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### **Calm Week aims to divert stress for students**

A look at the activities that take place at the college prior to spring final exams.



### **Finding solutions to access to justice challenges**

A partnership between the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and the College of Law is seeking new ways to ensure legal needs are met across the province.



### **Prairie Girl in the city**

Jean Blacklock (LLB'85) talks about her cupcake venture in downtown Toronto.





## Dean's Message

So far, 2014 has been a whirlwind of a year—I'm sure many of you agree. In addition to returning to the classroom to teach criminal procedure, I've had the opportunity to travel to College of Law events in Regina, Vancouver, Toronto and Calgary to catch up with many of our alumni.



Dean Anand was a panelist at the Best Interest of the Child Conference on May 8 at TCU Place.

As the college begins the 2014/15 academic year, we've made a number of enhancements to our course offerings and experiential learning opportunities. We are pleased to offer our students a number of unique research opportunities through Professor Newman's Canada Research Chair position as well as additional funding for bursaries, moot teams and scholarships.

### Enhancing experiential learning

The college has taken great strides to expand on capstone experiences for our students. Since my term as dean began, we have introduced the CLASSIC Intensive Clinical Program as well as clinical programs in criminal law and Aboriginal law. We have made a conscious effort to monitor what our comparators are doing and improve on it. For example, we have developed a new business skills course that will be offered in the fall semester to upper-year students. This course is intended to provide students with exposure to the financial, governance and operational risks that for-profit corporations and co-operatives face and to understand the risk management strategies to be applied within client's organizations—something that our alumni and employers have indicated is an area of knowledge they would like our students to be better versed in. In addition to current placement programs related to criminal law and Aboriginal law, we are looking at the possibility of placing our students with in-house counsel across Saskatchewan.

This year we will also be offering additional sections of a number of high-enrolment classes such as Civil Procedure and Trusts. With the help of sessional lecturer Amanda Doucette, we have also made our wills class more hands-on as students will open, maintain and close an estate-planning file throughout the term as part of their course work.



### LLM Update

We have recently made a decision to move the Master of Laws program toward a one-year timeline, as opposed to the current 18-to-24-month timeline. The structure of the thesis-based program will remain the same, but timelines will be revised so that students complete the program within 12 to 16 months. There has also been discussion on the possibility of new programs such as specialized and/or course- or project-based and/or part-time options, but no final decisions have been made. The effort to improve completion times will bring the program more in line with other Canadian LLM programs.

### CRC enriches student research

Through his position as the Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Indigenous Rights in Constitutional and International Law, Prof. Dwight Newman has employed 14 juris doctor students and two graduate students over the past several months. These students worked with Newman to carry out research on a range of topics related to the chair including:

- the crown and its implications on Aboriginal law;
- the duty to consult; and
- Aboriginal title.

These students were also fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to and present at a number of national and international conferences including, but not limited to, the Canadian Bar Association Saskatchewan Mid-Winter Meeting, the Canadian Property Rights Conference, the Arctic Energy Forum in Iceland, and the World Mining Congress. In total, 18 students gave 15 presentations at events under Newman's supervision.

### Tuition update

In March the College of Law announced a tuition rate of \$12,015 (\$12,800 including student fees) for the 2014/15 year—a 5.39 per cent increase over last year. This figure puts us at the median of our comparator law schools in the U15.

This year, I am pleased to say that 100 per cent of the additional tuition revenue, or roughly \$200,000, will be allocated directly to the College of Law. Specifically, \$100,000 of the additional tuition revenue will be used to establish 10 scholarships of \$5,000 each to be



Dean Anand (centre) with Lily Chin (left) and Norman Zlotkin (right) at the U of S's retirement celebration.

awarded to eligible students entering second year in 2014/15 and 10 scholarships of \$5,000 each to be awarded to eligible students entering third year in 2014/15.

The bulk of the remainder of the additional tuition revenue will be used to hire another term faculty position for 2014/15. Students routinely tell me that a larger selection of courses and seminars is perennially on their wish lists and adding such courses through the hiring of one more term position would enhance program quality in this respect.

In addition, all law students will be eligible for an additional \$100,000 worth of needs-based bursaries. These additional bursary funds will come from donor gifts, not tuition.

### Fundraising developments

It has been another very successful year of fundraising pertaining to the College of Law. We are greatly appreciative of the continued generosity of alumni and friends. Please take time to read more about their philanthropic initiatives on page 15.

### New chairs

With the addition of the Estey Chair in Business Law the college will, for the first time, have all three named chairs filled. Read more about the distinguished chair holders on page 18.

Along with the three chair holders, we welcome a number of very skilled professors to our faculty who will cover for those professors on sabbatical during the upcoming academic year. You can find more information about them and other faculty news on page 20.



Dean Anand bids farewell to John Wade, the 2013/14 Law Foundation of Saskatchewan chair.

### Alumni engagement in 2015

We are beginning to plan a number of alumni events for 2015. Our goal is to visit the same communities we did this year, along with Ottawa, Edmonton and a number of smaller cities in Saskatchewan. If you would like to arrange for me to visit your community or are interested in helping organize an alumni event in your region, please give us a call at 306-966-5910.

Of course, attending one of our alumni events isn't the only way you can engage with your alma mater. Perhaps you are interested in becoming a sessional lecturer, completing your LLM degree or speaking to our students about career opportunities. Maybe you simply have some feedback on the issues discussed above or would like to share news on your latest career achievement. Whatever the case, I encourage you to contact me either at the number above or at [s.anand@usask.ca](mailto:s.anand@usask.ca).

Sincerely,

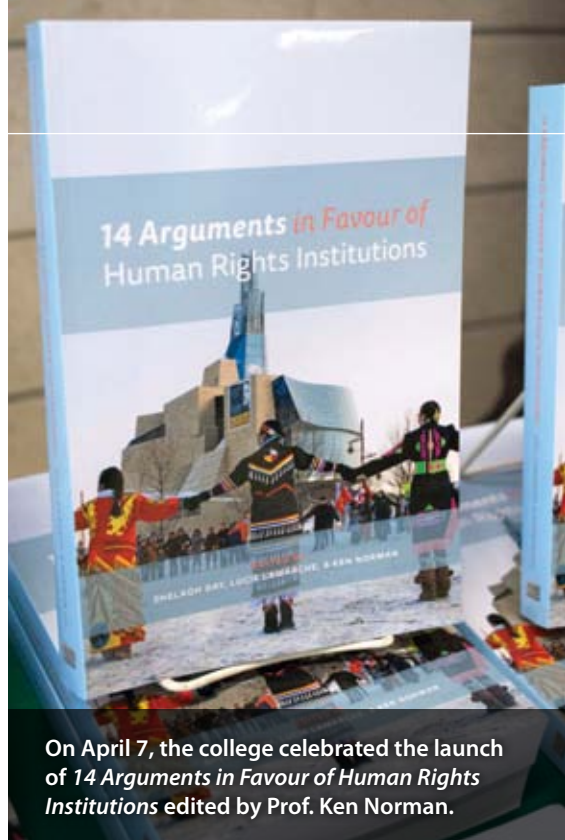
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Dean, College of Law





# Around the College

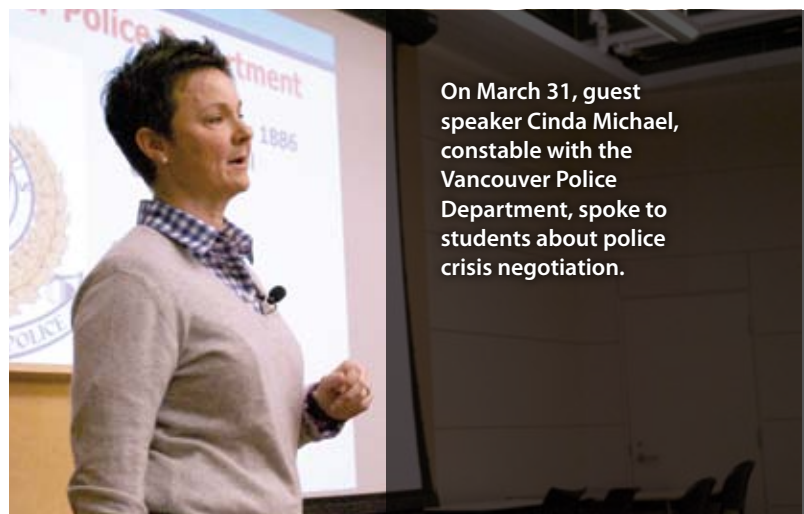
Cindy Blackstock, executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, presented the Wunusweh Lecture in Aboriginal Law on March 10, 2014.



