work of the School. As we enter a period of financial cutbacks and resource reallocation in the Faculty of Arts your support will be needed more than ever as the School plans its future development.

Graham Riches
Professor and Director



Dan Perlman

DAN PERLMAN REFLECTS

Two Dozen Years: Blink, They are Gone:

Everyone falsifies history even if it is only his own personal history. Sometimes the falsification is deliberate, sometimes unconscious; but always the past is altered to suit the needs of the present. The best we can say of any account is not that it is the real truth at last, but that this is how the story appears now.
Joseph Freeman

2007 marks my 24th year at UBC and the year in which I turn 65. Doing this column is the second time in my life I have been asked to share with others reflections

on my career. My first autobiographical experience was part of a videotaped series of oral history interviews. The interviewer began by encouraging me to talk about how I had selected a career in psychology. In answering, I responded that I had grown up in a family with a blend of strengths and a touch of dysfunction that left me enough positives to cherish close relationships yet enough exposure to their problematic aspects to remain intrigued for nearly all my life with searching for ways to enhance them.

Knowing my central interests from an early age, I went off to university where I was able to academically explore them. There I encountered a minor dilemma: my interests spanned marriage and the family, social psychology and clinical psychology. As I moved on, universities wanted me to be in one category or the other. I wanted to be involved in all three. Even though course work and graduate training programs are set up along specialized lines, over time I have happily found ways to be a "straddler."

Mid-way through graduate school I realized my next task was to find a career. I was told that finding a career involved finding something you love doing and getting paid for it. I found it in becoming a university professor.

My first full-time position was in the psychology department at the University of Manitoba. It was period of dynamic growth for the department and in Winnipeg I enjoyed wonderful community social support. I had the excitement of establishing my career and developing a research program. I started a 20-year relationship with Elizabeth Dean and our son, Anton, entered my life.

In 1976-77, Manitoba granted me a sabbatical. I went to UCLA. I was concerned with friendship formation and believed that looking at people who had trouble make friends might shed light on what people could do to be more effective in establishing social bonds. Mutual friends told me there was a new UCLA faculty member, Anne Peplau, who was interested in loneliness and that we might enjoy talking. We got together for a coffee that resulted in years of collaboration and what I have always considered my most significant work, a discrepancy model of loneliness.

In 1983, I moved to UBC's Family Science, as it was then called, program. The move signaled my shift to more administrative and profession building activities. In these roles, my primary goals have been to foster excellence and productivity, to create positive morale, to be fair, and to articulate values and objectives for stakeholders. I've tried to initiate and to perform administrative functions in a consultative, democratic fashion.

In thinking of this chapter of my life, Freeman's quote is apt. The present plays a role in what is remembered from the past and how it is interpreted. Two aspects of the recent past stand out in what would become one of the dominant challenges of my UBC years. First, earlier this year I discussed with a senior UBC administrator whether Family Studies was a discipline. I contended it is; the administrator didn't seem convinced. Second, UBC has just concluded its periodic review of the School of Social Work and Family Studies, once again pushing Family Studies faculty to consider how they might change the program. From this vantage point, one way of looking back at my 24 years at UBC is to say that much of it has been spent trying to define the family studies program, position it within UBC's organizational structure, and garner support for it from the University's administration.

The short version of Family Studies' saga is that:

- In 1983, the UBC unit I joined had recently changed its name from the School of Home Economics to the School of Family and Nutritional Sciences.
- In UBC's 1983-84 fiscal crisis the Family program was threatened with closure on the grounds it was cost inefficient. (At that time Family courses had low enrollments in part because they were not open to Arts or Science students to use as credit toward their BA or BSc degrees.)
- After the 1983-84 fiscal crisis, Family Studies succeeded in getting its courses open to Arts and Science students and enrollments increased markedly.

- In the early 1990s, a new dean asked: "what was a School of Family and Nutritional Sciences, with two professional programs, doing in a Faculty of Arts?" The answer was "It doesn't belong."
- The School went to the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences.
- Shortly after that, the partnership between family and nutritional sciences dissolved.
- Given common interests in human development and the family as well as the applied nature of the programs, Family Studies joined with Social Work to form a School of Social Work and Family Studies in 2000.
- The Committee charged with reviewing the School of Social Work and Family Studies in 2006-07 concluded that it "does not believe that the present structure of the unit works ...it does not effectively promote the goals and agendas of either Social Work or Family Studies." The Committee continued with the recommendation that the "association between Family Studies and Social Work be dissolved," advocating "that a dialogue begin regarding the possible merger of Family Studies as a part of the Department of Sociology."

As I write, the Family Studies group is exploring what it would mean to develop an identity within Sociology. Clearly sociology is one of the key intellectual traditions contributing to the study of the family. Ideally whatever Family Studies does at this juncture will provide a long-lasting solution to the issues that have been salient in my UBC career and will allow Family Studies faculty members to be productive within the research-intensive UBC context. Hopefully it will also give Family Studies, as an area, a valued, well-defined place at UBC. That may take creativity but I am cheering for it to be achieved.

Besides university administration, during my years at UBC I was active in professional associations. I served as President of three organizations (the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, the Canadian Psychological Association, and Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues). I was also editor or co-editor of three journals: *Journal of Social Issues*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, and *Personal Relationships*. These positions provided me with organizational avenues for fostering my interests in close relationships, social justice, and the utilization of social science knowledge. Serving as editor of the *Journal of Social Issues* was especially gratifying. Each issue is a thematic collection of articles that allowed me to work with groups of authors in a constructive role from the early, prospectus stage of development through to the published product.

Even while occupying these administrative and organizational roles, I have always enjoyed teaching/mentoring and considered it a cornerstone of my career. At UBC, I have chaired nearly a dozen MA and PhD theses and served on numerous additional theses committees. In the 1970s, I began teaching a psychology of close relationships course before they were common in university curriculum. In the past decade, I have been pleased to be involved in writing a widely used text for what has now become a more frequent offering. I have also team-taught courses with Family Studies students to help them launch their own teaching careers.

Of the things I have published while I was at UBC, three have had special meaning to me: a chapter I did comparing theoretical approaches to interpersonal attraction, a history of the field of personal relationships, and my recent article on "the best of times, the worse of times, the role of close relationships in our lives." The writing of each of these gestated over many years; indeed the best of times piece has been simmering in my mind at least since my elementary school years.

Throughout the period I have been at UBC I have felt fortunate to be at a world-class university in a wonderful city. Family Studies students have had the advantages of being in a smaller program yet having all the resources of a large university.

The past few years of my personal life have been enriched by my relationship, initially started when we were living 1500 miles apart, with Lorrie Brubacher. Since I came to Vancouver, I have also treasured my relationships with various work-related networks: administrators, local and international colleagues, wonderful students, staff and community stake-

Family Studies Faculty with Dan Perlman at his farewell reception, June 22nd.



holders. Central in this social world and the Family Studies saga has been the core Family Studies faculty including Margaret Arcus, Phyllis Johnson, Roy Rodgers, Anne Tietjen, Eleanore Vaines-Chamberlain, Jim White, Carol Martin, Brian deVries, Rick Bulcroft, Anne Martin-Matthews, Jim Ponzetti, Carrie Yodanis, Nathan Lauster, and recently Graham Allan. Their hard work, their pulling together and their friendship has been a continuous source of warmth and support. They have, to paraphrase Cicero, made prosperity brighter and lessened adversity by dividing and sharing it.

