From Shopping Carts to Simulation Labs: Career change leads to innovative research

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On the cover:
Greg Krätzig’s decision to return to university has led to an interesting new career.
Recently, I had the honour of attending the Baccalaureate Mass for Campion College Spring 2013 graduates. The event, which started a few years back, has become a tradition at the College, marking the end of both the winter semester and the academic year. For Campion students planning to convocate in the spring, this is the first time they are recognized for their hard work and dedication. The event corresponds with the final Sunday liturgy of the season and the conclusion of the exam period. The mood is one of celebration—both for the accomplishment of completing a degree program and the end of final exams.

I found myself in a similar atmosphere a couple of days later as the first groups of new students began to arrive to begin the process of selecting classes for the fall semester. You can feel the excitement and apprehension that comes with starting a new endeavour. At the same time, there is a real sense of purpose that comes with the realization that the course they are selecting could very well define their future.

The stories in this issue of Campion’s Brag are perfect examples of how the university experience can send students down unexpected paths that often lead to greater adventures. It is evident how one course can inspire a new direction, or one experience can lead to a lifelong journey.

The student experience is a fundamental component of all Jesuit institutions, and one to which the faculty, staff, and administration at Campion are very much attuned. Most notably, Campion College President Benjamin Fiore, SJ, has paid great attention to ensure that the programs and services of the College provide students with a well-rounded approach to their education. It is clear that the Jesuit philosophy of Cura Personalis, Care for the Whole Person, is central to all College programs and services.

Another philosophy of Jesuit education guiding Fr. Fiore’s work is that of educating Men and Women for Others. Fr. Fiore displays his dedication to servant leadership by encouraging students to take advantage of service learning opportunities both at home and abroad. More admirably, however, is how he demonstrates this in his own life. One of the first things Fr. Fiore did when he arrived in the summer of 2005 was to volunteer for a number of local community groups. This commitment to the Regina community continues today with his involvement in several arts organizations, the Marian Centre, and the Mother Teresa Middle School. Fr. Fiore’s term as president ends this June, at which time he will return to the United States. He will be missed by many in Regina, and his generosity and commitment to our community will long be remembered.
CAMPION COLLEGE NAMES SEVENTH PRESIDENT

The Campion College Board of Regents is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. John Meehan, SJ, as the seventh president of Campion College at the University of Regina.

“Dr. Meehan will bring a wealth of international and academic experience, as well as a youthful energy to the position that will help further the College’s primary objective to provide students with a well-rounded undergraduate education,” says Peter Hoffmann, chair of the Campion College Board of Regents.

Previously a professor of History and Catholic Studies at Campion College, Dr. Meehan has published widely in the area of Canadian history, with a particular interest in Canadian relations with Japan and China. Dr. Meehan holds a MA in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University (Washington, DC) and a PhD in History from the University of Toronto.

“Thanks to its dedicated students, faculty and staff, Campion is well poised to build on its strength as Canada’s only Jesuit undergraduate college, embracing a tradition that seeks to develop the whole person,” says Dr. Meehan. “As president, I look forward to working with an excellent team—as well as our partners on campus and in the wider community—to educate women and men for others. By giving our students a solid undergraduate education, complete with extracurricular involvement and community service, we are helping form active citizens who are already making a difference in the world, both locally and internationally.”

Dr. Meehan is a Jesuit priest and scholar, having joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 2000. He was ordained in 2010 and currently is in Ireland completing his final formation.

Dr. Meehan will begin his five-year term on July 1, 2013, upon the retirement of Dr. Benjamin Fiore, SJ, who has served as Campion’s president since July 2005. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Fiore was a member of the faculty at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. He plans to return to the United States at the completion of his term.

BOOK LAUNCH HIGHLIGHTS NEW FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

On April 10, Campion College hosted the Regina Book Launch of two recent publications by Campion professors: *Stanley Kubrick at Look Magazine: Authorship and Genre in Photojournalism and Film* by Dr. Philippe Mather and *Rape in Chicago: Race, Myth, and the Courts* by Dr. Dawn Flood.

