THE KILLAM FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM COMES TO THE UW

Over the last couple of quarters the Center has worked closely with The Killam Fellowships Program in Ottawa, Canada to create a Memorandum of Understanding that will enhance study-abroad opportunities for UW students. The agreement will enable two to four undergraduates to study at a Canadian partner institution for a semester or academic year. The Fellowships are worth up to $10,000 plus health care benefits.

Modeled much like the Fulbright award, the fellowship includes a fall orientation in Ottawa, Canada, a spring seminar in Washington, DC, and boasts a very active alumni group.

The Center is pleased to announce the first two Killam Fellows – Lucas Olson and Reva Robinson. Lucas is a senior majoring in International Studies and Economics. His interests include international relations, politics, social activism, and humanitarianism. Lucas will study at the University of Victoria this fall. Reva Robinson is an Honors student in Linguistics. Her interests include phonetics, phonology and German language, and she intends to pursue her master’s degree in computational linguistics. She will spend fall quarter at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario.

“Having been raised in Seattle, I have always lived just a short distance from the Canadian border but I have never been able to travel much farther than Vancouver,” says Reva. “I am excited to have the opportunity to explore more of Canada through the Killam Foundation. More than simply gaining life experience in Canada, I will be able to enrich my studies at the Queen’s University Linguistics Department and collaborate with my peers to understand the mystery of human language.”

The Killam Fellowships were founded in 2003 between the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the US and the American Killam Trusts. At the end of the five-year pilot phase the program will have supported 82 exceptional young men and women from a variety of backgrounds and a range of academic disciplines at some 21 colleges and universities. These students have come mainly from northeastern US and central or eastern Canada, but this year the Killam is extending its reach to the West Coast. The UW is one of the first partner institutions from the region.

“After graduation I plan to take time to travel and see the world a little before ‘digging’ into graduate school with some sort of an international focus,” reflects Lucas. “Then, afterwards, I will hopefully be on to a successful career helping to end some of the humanitarian crises of our generation. The Killam Fellowship is a great way to cap my undergraduate education and begin the rest of my life.”

While facilitated through the Center, the international fellowships are open to students in all schools and departments at all three UW campuses.

Lucas Olson, International Studies, and Reva Robinson, Linguistics, are the UW’s first Killam Fellows. Both will study at Canadian universities this fall.
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

At the end of May the Canadian Consulate hosted the Center’s 3rd Annual Student Awards Reception. This year 17 graduate students and nine undergraduates were recognized for their Canadian-based awards and achievements. We are enormously proud of each of these students and want to extend a special congratulations to our graduates Kate Dunsmore, Communication, who was just offered a tenure-track position at Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey; Cody Case, Ethnomusicology, who successfully defended his master’s thesis on hip-hop music in Québec; and Simone Guevara who graduated with a major in Canadian Studies and minor in American Indian Studies.

Given the tremendous growth of student interest in Canadian studies and research at the UW, this quarter’s report is a celebration of student achievements and activities.

We are extremely proud to announce the Center’s first Killam Fellows – Lucas Olson, International Studies and Reva Robinson, Linguistics (see cover). In Winter Quarter the Center signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The Killam Fellowships Program, Ottawa bringing new opportunities to UW undergrads. Lucas and Reva will travel to Canada this upcoming academic year to take courses at Canadian partner institutions and engage in professional development programming offered by the Killam Foundation. Congrats Reva and Lucas!

Elizabeth St. Clair, double majoring in political science and French, just returned from a quarter at Université Laval. Liz was a recipient of a Canada-America Society Study-in-Canada Scholarship. See Liz’s article about her experience at Laval in this publication.

The center section of the report is dedicated to our six Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellows. The innovative research of the Fellows and the languages they are studying (including French, Inuktitut, Dane-Zaa and Salish), are included in this issue. Congrats to Tim, Julia, Joyce, Jonathan, Jennifer and Erin!

