



Executive Director
Peter L. Twohig, Ph.D.

This has been another significant year in the history of the Gorsebrook Research Institute. The departure of Dr. Colin Howell as the Executive Director and of Dr. John Chamard as Chair of the Board are both indicative of the rapid pace of change at the Gorsebrook. At the same time, a number of longstanding members of the board also completed their terms. Fortunately, we have the benefit of an interested and experienced group to continue our forward momentum and we look forward to welcoming new members, such as Dr Andrew Holman, who has joined the Board this year. We also welcome Dr John G. Reid as Chair of the Board.

Our offices at 5960 Inglis St. underwent an extensive renovation during the past year, which caused some disruption to our day-to-day activities. Nevertheless, the new facility, which houses the Gorsebrook and the offices for the CN Centre for Occupational Health, is now greatly expanded and we look forward to making full use of our facilities again.

The various research activities of the Gorsebrook are best documented in the other reports but there are a few areas that I wish to highlight.

University Support

The university continues to support the activities of the Gorsebrook in various ways and we are incredibly grateful for their support. The acquisition, renovation and subsequent expansion of our building since 2003 have assured the Gorsebrook adequate office space, furniture and computers. The university, based upon the efforts of the previous Executive Director, also provides salary support for our dynamic administrator, Jackie Logan, and for Trudy Sable, Director of the Office of Aboriginal and Northern Research. The successful Aid-to-Small Universities Grant, earmarked for the Gorsebrook, also provides funding to support selected, targeted activities. We continue to develop new initiatives to ensure a robust future.

Staffing

The Gorsebrook's day-to-day activities are conducted by Jackie Logan, who provides extraordinary expertise in all aspects of administration. I am very thankful for her patience and support over the past year, as I have settled into my new role. Dr Trudy Sable (who details her activities in a separate report) is also supported through a tri-partite funding arrangement, wherein the Gorsebrook provides one-third of her salary. Both of these arrangements are in place and will continue for the year forward.

Activities

As part of the ongoing renewal of the Gorsebrook, we have reactivated the Gorsebrook Seminar Series. This year, our theme was "Bringing the Past to the Public". The series was organized by Sarah Kingston, an MA student in Atlantic Canada Studies, and held at lunch over three consecutive Friday afternoons. Sessions focused upon public history and public archaeology in the region and all three sessions were well-attended, with upwards of thirty people in the audience. Based upon this success, we hope to have a fall and a winter series in the upcoming year. We see this as a useful outreach activity for the dissemination of knowledge.

The Gorsebrook, in partnership with the Atlantic Center for Support for Students with Disabilities, also received a grant from the Research Advisory Panel, housed within the Nova Scotia Department of Education. This preliminary project is investigating access to post-secondary education and the range and nature of support for students across the region. The intention is to prepare the ground for an upcoming Request-for-Proposals on the subject area. The Gorsebrook, with partners, may submit an application for this work.



CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR IN ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES

PETER L. TWOHIG, Ph.D.

INTRODUCTION

I am completing my sixth year as Canada Research Chair in Atlantic Canada Studies at Saint Mary's University, following a successful renewal of the chair.

Teaching and Graduate Supervision

I continue to teach in the graduate and undergraduate program, focusing upon the social history of Atlantic Canada since 1870 and interdisciplinary studies of health and illness. During 2008-09, I taught the introduction to Atlantic Canada Studies (Making Sense of Atlantic Canada Studies) and directed History and Society: The Atlantic Provinces Seminar (HIST 6660 / ACST 6660).

I continue to supervise Julien Prud'homme, from the Université du Québec à Montréal, who is completing a post-doctoral fellowship from SSHRC. A previous post-doctoral fellow, Sasha Mullally, assumed a contract appointment at the University of Alberta, following her time at the Gorsebrook.

I am actively involved in graduate work as a supervisor and reader. I was involved in several thesis defenses during the past year.

I also strive to mentor excellent undergraduate students in various ways. During the summer of 2008, Laura Slauenwhite completed a Hannah Summer Studentship under my supervision on the topic of HPV vaccination in the Atlantic Region. I also have supervised several SEEP students and employ three research assistants.