Dr. Mather’s book *Stanley Kubrick at Look Magazine* is a comprehensive examination of Kubrick’s early career as a photojournalist for Look magazine. Featuring never-before-published works by Kubrick, the book examines how the culture of photojournalism during the late-1930s to the early-1950s shaped the thematic elements of his films. *Stanley Kubrick at Look Magazine* is published by Intellect Books (Bristol, UK), 2013, and distributed...
in North America by the University of Chicago Press.

Dr. Mather is an associate professor of Film Studies at Campion College. His research focuses on orientalism, film music, science fiction, and the works of Stanley Kubrick. Dr. Mather holds a doctorate in Film Studies from the Université de Paris III - Sorbonne Nouvelle.

An assistant professor of History at Campion College, Dr. Flood specializes in the areas of 20th century United States history, women’s and gender history, the history of sexuality and medicine, and American legal history.

Her book, Rape in Chicago, explores a period of four tumultuous decades from the mid-1930s through to the mid-1970s, and reassesses the ways in which Chicagoans negotiated the extraordinary challenges of rape, as either victims or accused perpetrators. Drawing on extensive trial testimony, government reports, and media coverage, Dr. Flood examines how individual men and women, particularly African Americans, understood and challenged rape myths and claimed their right to be protected as American citizens—protected by the State against violence, and protected from the State’s prejudicial investigations and interrogations. Rape in Chicago is published by University of Illinois Press, 2012.

Dr. Flood is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (BA cum laude), and the University of Illinois (MA and PhD).

**JESUIT ARCHIVES DISPLAY**

A once blank wall in the Campion College Student Commons now bears a display of written text and archival imagery that invites the observer to take a step back four centuries to the time of New France and a period of discovery.

The exhibition Writing the World, Cultivating the Text: A Journey through a Collection of First Nations Language Tools comprises manuscripts, photographs, and other iconographic documents of the Jesuit missionaries in Canada from the 17th century to the 19th century. On loan from the Archives of the Jesuits in Canada, this rare exhibit tells the story of personal accounts of the beginning interactions between the Jesuit missionaries and the First Nations people. It will be on display in the Campion College Student Commons until June 15, 2013. The commons area is located on the main floor of the College and is open to the public.

The Jesuits arrived in Canada in the 17th century and settled in what is now Eastern Canada. The region’s population comprised two main language groups, the Algonquian and the Iroquoian. The abundance of languages and dialects spoken presented many challenges for the Jesuit missionaries. Living among the First Nations people, the Jesuit missionaries set out to transcribe their native languages. The works in this exhibit include...
translation dictionaries of the Saulteux, Ojibway, Mohawk, Huron, Iroquois, Algonquian, and Seneca languages.

Also included in the exhibition are reprints of engravings, sculptures, and hymns captured by such missionaries as Frederic Baraga, Pierre Potier, SJ, and Félix Martin, SJ, who is considered to be the founder of the present archives. In addition to translating the First Nations languages, the missionaries attempted to depict the lives and cultures of the Aboriginal peoples they encountered.

The exhibit is part of the Archive of the Jesuits in Canada, which comprises of nearly 18,000 materials accumulated by the Canadian Jesuits over the past 400 years. The Archive collection contains art and artifacts from New France, Canada, and even materials from international missions.

The exhibition is currently touring various Jesuit communities across Canada, ending at the Martyrs’ Shrine in Midland, Ontario.

**Alumnae Named CBC Future 40**

Campion College alumnae Amy Matysio and Dr. June Zimmer were among those named to Saskatchewan’s Future 40 by CBC Saskatchewan. The contest invited nominations of young individuals from across the province who are leaders in their fields and making significant contributions to their communities. A panel of two judges selected the top 40, those they considered to be the “best and the brightest” up and coming Saskatchewanians.

Amy Matysio (BFA ’01) is an award winning actor, producer, and writer. Recently, her web series inSASHable was recognized at the LA Web Series Festival and the HollyWeb Series Festival, receiving three awards including Best Actress and Best Comedy.