Finally, the report covers two graduate conferences – the annual Canadian Studies Graduate Conference chaired by Mihyun Seol and Jeff Cao, both doctoral candidates in the College of Forest Resources, and the Fisheries and Marine Ecosystems cross-border conference. Congrats to Mark Gleason for his award-winning paper on cross-border fisheries management!

The breadth of activity, study and research on and in Canada by UW students is simply outstanding. Please join us in congratulating the achievements of our students and recent graduates.

— Dan Hart, Director/Chair and Nadine Fabbi, Associate Director

MESSAGE FROM NATIVE VOICES DOCUMENTARY FILM PROGRAM

We are always pleased to support new research and release new films, but we are particularly excited right now to introduce Lyana Patrick’s new cross-border documentary, Travels Across the Medicine Line, a historical and contemporary look at the impacts of the Canada-US border on Indigenous nations for whom the border has severed ancient ties to families, ceremonies, and homelands. The political relevance of the border has never been greater. This video highlights how heightened tensions over border security in a post 9/11 world impact the everyday lives of Indigenous peoples. Lyana was a Fulbright Scholar with Native Voices and Canadian Studies in 2006-07 and we are proud to report that her new film is receiving attention all around the world.

— Dan Hart, Co-Director, Native Voices

Natalie Debray, Communication, gave a lecture entitled “Québec History and its Influence on Contemporary Society” as part of an International Relations lecture series sponsored by the Shoreline Community College, Winter College and the UW Jackson School of International Studies.

Denyse Delcourt, French and Italian Studies, read from her recently translated novel, Gabrielle and the Long Sleep into Mourning at the &Now 2008 Festival of Innovative Literature and Art in Orange, California in April. The novel takes place in Québec and was a finalist for both the Prix Anne-Hébert and the Prix Marguerite-Duras.

In Spring Quarter Nadine Fabbi, Canadian Studies, served as an expert consultant for Capstone Press in Minnesota for a new children’s book on the Arctic. She was also invited to sit on two committees – the Graduate Committee for the Association for Canadian Studies in the US and the external advisory board for the Canadian Studies Institute at the University of Alberta. Her article, “Inuktitut in Canada – History and New Innovative Developments,” has just been added to the web resource materials for the Arctic Indigenous Languages Symposium, Arctic Council’s Sustainable Development Working Group, Norway, October 2008.

As part of an ongoing business lecture series co-sponsored by the Center and the Canada-America Society, Debra Glassman, Michael G. Foster School of Business, and Thomas Davies, HSBC Global Markets, gave a presentation entitled, “A Diving Dollar and a Flying Loonie? A Tale of the Canada-United States Exchange Rate Relationship and Foreign Currency Risk Solutions.” The purpose of the series is to provide expertise and opportunities for networking with members of the local business community and academia who are interested in international finance, business and trade with Canada, the US and the rest of world.

In April Anne Goodchild, Civil and Environmental Engineering, gave a presentation to the Canada-America Society and Business America Business Council entitled, “The New Model for Port Development and Consequences for Regional Trade.” The talk discussed the new Port of Prince Rupert and its potential impact on business and trade in this region. This spring the graduate students in Anne’s research program, the Goods Movement Collective (Susan Albrecht, Li Leung, Chilan Ta, Tsit Lam, and Felipe Sandoval), traveled to the Pacific Highway/Blaine crossing to meet with representatives from the US Department of Homeland Security and the Canada Border Service Agency.

The Power of Promises: Rethinking Indian Treaties in the Pacific Northwest, edited by Alexandra Harmon, American Indian Studies, was just published this spring by University of Washington Press. The book covers the long-lasting impacts of treaty negotiations in Canada and the US, including land ownership, resource access, political rights, etc. Other contributors include Robert Anderson, Russel Lawrence Barsh, Ravi de Costa, Andrew H. Fisher, Hamar Foster, Chris Friday, Alan Grove, Douglas C. Harris, Kent McNeil, Paige Raigmon, Arthur Ray, and Bruce Rigsby.

