

The LS Horizon



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Learning Services: "Key to knowledge creation, acquisition and dissemination"

LEARNING SERVICES & OFFICE OF THE VICE-PROVOST

Comings & Goings

Welcome to Diane Schaub who joined Charlene Chauvette on the Administrative Support Team of LS July 1st. Diane has accepted a position as Administrative Assistant to the Vice-Provost and Chief Librarian, and to the Director of Learning Services. We are very fortunate to have Diane as she brings a wealth of experience from her previous role in the office of former U of A President, Rod Fraser. We hope you all get to meet and welcome Diane.

New to LS is also Alison Faid who accepted a part-time, term position as Special Assistant to Ernie on July 1, 2005, in his capacity as Chair of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library Committee (an initiative of The Alberta Library). Alison is a recent graduate of the U of A School of Library and Information Studies and currently serves as a trustee of the Edmonton Public Library. When on campus, Alison will be occupying a space in LS, adjacent to Allison Sivak.

Copyright Office

Please join us in also welcoming Maria Leung, Copyright Assistant to Cindy and Judy. Maria is assisting the Copyright Office with the Peel website digitization project. A recent graduate of the U of A School of Library and Information Studies, Maria is with us until March of 2006.

Campus Print Services

LS is managing a process to go out to RFP for the University Printing contract, which expires in March 2006 and is currently held by McCallum. We are currently surveying campus to determine how well they are currently being served and their needs. Anyone using the McCallum printing or duplicating services on campus who has not had a chance to respond to the survey can contact Charlene Chauvette to get access to the survey. After the survey we will be conducting focus groups across campus to better understand future centralized reproduction and printing services that might be required in the future. Following that an RFP will be issued to the commercial printing community.

Centennial Posters

As part of the provincial centennial celebration LS is distributing brand new posters marketing the Peel's Prairie Provinces to every school in Alberta and Saskatchewan and to post-secondary institutions in Canada. A poster was also produced and distributed by LS to highlight the U of A Libraries contribution to the province and celebrate the centennial. All MLAs received one, many of whom responded enthusiastically.

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LS & OFFICE OF THE VICE-PROVOST CONTINUED...

ATA Social Studies Conference

Ernie and Grant Kayler will be traveling next month to Jasper, Alberta to present a session at the 2005 Alberta Teachers' Association Social Studies Conference in Jasper, Alberta. The session will highlight the features and various resources on the Peel's Prairie Provinces website which are available to social studies teachers for use in their K-12 curriculums. LS will also showcase the Peel website in a display exhibit during the conference.

Funding from AREF for Centennial Book

A \$35,000 grant to the U of A Press (UAP) was recently approved by the Alberta Real Estate Foundation (AREF) towards the UAP's special provincial centennial book project, *Alberta Formed—Alberta Transformed*. The UAP has been working on this collaborative, historical publication in honour of the province's centennial.

This contribution from the AREF will help support the publication of this comprehensive record of Alberta's history through the purchase and placement of these books for all of the Alberta public libraries. The 2-volume centennial book will be co-published by the U of A Press and the University of Calgary Press and will be released this fall.

Canadian Heritage Funding to Support Peel Website

While visiting the U of A last month, Minister of Canadian Heritage Liza Frulla announced funding for two cultural new media projects, one of which is the Peel's Prairie Provinces website. The U of A Libraries will receive \$268,665 to digitize a collection that includes over 1800 rare books, three unique French-language newspapers, and 10 essays from the Canadian Aboriginal Youth Writing Challenge. See also U of A Libraries section in this newsletter. *Canadian Heritage website, www.canadianheritage.gc.ca, Peel website, <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca>.*

LEARNING SYSTEMS ENTERPRISES

Archives

Congratulations to Bryan Corbett, University Archivist (U of A Archives), for being this year's recipient of the ACA (Association of Canadian Archivists) Membership Recognition Award. This unique award, which was presented at the ACA Conference (held in Saskatoon, SK this year!), recognizes an individual's years of service and contributions as an ACA member. Bryan has been an active ACA member since its inception in 1975 and