Matysio has enjoyed great success on stage, as well as in film and television. She has over 40 stage credits to her name and her television credits include appearances on Corner Gas (CBC) and Little Mosque on the Prairie (CBC). Among her feature credits are Just Friends, Dolan’s Cadillac, and the family comedy Vampire Dog. Matysio is also set to appear in four feature film releases this year: Ferocious, The Shape of Rex, Lawrence & Holloman, and the sci-fi thriller Stranded.

Other accolades include Playback’s Ten to Watch and ELLE Canada’s On the Radar. As well, Matysio has been nominated for six Canadian Comedy Awards, two Lieutenant Governor’s Arts Awards, and a YWCA Woman of Distinction Award.

Campion College Alumna of Distinction Dr. June Zimmer (BA ’04) is a research scientist at the...
Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region/College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan—Regina Campus. She was named a Woman in Sport, Physical Activity, and Recreation Leader by SaskSport in 2011, and a Saskatchewan Action Hero by Saskatchewan in Motion. As well, she was recognized as a 2010 YWCA Woman of Distinction, and recently named One to Watch on the Most Influential Women in Sport and Physical Activity list by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport.

Recognizing a need for physical activity programs geared toward young girls, Dr. Zimmer established Girls in the Game in 2008. The goal of the program is to encourage young women to be actively involved as opposed to standing on the sidelines. As a result of her efforts, Girls in the Game has impacted the lives of over 1,500 Saskatchewan youth.

**ACADEMIC NOTES**

Dr. Benjamin Fiore, SJ, wrote the article *Frank Speech at Work in Hebrews*, which appeared in the volume *Christian Origins and Greco-Roman Culture* (Leiden: Brill, 2013).

On March 26, 2013, Dr. Robert Piercey, Campion College associate professor of Philosophy, presented *But That's Not Philosophy! at The Artesian in the last instalment of the 2012-2013 Philosophy Cafe series.*

Dr. David Meban, associate professor of Classics, attended the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Iowa City in April, where he presented *Time in Virgil's Elegues.*

Dr. Philippe Mather, associate professor of Film Studies, attended the annual Society for Cinema and Media Studies conference in Chicago, Illinois, in March 2013, to promote his recently published book *Stanley Kubrick at Look Magazine: Authorship and Genre in Photojournalism and Film.* The North American launch took place at the Drake Hotel in Chicago during the Society for Cinema and Media Studies annual conference.

Dr. Lee Ward, associate professor of Political Science, attended a Salvatori Institute Workshop entitled Locke on Religion at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California, March 7-9, 2013.

Dr. Anna Mudde, assistant professor of Philosophy, presented Beauvoir’s *The Second Sex: Biography of a Book* as part of the University of Regina Philosophy Café series.
Krätzig is the training innovation and research analyst for the RCMP training academy, as well as a University of Regina PhD student and sessional lecturer. His work examining skills acquisition and retention in firearm training has captured the interest of law enforcement agencies all over the world, including the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centre in the United States. It has also received $850,000 in funding from the Canadian Safety and Security Program.

“I also get to work with the Secret Service, the FBI, Interpol,” he laughed as he demonstrated how to change clips on a laser pistol. “How cool is that?”

About 95 per cent of his work currently is focused on the use of simulation training for cadets at Depot in Regina, the RCMP’s main training facility.

“Simulation has been well-researched in areas like pilot training, but as far as the area of law enforcement, it is untapped,” he explained. “For example, driving simulators are well-established in the trucking industry, but for first responders, who are using sirens and going through red lights, it is mostly an unknown. When we bought the equipment, we were filling a gap.”

With this life-like situational training, instructors can feed scenarios into the simulator, then evaluate how well a cadet responds. By adding rain, snow, winds, other vehicles, or any number of situations an officer could face while on duty, evaluators can assess a cadet’s decision-making process.

“For most officers, the first time they respond to an emergency situation, they are doing it live with a field officer beside them. We are teaching them about hazard recognition in the car and letting them do the multi-tasking situation in a safe environment,” he said. “If they crash, we hit the reset button.”

Similarly, in firearm simulation, instructors can teach cadets how to shoot a pistol without ever having a bullet come out of the gun.

