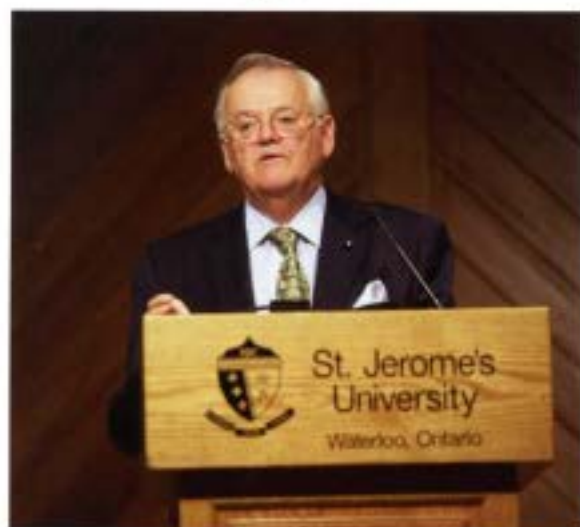


Healthy Democracies: Serving the Common Good



The Hon. Noel Kinsella gives the 2008-2009 John J. Wintermeyer Lecture

What makes democracies like Canada flourish? According to the Hon. Noel A. Kinsella, Speaker of the Senate of Canada, the answer is clear. Healthy democracies depend on citizens who are committed to participating in public life and serving the common good.

On September 26, 2008, Speaker Kinsella was on the St. Jerome's University campus to give the 2008-2009 John J. Wintermeyer Lecture, entitled "Serving the Common Good: Ethics-Based Education and Public Service," and to celebrate the public launch of the new St. Jerome's Centre for Responsible Citizenship. A human rights scholar with more than 40 years' experience teaching undergraduates, Dr. Kinsella argued that universities play a vital role in both the creation and the maintenance of democratic societies. At a fundamental level, he said, a university curriculum emphasizing civic education provides our communities, institutions and society with leaders and servants who understand and value the "responsibility" of public service.

Earlier in the day, during a reception with St. Jerome's students, Speaker Kinsella

told the story of Sandra Lovelace to show how students can go beyond the classroom and make positive social changes. Sandra Lovelace is a Maliseet woman from the Tobique First Nation. Dr. Kinsella's human rights students brought her discriminatory situation to the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations.

With a proud grin on his face, Professor Kinsella recalled how, in a class on human rights, some Maliseet women students became so frustrated by the dissonance between the guarantees set out in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the actual treatment of Aboriginal women in Canada that they blurted out, "That's [so much of the proverbial fertilizer]!" (The Speaker noted that the words of these students were earthier than his, and more effective.)

At issue was section 12(1)(b) of the Canadian Indian Act, which revoked an Aboriginal woman's "Indian status" if she married a non-Aboriginal man. If an Aboriginal man, by contrast, married a non-Aboriginal woman, she (and their children) would acquire and maintain their "Indian status." This section of the Indian Act was a clear case of gender discrimination prohibited by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which had been ratified by Canada in 1976. Seizing on an obvious teachable moment,



President David Perrin and the Hon. Noel Kinsella

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A Year Makes a Big Difference

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David Perrin, President and Vice-Chancellor

What a difference a year makes! Late Fall is a beautiful time of year to be on the campus of St. Jerome's University. But it seems like it was only yesterday that I was thinking, and feeling, the same thing! I've just completed my first year at St. Jerome's—the newness has worn off, but not the excitement or the pleasure of being here. I've changed from being St. Jerome's "new president" to being just "the president." I feel great pride in our University, and I feel blessed to be working with a dedicated Staff and Faculty

who are so obviously committed to the highest standards of post-secondary education in Canada.

I am excited about the challenges this coming year will bring. We have a very full agenda ahead of us as we envision the future of St. Jerome's University with all of our partners, both within the University and outside it. We will be celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2015 and we want to start planning now! The goal is to think about where we want to be five years, ten years, and even 15 years down the road. Dr. Myroslaw Tataryn, Academic Dean and Vice-President, is heading up this consultation. When he comes a-calling, please contribute your ideas about where you think St. Jerome's University should be heading in the future. What goals should we reach for?