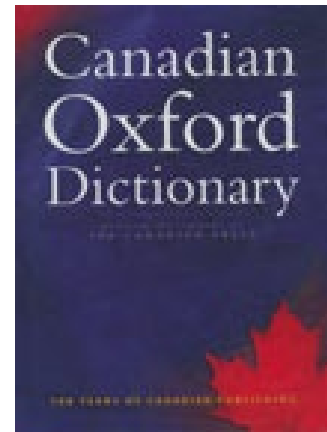


Bryan (L) accepts ACA Award from Mike Moosberger, Dalhousie University's Archivist, Marc Lerman, ACA President & Duncan Grant (R), ACA Executive Director.

was given a nod for his longstanding contribution not only to the ACA, but also to the Canadian and international archival communities and the information profession. The AGM and conference of the ACA is held annually in late May-early June, in different cities throughout the country, and includes sessions, workshops, tours, events, exhibits and networking opportunities. For those who are wondering where university archivists hang out, you can find Bryan at BARD (Book and Record Depository) located off-campus, where he oversees the U of A Archives and Records Management Services.

U OF A BOOKSTORE

The U of A Bookstore welcomes all new and returning students, faculty and staff to campus. To usher in the new school year, the Bookstore is having a gargantuan DICTIONARY SALE. For the month of September, all dictionaries, thesauri, and foreign language learning tapes are 20% off*. (*Some restrictions apply, does not include *The Canadian Dictionary of ASL*).



U OF A LIBRARIES

New funding puts Canadian heritage online

The U of A and the Department of Canadian Heritage announced funding for two online library projects that will make prairie history accessible to all. Minister of Canadian Heritage Liza Frulla was in Edmonton on August 11th to announce the project funding from Canadian Culture Online – an initiative of the Department of Canadian Heritage. The Peel's Prairie Provinces: Rare Books project, a \$285,000 endeavour led by the U of A Libraries, will include the digitization of many resources, including 1800 rare books and three unique French-language newspapers. The second project, Alberta's Francophone Heritage Cultural Digitization and Website Development Project, Phase II, is a project of the Heritage Community Foundation.



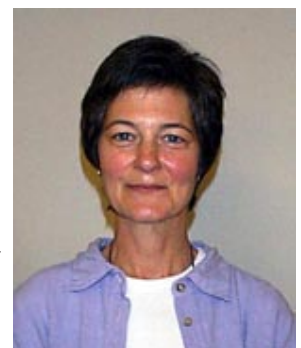
U of A Board of Governors Chair Jim Edwards (L), U of A Director of Library Services Karen Adams, & Minister of Canadian Heritage, Liza Frulla (R)

Go Mobile – Libraries' Laptop Lending Program

Nine laptops (a.k.a. Tadpoles) are now available for U of A students and staff with ONEcards to borrow for use within Cameron Library and the Knowledge Common. The laptops are configured with a wireless card for easy access from within any of the hotspots located throughout the Cameron Library. Laptop lending is a pilot program designed to test the interest in laptops running Sun Microsystems' thin-client desktop. The Sun laptops do not have a hard drive or an operating system installed on them. Instead, a wireless network connection is used to allow the user to log into the laptop using a campus computing id (CCID) and password. The laptop gets its operating system, programs, and any extras straight from the server at AICT. Program details at: <http://www.library.ualberta.ca/kcommon/laptoplending/>

Comings and Goings

Kit Wilson (Acquisitions and Collections Coordinator) has begun a three-year secondment as Manager of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library with The Alberta Library. The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library is a province-wide initiative that will, at full capacity, deliver information through the use of technology to every post-secondary student in the province. The four lead university partners in the initiative are the U of A, the University of Calgary, the University of Lethbridge and Athabasca University. The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library will provide post-secondary students and faculty with a vast collection of research articles, textbooks, journals, images and data virtually at their fingertips, day or night, no matter where they or their university, college or technical institute may be located in Alberta.



U OF A LIBRARIES CONTINUED...