On April 7, the college celebrated the launch of *14 Arguments in Favour of Human Rights Institutions* edited by Prof. Ken Norman.



Bronze medalist Jessica Buhler, silver medalist Michelle Biddulph, Dean Sanjeev Anand, and gold medalist Sarah-jane Nussbaum at the 2014 convocation reception.



On March 31, guest speaker Cinda Michael, constable with the Vancouver Police Department, spoke to students about police crisis negotiation.



Prof. Luther's law and psychiatry class visited the Saskatchewan Hospital in North Battleford on March 21, 2014.



2014/15 sessional lecturers at the welcome dinner on Aug. 28. Back (l to r): M. Brayford, B. Roe, J. Gormley, T. Roberts, K. Healy, B. Omoruyi, G. Walen, K. Norman, B. Kirkpatrick. Front (l to r): A. Smith, H. Amirzadeh, E. Arvantis-Zorbas. Visit [law.usask.ca](http://law.usask.ca) to see the full list of sessional lecturers.



## Calm Week aims to divert stress for students

By Sarah Trefiak

It is not every day you see a giant inflatable bouncy castle in the law student lounge, or in any building on campus for that matter, but that is exactly what you would have seen if you visited the law building in mid-March. You would have also smelled freshly popped popcorn in every nook and cranny of the college.

Held in March each year, Calm Week at the College of Law aims to lower students' stress levels as they head into exam season, said Gus Michalik, vice-president academic of the Law Students' Association (LSA) and organizer of the event.

"This year my vision was to create two distinct streams of activities—free stuff and mental health activities," said Michalik, who graduated this spring.

Having done a lot of research on the negative effects law school can have on the mental well-being of students and recently completing the Law and Happiness class offered by the college, Michalik ensured activities such as yoga, meditation and visits from a therapy dog were also part of the week's agenda.

"I thought it would be in the students' best interest to be exposed to well-being activities in an easily accessible and inclusive environment, however what I found was that students still preferred the free food," he mused.

The LSA partnered with campus mental health services to provide students with free popcorn, free smoothies and various informational displays. "There were a lot of supporting individuals who helped make this a go, including fellow LSA member Ciara McIlwaine and mental health services on campus," said Michalik.

Other events organized during Calm Week included a pizza lunch, a movie night, and a soup and bannock lunch and learn.



Students enjoyed getting to know Anna-Belle the therapy dog.



Organizers of Calm Week rented a bouncy castle for students who felt like reliving their childhood.

2014 gold medalist Sarah-jane Nussbaum and her father Benedict Nussbaum (LLB'84).

Justice Gary Lane (LLB'66) and his son William Lane (JD'14).

Law student Kyla Duchin with her father Bernard Duchin at the alumni reception in Regina on June 24, 2014.



## Law students travel around the world to participate in the United Nations Development Programme

Over the summer students from the College of Law had the chance to travel across the globe to intern under the United Nations Development Programme-Universities Canada Legal Empowerment of the Poor (UNDP-UCAN LEP) program. Two students, Barbara Chaplin and Carolyn Wong, got in touch with *of Note* and provided the following updates and photos to give us a closer look at their experiences.

*I was sent to the UNDP office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for my internship. I was very pleased to get my first choice of placement. I was born and raised in Saskatoon and am about to enter my third year of law school.*

*My first impression of Addis upon leaving the airport was "Oh, it's pretty." Then I descended into the chaos that is street-level Addis. The city is booming so there is a lot of construction, with shiny new buildings right next to the abandoned shells of buildings whose investors apparently ran out of money and everything is surrounded by corrugated tin shacks.*

*My first week here I was sent to attend a conference called Gaps, Traps, and Opportunities: Exploring Access to Justice and Human Rights for Women Affected by HIV in the Context of Plural Legal Systems. Everyone else attending was an expert in a*

*related field, so I felt a little out of place, but the conference was very interesting. I have experience as a copy editor, so they are having me proofread and edit a report about human rights. I am also doing research about youth and the law in sub-Saharan Africa. My biggest hope is that I can do a good job on the research.*

*The only surprising thing about the experience so far is that I got sick and ended up in the hospital for four days; this also required many follow-up visits to various doctors. I am getting a fine introduction to the health-care facilities in Addis, if nothing else. Once I recovered, I started enjoying my time here, and certainly appreciate the opportunity to work at the UN.*

*- Barbara Chaplin*



*A view of Addis Ababa from Chaplin's office window at the UNDP building.*



*Wong and a friend riding a rickshaw through the streets of Old Dhaka.*

*As a participant in the 2014 UCAN-UNDP internship program, I was placed in Dhaka, Bangladesh. During the first half of the internship, I was assigned to the UNDP country headquarters where I was exposed to different projects within the democratic governance cluster. At UNDP Bangladesh's headquarters, I was tasked with evaluating completed and active justice projects, co-ordinating UNDP Bangladesh's participation in the 2014 Youth Leadership Summit, providing research support for project proposals, and attending various development workshops and meetings. However, since the focus of my internship was intended to revolve around the Legal Empowerment of the Poor (LEP) initiative, I asked to be transferred to the Justice Sector Facility (JSF) project office in hopes of obtaining more practical experience in LEP.*

*During the second half of my internship, I spent the majority of my time working at the JSF project office, but was also given the opportunity to work in the field, such as at the Labour Courts and the Legal Aid Cell. My tasks at the JSF project office included drafting letters for the Ministry of Law, interviewing legal aid recipients, producing legal aid case studies, and reviewing and revising justice project documents for international publication.*

*Upon initial acceptance of the internship, I had hoped to gain insight on international opportunities for lawyers. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that despite coming from diverse countries with vastly different justice systems, UNDP lawyers are able to work together to develop and improve a sustainable justice system in a developing country accustomed to informal justice.*

*- Carolyn Wong*



## Summer legal program builds strong foundation for Native people

By Tanya Andrusieczko

This summer, the Program of Legal Studies for Native People (PLSNP) featured a vibrant group of 36 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students from across Canada. For eight weeks, students were immersed in the intensity of the PLSNP's property classes and skills tutorials that provided them with the reading, writing, and analysis skills required for law school success, but the community building that occurred in between classes and tutorials was just as important. The networks that the students developed through the PLSNP will sustain and support them throughout law school and into their careers. By the end of eight-week program, students left the PLSNP not only with a strong foundation in legal analysis skills, but also with lasting friendships and many memories.

### Here's a look back at some of the highlights of the program:

In early June, the students went on the annual trip to Batoche and Fort Carlton, Saskatchewan. The skies were ominous that day, but the students enjoyed a day of learning about important Métis history and incorporating Elder Wes Fineday's customary law class, which was held in the loft of Fort Carlton's general store.



During the Program, two important Aboriginal law rulings came down—the Tsilhqot'in Nation and the Grassy Narrows rulings—giving the students a rare opportunity to discuss Aboriginal property law developments as they were happening.



One of the highlights of the Program was getting to know the more personal stories of some students through a video campaign. Students recorded their stories about why they pursued law school, and what will make them proud to be an Indigenous lawyer.



