



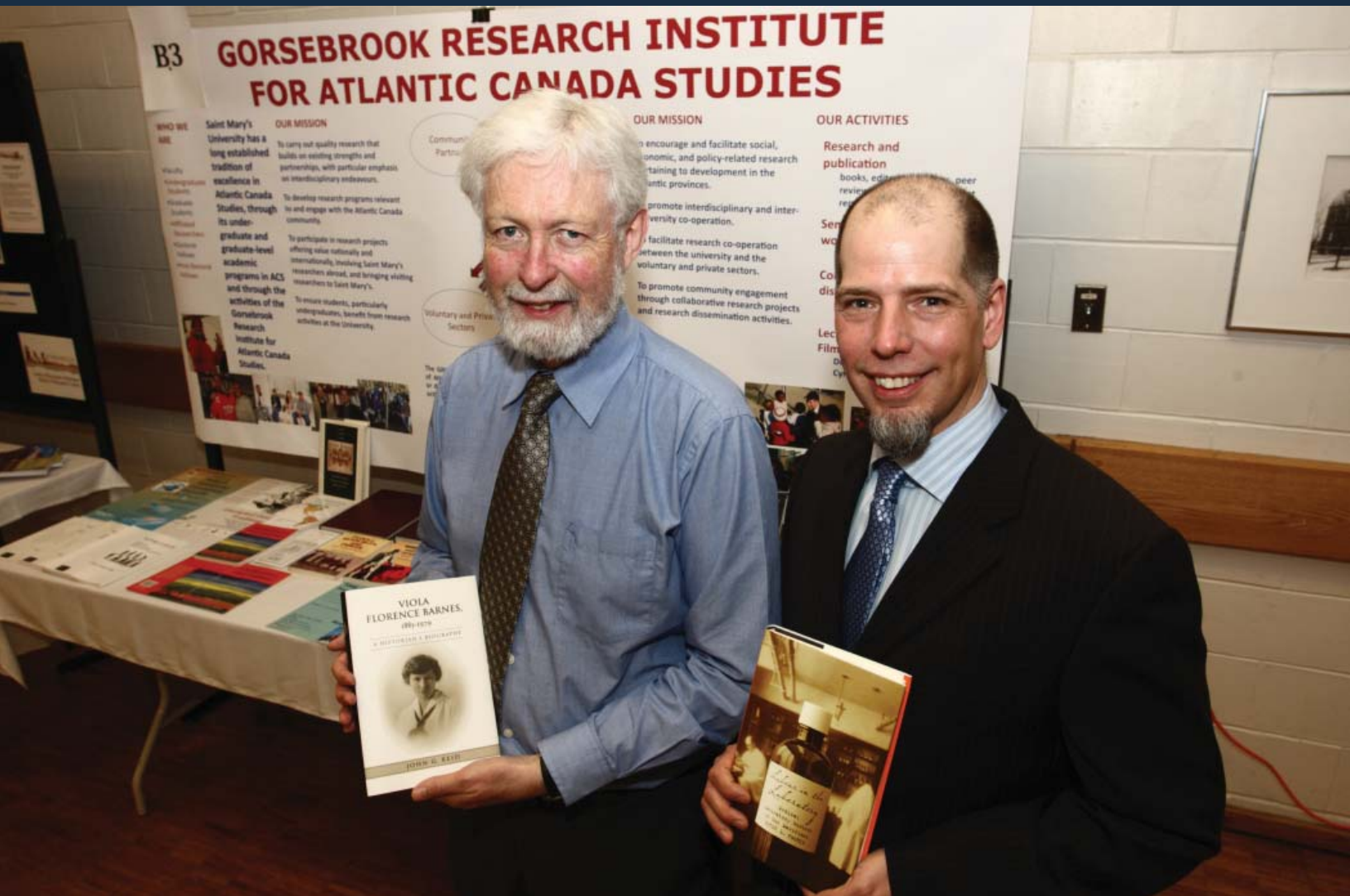
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Introduction

The Gorsebrook Research Institute for Atlantic Canada Studies was established in 1982 to foster, conduct and promote research on a broad spectrum of issues. Originally, the activities of the GRI were grouped around several areas that were strategic to Saint Mary's University, including political economy, history and the environment. While the content areas have changed in recent years, they remain strongly aligned to the major research areas of Atlantic Canada Studies faculty and students, as well as initiatives from our academic and community partners from around the region.

The GRI continues to play a critical role in terms of conducting research, fostering partnerships, promoting dissemination of research findings to a variety of audiences and mentoring students.

Research and Partnerships

The GRI has long appointed research associates to support activities in strategic areas. These appointments are made by the Vice President, Academic and Research upon the recommendation of the Executive Director. During the past year, six appointments have been made.