Greg Krätzig’s (BA Hons ’04) lab is not like most psychology labs. It includes driving simulators, laser pistols and a command centre of computers that allows for extensive data collection. It is, according to him, “a lab that is probably the envy of most researchers.”
In his data collection, Krätzig uses the scores from this simulated training and cross-references it with a number of factors, including: age, years of service, type of detachment, type of job duties, grip strength and how often they practice their course of fire in a year. While any firm findings are likely five to six years away, he believes that the research he gathers will be applicable to all first responders, whether they are EMS, firefighters, or police officers.

Katherine Arbuthnott, professor of Psychology at Campion College and Krätzig’s advisor, calls his work ground-breaking, and agrees that he has one of the top labs in Canada. “People are standing around waiting for his research. None of the rest of us have that,” joked Arbuthnott.

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Still on track for a PhD, he applied to six different schools and was accepted at four of them. He chose the University of Saskatchewan as it worked best for his family, but always intended to move back to Regina when he was done.

However, after completing more than a year of courses, he decided his area of study was not suited to him. “I’m an applied student. At the end of the day I need to know that my work is going to change things; that it’s going to have value,” he explained.

So, once again looking to make a change, he applied for a job with the RCMP and discussed coming back to complete his PhD under the tutelage of Arbuthnott.

She was thrilled. “Greg has a really good instinct for figuring out what the important questions are—as a researcher, that is huge,” she said.

He expects to complete his PhD soon— “The light at the end of the tunnel is no longer a train, it is a light,” he joked, but his research with the RCMP will continue well into the future.

“I have the best of all worlds. I get to do my research. I have a tremendous lab and I still get to teach at the University, which I love to do. This is not a job for me—this is fun! Before this I sold bread and milk. Now I am researching pistol skills with police officers. This is a great job.”
In his eight years as president of Campion College, Fr. Benjamin Fiore, SJ, has provided solid leadership for faculty and staff, helped to establish and strengthen many inter-campus relationships, and created many new opportunities for Campion students.

James Gustafson, Campion College executive director, lauds Fiore's contributions to the administrative successes of the College: “Since he has been here, he has been instrumental in putting together sound policies and procedures, and other administrative items have been strengthened by his expertise.” Gustafson credits Fiore's leadership with helping to give stability to the College, and with introducing new perspectives for understanding the role of a Jesuit institution. “We are pretty blessed to have him here as long as we did. We are lucky to have benefitted from his knowledge.”

Fiore's leadership also demonstrates the Jesuit qualities of service and care for the whole person. Says Gustafson, “During his time here, he has been very involved with the community, while at the same time teaching classes and providing ministry work – it is quite amazing.”

Fiore has integrated his dedication to service into the classroom. In a 2005 interview for the Brag, Fiore expressed a desire to initiate programs with a focus of “engaging students in community service.” This desire came to fruition in 2011 with the establishment of the Engaged Learning Program. Through this program, students in Campion classes such as Religious Studies, English, Psychology, and Political Science have the opportunity to spend 12 to 15 hours volunteering with local community organisations in programs related to their class, and receive course credit for their efforts. In the past four semesters, over 600 students have completed placements with the program. The student response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive, and many have continued to volunteer at their placement facilities even after fulfilling their course requirement.

Fiore’s contributions to college life extend beyond the classroom. He was integral in bringing Alpha Sigma Nu (ASN), the Jesuit honour society, to Campion. To be eligible for Alpha Sigma Nu, students must place in the top 15% of their class and demonstrate a dedication to the Jesuit philosophy of scholarship, loyalty, and service. Since 2006, Campion has inducted 64 students into the prestigious society. ASN students also benefit from opportunities beyond Campion.