Twenty-four years. They have passed in a blink. There have been some challenges, yes, but overall a great run. It is said that "Memory is the power to gather roses in winter." I have lived in a greenhouse where roses have bloomed all year.

Thank you to all who have made my UBC years a pleasure and who have given me an opportunity to contribute in constructive ways.

Recent MSW/MA Graduates

MSW Graduates Nov. 2006

Compton, Miranda	"I'd be dead without it". Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Describe the Impact of Adequate Housing on their Health and Health Practices
Demers, Judith	Adolescent Self-Injury
Fung, Joyce	Cultural Appropriateness of Person-Centred Care for the Chinese Population
Gardiner, Cynthia	Individuals With Borderline Intellectual Functioning: Have They Fallen Through our Social Safety Nets?
Goodwin, Shelley	Non-acute individuals with Dementia and the Acute-care Hospital Experience Person-centred care and the influence of discourse
Hentschel, Dave	Social Work and Child Sexual Abuse: A Public Health Perspective
Hunt-Underwood, Jessica	Older Adults' Experiences of Rights and Entitlement While Residing in Assisted Living
Karbar, Tejinder	Giving Voice: Experiences of South Asian Women Caregivers
Kim, Daniel	Cultural Competency: Implications of Static Notions on Social Work Clients
Koeslag, Rebecca	Nursing Home Placement within the Jewish Community: How Does One Decide?
Kruchen, Sylvie	Child Hyperactivity: A Comparison of Institutional Responses and Diagnostic Patterns in France and British Columbia
Lee, Jin Ah	Home Care for Elderly Korean Immigrants in Greater Vancouver
Lemaire, Sharnelle	Aboriginal Women and their Traditional Role as Caregivers
Ludwig, Julie	Three Mothers' Experiences of Caregiving for a young person during Early Psychosis
Melville-Gaumont, Michele	Foster Parents' Experiences of Long-term Placements versus Placement Breakdowns for Foster Children
Nathoo, Tasnim	Anxiety, Identity, and Coming of Age in a Postmodern World
Prochaska, Linda	Negotiating Dementia: Implications of Self-identifying as a Caregiver Within the Experience of Caring for a Family Member
Schneider, Carly	Integrated Healing - Perceptions of the Optimal Healing Environment.
Sloan, Jim	Structural Social Work Practice in a Counselling Setting
Soo, Sherron	The Experiences of Chinese Parents in Family Preservation Programs
Starr, Shauna	"We Don't Talk About that": An Exploration of Mental Illness, Stigma and Family Communication
Steigervald, Sylvia	A Case Study of the Role of Spirituality as a Means of Coping with Multiple Sclerosis
Thorsteinson, Christine	Perspectives of being believed: Survivors of Sexual Assault Discuss their Interactions with Criminal Justice Professionals
White, Tracy	Opportunities and Challenges: Creating Change through Midwifery and Social Work Partnerships

MA Graduates November, 2006

Catto, Lisa	Adolescents' Involvement in Structured Activities and Perceptions of Role Strain
Gozjolko, Kristi	Do Resources Matter? The Cross Cultural Effect of Gender Ideology on the Relationship between Resources and Marital Power
Woods, Kristen	The relationship between children's adoption status and behavioral outcomes
Wun, Derek	Attachment Characteristics and Sexual Harassment Perpetration and Receipt Among Adolescent Peers Developing Senior's Services on Reserve: A Case Study.

PEOPLE

Sun Run

The School is proud to have sponsored 18 members for the Sun Run Team which ran April 15th. They are: (students) Yee Jim, Amy Leung, Eric Mulholland; (staff) Cathy Joyce, Kristin Sopotiuk (team captain), Rowena Tate; (faculty and sessionals) Graham Allan, Edward Kruk, Anne Martin-Matthews, Brian O'Neill, Mary Petty, Liz Robinson, Marg Wright, Carrie Yodanis; (partners and relatives) Jennifer Martin-Kearley and Alan Kearley, Alan Steen, David Turner. Congratulations to all for placing 34th out of 53 in the Education Division, led by Mary Petty with 52.31 minutes, Edward Kruk with 52.43 minutes! Thanks to Kristin for organizing the School's participation!



Congratulations to Professor Richard Vedan

The Vancouver Province (23 November, 2006) reported on the appointment of UBC First Nations House of Learning Director Richard Vedan as Senior Adviser on Aboriginal Affairs to UBC President Stephen Toope.

His new role – the first such position created at any Canadian university – will allow him to “have input into programs and developments as they develop rather than after the fact,” said Vedan, a member of the Neskonalith Band of the Shuswap Nation and an Associate Professor of social work at UBC since 1995. He said one of his key aims is to get more aboriginal students into master’s and PhD programs. UBC offers 60 awards totaling \$200,000 to aboriginal students and those specializing in aboriginal studies.

Congratulations to Marilyn Hedlund, BC Director of Child Welfare

Victoria’s Times Colonist (7 December, 2006) reported that the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development has named UBC alumna Marilyn Hedlund as the new director of child welfare and the person in charge of child protection.

Hedlund, who holds a Master of Social Work from UBC, is at a similar post in Saskatchewan as the executive director of the child and family services division of Saskatchewan Community Resources. She assumes her new position in January.



IN MEMORIAM

(submitted by Bruce E. Harris)

Malchow – David G. Malchow (MSW, 1968) died in India in November, 2006, after a short illness with cancer. He attended the U of A where he graduated with a BA in social work and worked in the Yorkton area of Saskatchewan followed by one year of studies at the University of Bombay and nine years in Hong Kong teaching at the university there. After obtaining his MSW at UBC he worked with psychiatric patients at the Lions Gate Hospital. His dedication in this area resulted in the honor of having a boarding home for schizophrenics name Malchow House open in West Vancouver. In 1992 he moved to India where he enjoyed 14 years of retirement. While there he adopted a family with 2 young boys and found much happiness in being part of their upbringing. In addition to this family he is survived by his many brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews in Canada. Memorial contributions may be made to Malchow House, 2234 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, BC V7V 1K4.

(submitted by Dr. Mary Russell)

Waxler-Morrison - Dr. Nancy E. Waxler-Morrison, Associate Professor Emerita. In 1986 the School of Social Work was in the fortunate position of gaining an additional faculty position. Dr. Nancy Waxler-Morrison, an eminent scholar in the field of international health moved to the Faculty of Arts, with Social Work and Sociology/Anthropology sharing the position. In both areas, Dr. Waxler-Morrison taught courses, engaged with students, and pursued her research interests until she took early retirement in 1992.

Dr. Waxler-Morrison's background included a Ph.D. in Sociology from Radcliffe College and Harvard University. She subsequently held positions as Research Associate and Associate Professor at the Department of Psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School. She pursued her interests in international aspects of health care in a variety of settings including Sri Lanka, Malaysia and India.

During her time at UBC, Dr. Waxler-Morrison demonstrated her commitment to interdisciplinary studies in that she collaborated with colleagues in nursing and agriculture as well as her home departments of Social Work and Sociology. One of her outstanding publications was *Cross-Cultural Caring: A Handbook for Health Care Professionals in Western Canada*, published by UBC Press in 1990. This handbook was developed in collaboration with colleagues in Nursing and has been widely used by a range of health professionals, including social work, and in a variety of academic courses. On a personal level, Nancy was a wonderful colleague.