View the videos at [onestory.com/campaigns/growing-the-aboriginal-legal-community](http://onestory.com/campaigns/growing-the-aboriginal-legal-community)

Two days prior to the final exam, Anna-Belle, a Saint John's Ambulance therapy dog, visited the students and gave them a reason to step away from the books and decompress. The students gathered around Anna-Belle, sharing stories about their own dogs back home and listening to owner Colleen Dell talk about the bulldog's funny and often stubborn personality.



The students worked hard throughout the program and they will be heading into their first year of law school with a property law course behind them. Students will be attending law schools across Canada, with nine attending the University of Saskatchewan.







## Forum seeks to find solutions to access to justice challenges in Saskatchewan

*Sarah Littlefoot from Watrous, Sask., is a 53-year-old divorcee with two adult children. She has worked as a receptionist at an accounting firm for 25 years and was recently dismissed from her job without notice. She believes her dismissal was due to her age. Sarah struggles with legal literacy, cannot afford legal representation and does not qualify for legal aid.*

*Joe Stevenson is 35 years old and lives in Regina, Sask. He is receiving social assistance, has two children with his common-law wife and one child from a previous relationship. His former partner now wants custody of their child. Joe needs help immediately—both legal representation and other social services.*

Sarah and Joe are fictional characters but they exhibit very real problems Saskatchewan residents can face when trying to access the justice system. Over the past several years, there has been a growing awareness of access to justice problems not just in Saskatchewan, but nationwide. According to a 2013 report entitled *Access to Civil and Family Justice: A Roadmap for Change*, more than 20 per cent of the Canadians that face legal problems do not take action with respect to their legal issues, and that more than 65 per cent perceive that nothing can be done, are unaware of their rights, do not know how to proceed, have concerns about the time or cost or are afraid.

Statistics like these are just one reason the Ministry of Justice and the College of Law have teamed up to explore access-to-justice problems through the Dean’s Forum on Dispute Resolution and Access to Justice.



Student participants of the dean’s forum pose with Jeff Hirsch and Justice Cromwell at the March meeting. Back (l to r): Janelle Anderson, Siobhan Morgan, Brea Loewenberger, Rochelle Blocka, Miles Waghray, Katherine Melnychuk. Front (l to r): Jeff Hirsch, Justice Cromwell.

Glen Gardner, former visiting scholar at the College of Law, said the initial idea for a forum came over a year and half ago when he and then Deputy Minister of Justice Gerald Tegart were attending a legal conference in Calgary. “Deputy Minister Tegart felt strongly that there was a need for a Saskatchewan-based forum that allowed stakeholders in the justice system to talk about an array of ongoing justice-related issues.”

The pair met shortly after with College of Law Dean Sanjeev Anand and the dean’s forum was born. Gardner, who earlier this year was appointed by the Ministry of Justice to be the new assistant deputy minister of justice innovation, is now responsible for working with justice system partners and users to advance a number of access to justice initiatives.

The forum, which has met twice so far, consists of a number of participants including Saskatchewan judges and representatives from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice, the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Bar Association – Saskatchewan and Legal Aid Saskatchewan. There are also representatives from a handful of other justice-related organizations in the province.



The goal of the first dean’s forum was to locate the access-to-justice debate within the Saskatchewan context and begin an open discussion about challenges, needs, hopes and possibilities. By the end of the meeting, participants had identified three areas in which reform efforts should be focused: early integrated triage service centres; public information at critical gaps; and engaging practicing lawyers in a legal culture shift. It was also decided that the initiative would continue as a think-tank discussion forum.

The second meeting of the forum was held in March 2014 with many of the same attendees as well as a few new members including key community-based stakeholders with a specific interest in addressing access-to-justice concerns in Saskatchewan. Also in attendance were two members of the national Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters—the Hon. Justice Cromwell of the Supreme Court of Canada (chair) and Jeff Hirsch from the Federation of Canadian Law Societies.



At the meeting, Justice Cromwell and Hirsch provided an overview of the committee's 2013 report, recommendations for access-to-justice reform and a snapshot of what was happening nationally.

"Lately, access-to-justice discussions in Saskatchewan, and even nationwide, have come with a real sense of impatience," said Gardner. "Justice Cromwell has frequently stated that there is a window of opportunity when it comes to access-to-justice reform so we can't blow it."

Following the second forum meeting, the college recognized the potential for current law students to become involved in the research and development of two issues identified during the course of the meetings— Integrated Service Centres and Justice Innovation and the Culture of the Legal Profession. Accordingly, the college granted course credit to seven students committed to access-to-justice through a special course entitled Innovation in Justice: Dispute Resolution and Access to Justice.

The students divided into working groups to develop reports on the topics of Integrated Service Centres and Justice Innovation and the Culture of the Legal Profession. Much of their work was grounded in the report of the national Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters.

Rochelle Blocka, along with three other students, was responsible for reporting on the prospect Integrated Service Centres. They developed the Sarah and Joe characters to put faces to their research. "It makes it more personal and easier for people to identify with," Blocka explained.

Specifically, Blocka and her fellow students looked at the needs of Saskatchewan residents and tried to determine if models that have been successful elsewhere could be applied. "Based on the people we've talked to, it's not often that someone doesn't want to get legal help, but there are a number of limitations with transportation, literacy or availability of resources."

Their research has also shown that the issue of access-to-justice is not just a barrier for those who are severely marginalized, but that it is also a problem for those in the middle class. "Ideally we'd like to see something that goes to assist people

and addresses a gap. Nothing will be a perfect solution, but we're looking to make progress," said Blocka.

Entering her final year of law studies this fall, Blocka is very much interested in further involvement with the project whether it be through a special topics class or an individual directed research project. If those are not options, she and other students involved with the forum are working to make sure future students can carry the project forward. "We don't want it to be another report that is shelved," she explained.

While the final details are still being worked out, the college will be offering another class on the access-to-justice topic this fall. The class will allow students like Blocka to continue on with the research project in support of the dean's forum's objectives.

As for the future of the dean's forum itself, Professor Michaela Keet, who has been involved with the project from the beginning, said she hopes there will be



**"This has been a rare and meaningful opportunity for students to engage directly in policy development and systemic change."**

**– Professor Michaela Keet**

another forum held at the college during the upcoming year. "This has been a rare and meaningful opportunity for students to engage directly in policy development and systemic change."

Keet added that while law school has always been a place for students to do critical thinking and to engage in debate about what changes are needed in the justice system, this project provides students a chance to show leadership and to be involved in practical recommendations for how to move forward in our own province. "They brought creativity, insight, energy and hope—and all of this was extremely well received by forum participants."

The Ministry of Justice is also pleased with the student involvement in the project. "The contributions of the students have been



Students Miles Waghray and Rochelle Blocka spent the summer researching access-to-justice barriers and opportunities.

very impressive and critical to the success of the forum," said Deputy Minister of Justice Kevin Fenwick.

Dean Sanjeev Anand said the dean's forum has great potential to continue as an arms-length think-tank to encourage justice

reform initiatives within the province. "The model is flexible and future versions of the forum may involve a different set of participants depending on the topics to be explored."

He also echoed the thoughts of Keet and Deputy Minister Fenwick regarding the involvement of students. "The college will continue to support the efforts of the forum through the work of students, who will provide essential background to future discussions. The involvement of students is a special and unique element of the process and creates a dynamic where future professionals work alongside those in the profession to create the future of the legal profession in Saskatchewan."



# College's library safe

By Sanjeev Anand

The story *University to close four campus libraries* (SP, May 6) may have left the impression that the law library will be closed in two years' time as a result of TransformUS. This interpretation is incorrect. The law library is not closing but, through the TransformUS project, it is proposed the library be reconfigured.

The U of S's law library is one of the few in Canada that currently houses its entire collection on-site. At a certain point, however, it may be impossible to continue to do so because of space limitations. At some point, some of the library's collection may have to be stored off-site but within quick and ready access for patrons. This is the current state of many law libraries associated with Canadian law schools.