Dr Keith Mercer	Ms Elizabeth Hazeltine
Dr Sharon MacDonald	Mr Steven Schwinghamer
Dr Karly Kehoe	Mr Herb MacDonald

The GRI also provides a physical and intellectual home for other scholars. During 2009-10, Christopher Cutting was appointed as Visiting Research Fellow, to facilitate his research into the religious life of the region and noted photographer Albert Lee partnered with the GRI for a project on early Chinese settlers in the rural Maritimes, which was subsequently funded.

We also continue to support post-doctoral fellows. Julien Prud'homme is completing his SSHRC post-doc under my supervision. The GRI has also provided space to Dr Keith Mercer, who is completing his SSHRC post-doc under the supervision of John Reid. We have also received several inquiries from graduate students who hope to affiliate with the GRI.

In addition to supporting individual researchers, three new research agreements during the past year, complementing our existing agreements:

International Institute of Public Engagement, Inc.

In February 2009, I was invited by Dr Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's University, to attend a meeting with representatives from Voluntary Planning. A series of meetings followed and a formal agreement was concluded between the GRI and IIPE. Specifically, this project will look at strategies of citizen engagement as well as the history of Voluntary Planning.

Peaceful Schools International

Saint Mary's University participates in the "Peaceful Schools" movement and every year sends students to Belfast to work

with school children there to resolve conflict through non-violent means. Peaceful Schools has not had a robust research tradition. In an effort to develop an interdisciplinary research effort, PSI approached the GRI. I then made a presentation to the PSI board in June 2010, which resulted in the signing of an MOU.

Sante' Mawio'mi, Sikepne'katik District

(Shubenacadie District Grand Council)

In June 2010, during the Ma'wiomi commemorating the 400th anniversary of Grand Chief Membertou's baptism, an MOU was concluded between the GRI and the Sante' Mawio'mi, Sikepne'katik District. This agreement will lead to a new research initiative that will explore traditional governance in general and, specifically, the role of the Grand Council in governance.

Dissemination Activities

The GRI worked with the Royal Society of Canada to organize "Shaping an Agenda for Atlantic Canada/Formuler un programme pour le Canada atlantique." The conference co-chairs were Dr John G Reid and Dr Donald Savoie. Organizing the conference was truly a team effort, involving various partners across the region and beyond.

The GRI also organized the Donald Higgins Memorial Lecture, which was presented by Dr Jeff Webb, Memorial University of Newfoundland. Dr Webb spoke on his recent book *The Voice of Newfoundland: A Social History of the Broadcasting Corporation of Newfoundland, 1939-1949*.

The 2010 Gorsebrook Seminar Series focused on the topic of Nova Scotia's Treasure Trove Act, and featured a panel of discussants from different perspectives, including archaeologists and members of the dive community. The discussion was lively and the many people in attendance enjoyed the session.

The GRI also participated in Saint Mary's first annual research fair, which raised our profile within the university community and generated a good deal of interest among invited guests.

Students

The GRI names a Graduate Research Fellow each year and in 2009-10 the successful applicant was Robert Shears. We also appointed Cheryl MacDonald as the inaugural Undergraduate Research Fellow. Ms MacDonald is now continuing her studies in the graduate program in sociology at Concordia University. Several students were also employed as research assistants on various projects.

Conclusion

In conclusion, it was another successful year for the GRI, wherein its many constituent parts continued to make their individual contributions, while the activities of the institute as a whole complemented the developments within the Atlantic Canada Studies program.

Office of Aboriginal and Northern Research

Trudy Sable, Ph.D., Director

It has been an active year with new opportunities and areas of research opening, while other projects are coming to a close. Funding from two SSHRC grants—the Northern Development Grant and the Aboriginal Research Program Grant—held in collaboration with the Innu Nation Environment Office have finished. These grants were focused on the continued development of the Innu Environmental Guardians Program and work with Innu youth at risk in developing alternative educational programs. In the past two years, much of this work has overlapped with our International Polar Year (IPY) grant also held in collaboration with the Innu Nation Environment Office. The IPY grant is specifically targeted to increase the Innu Nation Environmental Guardians capacity to monitor climate change in Labrador. Dr. John Jacobs, climatologist from Memorial University's Geography Department, and Dr. Stephen Loring of the Smithsonian Institutes Arctic Studies Center have been key instructors and partners, offering two modules on Climate Change to the Innu Guardians this past year.

The IPY was submitted as part of the University of the Arctic's IPY Educational Research Cluster to look at developing a model of education for and in the circumpolar north.

As SMU's UArctic Members Council representative, I traveled to Kiruna, Sweden to attend the UArctic Council meeting in 2009. These meetings have become increasingly important in the development of a UArctic Thematic Network on Local and Regional Development coordinated by Tor Gjertsen of Finnmark University College (FIUC).