Every year the American Educational Research Association recognizes individuals for distinguished research, professional practice and activities that advance public understanding of gender and/or sexuality in the education community. This year’s recipient was Annette Henry, Education, UW Tacoma. The award acknowledges the research Annette has done, which includes Black women teachers and children in Canada. This spring Annette also presented at a two-day institute, “Inclusive Curricula and

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Pedagogy,” marking the beginning of a three-year university-school partnership between the Faculty of Education, York University, and the Toronto District School Board.

Chair of Linguistics, Julia Herschensohn, just completed oversight of a year-long lecture series entitled “Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Early Bilingualism: Developmental and Educational Issues,” featuring several speakers from Canadian institutions and touching on a number of language issues directly related to Canada. Merrill Swain from University of Toronto was the final lecturer in this series who presented her research at the UW this spring.

In May Dian Million, American Indian Studies, met with Donat Savoie, the former Chief Federal Negotiator for the Nunavik Project, and Elisapi Novalinga, Information Officer of the Avataq Cultural Institute, to discuss her research on child and family services in aboriginal communities in Canada and the US, and to plan future collaborations between Nunavik and the UW.

Sion Romaine, UW Canadian Studies Librarian, received a $2000 matching grant from the International Council for Canadian Studies through a contribution by the Government of Canada and with the assistance of the Consultative General of Canada in Seattle. The funds will support the purchase of the 2007 Federal Non-Depository documents on microfiche (Microlog). Microlog includes research, scientific, technical and annual reports, policy papers and statistical materials issued by research institutes and government laboratories; policy, social, economic, and political reports; Statistics Canada monographs, and serials.

Drs. Fritz Wagner, Landscape Architecture, and Regent Cabana (Université Laval) and four UW urban planning students spoke on the economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts on three Seattle neighborhoods and their revitalization processes during the third annual NEXOPOLIS seminar in Québec City in Spring Quarter. NEXOPOLIS is a consortium of six universities in Canada, the US and Mexico interested in comparative North American urban issues.

About 30 students and professors from the three countries participated in the seminar.

In the past academic year Robin Wright, Curator, Native American Art, Burke Museum and Professor, Art History, School of Art, gave a public lecture entitled, “Zacherias and the Chicago Settee: Connecting the Masterpiece to the Master,” for the Hiding in Plain Sight Faculty Lecture Series, UW School of Art, Division of Art History. Robin also presented a conference paper entitled, “Haida Naagaay in the White City: Zacherias and the Chicago Settee,” Native American Art Studies Association Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska. The lecture and paper are a result of Robin’s current research on the set of Skidegate Haida model houses, from Haida Gwaii (the Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia), made for the World’s Columbian Exposition in 1893. Working in collaboration with the Skidegate Haida community and the Haida Gwaii Museum, she has discovered the name of an artist previously known as the “Master of the Chicago Settee.” 🍀
GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCES

Canada in the World: 3rd Annual Grad Symposium in Canadian Studies

BY MIHYUN SEOL

Mihyun Seol, PhD Candidate in the College of Forest Resources, co-chaired the symposium with Jeff Cao, also a doctoral candidate in the College. Mihyun's research focuses on forest certification trends in Canada, China and the US.

I felt that this year’s symposium provided an enriched understanding of the interdisciplinary strength of Canadian Studies at the UW. In the keynote presentations distinguished speakers, Dr. Patrick James, University of Southern California and current president of the Association for Canadian Studies in the US, and Dr. Donald Alper, director of both the Center for Canadian-American Studies and the Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University, impressed upon the audience the importance of cross-border research. In the student sessions, six graduate students delivered diverse presentations on international aid, history, linguistics, transportation, port logistics, and forest marketing.

Katie Leach-Kemon, Evans School of Public Affairs, discussed what the USAID could learn from Canadian international aid models. Brian Schefke, History, presented his research on natural history and imperialism in the Oregon Country, with a broad and interesting explanation focused on the role of the Hudson’s Bay Company in our region.

Julia Colleen Miller, Linguistics, spoke about Dane-zaa, an endangered language in British Columbia. Her short film on her project’s impact inspired everyone. Li Leung, Civil and Environmental Engineering, discussed her collection of data for wait times at the Canada-US border.