Her warm smile and friendly manner were appreciated by faculty and students alike. Students, in particular, benefited from her extensive knowledge of international, multicultural aspects of health care provision, and many outstanding graduating essays and theses were completed under her supervision. Nancy's passing is mourned by all who knew her. Our thoughts are with her husband, Dr. Barrie Morrison, UBC Professor Emeritus, Asian Studies.

Testimonial to Autumn Jenkinson



Autumn Jenkinson

(submitted by Richard Vedan, PhD, RSW)

School students, staff, faculty and members of the social work community across the country were devastated upon learning that MSW student Autumn Jenkinson had been taken from us in a motorcycle accident in the early hours of May 13, 2007.

A graduate of the University College of the Fraser Valley BSW Program Autumn had accomplished a great deal during the course of her undergraduate studies and her short professional career. She was approaching the final stages of successfully completing the UBC MSW Program where she had continued to distinguish herself. In all things, the very high standards Autumn set for herself were reflected in her classroom work, in the field, in her research and in the high regard in which is held by fellow students, colleagues, and instructors. She was the recipient of a number of scholarship awards and was being recommended for further awards based upon her exceptional academic record.

Autumn had a great deal of energy; she was incredibly well organized and focussed in any activity in which she was engaged. There is no doubt that anyone who spent any time with Autumn became aware of her dedication to our profession and of her commitment to principles of the highest order which guide our efforts. For the past number of years I have had the pleasure and at times the challenge of being Autumn's MSW thesis advisor. The challenge was in only the most positive and productive sense of the word. My earlier association with Autumn had been through her role as national student representative on the CASSW Board. While she was a student at the University College of the Fraser Valley and at the UBC SSWFS she was repeatedly selected by student colleagues across Canada to represent them in this capacity.

Autumn's many contributions to the proceedings of the CASSW Board meetings and to Annual General Meetings reflected an insight beyond her years. The messages received from social work faculty members and directors of schools across the country attest to high regard in which she was held and the important role she had already played in social work and social work education in her short career. Tragically we can only speculate on the future contributions that she would no doubt have made.

As noted by many, Autumn was extremely well organized, focused and goal oriented in all activities in which she was engaged. She effectively managed, rather than juggled, the multiple roles of student, agency worker, CASSW Board member, BCASW activist and committed mother to her daughter Djambe. Words are hard to find to describe the love and dedication she had for Djambe. Autumn's father Paul, recently honoured by BCASW, is also a UBC MSW graduate who returned to school a bit later in life during the course of his lengthy and distinguished career in Social Work where he has focussed on child welfare. There is no doubt that Autumn's tenacity and sense of social justice was learned from her father and her mother Lydia. We thank you for sharing your daughter.

In May there were no words to express the extent of the loss felt and it is still a challenge these many months later. On Friday, May 19, 2007 family, friends and colleagues gathered at Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Abbotsford gathered to celebrate Autumn's life, to grieve her loss and to comfort one another. The size and scope of the gathering was a further testament to Autumn and the many lives she touched as a daughter, sister mother, friend, student and colleague. As expressed by UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies, Director Graham Riches and others, Autumn will be an irreplaceable loss to her family, her friends, her colleagues, professors, fellow students and to the social work profession.



Paula Sharpe

Eulogy for Paula Sharpe B.Sc., BSW

(submitted by Graham Riches and Elizabeth Robinson)

Paula's death is an immense tragedy for her family and small son, for her many friends and for all of us at the UBC School of

Social Work and Family Studies who knew her so well. We wish to convey the heartfelt condolences of all faculty, staff and students to Darren and Micah, and to

Paula's parents on both sides of the family and all her relatives and friends. This is a time of unimaginable grief and we mourn with you.

As Director I had the privilege of getting to know Paula as she took a class with me and worked for a period as my research assistant. Paula was a brilliant student with a superior intellect and inquiring mind coupled with compassion for those less fortunate and a deep commitment to social justice, the foundation stones of social work which was the profession she had chosen to pursue. That she had first acquired a B.Sc (Chemistry and Maths) before turning to pursue her studies in social work, and excelled at rugby football - she captained the UBC Women's Varsity Rugby Team and was named to the CIAU All-Canadian Women's Rugby All-Star team in 2000) - already set her apart. She was a woman modest about her achievements but with a fulsome and engaging sense of humour as when she would describe her path to social work beginning with her experiences as a candystriper volunteer in Mackenzie Hospital (Northern BC) in the early nineties. She also knew something of the joys but also harsher realities of life growing up in a small northern mining community.

Of her intellectual ability there can be no doubt. Paula won a UBC Hugh M. Brock Entrance Scholarship in 1994 as well as a United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1518 Scholarship. These were followed by a prestigious National Research Council Women in Engineering and Science Scholarship and a Canada Scholarship for Science and Engineering. However, after completing her B.Sc. a brilliant career in chemistry was not to be (she herself said) and Paula defied the expectations others may have had of her and decided to enter social work. We (the UBC Social Work faculty) could not have been more pleased. As a social work student (2001-2003) Paula continued to excel. She was awarded the Jan Jure Scholarship and in 2003 the Marjorie Ellis Topping Memorial Medal awarded to the most outstanding student in the graduating class for the B.S.W. degree.

But we suspect that Paula would not wish to be remembered for these honours but rather for her ethic of care and her struggle for social justice which was a hallmark of her studies and of her learning and practice in the field. She did not flinch from challenges and received high praise for her practicum work in the Downtown Eastside. Her empathy, ability to empower, her analytic strengths, her non-judgmental attitudes, her capacity to work with people and provide appropriate assistance were signalled as her great strengths by her field supervisor. Outside the classroom Paula was active in the School and as a member of Social Work Students for Social Justice which hosted the Affordable

Housing Forum. As a research assistant, it was difficult to keep up with her high energy but rigorous approaches to mapping and understanding food insecurity in BC. When she graduated and moved to the UK with Darren, we were all pleased for her as she would experience social work in a new culture but secretly we wanted her to be with us in the BC social work fold.

We will all miss Paula and she will be an immense loss to social work. She was a student who walked the talk and continually pressed for action and social change. She will always be a beacon of hope for social work. Her light will continue to shine.

(submitted by Carol Chung & Shauna Starr)
Paula was a genuine friend, gifted classmate, and dedicated colleague during our 2 years together in the Bachelor of Social Work program. As soon as one met her, it was impossible to miss her enthusiasm and passion for her family, faith, and social justice. She had that unique combination of intelligence, compassion, and humour. She bubbled with energy and was a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. She spoke with a stirring passion, and listened to others with rapt attention. Paula had a way of making people feel like she was an old friend, very quickly.

While we were learning about the injustices of poverty and systemic discrimination, Paula was a vocal classmate who was the first to organize and mobilize her fellow social workers in training to take action. She didn't force her beliefs on anyone, nor did she judge those who didn't feel as strongly as she did. She simply invited anyone who wanted to participate to join her in trying to make a difference.

Although we never got to see her in practice beyond our training, we have no doubt that she left her imprint on the lives of clients that she worked with, both in England and in Canada.

She was and will continue to be an inspiration to those of us who knew her.



John Grdovich

Obituary for John Grdovich, BA (Queens) BSW (Windsor) - John was a visiting student in the UBC BSW programme.