Costs associated with running the law library still need to be addressed. Many options for running a more cost-efficient library service will be discussed before the reconfiguration plan is completed as the library dean, who is the project lead for this initiative, consults key stakeholders, including law faculty, students and alumni, as well as practitioners. The goal is to address the university's fiscal concerns while ensuring that the law library, in conjunction with the rest of the university library, continues to support the law school's mission of pedagogy and scholarship as well as its sense of community.

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**UPDATE: In a Sept. 9 address to the campus community, U of S Interim President Gordon Barnhart indicated that the TransformUS process has been replaced with a smaller set of specific priorities for action including library transformation, however this transformation will no longer be driven by fiscal concerns. In an interview with the StarPhoenix following the address, Barnhart told reporters that the law library "is vital to this province" and a "priority" for the university. The College of Law will continue to take part in an ongoing dialogue with students, the Law Society of Saskatchewan, senior university administration and the University Library regarding the future of the law library and will keep alumni apprised of any developments as they occur.**

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In addition, the university, the library and the college will work to ensure that library-related accreditation criteria for the school continue to be met. A great university and a great law school deserve nothing less.

While it is not known what this reconfiguration will fully entail, the university has committed that there will continue to be

study space for students within the current law library space while users will continue to have access to core legal resources of high-demand material on site.

*This letter to the editor was originally published in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix on May 15, 2014.*



## 2014 College of Law Moot Teams

### Aboriginal Rights Kawaskimhon Moot Team



**Team 1 (l to r)** Marilyn Poitras (coach), Gus Michalik, Glenn MacKay



**Team 2 (l to r)** Carly Romanow, Leighanne Gardipy

### Gale Cup Moot Team



**(l to r)** Curtis Mennie, Stephanie Frazer, Nicholas Horlick, Samuel Edmondson, Mark Brayford, QC (coach)

### Jessup Moot in International Law



**(l to r)** Matthew Bennett, Michelle Biddulph, Breanna Needham, Lorelle Binnion, Michelle Lang, John Gormley, QC (coach), Dwight Newman (coach)

### Laskin Memorial Moot Team



**(l to r)** Christine King, Desiree Lalonde, Anna Singer (coach), Ryan Pederson, Patrick Hopf

### Mediation Advocacy Moot Team



**Top (l to r)** Sean Tessarolo, Chris Nyberg.  
**Middle (l to r)** Adam McLeod, Brea Lowenberger, Janelle Anderson, Jessica Nelson. **Bottom** Kathy Ford, QC (coach)

### Western Canada/Sopinka Cup Moot Team



**(l to r)** Ryland Hunter, Sean Fagan, Ashley Smith (coach), Nathaniel Day, Grace Waschuk  
Photo credit: Scott Bell

### McDougall Gauley Securities Moot Team



**(l to r)** Kevin Hoy, Alexander Morrison, Travis Avery, Ben Rokochoy, Michael Wright (coach), William Lane, Bill Nickel (coach)

Special thanks to the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan for sponsoring the Kawaskimhon, Gale, Jessup, Laskin, Western Canada and Mediation Advocacy moot teams and to McDougall Gauley LLP for sponsoring the Securities moot team for the past three years.

Read about our moot teams' successes at [law.usask.ca/experiential-learning/mooting/index.php](http://law.usask.ca/experiential-learning/mooting/index.php).

## LLM News

On Jan. 15, 2014, **Susan Hayton** successfully defended her thesis, *Accommodation of Religious and Cultural Differences in Medical School Training*. Supervisor: Barbara von Tigerstrom.

**Leah Bitternose** successfully defended *Kihci-Asotamatowin (The Treaty Sovereign's Sacred Agreements) and the Crown's Constitutional Obligations to Holders of Treaty Rights Through Consultation and Restoration of Treaty Constitutionalism* on April 29, 2014. Supervisor: Sákéj Henderson.

On May 28, 2014, **Evan Jamieson** successfully defended his thesis, *Wildlife Disease, Land Use, and the Tragedy of the Commons Theorizing economic solutions to the problem of wildlife disease control*. Supervisor: Patricia Farnese.

LLM student **Adedoyin Adefemi** presented "Substantive Gender Equality For Widows in Sub-Saharan African: A Proposal for Cultural, Socioeconomic and Legal Remedies to Transform the Roles of Widows as 'Cultural Tools'" at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on May 30, 2014. Her participation in this conference was supported by the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan's graduate student research travel fund.

**Wanda McCaslin** defended her thesis, *Hate-motivated Offences and Aboriginal Peoples: Sentencing Provisions of Section 718.2(a)(i)* on June 2, 2014. Supervisor: Norman Zlotkin.

**Tamara Starblanket** defended her thesis, *Genocide: Indigenous Nations and the State of Canada* on June 25, 2014. Supervisor: Dwight Newman.

On Aug. 12, 2014, **JoAnne Sauder** defended her thesis, *Canada's Experiment with Children's Fitness and Activity Credits*. Supervisor: Tamara Larre.



Candice Grant (LLB'08)



FEATURE:

# Growing Communities

## Volunteer roots run deep among law alumni

By Sarah Trefiak

According to a 2012 Statistics Canada report, Saskatchewan had the highest rate of volunteerism among all provinces and territories with 58 per cent of adults aged 15 and over participating in volunteer work in 2010.

Undoubtedly, that same volunteer spirit is alive and well at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law where each year a number of students volunteer with organizations like CLASSIC, ProBono and the Canadian Bar Association–Saskatchewan, and organize events such as Legal Follies to raise money for various local charities.



CHEP now has 34 community gardens growing in Saskatoon.

***But what happens when our students graduate and leave to begin careers across the province and country?***

**It appears the volunteer bug sticks with them.**

Three College of Law alumni spoke with *of Note* about the volunteer roles they have undertaken in their respective communities and the lessons they have learned along the way. It should be noted that when looking for alumni to fit the criteria of this story, it didn't take long to create an extensive list of committed volunteers who have taken leading roles in charitable and non-profit organizations. Here, we chose to profile three individuals who have committed their time to organizations who aim to end hunger.

### **Good food, good people**

**Candice Grant (LLB'08)** is proud to be part of a community organization that is taking the lead when it comes to providing good food to the residents of Saskatoon. For more than four years she has been a member of the board of directors for CHEP Good Food Inc., a Saskatoon-based organization that works with children, families and communities to improve access to good food and promote food security. In 2013, she took on the role of board chair.

**“CHEP runs a number of different programs and you can really see the impact of those programs across the community.”**



Grant, who is currently an associate at Robertson Stromberg, has carried on the firm's long and positive relationship with CHEP. "Our firm has been involved with CHEP for quite some time and it's been a strong relationship right from the start," she said.

CHEP runs more than 16 programs including community gardens, fresh food markets and nutrition education programs with the goal of ensuring that nutritious, safe food is always available for everyone no matter what their circumstances are. "CHEP runs a number of different programs and you can really see the impact of those programs across the community," said Grant.

One program that appears to really be taking off is the community gardening program. This summer CHEP had 34 gardens across Saskatoon compared to 25 the previous year. The gardens range in size from a dozen plot spaces to more than 50. Plot sizes range considerably but are usually between 150 and 200 square feet. "CHEP's involvement varies depending on the garden, but it includes anything from setup to co-ordination of the planting, weeding and harvest," explained Grant.

Another program where Grant sees a direct influence on the community is the collective kitchen program, which brings together small groups of people, including new Canadians and single mothers, to help them learn how to make a meal. "What's great about the collective kitchen program is that participants not only prepare a delicious meal to take home to their families, but they also take home the skills of planning and preparing a nutritious meal."