One outcome of this symposium was the building of networks among graduate students of many disciplines who have a common thread to their work – Canada or the Canada-US relationship. It was a pleasure to serve as a co-chair with Jeff Cao for this year’s symposium.

The Annual Fisheries and Marine Ecosystems Cross-Border Conference

BY SARA EARHART

Sara Earhart is a graduate student at the School of Marine Affairs. She headed up fundraising for the Fisheries and Marine Ecosystems Conference as well as gave a paper on wildlife tourism. Sara graduated this June.

This past April 83 graduate students from the US and Canada convened for the 8th Annual Fisheries and Marine Ecosystems (FAME) Conference at the Olympic Park Institute. Students attending the conference traveled from 20 different universities including Canada’s Dalhousie University, University of British Columbia, Memorial University of Newfoundland, University of Victoria, and Simon Fraser University.

The mission of this year’s conference was to provide a forum for graduate students of marine and fisheries science, social science, and environmental policy to address existing issues in coastal and marine ecosystems, and to gain a more dynamic perspective on the approaches necessary to improve management of these ecosystems. A secondary goal was to provide a venue where current and future scientists, managers, and policy-makers could establish productive collaborations to address existing concerns and future needs in the research and management of marine and coastal ecosystems.

Every year one or two students receive a scholarship from the Center for outstanding contributions to cross-border marine management research. This year Mark Gleason, Marine Affairs, was selected for his paper. One of his case studies is from the Lummi Island Wild Reef Net Coop that targets trans-boundary stocks of sockeye salmon primarily destined for the Fraser River in Canada.

The FAME Conference proved to be an excellent opportunity for UW students to network and establish professional relationships with students from Canadian universities. We hope that this experience will promote cross-border research here at the UW.

Funding for both graduate conferences was made possible, in part, by the Center’s US Department of Education, Title VI grant and by a Program Enhancement Grant from Foreign Affairs, Canada.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWS 2008-09

Each year the Center awards six to eight Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships to UW graduate students who are pursuing research on Canada or the Canada-US relationship and acquiring language skills. This year was a remarkable year for the Center awards – each student research project was incredibly unique and innovative, and three of awards were given in least-commonly taught Canadian aboriginal languages – a national first!

My dissertation research explores the processes by which people come to understand and develop particular kinds of attachments to non-human nature through a comparative, trans-boundary study of human interactions with the mountain huckleberry (Vaccinium membranaceum) and with the landscapes where it grows. In particular, I explore the cultural dimensions of attempts to restore shrinking berry fields, and the dynamics of increasing inter-group tensions surrounding the berry harvest.

The course of study I have planned, along with the experience of living in British Columbia during the academic year 2008-09, will strengthen my ability to provide a rich and nuanced account of the multiple, intersecting social worlds of the mountain huckleberry. With the financial assistance of the FLAS fellowship, I will pursue a course of study at the University of British Columbia that includes introductory Musqueam Salish, and the culture, history and politics of British Columbia, with an emphasis on First Nations and natural resource issues. I hope that my studies will enable me to gain a better understanding of how the Salish view their relationships with non-human nature, and I also hope to support them in their language revitalization efforts.

– JOYCE LECOMpte-MAStENBROOK, DOCTORAL PROGRAM, ANTHROPOLOGY

My research has focused on comparative policy studies. In my previous graduate work in England and Italy I focused on the communication of ethical foreign policy arguments concerning humanitarian intervention to the citizenry and its effects upon long-term foreign policy changes. A great deal of my research looked at the Commission on Intervention and Sovereignty at the United Nations, which was spearheaded by Canada.

As a graduate student at the Evans School of Public Affairs, I have expanded my research to citizen political engagement through public deliberation. More specifically, I am interested in a comparative look at political and economic influences on media coverage and its effects upon citizen political engagement in the US, Canada and Western Europe. The summer FLAS funding will allow me to further gain firsthand knowledge of political communication in Montréal, Canada, and regain my French proficiency.