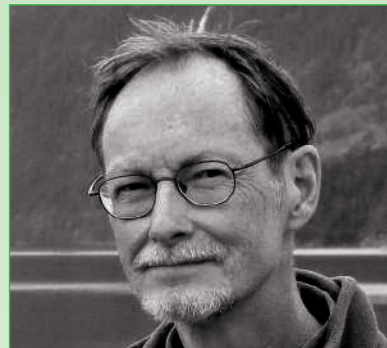
Suddenly, on Tuesday June 26, 2007, in Vancouver, at 27 years of age. Cherished son of

Marion and Joe. John leaves behind his brother Bill and his fiancé Janet and his grandparents Anna and Zvonko Grdovich. John was predeceased by his brother Tommy (2003). He will be lovingly remembered by many family in Canada, Croatia and Germany. John attended Holy Cross Secondary School in St. Catharines. He was a graduate of Queens University, with an honours degree in Political Science and also held a degree in Social Work ('06) from the University of Windsor. Memorial remembrances to Family and Children Services of the Niagara Region would be appreciated by the family.

Alumni – Keeping in Touch

*On February 21st of this year, at his home in Burnaby, **Marty Lund** (BSW, 1981; MSW, 1985) was honored by the BCASW on the occasion of his retirement. A number of BCASW members were there as well as various UBC social work alumni, including Brian O'Neill, representing the School. Described as a "very warm celebration of Marty's career, the food was great and the company stimulating"...*

herewith follows the appreciation speech given by Marty to all and sundry.



Marty Lund

A big THANK YOU to all my colleagues and friends who contributed to making my retirement such a wonderful experience. The event last night was great, one of the few public occasions

where I got to talk about myself (not a normal activity for a social worker), and to enjoy the company of such supportive folks. The gifts were perfect: you must know that Joanne and I love saving and displaying photos of our cats, our families etc. I take most of them, and Joanne just recently got into "creative memories". We love the album, the neat display tools, and the clever frame.

Thank you also to those who so generously provided the gorgeous dinners and deserts, requiring a lot of skill and time obviously. And the wine and beverages: we won't have to cook for days, and will be pleasantly inebriated for a while!

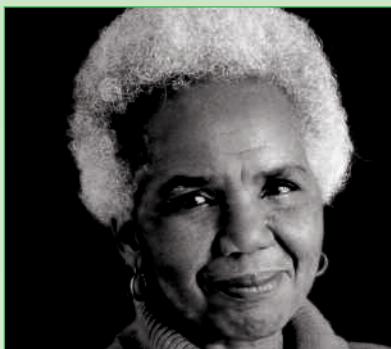
I am delighted to see how the Sea To Sky branch board has grown, and the range of experience and commitment among newer members. I stayed involved for 10 years in

part to support Duncan and Angela through the "lean years" - and because it was fun!. I am so pleased to see that they are moving on to roles with the BCASW itself as well (they are themselves not far from 10 years with the branch board - how time flies!).

What was also great about the event was that friends from my long term involvement with the UBC School of Social Work could participate. Actually, as we know, people can't be confined into "boxes". Deborah for instance has been active in both arenas, and Kimberly (who outdid my 8 years as Alumni President) is now on the BCASW board.

There are many ways social workers contribute to their communities, as well as families, friends, workplaces, etc. We do need to support each other also. In that, I feel very blessed right now.

Thank you all,
Marty



Rosemary Brown

Rosemary Brown Award for Women

On April 4th, as a representative for BCASW, I was privileged to attend the third annual Rosemary Brown Award for Women ceremony at Government House in Victoria. This award

recognizes and honours a BC based woman or organization that promotes the values and ideals which Rosemary Brown championed during her lifetime. Rosemary was also a strong supporter of the UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies. Each year a different theme is selected for recognition; 2007 was "Women in Labour" and Angela Schira was the recipient (previous recipients were Barbara Binns in 2005 for "Women's Equality" and Valerie Fronczek in 2006 for "Children's Rights"). For 2008 "Women in Politics" will be the criteria for selection. As a partner for the Rosemary Brown Award, BCASW may put forward a name of a BC social worker for consideration by the selection committee. If you have any questions about this award, I can be contacted at kazyan@trustee.bc.ca.

Thanks.
Kimberly Azyan

Angela Schira - Recipient of the Rosemary Brown Award for Women

Angela Schira, this year's recipient of the *Rosemary Brown Award for Women*, was honoured in a ceremony at Government House in Victoria on Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

This Award, presented to Angela by The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, is a memorial to the life and work of the late Honourable Rosemary Brown, a champion of equality and dignity for women everywhere. Each year the Award is presented to a woman, or a women's group, who has made an outstanding contribution in one of seven theme areas championed by Rosemary Brown.

This year's theme focused on Women in Labour, and honoured Schira, Secretary-Treasurer of the B.C. Federation of Labour since 1989. Schira, the first woman elected to a full-time position at the labour federation, has been a long-time labour and women's rights activist who has been a champion and mentor for women in the labour movement.

The award is supported by the Vancouver Branch of the United Nations Association of Canada, the B.C. Association of Social Workers, the B.C. Federation of Labour, the B.C. Human Rights Coalition, the National Congress of Black Women Foundation, and the Society for Children and Youth B.C.

SESSIONAL PROFILES



Ted Hannah

Dr. Ted Hannah was born and raised in Summerland. He obtained Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Psychology at Carleton University, going on to SUNY at Stony Brook for PhD studies in Social Psychology. In 1970 Ted took up a faculty

position in Psychology at Memorial University of Newfoundland, intending to stay for two years. Thirty-six years later, having enjoyed a successful academic career and raising a family of three, he retired as an Honorary Research Professor. Ted has

always involved himself in volunteer work, serving at one time as National President of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada and for many years on the National Board of Directors. He now resides in Vancouver.



Sharon (Bunny) LeBlanc

Specializing in child welfare practice, Sharon (Bunny) LeBlanc has taught in both the on-campus BSW and the Squamish Nation Satellite BSW programs at the School. Bunny's association with the School dates back to the 70's when the class-

rooms looked out onto the ocean. She earned her BSW here and after a detour through the School for the Contemporary Arts at SFU she returned in the new millennium to pursue an MSW. Currently Bunny is honoured to be working as a team leader in child protection services with Aboriginal children and families during an exciting time of change in the governance of Aboriginal child welfare services. She loves running into students from the School out in the field!

Minerva Foundation for BC Women Education Award



Stephanie Bullshields

Stephanie Bullshields (BSW, '07) was a 2006 winner of an education award from the Minerva Foundation for B.C. Women.

When I won the award I thought that I won the lottery because I had

never won this much money ever in my life. I felt like the luckiest person on earth and I felt validated as an Aboriginal person who struggles in Canadian society because of the many systemic oppressions that keep us at the lower end of society. The Minerva foundation basically found me by presenting this award and all I did was apply because I thought that I didn't have anything to lose. If it wasn't for the Minerva Foundation and creator God then I would not have had this much recognition and publicity in my life. The award has led me to meet various professionals in high positions that I would not have ever met if I did not have as much publicity as I had. The Minerva Foundation gave me the opportunity to talk to people who really cared and appreciated the struggle I had while going through school and being a single parent with a minimal income for a few years. Now the reality of getting an "Degree!" in social work is becoming a reality and I get excited when I think about my graduation when I can finally take a deep breath and sigh of relief when that degree is handed over to me; all those tears, worries, illness and poverty will only be a memory of the five years it took me to get my degree.