Research Activities and Publications

My research continues to be focused upon the social study of health and medicine in Atlantic Canada. I am completing a three-year project funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research for a research project entitled "Crafting professions: Expertise, experience, evidence and occupational identity." I am scheduled for sabbatical during 2009-10 and intend to write a scholarly monograph based on this research during that year.

During 2008-09, I initiated a new collaboration with the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia, in association with their centennial celebrations. This work included an on-going research component and a keynote lecture which was delivered in May 2009 on the history of the College.

I also completed work on two edited volumes with my colleague Vera Kalitzkus. The first, entitled *Social Studies of Health, Illness and Disease: Perspectives from the Social Sciences and Humanities* appeared in late 2008 and a second volume, *The Tapestry of Health, Illness and Disease*, came out in early 2009. I have edited three earlier collections with Dr Kalitzkus. I am editing my final volume in this series with Dr Robert J. Perrins (Acadia University) as co-

editor. This volume is nearly complete and ready to go to press.

In addition to this work, a book chapter (co-authored with Colin Howell) appeared in the collection *Rain/Drizzle/Fog* (UBC Press, 2009) and I prepared another book chapter for a collection on the health care system in Canada.

International and Scholarly Activities

I continue to serve on the advisory board of the "At the Interface/ Probing the Boundaries" series published by Rodopi. I continue to serve as the program chair for the annual Making Sense of Health, Illness and Disease conference, held at Oxford University. Each summer, this interdisciplinary conference brings together scholars and clinicians from around the world.

I was invited to present lectures at the University of Alberta and at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine in September 2008. Both of these presentations were based upon the CIHR-funded research and articles are now in preparation.

I continue to serve on the national executive of the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine and work in a variety of ways to ensure the society continues to be a vibrant scholarly organization. I have served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the society since 2003 and am the English-language book review editor for the *Canadian Bulletin of Medical History*. At the April 2008 meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine annual meeting in Rochester, I was appointed to a 3-year term as chair of the association's conference committee.

Conclusion

This has been another busy year for me in terms of teaching, research and conference organizing. It is also been a year of transition as I complete projects and search for new research trajectories. I am fortunate to have such a productive environment in which to work and such a collegial group of students, faculty and staff.

OFFICE OF ABORIGINAL AND NORTHERN RESEARCH

TRUDY SABLE, Ph.D.



We have been continuing to work closely with the Innu Nation of Labrador to create unique, community-based and community-driven educational programs, as well as to formalize these programs within the SMU curriculum. This past year, we received an International Polar Year Grant (IPY) to assist in building the capacity of Innu Environmental Guardians to monitor and document Climate Change in Nitassinan, their ancestral lands. Our IPY was submitted as part of a University of the Arctic education and outreach “cluster”, with me as the Principal Investigator, in partnership with Valerie Courtois and the Innu Nation Environment Office; Climatologist, Dr. John Jacobs of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Dr. Stephen Loring, Arctic Studies Centre, Smithsonian Institute; and Dr. Elena Sparrow, University of Alaska. To date, two educational modules dealing with climate change have been offered to the Innu Environmental Guardians. These modules were held at areas of significance to the Innu within their ancestral lands—the first off the Phase III of the Trans-Labrador highway, and the second along the Grand Lake Road. Field tents and the boreal forest acted as our classrooms, and Innu Protected Sample Plots were created for ongoing monitoring of change.

The IPY is supplemented by the SSHRC Aboriginal Research Grant, now in its final year. The SSHRC Northern Development Grant is currently reaching completion, and I, along with Valerie Courtois of the Innu Nation, and Dr. Margaret Harry, Dr. Alexander MacLeod, and Linda MacDonald of SMU, are discussing potential publication of the findings.

We are also attempting to work with the Innu Band Councils on an educational survey to determine the needs of the Innu Band and Nation members for continued development of programs. We hope this survey will be completed this summer, and that it will inform the Innu Nation and SMU faculty and staff of a working basis for a program design.