– JENNIFER LEIDER, MASTER’S PROGRAM, EVANS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As a student of ethnomusicology, my interests lie primarily with the impact of music on cultural identity, national identity, and politics. The research that I propose to conduct this summer and next academic year focuses on the rich musical tradition of Québec, and its relationship with identity and politics. Québec’s musical tradition represents a confluence of cultures from Western Europe and the indigenous First Nation; the result is a blend of sounds that is unique to Québec. During the academic year, I plan to travel to Québec to gain an understanding of the balance between Canadian identity, Québécois identity, Celtic identity, and European (French, Scottish, Irish, etc.) identity through music. The use of the French language in Québec also plays an integral role in identity and politics of Québec. The acquisition of the French language through the Canadian Studies FLAS Fellowship will enable me to study the language with a cultural focus.

– ERIN MALONEY, MASTER’S PROGRAM, ETHNOMUSICOLoGY
Thanks to the FLAS fellowship from the Canadian Studies Center, I have been able to continue my study of the endangered First Nation language, Dane-zaa. This year’s coursework was designed to spotlight lexical tone systems of two Dane-zaa dialects and to explore the intricate Athabaskan verbal morphology. With help from the Elders of these communities, I will construct grammatical annotations, translations and transcriptions of newly collected narratives, allowing me to create a rich lexical database and begin a dictionary of the language.

In May I headed north to the British Columbia town of Fort St. John to take part in a Dane-zaa language workshop, where Elders from four of the seven Dane-zaa communities of northeast British Columbia and northwest Alberta came to discuss the state of their language, and to start planning for future collaboration of language documentation and revitalization efforts. During this workshop, Elders joined with younger speakers to share stories and discuss ways in which the dialects diverge.

The Doig River First Nation held a cultural fair where I learned to trap beaver, make snow shoes, bead moccasins, all while listening to really great drumming!

– JULIA COLLEEN MILLER, DOCTORAL CANDIDATE, LINGUISTICS

Receiving this award was a great honor and a great responsibility. I speak French and Japanese. However, my FLAS language is the Inuit language of Inuktitut. Learning the basics of Inuktitut grammar was far more difficult than I imagined! Thanks to the FLAS, I lived with an Inuit family in Inukjuaq, Nunavik in summer 2007. This experience was without doubt the highlight of my graduate school years. While in Inukjuaq, I conducted surveys to learn more about how the new generation of Inuit is using the internet for communication within (and outside) the Arctic. I learned that social networking is more important than I had thought. The Inuit language also may be threatened by certain aspects of software and the nature of the Arctic internet.

I’m looking at ways of working towards language preservation in online social spaces. Cultural and linguistic knowledge is a real treasure, and I am confident that technologies, properly applied, can be the means towards invigorating traditional forms of communication. I am grateful for the support of the FLAS, the Canadian Embassy, and the UW Canadian Studies Center – without their help none of my work would have been possible. – Nakurmiik! Merci! Thank you so much!

– TIMOTHY PASCH, DOCTORAL CANDIDATE, COMMUNICATION

For the past two years I have been working in migrant health, investigating health disparities among Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic. Migrating for political and economic reasons, Haitian migration experiences from Haiti to Canada differ sharply from those from Haiti to the Dominican Republic. Drawing upon my previous research with Haitians and Haitian-Dominicans in the Dominican Republic, I am interested in exploring health disparities between immigrant and second generation Haitian residents in francophone Canada, home to one of the largest populations of Haitians outside the Caribbean.

I am particularly interested in observing the roles of race/ethnicity and socio-economic standing in reproductive health outcomes and perceived quality of care. As Canada continues to embrace its immigrant-friendly policies and earns a reputation as a multicultural bastion, it is critical that social and health disparity research be done in order to prevent the social malaise and inequality that threaten countries and immigrant communities worldwide. I look forward to spending the next year in Montréal and immersing myself in French language study, public health research, and a new cultural experience.

– JONATHAN SANTIAGO, MASTER’S PROGRAM, PUBLIC HEALTH

Participants of the Dane-zaa language workshop, Fort St. John, British Columbia (Julia is the tallest one in the back row!).