My plans are to work with Aboriginal people. I am doing my practicum with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and I realized one part that is missing and that is integrating identity in Aboriginal youth who have grown up in urban centres in foster care by non-Aboriginal people. Urban Aboriginal youth did not have the opportunity to learn about their language, culture, relatives and reserve life. I see the youth as a lost generation who are so far away from their Aboriginal identity that some do not even want to be identified as Aboriginal. I have an idea, which is to reunite Aboriginal youth back to their clans or relatives from their reserves but they have to want to do this. I want to help them find their roots and write a genogram with the assistance of their bands or any relatives they may have here in Vancouver so they could see how big their extended family is. I would then find the history of their people and we could read about their people

STUDENTS: NEWS & VIEWS

Graduating Students cut the Cake



November '06 Grads L-R: Aija Moreira (BSW), Rebecca Berman (BA), Risako Ota (BA)



because so many books are being published about many Aboriginal nations that I'm sure we could find something. I would help expose some of their culture to them so they would know how their people did things back then and today then I would accompany them on a visit back to their reserve to meet with their relatives and it would have to be during a social function so that the awkwardness of the first face to face meeting would be alleviated to some degree. This would then become a yearly thing where the youth can make visits back home and get to know their relatives more and more. I know there are pros and cons to this but at least the child will know where they come from and who their people are. In child welfare I've learned that Aboriginal foster kids usually want to go back to their relatives when they are old enough to leave and what a shame it would be if they did not know who their people are and who they are as an Aboriginal person.

Stephanie Bullshields

Social Workers in Health (SWHSBC) publishes a newsletter, BC Connections, twice yearly, highlighting social work practice innovations, research projects, upcoming events, and general membership information. The following is reprinted with their permission.

A Memorable Experience of Interprofessional Work in Healthcare

After practicing as a social worker for the last couple of years, I can reflect on how a specific experience in my bachelor program has shaped my social work practice today. In my second practicum placement in the BSW program at UBC, I was given the opportunity to take part in a pilot project called the Interprofessional Rural Program of British Columbia (IRPbc). I was involved in the first phase of this project in the summer of 2003. IRPbc's goals were to promote the development of interprofessional practice among healthcare students, as well as advance the idea of health professionals working in rural BC. IRPbc is funded by the Ministry of Health Services and is coordinated by the BC Academic Health Council. The program is administered by a team constituted from communities, post-secondary institutions and the Ministries of Health Services and Advanced Education.

For me, this experience stands as one of the most memorable times of my life. Born and raised in the city and, for the most part, not much of an outdoors type, living and working for three months in rural Bella Coola was something out of my comfort zone. Bella Coola has a

population of about 2500 people, with 50% being Aboriginals from the Nuxalk Nation. This experience had a profound influence on me and allowed me to grow both professionally and personally.



Veena Birring

One of the main objectives of the program was to train the healthcare students to work collaboratively. Our team consisted of Social Work, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy and Medicine. In addition to our discipline-specific workload, we shared our knowledge and skills. We carried out activities and projects together. For example, our team put together a 'Falls Awareness and Prevention' workshop for the seniors in the community. The very successful outcome of this experiment was attributable to the expertise of each student in his/her specialty. For instance, the pharmacy student focused on working with the participants and the medications that they may be taking which could be associated with dizziness or drowsiness. The physiotherapy students looked at things such as the balance and gait of the seniors. The occupational therapy student explored options dealing with safety measures in the home such as grab bars in the bathroom and other small additions or adaptations that could be helpful in their homes.

I spoke with the seniors about ways to reduce isolation in order to prevent situations where a fall might occur with no one around to help. We talked about a buddy program, where a neighbour, a friend or a family member could make a call to the home on a regular basis to provide a check-in. I also had information regarding the fear of falling or the fears and trauma resulting from a fall. This seemed to be a very significant issue for the seniors coming through the workshop. Therefore, we spent a fair amount of time focusing on interventions around this issue.

What each of the students learned from one another was amazing. The opportunity to work so closely with students from other disciplines created a heightened understanding of their work and respect for each discipline. It also challenged me to articulate the social work role in a clear manner, and in this case, the social work role in a healthcare setting, since we were all placed at Bella Coola General Hospital.

It was rewarding to see my peers seek out the advice of the social worker on the team, and moreover, for them to see the importance of that role in caring for the clients at the hospital. I can honestly say the knowledge gained through the IRPbc experience has been a priceless asset for me in my current social work practice.

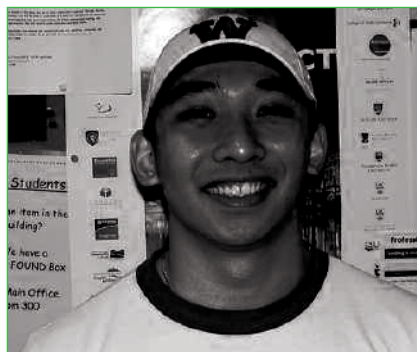
I also said the program experience changed me personally. The extent of what I gained personally through this experience cannot be fully captured here. Bella Coola has some of the most breath-taking sights I have ever seen. There were no movie theatres, bowling alleys or shopping malls. I acquired a new-found love for the outdoors. I am now a regular camper and enjoy hiking, fishing, and kayaking – which were all activities I involved myself in over the time I was living there. Most importantly, the community was warm and welcoming, and it seemed that everybody knew our names. One thing I noticed during my time there was that everyone waves to you when you drive by – what a nice and friendly gesture!

In my view, life is about relationships. This experience serves as an example of how bridging relationships either personally and professionally with peers, clients and community creates a meaningful kind of learning, not easily found anywhere else.

For more information on IRPbc, go to <http://www.bcahc.ca/irpbc/>

Veena Birring, MSW student

BSW Student honored



Nathan Lee

Nathan Lee was nominated by faculty, staff and student peers to be acknowledged for his leadership on campus and within the Faculty of Arts and was recognized at the Dean's Reception on March 22, 2007. He was nominated for his voice of reason and careful analysis of both what is working in the BSW program and what isn't in his capacity as student rep of the BSW Curriculum Committee for the past 2 years. He was able to take difficult positions in a very calm and gentle way when to do so might have meant alienation from student peers and/or faculty.

MSW Student Contributes to Accessibility



Evin Taylor

Evin Taylor (MSW student) is completed his grad essay on issues for transgender people in health services. He has been involved with the Advisory Council for the Access and Diversity department for the past year. A

"Washrooms Committee" work group was developed from this collaboration, most recently written about in an article in Equity Matters, November 2006

"Answering Nature's Call...How Accessible are Washrooms on the UBC Vancouver Campus?"

For the complete article see www.equity.ubc.ca/stats/reports.htm

RESEARCH

SOWK Research Week

(submitted by Vaughan Marshall)

The annual Social Work Week event was held on March 29th at the beautiful Asian Centre at UBC. Jointly sponsored by the UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies and by the Sea-to-Sky and



Vaughan Marshall, Instructor

Richmond-Delta-Burnaby branches of the BC Association of Social Workers, the event showcases the research done by BSW and MSW students in the School.