A New Initiative

In February 2010, we received a SSHRC Aboriginal Research Program Grant totaling \$250,000 to develop *Pjilas'i Mi'kma'ki: Mi'kmaw Place Names Digital Atlas and Website*. The vision is to create an interactive, query based, authoritative resource for Mi'kmaw place names and land use history, including film and oral histories.



We participated in the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Study (UAPS), a ten-city national research project conducted by Environics Institute. Ten First Nations and Metis interviewers were hired to conduct over two hundred, forty-seven page surveys with Aboriginal peoples residing within the municipality. The intent of the research was to raise the profile of the growing number of urban residing First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples throughout Canada, highlighting, their issues, aspirations, and challenges. The UAPS study, including the Halifax survey results, was formally released and publicized on CBC and in the Toronto Globe and Mail on March 31, 2010 (www.uaps.ca).

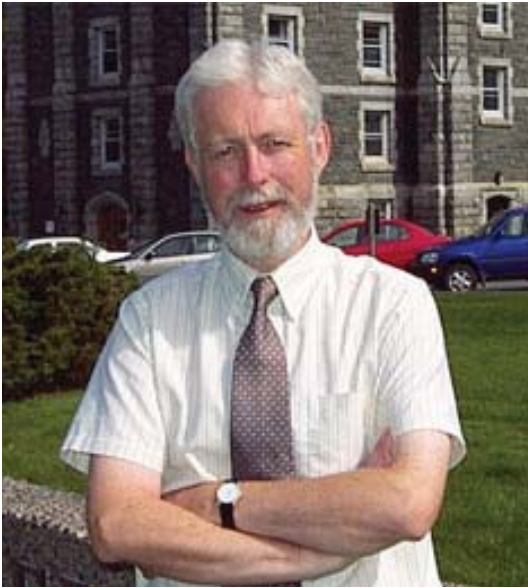
The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, Mi'kmaq Labour Market Strategy, commissioned our office to conduct a "Market Research Literature Scan" to help build a foundation for developing a comprehensive labour force strategy for Mi'kmaq. David Sable, project researcher, conducted a major portion of the research and made a user friendly, thematically based, on-line document for research into the many factors affecting Economic Development in Mi'kmaw communities. The results were presented at the Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Research Program (AAEDIRP) and the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat's, "Let's Work Together: A Conference on Creating Meaningful and Sustainable Employment for Atlantic Aboriginal People," February 16-18, 2010.

Finally, I continue to serve as the SMU representative on the Atlantic Association of Universities Working Committee on Aboriginal Issues and the Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Research Program, and Chair of the Northern Studies Committee.

Senior Research Fellow

John Reid, Ph.D.

I am pleased to report on my activities as GRI Senior Research Fellow for 2009-10. Two main projects occupied much of my research time during the year, as well as co-organizing a number of conferences.



British in Asia-British Atlantic Network

This continuing project, a collaborative international research venture, 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, the major event being a conference held in Fredericton in August 2009, co-sponsored by the GRI and the Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society (UNB), on 'Early Modern Imperial-Indigenous Military Conflict and Cooperation.' Two book-length manuscripts arising from the Asia-Atlantic project are currently under consideration by academic publishers, while an edited selection of the papers from the 2008 Halifax workshop on 'Material Culture Dimensions of the Asia-Atlantic Comparison and the "Canadian" Atlantic World' - co-sponsored by the GRI and the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic - was recently published in the *International Journal of Maritime History*. Overall project funding was received from SSHRC (Canada), AHRC (United Kingdom), and NEH (United States). www.smu.ca/baban.

A busy year with the co-organizing of three major conferences, starting with the **Asia-Atlantic conference** in Fredericton in August 2009, co-organized with Dr. David Charters (Department of History, University of New Brunswick). In September 2009, I worked with Dr. Phillip Buckner (Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London) in organizing an international conference at the University of London, entitled **1759 Revisited: The Conquest of Quebec in Historical Perspective**. A selection of the papers presented at this conference has formed the basis of two book-length manuscripts recently submitted to be considered for publication. Finally, I collaborated with Dr. Donald J. Savoie (Canada Research Chair in Public Administration and Governance, Université de Moncton) in organizing a major conference on **Shaping an Agenda for Atlantic Canada**, held by the Royal Society of Canada at Saint Mary's in March 2010. The GRI was a valued co-sponsor of all these events.

In early 2010, I became Co-Editor of **Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region**, with Janet Guildford. This represents the first time the editorship of the journal has moved outside of Fredericton, although the editorial offices and the meetings of the editorial board will still be located there and represent the continuing sponsorship of the Department of History of the University of New Brunswick.

It has 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 in the second year of his study of **'The British Navy as a Cultural Institution in Georgian Halifax, 1749-1820,'** and is based at the GRI.

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