During her time on the board, Grant has seen a number of exciting developments at CHEP including the move to Station 20 West, a community enterprise centre in Saskatoon's inner city, and the opening of the Boxcar Café. The café operates as a public enterprise, provides CHEP with the opportunity to showcase delicious healthy food at affordable prices, and offers training and employment opportunities for vulnerable young adults.

While it's easy for Grant to see numerous ways CHEP is positively changing the community on a daily basis, she said one of the best moments came during a guest speaker presentation during a CHEP annual meeting. The speaker was a young Aboriginal woman who grew up in a core neighbourhood and was currently attending university. "She spoke about how CHEP's programming had helped her and her family through her entire life and how she wouldn't be in the position she was without it. Her speech was so meaningful to me—she was such a concrete example of the outstanding benefits the organization can provide."

Grant's commitment to volunteerism began during her time at the College of Law when she was a big sister with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Saskatoon and has remained a constant since. She now serves on the board of the Saskatoon Public Library and is the chair of the School Community Council at Dundonald School. While volunteering takes a good portion of Grant's time, she said it helps that Robertson Stromberg is always very supportive of lawyers who want to give back to the community. "There's almost an expectation that you will find something you are passionate about, find an



Brendan Holness (JD'11)

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organization that matches those interests, and that you will advance yourself through volunteer work through that organization."

#### **Lawyers feeding the hungry**

Originally from Thornhill, Ont., **Brendan Holness (JD'11)** has been volunteering with Lawyers Feed the Hungry for the past 18 months. Initially, he just wanted to become more involved with the legal community in Toronto, but he has found that offering his time has provided that and so much more.

Lawyers Feed the Hungry was established in 1998 and operates in Toronto, Windsor, London and Ottawa. The program provides more than 100,000 hot and healthy meals each year to Toronto residents in need. The meals are served four days a week at Osgoode Hall in the Law Society of Upper Canada's cafeteria.

A family friend who was involved in the establishment of the program suggested Holness volunteer there—and he was glad he did. "The program has been rewarding in two ways. First, I've formed great friendships with other volunteers who have always been willing to share a few wise words from their working experiences," said Holness. "Second, with respect to our guests, it's rewarding when you run into a regular patron downtown and they thank you for the time and effort you put into the meal."

Holness usually volunteers during the Sunday morning brunch and helps out by doing anything from greeting guests, serving orange juice, coffee, cereal, or the main meal, to co-ordinating meal servers and preparing meals in the kitchen. Since beginning his work with the program, Holness has seen the number of guests explode from 200 to upwards of 600 during the summer. While he finds it exciting to have



so many people come for Sunday brunch, he said it has taken a toll on the program's finances. "Unfortunately, we have had to cut back on expenses like desert and bagged lunch to keep the program on Sundays operational."

Knowing that demand for programs helping the less fortunate exceeds supply, Holness also volunteers for the Out of the Cold program which provides safe refuge, hospitality and emergency shelter to the homeless community in Toronto during the winter months. One of his most rewarding moments came while volunteering at that program. "A table of regular Sunday brunch guests walked in from the cold and when I greeted them at the door, they recognized me and invited me to sit with them for the meal," he recalled. "Hearing their stories that evening was remarkable."

Holness is quick to admit that other than being a part of the Law Students' Association at the college, his history of volunteering is limited, but it is something he strongly believes in. "Volunteering hasn't always been a part of my life, but giving back has always been encouraged by my family whether it be in the form of donating money or donating time."

Although he may not have many years behind him when it comes to volunteering, he does see it as a large part of his future as he continues on his career path, recently having joined Anderson Wilson in Toronto as an associate. "Volunteering may not be a large part of the culture here, but maybe it will be my responsibility to build that culture for the future."



Stathy Markatos  
(LLB '02)

**"I could see that the work the food bank was doing was vital to the community and so when a board position opened up, I jumped at the chance."**

### Making a daily impact

Like Candice Grant, **Stathy Markatos (LLB'02)** is proud to carry his firm's tradition of volunteering. He was introduced to the Regina Food Bank when he began working with MacPherson Leslie and Tyerman LLP (MLT) in 2003.

"The firm has a long history with the food bank as it's one of our charities of choice," explained Markatos. "We hold monthly fundraisers for the organization at our office and at least once a year a large group of lawyers, staff and their families go to the food bank to volunteer in whatever way is needed."

Markatos said that before he began working at MLT, he had no idea of the scope of the operations of the food bank. "When I did visit for the first time, I thought 'Wow, the need in the community must be pretty great if you need an entire warehouse full of food.'"

Those few interactions with the food bank were all it took for Markatos to see the potential value in giving more of his time to the organization. "I could see that the work the food bank was doing was vital to the community and so when a board position opened up, I jumped at the chance," he said.

Markatos has been on the board of directors of the Regina Food Bank since 2010, having chaired the governance committee for the past three years. During his time on the board, he's seen the organization grow and diversify in a number of ways but he said one of the highlights for him has been the growth of the Adult Centre for Employee Readiness and Training (ACERT). ACERT was set up by the food bank to provide community-based adult education in the areas of computers, financial management, career development and workplace literacy. Markatos said the idea is to provide ACERT participants with practical skills they need to find employment, potentially reducing their reliance on food-support programs offered by the food bank.

"Not all participants use the food bank, but some may and the idea is to move people past that. It's been great to see many of the people in the program go on to find meaningful employment in the community."

It's obvious that Markatos takes pride in his involvement with the Regina Food Bank, but he's also proud of MLT for organizing activities to support a number of other local charities. The firm holds monthly raffles that include prizes donated by the lawyers themselves as well as an annual charity poker night. In the past, the firm has also held concerts featuring their house band Sweet Justice, donating the proceeds to charity. Markatos is encouraged by his firm's involvement, as well as the generosity shown by his colleagues. "I'm especially impressed with the next generation of lawyers and their level of involvement in various community initiatives."

Markatos has a number of success stories to share, but his proudest moment came the first time he took his daughter to the food bank to volunteer. "She was four or five at the time, it was Saturday morning, it was cold and she was complaining because she didn't understand that some people just don't have enough money to buy basic necessities. However, once she got there her attitude switched and she really got into it, trying to see how many bags of rice she could fill in a certain amount of time," he proudly recalled.

Moments like that have made it clear to Markatos that the effort he puts in is worth it. "Just knowing that the food bank is making a daily impact in people's lives, especially kids, is very rewarding. I don't overstate what the board does, but I like to think what we do through the board makes a small contribution to achieving positive end results for the food bank."



## Donor News

We are pleased to report that important gifts continue to arrive from alumni and friends and that our students are the primary beneficiaries of this extraordinary generosity.

The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan has committed significant financial support to the college in the upcoming year. In addition to the previously announced \$40,000 in graduate student scholarships and \$10,000 for a new teaching fellowship, the foundation will provide:

- \$92,000 to fund moot teams;
- \$10,000 in funding for JD student travel;
- \$10,000 for graduate student research travel;
- \$10,000 for externships; and
- \$60,000 for Aboriginal LLM stipends.

Below are other new gifts, pledges and sponsorships of note since April 2014.

**McKercher LLP has committed \$75,000 over the next three years to sponsor the guest speaker series at the College of Law. It will be known as the McKercher LLP Lecture Series at the College of Law.**



- Roy Phillion has added \$50,000 to his donation of \$25,000 earlier this year to the endowment fund in his name that will finance moot travel.
- Talisman Energy Inc. has committed \$45,000 over the next six years to sponsor an environmental moot team. The *University of Saskatchewan Talisman Energy Environmental Law Moot Team* will compete in the bi-annual environmental moot competition in Toronto.

- Veronica Klebuc has contributed an additional \$43,575 to the Justice John Klebuc Access to Justice Scholarship Fund.
- Gerda Bloemraad has committed an additional \$35,000 to the fund that finances the Gerda Bloemraad Prize in Immigration Law.