Graduate students in Deb O'Connor's and Vaughan

Marshall's research classes displayed posters describing the research projects they have undertaken over the past school year, and invited other attendees to join them in conversation about their research. This year marked the first time that several undergraduate students also displayed posters based on research they are proposing to do. Vaughan's class performed a funny play they had created about the challenges of



Parveen Sihota



Shimpei Chaihora

the research process. Graduate student Vicki Bright gave a talk about her community-based research with HIV+ women in the Downtown Eastside, and graduate student Julie Miller spoke about disordered eating among female varsity lightweight rowers.

After the event, one of the undergraduate students who attended said "Just wanted to let you what a wonderful job I think the Master's students did. The posters were great, the play was awesome, and for sure it encouraged me to do my Master's. It was a wonderful event!"

Research Roundup

According to Trek 2010: UBC's Vision, *Through free and ethical inquiry in all disciplines and professions, UBC researchers will enlarge our understanding of the world, address its problems, and seek to enhance the social and cultural aspects of human experience.*

Members of the School of Social Work and Family Studies are happy to be participating in endeavors doing just that: enlarging our understanding of the world, addressing its problems, and enhancing the social and cultural aspects of human experience. Highlights of what members of the School have been doing follow.

GRAHAM ALLAN has recently had a chapter published in *21st Century Sociology: A Reference Handbook*, edited by C. Bryant and D. Peck (Vol. 2, Sage, 2007, pp. 123 - 131). The chapter, co-authored with Rebecca Adams, is titled: 'The sociology of friendship'. It analyzes the development of interest in the sociology of friendship over the last 40 years and highlights some key themes which the research literature has addressed. Graham also acted as Associate Editor with responsibility for the specialism of Family Sociology in the recently published 11 volume *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, (Blackwell, 2006) under the General Editorship of George Ritzer. Graham is currently working on three papers concerned with respectively: family and friendship; hurt and infidelity; and stepfamily kinship.

GRANT CHARLES (with Dr. Peter Gabor, University of Calgary) has just published an article entitled "An historical perspective on residential services for troubled and troubling youth in Canada revisited" in the *Journal of Relational Child and Youth Care Practice*. He was an invited presenter at the World Forum on Child Welfare held recently in Vancouver where he spoke about the research on young carers he is conducting in conjunction with Drs. Tim Stainton and Sheila Marshall. He was also invited to present in Ottawa on this research to the Social Policy Research Group of Human Resources and Social Development Canada. He was a guest lecturer at the Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University in Halifax where he spoke on 'Rural and Urban Interprofessional Education and Practice Projects in British Columbia'. In addition he presented with Dr. Christie Newton (Faculty of Medicine) on interprofessional education and practice at a pre-conference symposium for the International Medical Workforce Conference held in Vancouver.

EDWARD KRUK's CURA/SSHRC project on Separated and Divorced Fathers, examining father's perceptions of their children's needs, paternal responsibilities and the responsibilities of social institutions to support fathers in the fulfillment of their parental responsibilities is now in its fourth year. His most recent publications include, "Spiritual Wounding and Affliction: Facilitating Spiritual Transformation in Social Justice Work," in *Critical Social Work*, and "The Evolution of Harm Reduction: Advocating for Policy Reform in a Culture of Addiction," in *Perspectives*. He was recently featured in the "Global Currents" social issues series ("The Dads Who Fought Back," on the Global Network).

NATHANAEL LAUSTER will become the Principal Investigator on a 3-year Standard Research SSHRC grant to study how and why access to housing influences family formation in Canada, the USA and Sweden. Nathan is particularly interested in the historical processes that inform the contemporary links between housing and family formation. He plans to collect both quantitative and qualitative data, undertaking a series of in-depth interviews with people rec-

onciling their housing situations with their family plans in the expensive cities of Vancouver, Seattle and Stockholm. Nathan continues to organize the Family Research Blog (<http://weblogs.elearning.ubc.ca/familyresearchblog/>) and co-organized the Social Work and Family Studies sponsored symposium on "The End of Children" with Graham Allan. Nathan also continues his research with social work colleagues Frank Tester and Paule McNicoll on a SSHRC sponsored project studying the formation and implications of housing policy in Nunavut. Nathan recently published articles in the academic journals *Housing Studies*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, and *Population and Environment*. He presented his research on housing at the Social Science History Association meetings and the National Council of Family Relations Theory Construction and Research Methods workshop in Minneapolis in November of 2006. He presented research on his attempts to chart and understand sexual revolutions at a Sociology colloquium series at UBC in February of 2007.

ANNE MARTIN-MATTHEWS has recently been granted affiliated researcher status with the Fraser Health Authority, as she works with home care managers in Fraser Health on the collection of data for the CIHR-funded research project, "Home Care in Canada: Working at the Nexus of the Public and Private Spheres" (<http://nexushomecare.arts.ubc.ca/>). To date the NeXus project has completed pilot phase interviews with home care managers and agency owners, home support workers, and with elderly clients of home support services. Interviews with family care givers of elderly clients are pending. The initial analyses of results will be reported at the Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology, in Toronto in June. The NeXus project has recently appointed Dr. Joanie Sims-Gould to a second year of a Post-Doctoral Fellowship on the project. Anne is currently also seeking to appoint a second Post-doctoral Fellow; further information is available on the website.

Anne has been appointed to the peer review panel for the UK's Medical Research Council recent funding competition on Lifelong Health and Wellbeing, in the areas of the ageing brain, frailty and health related quality of life.

In her role as Scientific Director of the National Institute of Aging of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Anne represented the Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Tony Clement, in presenting a speech at the November 2006 Launch of the New Dynamics of Ageing funding program in London, UK. She also participated, along with senior officials from the Public Health Agency of Canada, in a dinner host-

ed by Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, at Buckingham Palace on October 31st, under the auspices of Help the Aged UK.

Two current publications of Anne's research are:

A. Martin-Matthews, "Situating 'home' at the nexus of the public and the private spheres: Ageing, gender and home support work in Canada" (2007). *Current Sociology* 55(2): 229-249.

C.J. Rosenthal, A Martin-Matthews and J. M. Keefe (2007), "Care management and care provision for older relatives amongst employed informal care-givers". *Ageing and Society* 27 (3): 1-24.

PAULE MCNICOLL, in collaboration with a dozen other group work researchers and teachers across Canada (John Ogrodniczuk, PI), obtained a grant from the Michael Smith Foundation to organize resources and promote synergy in interdisciplinary group therapy research. Alice Home (University of Ottawa) and Paule will be presenting a paper entitled "Researching groups for parents of children with invisible disabilities: Bridging professional/peer and cultural divides" at the CASSW conference at the end of May. Paule continues to work with Frank Tester and Nathan Lauster on the project "Iglurjuaq in transition" that documents the history of housing in the eastern Arctic. A few Inuit students are expected to visit and undertake research in our archives for a few weeks this summer.

DEBORAH O'CONNOR has recently been a successful co-applicant on an SSHRC research development grant to examine issues of capacity, abuse and undue influence with Margaret Hall, Faculty of Law, UBC. Additionally her research on the use of support services by persons with dementia and their families continues. The data are now being analyzed and several presentations are scheduled. Deborah continues to direct the Centre for Research on Personhood in Dementia (CRPD) and significant forthcoming CRPD-sponsored events include an SSHRC and CIHR funded international invitational workshop focused on decision-making, dementia and personhood (see www.crpdp.ubc.ca for further information). Recent publications have appeared in *Dementia: International Journal of Research and Practice* (co-authored with other members of the CRPD and focused on proposing a framework for understanding research developments related to personhood approach to dementia), and two articles in *Journal of Aging Studies* - one focuses on caregiving identity and the other, co-authored with Ruth Bartlett, Bradford Dementia Group, UK examines citizenship in dementia.