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SPRING QUARTER COURSE FOCUS

Graduate Research Team Explores Sustainability Performance in Canada, the US and Beyond

BY DOROTHY PAUN, PROFESSOR AND STUDENTS SEAN CAPPELLO, KATIE FULKERSON, LAURA POLLAN, RAVI MANGHANI, CAROLYN CHEN, ANGIE GAFFNEY, BRIANNA NOEL HUGHES, ERIC KNOBEN, VIOLETA ORLOVIC, ELIZABETH TRAN, AND EMIL MORHARDT

Dorothy Paun’s annual spring quarter research seminar, College of Forest Resources 519: Conducting an Industry Performance Review, provides a forum for UW students to affect positive change. Students unite under a common interest to explore financial, environmental, and social responsibility of business activities and performance. The team includes undergraduate, master, and PhD students majoring in business, environmental science, and law, and a Hubert Humphrey Fellow.

Canada and the US share more than a long-standing, substantial bi-lateral trade relationship, and both share a concern about sustainability. The Canadian government advocates that “no one country, acting alone, can solve the problem of climate change, but by working together towards a common goal the nations of the world can successfully address the challenge.” To explore cross-cultural dimensions of US and Canadian approaches to sustainability performance reporting, a pilot study was done in 2007. Two primary findings emerged: Canadian firms scored higher in social responsibility performance while US firms scored higher in environmental performance. In view of these cross-cultural differences, the 2008 research seminar was designed to broaden the context of inquiry to include firms from around the world.

Increasing acknowledgement of climate change, emerging economies, population growth, and consumer awareness and activism have coalesced to make even the most conventional businesses think about new approaches such as sustainability. “Sustainability” means meeting the current needs of people, businesses, and organizations without compromising Earth’s capacity to provide for future generations. This requires balancing environmental stewardship, financial prosperity, and social responsibility, an integration called the “triple bottom line.” Sustainability, previously considered more an ethical issue, has become a “business” issue. Businesses may be hesitant to adopt sustainability initiatives without sufficient information on financial implications like profitability and shareholder value. This research uses a triple bottom line approach in hopes of providing new business insights as well as incentives for more sustainable business practices.

Over the past two years, Dr. Paun’s research has worked on building a quantitative model of triple bottom line performance in order to provide a foundation for operationalizing the constructs of financial, social responsibility, and environmental performances. The primary goal of her model is to investigate whether sustainable business practices influence corporate financial returns and how.

The 2008 spring quarter research seminar is in collaboration with Professor Emil Morhardt, Director of the Roberts Environmental Center at Claremont College. Morhardt developed the Pacific Sustainability Index (PSI), an assessment instrument for sustainability performance. From this PSI sample, the class utilizes a sub-sample consisting of 78 firms from 18 countries and 12 industries.

If analyses suggest correlations among financial, environmental, and social performance, the research findings could provide incentives for corporations to deepen commitments to business practices that lower environmental impacts, enhance corporate social responsibility, and improve shareholder value.
Morality and justice are frequently discussed norms in SISME 420, a UW course about international humanitarian law. Not coincidentally, Canada’s role in promoting humanitarian values has been part of this discussion. Canada is a world leader in promoting and establishing institutions that foster international humanitarian norms, including the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Ottawa Convention to ban landmines.

Erina Aoyama, Fiona Gillan, Shirley Henderson, and LinhPhung Huynh did extensive research on Canada’s leadership in the aforementioned international institutions for their SISME 420 class presentations. As part of their research, the students met with Professor Andy Knight of the University of Alberta. Professor Knight stressed Canada’s strength as a “norm entrepreneur.” He stated that Canada is heavily involved in many organizations, treaties, and conventions that promote human security as a norm. This is especially important as human security becomes increasingly threatened by the changing face of conflict in the 21st century, leaving many people vulnerable.

Canada and other medium-sized countries are rallying the world around these moral standards. In contrast to the United States’ use of “hard” power, Canada believes in the effectiveness of “soft” power, motivating others through ideas, values, and persuasion. This is an important lesson for the future of US foreign policy since soft power is proving increasingly effective, showcased by the achievements of the ICC and the Ottawa Convention.