The 2012 president of Campion's ASN chapter, Kirsten Bligh, explains that there are many benefits to being a member: “Just being inducted—it was a nice feeling being appreciated for the amount of work that you put to your studies.” Bligh also gained experience contributing to the publication of Campion's ASN journal, and in helping with the selection and induction of new members. In addition, Bligh had the opportunity to travel to Philadelphia for a three-day conference for ASN members. As Campion's chapter is one
of only two ASN chapters in Canada (Regis College, the Jesuit School of Theology at the University of Toronto, being the other Canadian member institution), Bligh relished the opportunity to connect with other chapters. “ASN’s initiative is to make a change to better our world, so connecting with other people who are wanting to make that change – you can get a lot more done than you could as an individual.” For Bligh, the benefits of being an ASN member will be longstanding: “There is an ASN network that you can go to later in life, if you are looking for connections with jobs and volunteering.”

Fiore’s efforts also took him to the local community, where he became heavily involved with bringing a NativityMiguel school to Canada. This Catholic school serves highly motivated, economically disadvantaged grade six to eight students. It is the only Jesuit middle school in Canada. The school provides a holistic approach to education with high academic standards and a focus on developing “Men and Women for Others”. The Mother Teresa Middle School (MTMS) opened in North Regina in 2011 thanks to the efforts of Campion College, Harvard Developments, Regina Catholic Schools, and the Jesuits of the English Canadian Province. The school began with 17 grade six students, who will graduate from grade eight next year.

Fiore’s role in establishing the school has been a critical one, says Gwen Keith, executive director of MTMS. As Keith explains, Fiore was directly involved from the visionary phase of the school. He used his contacts with Jesuits in the United States to help the steering committee understand what NativityMiguel schools are like. As well, he allowed physical space in Campion College to be made available so that the committee could have a place to work.

Fiore’s contributions to the school did not stop when it opened. Currently, Fiore sits on the MTMS Board, helping to ensure the school continues on course. He also is instrumental in making connections between MTMS and the Jesuits of Canada.

When asked what Fiore’s biggest contribution to the school has been, Keith is quick to reply: “He’s there for us, whatever we need. The gift of his time, the gift of his connections, the gift of his deep care.”

Fiore will be greatly missed in the arts community of Regina. An avid supporter of the arts and fervent promoter, he is an active member of the Regina Philharmonic Chorus, a member of the Regina Mandolin Orchestra student program, as well as a teacher, and is on the board of the Regina Fringe Festival and the Regina Musical Club.

Fiore’s term with Campion ends on June 30, 2013, at which time he will return to his home state of New York before taking on his next challenge.
Dr. Christian Riegel, professor of English, read from his novel manuscript *Death by Shakespeare* at the Far West and American Culture Association Conference in Las Vegas, February, 2013.

Dr. Katherine Arbuthnott, assistant dean and professor of Psychology, co-authored *Escalation of commitment to fossil fuels* with Brett Dolter, which was published in Ecological Economics. She also co-authored *Public Pastures Matter to Urban Saskatchewan* with Dr. Brian Sterenberg, which was published in the *Star Phoenix* (March 8, 2013). Dr. Arbuthnott is also the author of *Need a boost? Go outside!* published by Nature Views and the Carillon.

Dr. Katherine Arbuthnott


Beech also contributed *The Transitarium of Washington Shirley*, the 5th Earl Ferrers, Fellow of the Royal Society, which was published in the *Bulletin of the Scientific Instrument Society* in March, 2013.

Dr. Martin Beech

Dr. Jan Purnis, assistant professor of English, presented *Here and Not All Here: Consciousness and Early Modern Out-of-Body Experiences* at the Shakespeare Association of America’s annual conference in Toronto, March 28, 2013.

Dr. Jan Purnis

Dr. Dawn Rae Flood, assistant professor of History is the author of *Rape in Chicago: Race, Myth, and the Courts*, published by University of Illinois Press, June 2012.

Dr. Dawn Rae Flood

Dr. John Meehan, SJ, presented the Eaton Lecture for 2013 at Queen’s University, Belfast. The lecture, entitled *Flags, Loyalists and Nationalists: the Canadian Experience*, was presented at the Centre for Canadian Studies. As well, Meehan co-presented a similar lecture with Dr. Gregory Marchildon of the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina, at University College of Dublin.