**Brad Berg and Brian Rolfes have committed \$25,000 for a new annual scholarship that will be given to an upper-year student that is active in the pursuit of rights for LGBT persons.**



**With an endowment of \$25,000, Audrey and Justice Tom Wakeling have initiated a new scholarship for an outstanding second-year JD student.**



- Robertson Stromberg LLP has committed \$15,000 for the upcoming year to sponsor the securities moot team that will be named the *University of Saskatchewan Robertson Stromberg Securities Law Moot Team*.
- Family, colleagues and friends of the late Judge William Ross Campbell along with the Class of 2016 have set up a trust

fund of approximately \$11,000 which will finance two new annual scholarships for second- and third-year JD students from Saskatchewan.

- Maurice Herauf has given a gift of \$5,000 that will go towards the Aboriginal Internship Program.
- Tom Molloy has given \$2,500 to be used for student initiatives.
- Doris Heald has given \$2,100 in her continuing commitment to finance the lecture in administrative law that bears her late husband's name.
- Melvin and Della Wells have continued their commitment to building the Wunusweh Lecture Endowment with a gift of \$2,000.
- Miguel Mejia has committed to financing an annual scholarship of \$1,200 that will go to an upper-year student actively involved in community outreach.
- The Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association has initiated a new annual prize of \$1,000 that will go to an outstanding member of the Western Canada moot team.
- The DIVA Foundation financed two special awards of \$1,000 each that recognize the outstanding leadership qualities of two of our female Aboriginal graduates.

Other significant financial gifts have come from our donors who continue to honour past pledges to the college. This group includes Burnet, Duckworth and Palmer LLP, Bob Stromberg, Blakes LLP, the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation, Doug Schmeiser, and MacPherson Leslie and Tyerman LLP. There have also been several significant anonymous gifts that will support the Estey Chair in Business Law Endowment and various student activities in the college.

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FEATURE:

# Prairie Girl in the City:

## Cupcake business booming for lawyer turned baker

By Sarah Trefiak

When choosing a name for her new cupcake store in downtown Toronto, **Jean Blacklock (LLB'85)**, looked back to her Saskatchewan roots. She had the name narrowed down to either Confetti Cupcakes or Prairie Girl Bakery but chose the latter because she said it just felt more like her.

"It's weird in a way that I landed on that name because I moved from Saskatchewan right after law school, but I think most Saskatchewan people feel their roots forever. It's a cool province," said Blacklock, who completed a combined commerce/law degree in 1985, then articulated in Calgary before becoming a partner at a major law firm.

She later moved east to Toronto where she joined BMO Financial Group as an executive in wealth management. When she left the corporate world in 2009, a business of her own was high on the list of possible new chapters. "My parents were business owners so I think the entrepreneurial drive was always there—plus I have always loved food, cooking and baking," she said.

She pursued the idea of opening a cupcake store, and in 2011 Prairie Girl Bakery was born. "It struck me as odd that downtown Toronto did not have a cupcake store and I felt that if I really made a great product, it would be timeless and not just a fad." By the



way things are going, Blacklock was correct. After opening her first store in 2011, two more followed—one just seven months later and the other in the spring of 2013. She is now in the process of meeting with a number of possible franchisees to expand her empire even further.

"I was so lucky with the initial and continued response to Prairie Girl in downtown Toronto," said Blacklock, adding that the name has been a hit with customers. "People who have never been to the Prairies have very warm feelings about that part of Canada. As well, people who are visiting or who have moved here are eager to mention that they also have a prairie connection. It's been amazing to see the warm reaction to the prairie reference."

So if you're walking in downtown Toronto and find yourself following your nose to

the doors of Prairie Girl Bakery, what can you expect to find inside? "It's 100 per cent cupcakes—17 flavours in two sizes: regular and mini," said Blacklock, who also hopes that a visit to her store will be a unique experience. "Your visit to our bakeries should make you smile with our sparkling clean stores and our really friendly service."

With 17 choices, one may be overwhelmed when deciding what to try. Blacklock said the red velvet with classic cream cheese icing is the most popular flavour, but also recommended the toasted coconut—her personal favourite. "It reminds me of a delicious cake my mom used to make."

While the food service business may be entirely different than a law firm or a bank, Blacklock said there are many lessons from the corporate and legal worlds that she has applied when running her small business. "The main thing I have learned is that whether people are high earners or working for a basic hourly salary, it matters to them to be listened to and to know that their views are considered important."

For students or alumni who may also have the entrepreneurial itch, Blacklock suggests thinking of everything you are doing now as part of a possible future business. "Just because the current reality is studying or practicing law, there is still lots of thinking, planning, mystery shopping and work related to your hobby that can be done while at the same time learning as much as possible from one's current work."



## Alumni Notes

**Prof. Emeritus Daniel (Dan) Ish, OC, QC, (BA'70; LLB'70)** was appointed as Officer of the Order of Canada (OC) by His Excellency the Right Hon. David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, on Dec. 31, 2013.

**Ron Kruzeniski, QC, (JD'72)** was named the recipient of CBA Saskatchewan's 2014 Community Service Award for demonstrating outstanding dedication, service and commitment in serving the communities of Saskatchewan.

**Fred Cardwell (LLB'73)** was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame on Aug. 16, 2014.

**The Hon. James (Jim) Plemel (BA'73; LLB'74)** was appointed as the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan (effective Jan. 1, 2015).

**Don Wilson, QC, (LLB'77)** was named one of the "Men of Influence" for 2014 by *SaskBusiness* magazine.

**The Hon. Lillian McLellan (LLB'77)** was appointed Deputy Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta on Jan. 30, 2014.

**The Hon. Miguel Martinez (LLB'79)** was appointed as judge of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court in Meadow Lake on Feb. 28, 2014.

**Eric Cline, QC, (BA'76; LLB'79)** was named a 2014 Alumni of Influence by the University of Saskatchewan College of Arts and Science.

**The Hon. Bruce Bauer (BComm'78; LLB'79)** was appointed a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan in North Battleford on July 18, 2014.

**The Hon. Debra Yungwirth (LLB'82)** was appointed a justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta by the Government of Canada on March 7, 2014.

**Mary McFadyen (LLB'83)** was appointed Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner of the Government of Saskatchewan on April 1, 2014.

**Martin S. Kenney (LLB'83)** of the British Virgin Islands was given the 2014 Cressey Award for lifetime achievement in the detection and deterrence of fraud by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), a 70,000-member organization with representation from more than 160 countries.

**The Hon. Michael Megaw (LLB'84)** was appointed a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan (Family Law Division) on Mar. 7, 2014.

**The Hon. Byron Wright (BComm'86; LLB'86)** was appointed a judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan on March 28, 2014.

**The Hon. Donald Layh (LLB'86)** was appointed a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan in Yorkton on June 13, 2014.

**The Hon. Janet McIvor (LLB'87)** was appointed a judge of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court in Meadow Lake on Feb. 14, 2014.

**The Hon. James Glass (LLB'87)** was appointed a judge of the Central Region/Red Deer Provincial Court by the Government of Alberta on May 7, 2014.

**Cathie Borrie's (JD'87)** previously self-published memoir *The Long Hello* has been published by Simon & Schuster Canada.

**The Hon. Darryl Brown (LLB'88)** was appointed a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan (Family Law Division) on May 12, 2014.

**The Hon. Lane Winston Wiegiers (BA'88; LLB'91)** was appointed a judge of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court in Saskatoon on March 28, 2014.

**Jennifer Pereira (BA'01; LLB'03)** and **Nicole Sarauer (JD'09)** were named as two of CBC

Saskatchewan's Future 40 for 2014. **Pereira** was also awarded a 2014 Saskatoon Shines! Tourism Award for her work as chair of the Persephone Theatre.

**Tanyann Belaney (LLB'05)** became vice-president of the U of S Alumni Association for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2014.