I was a co-investigator on a Canadian Council on Learning Grant submitted by the members of the *Atlantic Association of Universities Working Committee on Aboriginal Issues*, on which I sit. The grant, entitled, “Retention of Aboriginal Students in Atlantic Canada’s Post-secondary Institutions: An analysis of the supports available to Aboriginal students,” was submitted by Vianne Timmons, Principal Investigator and former co-Chair of the committee. Co-investigators included: Fred Wien, Dalhousie, Laurel Lewey, St. Thomas University, Lindsay Marshall, Cape Breton University, and Bernadette Power, MUN. Alana Lee was hired as the co-researcher for the Halifax area. This research was conducted to identify Aboriginal students’ perceptions of the social and academic supports, and lack of these supports, available to them in universities in Atlantic Canada.

I assisted in a project coordinating a national survey on Urban Aboriginal Peoples for Environics Institute. Halifax is one

of ten Canadian cities where 250 Aboriginal people are expected to participate in the surveys necessary for completion of this baseline research. We hired and trained ten First Nations and Metis researchers to undertake the research.

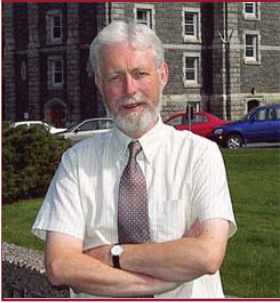
As a follow up to the Mi’kmaq Place Names Development Report that I submitted in 2008, The Mi’kmaq-Nova Scotia-Canada Tripartite Forum, Culture and Heritage Working Committee, Mi’kmaq Place Name Sub-Committee requested a sample Mi’kmaq Place Names website demonstration be developed for the committee. Working with Bill Jones, a geomatics expert at ADI Ltd. we developed a sample. Pending approval from the Tripartite Officials Committee, we hope to begin developing funding to support the full development of the website in cooperation with a number of Mi’kmaq communities and organizations.

At the international level, I attended the Gargia Conference in northern Norway to discuss a possible partnership with Finnmark University College. Participants in the conference came from Russia, Canada, Norway and Finland and discussed topics relating to innovative development of the North “through the cooperation of science, local communities and business; and establishing contacts with foreign colleagues for the purpose of international cooperation within the framework of UArctic Northern Governance and Development Thematic Network.” Locally, SMU offered its’ second, on-line UArctic Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies course this year, taught by Dr. Jeanette Ireland in the Anthropology Department. This year, I acted as the Site Coordinator for the courses in the absence of Dr. Shelley Tulloch of the Anthropology Department.

Two publications are forthcoming in the coming year. The first is a chapter co-authored with Roger Lewis, ethnologist for the Nova Scotia Museum, in *Native Peoples: The Canadian Experience*, Oxford University Press. The second is anticipated in the fall with Cape Breton University Press: *Another Look in the Mirror: Research into the Foundations for Developing a Cross-Cultural Science Curriculum for Mi’kmaq Students*.

Two presentations were made at the Aboriginal Economic Development Initiative Research Project (AEDIRP) conference on “Life-Long Learning” in Fredericton.

Finally, I continue to represent SMU at the University of the Arctic Members Council meetings. This year to be held in Kiruna, Sweden. As well I was acting-Chair of the Northern Studies Committee, and I represent SMU on the Aboriginal Economic Development Initiative Research Project, a multi-Atlantic Canada university committee working in collaboration with the Atlantic Policy Conference of First Nations Chiefs.



SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW IN ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES

JOHN REID, Ph.D.

I am pleased to report on my activities as GRI Senior Research Fellow for 2008-09. Two main projects occupied my research time during the year, as well as co-organizing a number of conferences.

A continuing project was the 'British in Asia-British Atlantic Network' (informally known as 'the Asia-Atlantic Project.'). A collaborative international research venture, it involves comparative study of interactions between British imperial enterprises and indigenous peoples in Asia and in the Atlantic world, with special emphasis on North America and India during the 17th and 18th centuries. Project coordinators are H.V. Bowen (University of Swansea), Elizabeth Mancke (University of Akron), and myself. The project has sponsored a number of conferences and workshops, and the GRI - in collaboration with the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic - was directly involved in the holding of a workshop in Halifax on 20-21 May 2008, entitled 'International Workshop on Material Culture Dimensions of the Asia-Atlantic Comparison and on the "Canadian" Atlantic World.' Nineteen participants from four countries met to discuss these themes (see program appended to this report), and a selection of the papers presented has been accepted for publication as a forum in the *International Journal of Maritime History*. The GRI will also co-sponsor, with the Gregg Centre for the study of war and society, a major international conference on the military history dimensions of the Asia-Atlantic project, to be held in Fredericton in August 2009. Overall project funding is from SSHRC (Canada), AHRC (United Kingdom), and NEH (United States). Further details on the project can be found at its web site, www.smu.ca/baban.