BRIAN O'NEILL presented a paper at the June 2007 AGM of the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work entitled "Developing MSW Programs: What Can We Learn from Research, Theory and Practice?" Together with Dr. Mario Brondani, a PhD student in the Faculty of Dentistry, he also presented on "Gay Men's Health in Old Age: An Interdisciplinary Perspective" at the Gay Men's Health Summit in Vancouver in December 2006. He has recently been granted affiliated research status with the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute and is continuing with his SSHRC-funded study of social services from the standpoint of gay men.

DAN PERLMAN published his CPA Presidential address, "The best of times, the worst of times: The place of close relationships in psychology and our daily lives," in *Canadian Psychology*, 2007, 48, 7-23. He presented a paradox about relationships: they are both among the most positive, uplifting of life's experiences and yet they can also be among life's darkest aspects. Despite the negative aspects of relationships, most people are very happy in their intimate relations. Dan offered possible explanations for why satisfaction may be so high (e.g., positivity biases in our evaluations; even though relationships sometimes are problematic, they are more frequently positive, etc.).

GRAHAM RICHES has two recent publications. 'Bringing home the right to food in Canada: challenges and possibilities for achieving food security', co-authored with Karen Rideout et al, published on-line in *Public Health Nutrition*, by Cambridge University Press (<http://journals.cambridge.org>, March, 2007) and 'The right to food: a recipe for action', *Canadian Issues*, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, Winter 2006, pp. 52-56. In early December, 2006, Graham traveled to Helsinki, Finland and presented an invited paper 'Food banks and the right to food: practical compassion or justice in welfare?' at an international symposium on 'The Politics of Food', National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (STAKES), Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland.

MARY RUSSELL, in collaboration with BARBARA HARRIS and doctoral student ANNEMARIE GOCKEL are busily engaged in finalizing and reporting results from their 115 in-depth qualitative interviews with 35 parents. Their paper based on initial focus group interviews, *Parent perspectives on intensive intervention for child maltreatment*, has been published on-line and will appear in hard copy in the October, 2007 issue of the *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*. Two presentations based on initial interviews with families, *Parent experiences of child protective services* and *Building and extended family model: Parent per-*

spectives on effective family preservation services were presented at the World Forum 2006 International Conference, Future Directions in Child Welfare in Vancouver in October. Papers based on all interviews to be presented in the spring and summer include, *High risk parents identify best practices* at the 16th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Portland, Oregon, and *Urban aboriginal mother's experiences in a family preservation program* at the Indigenous Voices in Social Work Conference in Hawaii. Mary has also been invited to give a plenary address, *Single parents describe parenting needs*, at the International Council on Social Welfare-European Region Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania. Mary and Linda Light's article, *Police and victim perspectives on empowerment of domestic violence victims*, appeared in the December, 2006 issue of the *Police Quarterly*. Their work, together with Shelly Rivkin (MSW) from the Justice Institute of BC on empowerment of immigrant women who have been abused is drawing to a close with the imminent publication of a final report.

TIM STAINTON has four major projects underway at the moment. The largest of these is the Community Living Research Project on which he is the principal Investigator and is joined by Carrie Yodanis and Grant Charles from the School and colleagues Rachelle Hole from UBC-O, Cam Crawford from the Canadian Association for Community Living and Susan Powell from Kwantlen UC. The project is looking at adult services with a focus on residential and non residential supports, services to seniors with developmental disabilities and transition for youth. The project has completed four major literature reviews and has completed data collection on a large scale qualitative component where 104 service users and family member were interviewed across the province. Analysis of this data has begun and are showing some very interesting results. We are also undertaking several policy reviews and preparing for a large scale quantitative survey to begin in the Fall. Information and results from this study can be found on the project website www.communitylivingresearch.swfs.ubc.ca.

A related project on persons who experience barriers to full time employment due to episodic mental health issues or developmental disabilities is nearing completion. This project is a joint initiative with SPARC-BC and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. As a co-investigator Tim is joined by Marcy Cohen, Michael Goldberg, and Nick Istvanffy. We expect the results of this study to be available beginning in the summer.

A third disability related project is underway with the BC Coalition of People with Disabilities examining reha-

bilitation outcomes from a users perspective. This exciting participatory project will interview users of rehabilitation services to understand what is working and what some of the barriers they experience are. Christine Gordon of the BCCPD is the lead investigator on this project with Barbra Dobson as the lead researcher.

Finally, Tim's work as Co-investigator with Grant Charles on Young Carers is moving forward with data collection from former young carers well underway. This ground breaking work for Canada is beginning to generate a lot of interest across the country as what has long been an ignored issue begins to emerge.

RICHARD SULLIVAN has provided consultation to a study of intercountry adoption in Ireland in collaboration with the Children's Research Centre at Trinity College Dublin. On sabbatical from January to July 2007, Richard has worked on several papers related to permanency planning and adoption. He is also working with Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society (VACFSS) to compile developmental profiles of the children in VACFSS care and to describe the cultural dimensions of that care. Next, Richard will join other HELP affiliates in studying community characteristics associated with school readiness.

FRANK TESTER continues his work on the history of housing policy and programmes in what is now Nunavut Territory, as it has affected the health and social well-being of Inuit. He is working with Paule McNicoll and Nathan Lauster with a three year grant from the Social Sciences Research Council of Canada. Frank is still working with Nunavut Tungavik Incorporated on the residential school file. He and his research assistant, Zoe Jackson, have a case before the Federal Information Commissioner dealing with the access of Aboriginal organizations to files and documents affecting the well-being of those for whom they are responsible which, depending on the outcome, could be ground-breaking. Frank's writing about his work in Mozambique has been chosen for inclusion in a volume on humanitarianism and international work, to be published later this year by Kumarian Press, Oxford, UK, and a chapter on the history of Inuit housing was recently published in a book entitled 'Critical Inuit Studies' (University of Nebraska Press, 2006).

MIU CHUNG YAN made a round-the-world trip in 21 days in December 2006. During this trip, Miu, with Dr. Uzo Anucha (York University) and Dr. S. Nombuso Dlamini (University of Windsor), visited the University of Benin in Nigeria and had fruitful meetings with local partners to develop an action plan for the international collaboration project for social work education in Nigeria. Immediately after the Nigerian visit,

Miu flew to Beijing to meet with colleagues in the Ministry of Civil Affairs to discuss the second International Symposium in Charity Law which will be held in Beijing in June 2007. While he was in China, he also taught a course on how to teach community work practice, which is part of the Advanced Diploma Program on Teaching Social Work Practice. This program is an international collaborative effort aiming to enhance the capacity of social work teachers in the Shandong Province.

In terms of research, Miu has been working on three of his on-going projects. Meanwhile, he has been invited by the Social Planning Department of the City of Vancouver as a consultant to supervise Ms. Sing Mei Chan, a doctoral student of our School, who is hired by the City to conduct a study about the social service needs of Chinese Seniors in the Chinatown area.