The following alumni were awarded **Senior Life Memberships to the Law Society of Saskatchewan** for their contributions to the profession and to celebrate 50 years of membership with the organization:

**Dale Scrivens (LLB'63)**  
**Ronald Cuming, QC (LLB'63)**  
**James Crane (LLB'63)**  
**Merlis Belsher (LLB'63)**  
**Manny Sonnenschein, QC (LLB'63)**  
**Kim Thorson, QC (LLB'63)**  
**Stafford Nimegeers (LLB'63)**

The following College of Law alumni were appointed **Queen's Counsel** in Alberta on Dec. 31, 2013:

**Glenda Cole (BA'84; LLB'87)**  
**Terry Hughes (LLB'81)**  
**Adriano Iovinelli (LLB'94)**  
**Corinne Jamieson (BA'92; LLB'93)**  
**Gil Ludwig (BA'85; JD'85)**  
**David Madsen (BA'85; LLB'87)**  
**Paul Stein (JD'86)**  
**Gordon Tarnowsky (BComm'87; LLB'88)**  
**Lloyd Vogeli (LLB'82)**  
**Audrey Wakeling (BA'74; LLB'75)**  
**Norman Cutforth (LLB'86)**  
**Loren Politeski (BComm'72; LLB'72)**  
**Suzanne Alexander-Smith (LLB'83)**

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## Order of Canada recipient Kim Pate joins College of Law

The U of S College of Law welcomed Order of Canada recipient Kim Pate as the Ariel F. Sallows Chair in Human Rights on July 1.

"I am excited about working with students and colleagues at the University of Saskatchewan to explore new and innovative ways of ensuring human rights protections with and for those who are criminalized and imprisoned," said Pate, a federal prison system expert. "My daughter Madison and I are very much looking forward to being in Saskatoon—such a vibrant community!"

Pate is currently the executive director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, a federation of autonomous societies that work with, and on behalf of, marginalized, victimized, criminalized and institutionalized women and girls throughout Canada. A lawyer and teacher by trade, she has completed post-graduate studies in the area of forensic mental health and has worked extensively with youth and men during her 30-year career in and around the Canadian legal and penal systems.

Pate was appointed a member of the Order of Canada on June 30 for advocating on behalf of women who are marginalized, victimized or incarcerated, and for her research on women in the criminal justice system.

## Law Foundation chair renamed to honour H. Robert Arscott

In honour of H. Robert Arscott, the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair at the U of S has been renamed the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan H. Robert Arscott Chair.

The university's Board of Governors approved the name change on March 18 in recognition of Arscott's dedication to the foundation for which he served as secretary from 1973 until his retirement in 2013.

"During his remarkable tenure, Mr. Arscott was for many in the legal profession, the grantee community and the public generally, the face of the Law Foundation," said Robert Gibbings, QC, vice-chair of the foundation, in a letter to the U of S Board of Governors.

Gibbings added, "Mr. Arscott has played a nearly indispensable role in the stewardship of the foundation's funds and investments, which has permitted the LFS to make grants well in excess of \$60 million since its first granting year."

The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair was established in 1989 at the College of Law under an agreement between the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan. Chair holders are accomplished legal scholars or other outstanding persons with a background in law and a demonstrated interest in scholarly investigation and practice relating to issues in law and policy.

*The college is pleased to welcome **Christine Zuni Cruz as the 2014/15 Law Foundation of Saskatchewan H. Robert Arscott Chair.***

*Before joining the College of Law, Zuni Cruz was the director of the Law and Indigenous Peoples Program and senior advisor to the Faculty and Administration on Indigenous Peoples Issues at the University of New Mexico School of Law. During her time at the college, Zuni Cruz will teach the law and culture and law of Indigenous peoples courses and carry out research in the area of Indigenous identity and the lines of tribe in the 21st century.*



Chair of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, John McIntosh, Q.C. (left) and Robert Gibbings, Q.C., (right) present Robert (Bob) Arscott, F.C.A. (centre) with the official documents confirming the newly named Law Foundation of Saskatchewan H. Robert Arscott Chair.



## College of Law welcomes inaugural Estey Chair in Business Law

The U of S College of Law welcomes **Professor Roderick Wood** as the first-ever holder of the Estey Chair in Business Law. He was appointed for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2014 by the college's search committee with the advice of John and Bill Estey.

"I am ecstatic to have Professor Wood join our faculty as a chair holder in the area of business law," said Sanjeev Anand, dean of the College of Law. "His reputation as a highly accomplished Canadian legal academic and an outstanding teacher is second-to-none. With his comprehensive experience in the areas of secured transactions law, commercial law, bankruptcy and insolvency law, and debtor-creditor law, he will undoubtedly serve our students and the wider legal community well."

The chair position, established by John and Bill Estey, sons of the late Willard "Bud" Estey, former Supreme Court of Canada Justice, will help position the College of Law as one of Canada's leading institutions in business law.



## Long-time faculty members Ken Norman and Norman Zlotkin retire

On June 30, 2014, professors Ken Norman and Norman Zlotkin retired from the College of Law.

**Ken Norman** began at the college in 1967/68 when he taught two courses as a sessional. Following that, he accepted a tenure-track appointment in 1968/69 and has been a faculty member since.

Prof. Norman's list of accomplishments and contributions to the human rights movement in this province and country is lengthy and impressive. He has served as:

- Member of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Court Challenges Programme of Canada
- Member of Council for the Canadian section of the International Commission of Jurists.
- Editor of the *Human Rights Digest*
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian human rights reporter.

**Norman Zlotkin** started teaching at the College of Law in July 1981. He served as research director at the Native Law Centre from July 1982 to June 1987 and

then came back to the College of Law in July 1987 where he has been a faculty member since.

Prior to his appointment, Zlotkin practised law in Ontario from 1973 to 1981, specializing in the rights of Aboriginal Peoples. He was also a member of the legal team of the Assembly of First Nations and Nishnawbe-Aski Nation for the First Ministers Conferences in 1983-85 and 1987.

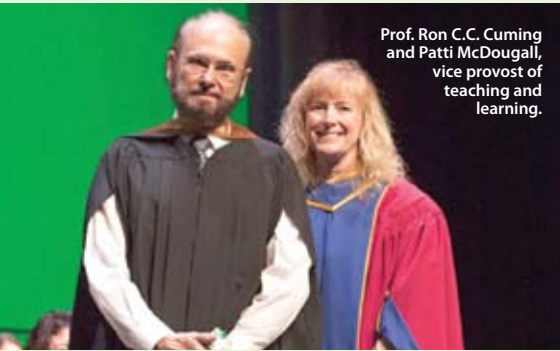
At the college, Zlotkin served as associate dean, academic from July 2009 to December 2012, was acting associate dean from August 1999 to November 1999, and was acting associate dean from July 1996 to June 1997. He has also acted as director of the college's Academic Support Program.

Both Norman and Zlotkin will continue to teach classes at the college in the near future—Norman as professor emeritus and Zlotkin as an adjunct professor.

## Faculty notes

**Prof. Heather Heavin** was awarded the 2014 Provost's College Award for Outstanding Teaching. This annual award recognizes an outstanding teacher in each college at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Prof. Ron C.C. Cuming** was awarded the Master Teacher Award at the June 5 convocation ceremony for his outstanding contributions to the learning and working environments of the university. The award honours faculty members who excel in their profession, and emphasizes the importance of good teaching at the university.



Prof. Ron C.C. Cuming and Patti McDougall, vice provost of teaching and learning.

**Heather Jensen, Sarah Burningham and Keir Vallance** have joined faculty as assistant professors for the 2014/15 academic year.



**Prof. Beth Bilson** was honoured at the YWCA Saskatoon Women of Distinction awards ceremony on May 29 as the winner in the category of leadership, management and professions.

**Prof. Dwight Newman's** opinion piece *Pipeline prospects take a hit as Supreme Court grants land title to B.C. First Nation* in the June 26, 2014 edition of the *Financial Post* was shared over 8,500 times on Facebook.