Meehan’s article *Missionary Martyrs* appeared in the December 2012/January 2013 issue of Canada’s History magazine.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Dr. Anna Mudde has been appointed to the tenure-track position of assistant professor of Philosophy as of July 1, 2013. Dr. Mudde first joined the Campion College faculty in 2005 as a sessional lecturer and has served in a term appointment for three one-year terms. Dr. Mudde earned an honours degree from the University of Toronto, a Master of Arts from Memorial University of Newfoundland, and a doctorate in Philosophy from York University. Her areas of research include metaphysics and epistemology (including philosophy of science and philosophy of technology), feminist philosophy, critical philosophy of race, and Beauvoir.

Dr. Anna Mudde

Dr. Jan Purnis

Dr. Martin Beech
Campion College welcomes Dr. Sami Helawa, SJ, to its Religious Studies and Catholic Studies departments. Originally from Lebanon, Helawa came to Canada in 1981 and enjoyed a career in the financial sector after he completed his undergraduate studies (BSc 1986) at the University of Toronto.

Helawa joined the Society of Jesus in 1998, after completing a M. Divinity at Regis College (University of Toronto). Since that time, he has completed a M. Theology and STL (Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA, 2006), a MA in Religious Studies at University of Toronto (2008), and a PhD in Islamic Studies (University of Edinburgh, 2012).

Helawa is not a stranger to Campion College since during his regency he served as a chaplain and an assistant lecturer between 2002 and 2004. His research interests entail Islamic religious narrative both as a historiography and Qur’anic exegesis, Islamic familiarity with Judaic and Christian narrative, Arabic, and Arabic narratives in translation. In the fall semester, he will start teaching at Campion College and work in different capacities: Islam and world religions in the Department of Religious Studies; Arabic in the Department of International Languages; and director of Catholic Studies at Campion. He is currently working to publish his doctoral thesis.

Also joining the Campion College faculty and staff for the 2013/2014 academic year are Jesuit regents Edmund Lo, SJ, and Eric Hanna, SJ.

Lo, who began his regency at Campion last fall, teaches courses in Catholic Studies and assists with the Campus Ministry program. A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Lo holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Science in Neuroscience. He also has a Diploma in Philosophical Studies from Regis College, University of Toronto. Prior to joining the Jesuit order in 2008, Lo was a research intern at the National Core for Neuroethics in Vancouver, BC.

Lo is also a co-editor and regular contributor of the blog Ibo et Non Redibo (www.ibosj.ca) that is managed by Canadian Jesuits in formation. He also assists with the organization of local Hearts on Fire retreats, a Jesuit-led spiritual formation program for young adults.

A Campion College alumnus, Eric Hanna entered the Society of Jesus in 2009. After completing French language courses and an experience teaching in a Jesuit high school, Hanna joined the Jesuit novitiate in Montreal. Since then, Hanna has spent time teaching at the Jesuit elementary school in Kingston, Jamaica, which is also named Campion College. The past two years have been spent in Toronto, completing an MA in Philosophy at the Institute for Christian Studies.

Hanna is a prolific writer and regularly contributes to Jesuit blogs and other publications. For this reason, Hanna participates regularly as a member of the Province Communications Commission for the Jesuits of English Canada. While at Campion College, Hanna will assist Campus Ministry in the delivery of its programs.
For ten days in January, Peter Quesnel and Annie Viala joined over 400 students from 45 universities across the world in Washington, DC, to attend the Washington Center’s Inauguration Seminar. Quesnel and Viala, two fourth-year Campion College students, had the opportunity to supplement their education through a week of seminars, lectures and tours that culminated in witnessing “history and democracy in action”—the 57th Presidential Inauguration.
the best I can,” added Viala. “For my political science minor, I figured I could take a class on American politics or I could go and do it. This was an opportunity to go and do it.”

The University of Regina has been working with the Washington Center, a non-profit organization that provides students from around the world opportunities to work and learn in Washington since 2012. In that time, nine University of Regina students have gone on internships and seven students, including Quesnel and Viala, attended the Inauguration Seminar.

Dr. Ian Germani, the head of the Department of History and the University’s liaison with the Washington Center, thinks the center provides excellent opportunities for arts students.