In the last few months, Miu also made several presentations. In October 2006, Miu delivered a presentation on "Welcoming Community and the Social Work Profession" in the BCASW Annual Conference and was invited by the Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth to speak on the topic titled "Critical Thinking in the Multicultural and Multiracial Classroom" in the Global Citizenship in Teaching and Learning Brown Bag Series. In November 2006, he was invited by the Richmond Addiction Services as a keynote speaker of the "Serving the Chinese Community; Addictions and Beyond" Workshop. The title of his presentation was "Beyond Culture: A Psycho-social Understanding". In March 2007, he co-organized the workshop, "A Second Look at the Second Generation", in the Metropolis Annual Conference held in Toronto, in which he delivered a presentation (a joint effort with Dr. Sean Lauer) on "Entering the Job Market: Challenges to 2nd Generation Youth of Visible Minority Immigrant Families".

In addition, Miu published a book chapter entitled "The three debates in North American social work profession and their implications to the development of social work profession in China" (in Chinese). His manuscript on "The Quest of Western Social Work Knowledge: Literature in the United States and Practice in China" was accepted by *International Social Work*. Dr. Ming Sum Tsui of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University is co-author of both publications.

CARRIE YODANIS continues her cross-national work on marital dynamics. In collaboration with Sean Lauer, she is currently studying institutional explanations for the management of money in marriage. A paper of theirs has been accepted for publication in *European Sociological Review*. They will also present their research this summer in Guangzhou, China and at the American Sociological Association conference in New York.

FORTHCOMING COLLOQUIUM

The Inaugural Dr. Richard B. Splane Lecture

Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Do Immigration and Multiculturalism Erode the Welfare State?

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Recent Colloquia: World Forum on Child Welfare



In November of 2006 the School hosted delegates from the **World Forum on Child Welfare**. Delegates from Europe, Africa, the US and Canada had a chance to hear about some of the faculty and student research going on at the School and to hear about our range of programmes. **Professor Edward Kruk** presented on *Child Custody as a Child Welfare Issue* and the pitfalls of the current "winner-take-all" approach

to child custody in cases of parental separation. PhD student Janet Douglas presented on *The Health of Children Living in Marijuana Grow-Ops* and the parallels between the risks of this unregulated industry and the 19th century child labour. Finally, **Professor Richard Sullivan** and MSW graduate **Marg Harrington** presented on *Barriers to Adoption: a study of the barriers to permanency among children in the longterm*

care of the province from the perspective of the social workers responsible for their placement. These stimulating short presentations showcased the breadth and depth of research in the School.

The Centre for Research on Personhood in Dementia (CRPD)

CRPD hosted a colloquium on Wednesday April 18, 2007 with guest speakers Dr. Martha Donnelly, MD, CCFP, FRCPC and Dr. Lynn Beattie, MD, FRCPC who spoke about The BC Dementia Care Guidelines for Physicians and The 3rd Canadian Consensus Conference on Diagnosis and Treatment of Dementia.



The End of Children Symposium [May 10-11, 2007]

The End of Children?

On May 10th-11th, the Family Studies unit at the University of British Columbia organized a two-day symposium entitled *'The End of Children?': Fertility and Childhood in Flux*. Loosely inspired by science fiction works including Arthur C. Clarke's *Childhood's End* and Alfonso Cuarón's movie *Children of Men*, the symposium critically explored the twin themes of the disappearance of childhood and disappearance of children. Professors Graham Allan and Nathan Lauster co-

organized the symposium with significant assistance from everyone in the UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies. We were particularly pleased to bring together scholars from a variety of diverse institutions and disciplines, including sociology, anthropology, history, education, women's studies, social work, and, of course, family studies. In addition to many speakers from UBC, including both graduate students and professors, we also sponsored distinguished guest scholars from

Brown University, the University of Connecticut, DePauw University, and Western Washington University. While each speaker provided valuable insights into the changes currently underway in fertility and childhood, we found that the most exciting aspect of the symposium was the engaging discussion that developed between scholars. As Family Studies attempts to develop a new Family Research Centre in the coming years, we anticipate building upon the success of the End of Children symposium, planning more scholarly gatherings in the near future. More details about the symposium, including pictures and abstracts of presentations, are available on the UBC Family Research Blog: <http://weblogs.elearning.ubc.ca/familyresearchblog/>

-Nathan Lauster

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The 75th Social Work Anniversary Global Learning Endowment Fund

This fund has been created in honour of the 75th anniversary of the School of Social Work (2005). This endowment will assist students in the School of Social Work and Family Studies with expenses locally, nationally and internationally to advance their learning and citizenship in globally challenging contexts. The endowment will be awarded on the recommendations of the School of Social Work and Family Studies.

The Henry Maas Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Henry Maas Memorial Scholarship for doctoral students at the UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies has been created to honor his spirit, memory and his strong beliefs in the merits of theory and research informing social work education and practice. This scholarship will enable Doctoral students to develop their own theories and contribute to knowledge building in social welfare.

Roopchand Seebaran Prize

In recognition and celebration of Professor Seebaran's significant contributions to community development, teaching and practice, and to anti-racist social work education during his academic career, the UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies has established the Roopchand Seebaran Prize. The prize is awarded on an annual basis to BSW or MSW student(s) whose essay or project work on the subject of either community development or anti-racist social work education is judged to be of the highest quality.

Family Studies Graduating Prize

A graduating prize (formerly called the Family Studies Scholarship Fund) is established for Family Studies students. The FMST Student Association, as part of their Class Act 2001, the Association of Home Economists in Business in B.C. and the School has provided initial funds.

Mary Hill Scholarship

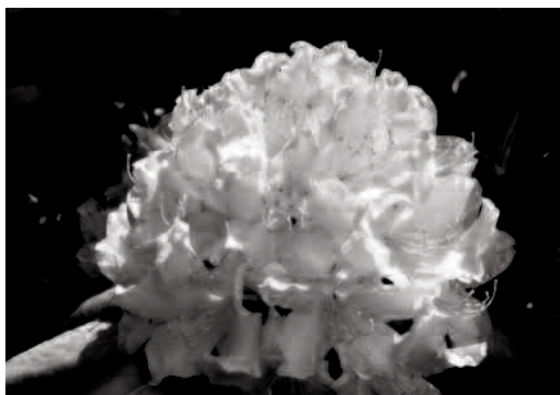
Friends and alumni of the School have established a scholarship in honour of Professor Emerita Mary Hill, a pioneer in the field of social gerontology. Under the leadership of Kathy Hamilton (BSW, MSW) a group of committed fundraisers have raised over \$30,000 to endow a scholarship for students in Social Work who are studying in the area of gerontology.

Social Work and Family Studies Annual Giving Fund

This fund allows the School to work beyond our annual operating budget to respond to priorities that arise each year. It supports the production and distribution of the School newsletter to more than 3,000 alumni, the Alumni Reading Room (hiring student assistance and purchasing publications) and the Family, Child, and Community Research Mentoring Project (hiring a student Coordinator of Volunteers).

Lilian To Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship has been established in memory of Lilian To for graduate students in the UBC School of Social Work and Family Studies intending to study in the area of immigration and refugee policy and practice. Lilian, a social work graduate (1968) of the University of Hong Kong and an MSW graduate (1979) of the UBC School of Social Work, was a renowned and internationally recognized social worker and Chief Executive Officer (1988-2005) of S.U.C.C.E.S.S, Vancouver's leading Chinese social service agency with a particular interest in meeting the economic, social and cultural adjustment needs of new immigrants to Canada.



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| 4 Master of Arts in Family Studies graduates | 8 Bachelor of Social Work graduates |

43 total

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