Professor Andy Knight’s visit was made possible by funding from the University of Alberta and the Center’s US Department of Education Title VI grant.

Urban Design and Planning Courses

Dan Abramson, Assistant Professor in Urban Design and Planning, led his class in Urban Design and Planning 470: “Introduction to Urban Design,” to the Historic Chinatown of Vancouver, BC, on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. Sixteen out of 20 enrolled students in the course attended, most of them at the Masters level. The students were accompanied by representatives from the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, the Seattle Chinatown-International District Preservation and Development Authority, and the International District Housing Alliance, as well as postdoctoral visiting scholar from Israel.

The activity was the latest in a series of exchanges Professor Abramson has coordinated between the Chinatown communities of Seattle and Vancouver and groups of students from the UW. The exchanges have focused on how preservation and revitalization planning and policy for historic Chinatowns in North America can better include the perspectives and experience of ethnic Chinese immigrant associations.

On this exchange, UW and Seattle visitors toured a number of Vancouver’s historic Chinatown Society buildings, heard presentations by the Society owners, by the Vancouver city planning staff on policy for Chinatown, and by Canadian architects Sandra Moore and Inge Roecker on preservation and rehabilitation design strategies for the buildings. The Canadians completed this round of the exchange by visiting Seattle in early June and making presentations to a larger Seattle audience.

This field course to Canada was made possible, in part, from a Center Program Enhancement Grant, Foreign Affairs, Canada.
Few are aware that this last December the Inuit of Nunavik in northern Québec signed an Agreement in Principle for a new Nunavik government – the third Inuit government in Canada. The new government will serve the 10,000 Nunavimmiut who, since the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement in 1975, have been in charge of their own economy and social services. In May, Donat Savoie, the former chief federal negotiator for the Nunavik Project, and Elisapi Novalinga, the Information Officer of the Avataq Cultural Institute, visited the UW to share their knowledge and to begin building a network of relationships between Nunavik and the UW.

Both Donat and Elisapi offered roundtable presentations on new developments in Arctic Québec. Donat provided an excellent overview of the history of the creation of the new government, entitled, “Inuit Self-Government in the Canadian Arctic: The Creation of the Nunavik Regional Government – Innovation and Challenges.” The following evening Elisapi addressed a group interested in how the Avataq Cultural Institute has worked to preserve the Inuit culture and language in Nunavik.

Donat and Elisapi met with several faculty members and discussed how to enhance the UW curriculum to include effective governance models and language preservation efforts in the Arctic. They met with representatives from United Indians of All Tribes, the Native Voices Documentary Film Program, the Burke Museum, the Canadian Consulate, the Graduate School and Program on the Environment to discuss how to build long-term relationships between the two communities. Discussions included developing a Washington State-Nunavik trade relationship, student exchanges with a focus on aboriginal student opportunities, filmmaking exchanges between Native Voices and Taqramiut Nipingat Ltd., and graduate student research exchanges between students in Oceanography and the Nunavik Research Centre in Kuujjuarapik.

This visit was made possible thanks to funding from the Avataq Cultural Institute, the Center’s US Department of Education, Grant Title VI grant, and a Program Enhancement Grant from Foreign Affairs, Canada.

2010 Olympics Sustainability Models Come to Seattle

BY BRENDAN O’DONNELL

Brendan O’Donnell is a graduate student in Civil and Environmental Engineering in the Design for Environment Laboratory. His research (with Professor Joyce Cooper and Professor Anne Goodchild) centers on Design for Environment methodology.

Seattle has a number of high profile examples of green building in South Lake Union, the Central Library and City Hall. However, the models for sustainable
design established in Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia indicate that Seattle can learn from their success in leveraging public and private partnership, technical design and finance.

This last quarter, The Network for Business Innovation and Sustainability, a regional council designed to help businesses meet the sustainability challenge, sponsored a half-day workshop by Canadian architects, urban planners and city officials on the sustainable development and innovations that are preparing the way for the 2010 Olympics.