As of July 1, 2014, **Patricia Farnese** obtained tenure and was promoted to the rank of associate professor.

**Brent Cotter, QC**, was appointed chair of the Saskatchewan Public Complaints Commission effective Oct. 1, 2014.

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**C. Bangsund.** June 18, 2014. *PPSL Values*. 2014 Canadian Conference on Personal Property Security Law. Montreal, QC.

**S. Buhler.** April 22, 2014. *Introduction to the law and the legal system*. SIAST Power Engineering Class Level 2.

**S. Buhler.** Feb. 20, 2014. *CLASSIC and Poverty Law Practice*. Community Service Learning Alternative Reading Week, College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan.

**S. Buhler, P. Settee, N. VanStyvendale and D. Saskaskamoose.** May 15, 2014. *Wahkohtowin: Learning Together about Justice*. Quality of Life: Towards Sustainable Community Futures Conference, University of Saskatchewan.

**S. Buhler.** May 14, 2014. *Preparing students for Community-Engaged Learning*. Engaged Scholar Day, University of Saskatchewan.

**M. Carter.** June 23, 2014. *Proportional Sentencing, Pre-trial Detention Credit, and Mandatory Victim Surcharges*. International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, 27th annual international conference. Vancouver, BC.

**R.C.C. Cuming.** May 13, 2014. *Effect of Corporate Amalgamation on the PPSA Priority Regime*. Ontario Bar Assn, PPSA Committee.

**R. Hansen** (panelist). April 9, 2014. *ILA Non-State Actors Committee Open Working Session*. ILA-ASIL Conference. Washington, DC.

**H. Heavin** (co-facilitator with G. Gardner). Oct. 29, 2014. *Collaborative Policy Management: Involving Citizens and Stakeholders*. Sask Public Service Commission Workshop, JSGS Outreach and Training.

**H. Heavin** (co-facilitating with M. Keet and M. Palmer), April 25-26, 2014. *Dentons Risk Analysis Workshop for Western Canada lawyers*.

**H. Heavin.** May 8 and 10, 2014. *Informed Decision making and Risk Assessment, Ethical Negotiations Seminar, Law Society of Saskatchewan, Continuing Legal Education*.

**H. Heavin** (co-presenting with M. Keet). June 7, 2014. *Contract and Tort Law Update, Saskatchewan Justice, Dispute Resolution*.

**H. Heavin** (co-organizer). May 8, 2014. Johnson-Shoyama School of Public Policy, The Best Interest of the Child: Working Together to Improve the Lives of all Children. Saskatoon, SK.

**F. Hoehn** (panel moderator). May 2-3, 2014. *Property Within and Beyond Condominiums*. Association for Law, Property and Society 5th Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC.

**M. Keet.** March 2014. *Developments in Legal Education and Dispute Resolution*. Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission. Saskatoon, SK.

**M. Keet.** April 2014. *Identifying Power, Reframing Power, and Advanced Ethical Issues in Settlement Conferencing*. National Judicial Institute program on Judicial Settlement Conferencing. Vancouver, BC.

**J. Kleefeld.** April 10, 2014. *Incorporating a Creative Component in First-Year Law*. SoTL Through the Lenses of the Arts and Humanities Symposium, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON.

**J. Kleefeld.** May 24, 2014. *Concurrent Fault at 90. Compensation Culture: Comparative Tort Law Reform in the 21st Century*, University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland.

**G. Luther.** June 17, 2014. *Gladue in Sentencing*. Centre for Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies, Violence and Aggression Symposium (National Conference). Saskatoon, SK.

**G. Luther with Dr. T. Powell,** Vermont (USA) Forensic Assessment PLLC. June 17, 2014. *Treading Lightly with a Big Stick: Psychologists' Survival in Court*. Centre for Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies, Violence and Aggression Symposium (National Conference). Saskatoon, SK.

**G. Luther** (session chair). June 16, 2014. *HIV Transmission and Criminal Justice by Frank Impey*. Centre for Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies, Violence and Aggression Symposium (National Conference). Saskatoon, SK.

**G. Luther.** May 2014. *The Shifting Sands of Forensic Science: Of Shaken Babies, Fingerprints and Hair Comparisons*. Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers' Association Spring Conference, *Ten Topics for Fearless and Ethical Advocacy*. Saskatoon, SK.

**G. Luther.** Jan. 15, 2014. *Mental Health Court Comes to Saskatoon*. FSIN Health and Social Development Commission. Saskatoon, SK.

**I. Odumosu-Ayanu.** June 2014. *Land, Niger Delta Peoples and Oil and Gas Decision-Making*. Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB.

**I. Odumosu-Ayanu.** June 2014. *Feminism in a 'Post-Washington' Consensus Era: Neoliberalism and Feminism*. Feminist Summer Camp. Saskatoon, SK.

**I. Odumosu-Ayanu.** April 2014. *Corporate Social Responsibility, Agreements and Local Communities*. Saskatchewan Council on International Corporation – Gathering of Global Minds. Saskatoon, SK.

**A. Ponak** (panelist). Nov. 22, 2013. *What's Coming At Us? Where Should We Be Going?* Queen's University Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace, Privacy, Law, and the Contemporary Workplace. Toronto, ON.

**A. Ponak.** Feb. 18, 2014. *Workplace Privacy Trends in Labour Arbitration*. Saskatoon Labour Law Subsection. Saskatoon, SK.

**A. Ponak** (panel chair). June 6, 2014. *What Are You Smoking? The Future of Drug and Alcohol Testing in Canada*. 33rd Annual Labour Arbitration and Policy Conference. Calgary, AB.

**GRANTS/CONTRACTS RECEIVED**

E. Quinlan (Sociology), together with the U of S co-investigators **B. Bilson** (Law) and I. Findlay (Management and Marketing), was awarded in average \$65,343 per year for three years for the project "Ameliorating Workplace Harassment among Caregivers: Fostering Communicative Action and Ethical Practice through Participatory Theatre."

**M. Keet**, co-applicant, "Access to Justice and Domestic Violence at the Intersection of Civil, Criminal, Family Law and Immigration Systems" (along with Professors J.Koshan (University of Calgary, Faculty of Law), **Professor W. Wiegors** (University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, and Professor J. Mosher (York University), to SSHRC; Received a 4A rating, Spring 2014.

**I. Odumosu-Ayanu**, Tripartite Contracts between Governments, Industry and Host Communities in Canada's Extractive Industries, \$10,000. Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Fellowship, February 2014.

**I. Odumosu-Ayanu**, Local Communities and Transnational Oil and Gas Contracts in West and Central Africa, \$6,978.55. President's SSHRC Research Fund, University of Saskatchewan, June 2013 – Dec. 2014.

**L. Vandervort** was awarded a twelve-month research grant of \$5,000 by the Foundation for Legal Research in their 2014 grant competition based on her application for research funds to support preparation of her forthcoming book *Sexual Consent and the Rule of Law*.

**In Memoriam**

It is with sorrow that we note the passing of the following College of Law alumni:

**Warren J. Holland** (BA'62, BComm'63, LLB'67), d. Jan. 6, 2014

**Barry C. Harper** (BSc'89, LLB'92), d. Feb. 1, 2014

**Jo-Ann F. Parker** (LLB'83), d. Feb. 1, 2014

**R.J. (Jack) Rushford, QC** (LLB'54), d. Feb. 17, 2014

**Edward Lysyk** (BA'73, LLB'76), d. April 3, 2014

**Joseph J. Flynn** (LLB'53), d. April 4, 2014

**Kenneth P. Hodges** (LLB'49), d. April 16, 2014

**R. Byron Horner** (LLB'53), d. June 9, 2014

**David S. Wooff** (BSA'59, LLB'64), d. June 11, 2014

**Howard J. Boyce** (LLB'50), d. June 14, 2014

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