“The feedback,” he said, “has been excellent.”

“It’s a really good experience in terms of connecting your academic skills with the work world, particularly for students who are interested in working for non-governmental organizations or embassies or for anything with international development,” he added. “It is the kind of program that suits those students who are personally motivated and want to make a difference one way or another.”

Opportunities through the Washington Center are just one example of a variety of experiential learning options available for arts students at Campion College and the University of Regina.

The Arts Work Experience Internship program and the Arts Co-operative Education program are both available to help arts students at the University of Regina gain life and work experience and help students integrate their classroom learning into the workforce. Students also have access to Campion’s Engaged Learning Program, an optional course work component that is offered in select Campion classes. The program gives students the opportunity to give back to the community while gaining practical experience.

“Sometimes students in the Faculty of Arts do not realize how many different career options they have,” said Regan Seidler, the arts co-op coordinator with the University of Regina.

“Experiential learning will help you refine those options and figure out where you want to work,” said Seidler, adding that it helps students to get to know themselves better and to gain a better sense of the career options available to them once they graduate.

“Gaining work experience shows you not only what you are good at, but also what the real-life application of what you are studying might be like when you go out to work.”

The Washington Center’s Inauguration Seminar offered the seven attending University of Regina students a variety of experiential learning opportunities. Each morning all of the attendees, a group of around 400, gathered to hear a variety of renowned political analysts, journalists, and decision makers. The students heard lectures from and posed questions to intellectuals from
Annie and Peter pose for a photo in front of the White House just after hearing President Obama’s inaugural address. (Photo courtesy of Peter Quesnel)

across the American political spectrum—from Grover Norquist, the conservative libertarian founder of Americans for Tax Reform, to Dr. Cornel West, an activist and prominent member of the Democratic Socialists of America.

“It certainly is a different political scene than here in Canada,” said Quesnel. “You find that when you get there people immediately identify themselves as Republican or Democrat; you don’t see that here. It (their political ideology) is so embedded into a lot of Americans’ identities,” said Quesnel. “And you see that each political point of view has some merit,” added Viala.

In the afternoon, students were divided into smaller groups of around twenty and visited a variety of political organizations within the city such as the German Embassy, various public relations firms, and think-tanks like the Cato Institute.

“If I had gone to Washington on my own, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to go to all the places that they had sent us,” said Viala, noting that the tours helped develop her understanding of the American political system.

The experience culminated with witnessing the second Obama inauguration ceremonies and parade. While many attendees rushed to the National Mall early in hopes of landing a great seat for the inauguration, Quesnel and Viala called congressmen asking for special tickets that were only available through either members of the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives.

“It became a series of phone calls to various offices that were geographically close to Canada,” said Quesnel. Because not many Alaskan residents were set to attend, Don Young, the congressman from Alaska, was able to provide both Quesnel and Viala with “some very good tickets.” Near the front of a crowd so immense “you could not see them all,” Quesnel and Viala saw President Obama deliver his historic and impassioned second inaugural address.

“We were so close. It was thrilling to see,” said Quesnel. “The inauguration was huge. It was the highlight of the whole trip,” added Viala.

Prior to the event, Viala was hoping to come back “jam-packed” with knowledge and experience and Quesnel was hoping to “become more knowledgeable about the world in a ‘hands-on’ manner.” Ultimately, both felt the experience surpassed their expectations.

“You sit in class and listen to the lectures and that is all good, but this experience really stands out as something extra,” said Viala. “Also, I can take little snippets from this trip and put them on my resume later to say ‘I did this,’ and ‘I know about this,’ and ‘I’ve been there.’”

“A lot of what you do as a student is theoretical. This was an experience. University is not only about the writing and the understanding. It is about actually living what you are learning. This really allowed us to do that,” added Quesnel.
Senator Denise Batters displays all the trademarks of a prairie upbringing—
independent, a self-starter, humble,
and an avid hockey and Saskatchewan
Roughriders fan.