My other SSHRC-supported project during the year was an ongoing study of imperial encroachment in Mi'kmaq and Wulstukwik, 1760-1820. In this connection, I delivered a plenary lecture to the Annual Meeting of the Eighteenth Century Scottish Studies Society at Dalhousie University in June 2008. I will also be presenting papers at the Atlantic Canada Studies Conference at the University of Prince Edward Island in May 2009, and at the Loyalist Conference at the University of Maine in June 2009.

Work is also ongoing in co-organizing three forthcoming conferences. One is the Asia-Atlantic conference on 'Early Modern Imperial-Indigenous Military Conflict and Cooperation,' to be held in Fredericton on 13-15 August 2009. The other co-organizer is Dr. David Charters (Department of History, University of New Brunswick). Secondly, I am working with Dr. Phillip Buckner (Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London) in organizing an international conference at the University of London on 17-19 September 2009, entitled '1759 Revisited: The Conquest of Quebec in Historical Perspective.' Finally, I will co-organize with Dr. Donald J. Savoie (Canada Research Chair in Public Administration and Governance, Université de

Moncton) a major conference on 'Shaping an Agenda for Atlantic Canada,' to be held in Halifax (primarily on the Saint Mary's campus) in March 2010. The GRI will of course be prominently acknowledged as a co-sponsor of all of these events.

It has also been my pleasure this year to be the advisor of a SSHRC post-doctoral fellow, Dr. Keith Mercer. Dr. Mercer, who graduated from the PhD program at Dalhousie University in 2008, is working on a study of 'The British Navy as a Cultural Institution in Georgian Halifax, 1749-1820,' and is based at the GRI.

My more specific activities for the year include the following:

Refereed Publication

Essays on Northeastern North America, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries. Toronto: University of Toronto Press: 2008.

Other Publications

Foreword to 'William G. Godfrey, 1941-2008: A Bibliography,' *Acadiensis*, 37:2 (Summer/Autumn 2008), 106-8.

The People and Josh Wilson. Novel for young adults. Halifax: Roseway Publishing, 2008.

'Province House: A Historical Perspective.'
<http://provincehouse.democracy250.ca/> (2008)

Invited Lectures

'Scots, Natives, and Empire in Eastern British America, 1760-1820.' Plenary Lecture to Annual Meeting of Eighteenth Century Scottish Studies Society, Dalhousie University, 26 June 2008.


Research-Related Professional Service

Member: Acadiensis Advisory Board; Editorial Advisory Board, Atlantic Canada Portal; Histoire sociale-Social History Advisory Board; Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History Editorial Advisory Board; Working Group on UNESCO Process for Nomination of Grand Pré as a World Heritage Site; Atlantic Canada Steering Committee, Royal Society of Canada.

**Inuit and the Canadian Arctic:
Sovereignty Begins at Home**

March 31, 2009
4:00 p.m. Scotiabank Theatre
Saint Mary's University

Public Lecture
Everyone Welcome



Mary Simon

Mary Simon is the president of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) Canada's National Inuit Organization and board member for the University of the Arctic.

Hosted by the Office of Aboriginal and Northern Research, Gorsebrook Research Institute, and the Young Scholars Committee

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← The Office of Aboriginal and Northern Research was pleased to host Mary Simon at a public lecture in March.



**The 2009
Gorsebrook Seminar Series**

BRINGING THE PAST TO THE PUBLIC

We welcome you to attend the 2009 Lunch and Learn Seminar Series hosted by the Gorsebrook Research Institute. Beginning March 20th, this year's event will focus on presenting the past to the public from the perspective of Public History and Public Archaeology. Guests speakers, from diverse backgrounds, bring with them a range of viewpoints that they will share during three hour long sessions. Enjoy a light lunch, and learn about public interaction, engagement, communication and value in two exciting academic fields. Please join us!