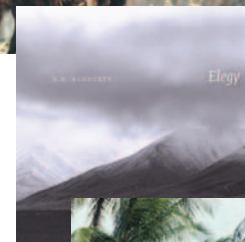
Five candidates for the U of A Libraries' Academic Library Internship Program 2005/06 have been selected and began their terms on July 1st. They are: Sonya Betz (Business and Education Libraries), Jeff Davis (Humanities and Social Sciences Library), Kristen Kruse (Augustana Library), Virginia Pow (Humanities and Social Sciences Library) and Weiwei Shi (Science/Technology and Health Sciences Libraries). Sonya and Weiwei recently graduated from the U of A School of Library and Information Studies program, Jeff is a graduate of UBC's School of Library, Archival and Information Studies and Kristen and Virginia are graduates of Dalhousie's School of Library & Information Studies.

Alberta Centennial Medal

In honour of the province's centennial, an Alberta Centennial Medal was created by the Province of Alberta as a one-time commemorative medal to celebrate the province joining Confederation in 1905. 8000 of these special medals were conferred upon Albertans who have made significant contributions to the community and society through leadership, voluntarism and community involvement in a September 5th ceremony and reception. Congratulations to Merrill Distad, Associate Director, U of A Libraries, for being one of the individuals who received this medal. Merrill has made major contributions to librarianship and has developed a reputation for scholarship and academic achievement, having contributed to, edited and written a number of scholarly publications. For a closer look at the medal visit <http://www.albertacentennial.ca/programs/medal.aspx> or if you ask Merrill nicely, he might show you where he keeps his...

U OF A PRESS

UAP Director, Linda Cameron embarked upon several trips this summer as part of UAP's continuing mission to investigate and take advantage of networking opportunities in foreign markets. In June and July, Linda participated in the Association of Canadian Publishers (ACP) trade mission to China and led an exploratory publishing mission to the Tokyo International Book Fair in Japan. These experiences highlighted the importance of support for publishers as they make contact, form relationships and find foreign buyers for Canadian stories. The U of A Press currently has one book in translation in each country with its more recent title *No Foreign Bones in China: Memoirs of Imperialism and Its Ending* by Peter Stursberg being translated into Chinese earlier this year. Linda then traveled to Toronto in August to attend consultations among the Association of Canadian Publishers (ACP), L' Association nationale des éditeurs de livres and the representatives of Canadian Heritage's Book Publishing Industry Development Program (BPIDP). While there, as a member of an ACP delegation, Linda met with The Honourable Liza Frulla, Minister of Canadian Heritage. The purpose of the meeting was to congratulate and thank Minister Frulla for successfully getting the "Tomorrow Starts Today" funding renewed for the Canadian-owned publishing sector and for the additional funds provided to The Canada Council for the Arts for translation between the two official languages.



U OF A PRESS CONTINUED...

Summer proved to be a busy time for the U of A Press staff as they introduced new titles such as *Edmonton's Urban Villages: The Community League Movement, Elegy* (E.D. Blodgett's latest poetic collection with photos by artist Yukiko Onley), *Power of Greed* (provocative analysis of community development in emerging nations) and *Portraits of the Bison: An Illustrated Guide to Bison Society* (everything you ever wanted to know about these creatures with full colour photos). Stay tuned as the Press rolls out some exciting fall titles!

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTRE

Interested in learning about desktop publishing? Website design? Sample a bit of Photoshop, Dreamweaver or a myriad of other computer courses available only at the Technology Training Centre. To register or for more info, 492-1397 or training@ualberta.ca. For full course listings visit <http://129.128.201.9/index.asp>.

ON THE HORIZON

Book Launch

Join the U of A Press and author E.D. Blodgett during Edmonton's LitFest at a joint book launch for his new book, *Elegy*.

October 15, 2005

3-5 pm

Stanley A. Milner Library

Downtown Edmonton

LS Fall Recognition Event

Stay tuned next month when we announce details about the upcoming LS Fall Recognition event (November). All LS staff are encouraged to attend.

Feedback & submissions: send to Chau Lam, learnsrv@ualberta.ca

Next Submission Deadline: October 6, 2005

The LS Horizon is a newsletter to inform LS staff of events and activities happening in LS units and to recognize individuals, teams and groups who have received honours and awards. Stay tuned for the next issue in October.