Batters received her Bachelor of Arts
from the University of Regina,
Campion College, in 1991, and went
on to earn a Bachelor of Laws degree
from the University of Saskatchewan.
She was admitted to the Bar in 1995.
She began practicing law in Estevan,
articling for the McLellan Cundall
firm and breaking ground in that city
as the first woman in private practice.
She later moved to the Regina firm
Gerrand Rath Johnson, where she
remained in private practice until
2007. She was appointed Queen’s
Counsel in 2008. From 2007 to 2012,
Batters served as chief of staff to
Saskatchewan’s Minister of Justice,
Don Morgan. Prior to her Senate
appointment in January of this year,
Batters was executive director of
regulatory affairs for Crown
Investments Corporation of
Saskatchewan.

“I am very honoured to have this
opportunity. There are some really
incredible people [in the Senate] who
are there because they want to make a
difference in Canada,” said Batters.

“I’ve always been about trying to do
something that makes a difference in
the world. In a small way, this is what
I can do,” she added.

And, perhaps, her prairie roots have
played a significant role in her desire
to have a hand in creating Canadian
laws rather than interpreting them.

Growing up against the backdrop of a
changing political landscape, by the
age of twelve Batters had already set
her sights on becoming a senator. She
recalls spending her teenage years
participating in political discussions
with her parents and their friends in
the family’s living room, and tuning
in to CBC’s This Week in Parliament
every Saturday.

“My sister said to me when I got
appointed: ‘You wanted this your
whole life. All you talked about when
you were a kid was becoming a
senator and the New York Islanders’
(her favourite hockey team),” said
Batters.

“I liked that whole idea of sober
second thought, and being a little
more in the background political
scene,” recalled Batters.

While Batters may have always been
aware of the political issues of the day,
she did not become actively involved
until her arrival on the University of
Regina campus. A booth set up in a
hallway prompted her to join the PC
Youth, a decision that would lead her
to a Saskatoon convention where she
met her future husband, Dave Batters.

The couple married in 1997 and in
2004, Dave was elected as the Member
of Parliament for Palliser. However, in
2008, Dave publicly announced he
would not seek re-election due to his
ongoing battle with anxiety and
depression. Tragically, in June 2009,
Dave succumbed to his depression
and took his own life.

A CBC news article following the
announcement of Dave’s death quoted
Prime Minister Stephen Harper as
saying: “Dave ultimately lost his
struggle with severe depression, but
we should use his loss as a reminder
that mental health illnesses affect
Batters emphasizes the importance of this bill, which is designed to not only raise awareness of mental illness and suicide prevention, but also to bring together those working on tackling these problems.

“This provides a federal framework so that there is a national organization put in place to make sure that these great works across the country are more highly recognized and will then, hopefully, permeate across the country,” said Batters.

There are an estimated 4,000 suicides in Canada every year, and, according to a report by Statistics Canada, middle-aged men are at greatest risk. Dave was 39 when he died.

Taking the cue from Dave’s openness about his struggles with anxiety and depression, Batters was upfront about the cause of his death in hopes that it would prompt others in similar situations to seek help. Similarly, when friends approached Batters about organizing a charity golf tournament in Dave’s memory, she decided to use the funds raised to produce a 30-second television spot focusing on depression and suicide prevention, and targeting this high-risk demographic.

“The most important scene in that commercial is the person reaching out and asking if he is okay. I have heard so many anecdotal stories from people telling me that [the commercial] has either spoken to them personally, or to them because they know of a friend or family member who is struggling. And people that needed help have told me that they sought help because they saw the commercial. That is the main message I want to get out there,” explains Batters, adding that the video can be found on YouTube by searching “Dave Batters.” She hopes that people will share the video on their Facebook pages and Twitter feeds as a means of disseminating this message to a larger audience.

Plans are in place for a third Dave Batters Memorial Golf Tournament, which will take place on May 27, 2013, at the Royal Regina Golf Club. The entry fee is $200 and includes dinner. The tournament is affiliated with the Canadian Mental Health Association, with proceeds funding future broadcasts of the television advertisement in southern Saskatchewan. To find out more about the golf tournament or to register, e-mail davebatters@myaccess.ca.

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