- Friday, March 20, 2009**
12 Noon Room SB 265
Sobey Building, SMU
- PUBLIC HISTORY**
"It's Public History: Can they handle it?" Nicole Neatby, History, Saint Mary's University
"Avoiding knock-down drag-outs: Making room for academics in public history" Claire Campbell, History, Dalhousie University
"Another Day in the History Factory: Trade-offs in making public history" Dan Conlin, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
- Friday, March 27, 2009**
12 Noon Room SB 265
Sobey Building, SMU
- PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY**
"A Remarkable Find: Observations on Community Archaeology" Jon Fowler, Archaeology, Saint Mary's University
"Public Archaeology: Developing social capital for Nova Scotia's buried heritage" Katie Coutureau-Robins, Nova Scotia Museum
TBA, Charles Burke, Parks Canada
- Friday, April 3, 2009**
12 Noon Room L.176
Loyola Building, SMU
- DISCUSSION GROUP:
PUBLIC HISTORY AND PUBLIC ARCHAEOLOGY —
TOGETHER AT LAST**
This session invites all individuals to participate in a discussion regarding Public History and Public Archaeology. We invite everyone to ask questions and provide their input regarding the two subjects.

Everyone is welcome.
A light lunch will be served.

Gorsebrook Research Institute Seminar Series
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**NEW MA THESES
IN ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES**

Elaine Jeffrey: After 12,000 Years of Yesterdays — Where Will Debert Be after 12 Years of Tomorrows?

Jennifer Crawford: Sex Cells; An Analysis of the Curriculum and the Public Response to Sex Education in Nova Scotia, 1970 and 2004
(Jen is now a PhD student in the School of Social and Political Thought, York University)

David R. Jones: Frontiers, Oceans and Coastal Cultures: A Preliminary Investigation”

Ruth Lapp: A Qualitative Assessment of the Environmental Stewardship Value of Salt Hay Harvesting Practices in Nova Scotia”

Dean Jobb: ‘Creating Some Noise in the World’: Press Freedom and Canada’s First Newspaper, the Halifax Gazette, 1752-1761

Lisa Corra: News to Make a Difference: The Environment and the 4th Estate, 1969-1977

Pat Jessop: C. Anthony Law and “an Artist’s Paradise”.

↑ Sarah Kingston, an MA student in Atlantic Canada Studies, and graduate research fellow with the Gorsebrook Research Institute, organized the successful GRI Seminar Series entitled Bringing the Past to the Public. Sarah brought together two disciplines: public history and public archaeology to share ideas and issues.

The *Cyril J. Byrne Memorial Lecture* was held on March 13, 2009. →
Dionne Brand, one of Canada’s most celebrated and critically acclaimed writers was this year’s speaker. The *Cyril J. Byrne Memorial Lecture* celebrates the spirit and vision of Dr. Byrne, as well as his life-long commitment to interdisciplinary studies in the Faculty of Arts at Saint Mary’s University. The Gorsebrook Research Institute is pleased to be part of this event.

Dionne Brand
one of Canada's most celebrated and critically acclaimed writers

**Inventory:
Notes on a Poem**

Friday, March 13 @ 7:30 PM


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Affiliated Scholars

We continue to be active in hosting post-doctoral fellows and other researchers to the Gorsebrook. This year, Julien Prud'homme is completing his fellowship (as detailed in a separate report). We are also providing physical space to Dr Keith Mercer, a post-doctoral scholar working in the Department of History under Dr John Reid's direction. We hope to continue attracting post-doctoral fellows in the coming years.

We also continue our long tradition of hosting visiting scholars. This was simply not possible for the past year because of the renovations but we are again in a position to welcome scholars at the Gorsebrook.

We have a good number of research associates who affiliate with the Gorsebrook from time-to-time. During the past year, Candice Baldwin, a photographer who created an extraordinary show entitled "Africville Reverberations" joined us as a research associate. Ms Baldwin is continuing to research and document the experience of the African-Nova Scotian population and her presence injects life into the Austin Willis Centre. We also welcomed Dr Richard Field, a long-time part-time faculty member in Atlantic Canada Studies, to join us as a research associate because of his active research program on science and the social world in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Conclusion

This has been a year of transition and the renewal of the Gorsebrook is an ongoing effort. We benefit enormously from the collective good will of the Atlantic Canada studies community throughout the region and beyond. We continue to welcome partnerships, affiliations and new initiatives.

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