Ken Melamed, Mayor of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, began the afternoon by presenting Whistler’s management plan extending to 2020. He stressed that, from the onset, planning for the Olympics and venue construction must fit into Whistler’s plan for growth and long-term sustainability. Specifically, this meant a commitment to 85% affordable housing, not bankrupting the community, and flagship green building and design. The Whistler athletes’ village construction will be radically different, occupying one quarter the ecological footprint of previous games’.

Ian Smith, Manager of Development for the City of Vancouver, presented the design of Vancouver’s Olympic Village in Southeast False Creek. The city required a high standard for sustainability that encouraged innovative design elements such as passive technology to capture and distribute radiant heat. It also required a large percentage of affordable housing. Developers will be able to sell their property after the city uses it for the games.

This event was made possible, in part, thanks to funding from a Program Enhancement Grant, Foreign Affairs, Canada.

Health Tech Forum brings Visitors from Japan and Canada to the UW

BY SHERRY MOIR, FORUM PRODUCER, TRINATION HEALTH TECH FORUM 2008

On March 11th, the UW welcomed guests from Western Canada and Japan as part of the TriNation Health Tech Forum 2008. The Forum was a networking opportunity for export development between the health technology communities in Japan and the Pacific Northwest. Kicking off in Vancouver, British Columbia, 80 delegates traveled from Vancouver to Seattle and Portland, Oregon as part of the 10-day Forum.

In Seattle the group toured the Microsoft campus in Redmond, the Virginia Mason Medical Center and the Seattle Science Foundation, and spent a day at the UW Seattle campus.

At the UW delegates toured the Washington Technology Center and then arrived at the Botanical Gardens where they were shown Washington State medical device technologies from partners Advanced Imaging Technologies (Richland, Washington) and various local partners, including Rees Scientific, Golden Wellness, and UW Technology Transfer community and clients. The showcase allowed US delegates to pursue collaborative licensing, manufacturing and marketing partnerships with colleagues from Canada and Japan.

Via the Forum the Canadian Studies Center had the opportunity to work with Canadian and US companies and government offices, including the Department of Foreign and International Affairs Canada, Western Economic Diversification Canada, the British Columbia Institute for Technology, Oregon Health and Science University, Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, and the Japan External Trade.

Discussions are underway to organize a reciprocal visit to Japan in 2009 and a larger event at the UW for the international medical devices community in 2010.

This program was made possible, in part, thanks to the Center’s US Department of Education Title VI grant and a Program Enhancement Grant, Foreign Affairs, Canada.
STUDY-IN-CANADA NEWS

Getting to Know French Canada: A Northwestern American’s Perspective

BY ELIZABETH ST. CLAIR

Each year the Canada-America Society offers academic scholarships to undergraduates from Oregon, Idaho and Washington. Elizabeth St. Clair, a UW honors student, was chosen as a recipient to study in Québec during Winter Semester 2008.

I had the opportunity to study at Université Laval in Québec, thanks to a generous scholarship from the Canada-America Society. As a Political Science and French double major, I was able to combine my two passions and approach my studies from a new perspective.

Living and studying on-campus at Laval, I enjoyed beautiful and historic Québec City, an area celebrating the 400th anniversary of its founding. My class schedule included four political science courses conducted in French. Though challenging, my time spent furthering my language skills and gaining political perspectives beyond the realm of the US was priceless. Unlike many, I had taken courses on US politics and institutions and had familiarity with the subject matter. But my classes introduced me to events and the role of government in Canada, including differences between Canadian and American federalism.

I spent a wonderful winter waist-deep in snow, making friends with Canadians and international students and becoming intimately acquainted with Laval’s Bonenfant Library. Studying in Canada – anywhere in Canada – is my recommendation to anyone. Meet Canadians; learn about Canadian culture, heritage, and institutions so that you can recognize Canada’s unique nature. The more you learn, the more you can appreciate life.

Elizabeth St. Clair enjoys a Québec winter while studying at Université Laval on a Canada-America Society Scholarship.