As a Catholic university in Canada we are committed to academic excellence, but we also place great emphasis on the development

of the whole person. We want to continually build on our past excellence to ensure that we remain a viable and creative centre of Catholic post-secondary education—not just for Catholics, but for all young men and women who wish to share in our values and our vision. Your ideas on how we can make St. Jerome's even more vibrant and relevant for today's students are greatly appreciated.

One of the main preoccupations this year, and beyond, will be planning for the development of the St. Jerome's campus. Last year, our reflection on our space requirements demonstrated the need to renew and expand our facilities. In late October, we held an open house to present a proposal for the renewal of our campus facilities. You will hear more about this as the years roll on. For now, it is exciting to see how our students, Staff, Faculty, and all our friends have responded to the ideas that have been brought forward to renew our campus.

One of the highlights from the 2007–2008 academic year was hosting the Apostolic Nuncio for Canada, His Excellency Luigi Ventura. The Nuncio is the Pope's representative to the Church in Canada; at the civil level, the Nuncio is the Pope's ambassador to the Government of Canada. Many friends of the University joined us, along with the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, Anthony Tonnos, for a celebratory luncheon. This festive occasion celebrated the true spirit of St. Jerome's University—friendship, fun, faith and a sense that life is good indeed! ☪

Teaching and Learning: International Scholars Gather at St. Jerome's University

This past summer was one of intense and international activity at St. Jerome's University as we hosted a series of important meetings related to teaching and e-portfolios. As participants in the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL), we are members of an ever-broadening network of universities and colleges devoted not only to excellence in teaching and learning, but also to a process of ongoing reflection on and analysis of how teaching and learning happen and can be enhanced. Our CASTL group met from June 22 to 25: it included over 20 representatives of North American universities and colleges focusing on the liberal arts and innovative strategies in teaching the liberal arts in social and academic environments that are often overly pragmatic and sometimes even anti-intellectual. Highlighted St. Jerome's projects included our uPods (and this year's enhancement via a standard, multi-sectioned first-year course) and use of e-portfolios in a Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies course and History course. On July 6 to 8, over 50 academics from around the world gathered on our campus to discuss the use and potential of e-portfolios in both program and course development. The e-portfolio conference was followed by meetings of the international e-portfolio caucus. Both July events were organized by Dr. Tracy Penny-Light.



Through the gatherings outlined above, close to a hundred scholars from across North America and a number of countries overseas enjoyed St. Jerome's hospitality and were singularly impressed by how much we are doing on our relatively small campus. We modelled our commitment to keeping the liberal arts at the centre of higher education. Congratulations to all who helped make these meetings so successful, and thanks to all our friends and supporters in the community who assist us in sustaining our work for and with our students. 🍀

L to R: **Norm Klassen** (English), **Myroslaw Tataryn**, Academic Dean and CASTL conference members

Grad Notes

'76 Former University of Waterloo alumni gold medallist and recipient of the RH Walters Award, **Donna Lamping** (BA '76, Psychology), completed her Ph.D. in Psychology at Harvard, then held posts at Harvard, McMaster, Fordham and McGill. Currently Professor of Psychology at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, she leads an international program of research on measurement in health care research. Donna has served as Head of the Health Services Research Unit and Dean of Graduate Studies, and is currently President of the International Society for Quality of Life Research. She says her rigorous training in psychology at UoW, much of it at St Jerome's College, was not only one of the most enriching periods of her life, but provided the intellectual underpinnings of what has been a tremendously satisfying career. Over a career spanning more than 30 years, she remains incredibly impressed by the high-quality academic training provided at Canadian universities, and at SJC/UoW in particular. Donna has fond memories of the professors who taught her, the many lifelong friends she made, and the education she was privileged to receive while at SJC/UoW.

'96 On May 28, 2008, **Marcy Italiano** (née Friscolanti, BA '96, English) released her second book, *Spirits and Death in Niagara*. If you like a good ghost/daredevil story, or want to read more about the history and legends of the area, visit her website for information and purchase locations at www.marcyitaliano.com. Also on May 28, Marcy and her husband, Giasone Italiano, released a folk/country/blues CD called *Songs of Innocence and of Experience*. You can find out more about this CD (and the one they released last year, called *Johnny Gruesome*) at www.giasoneitaliano.com. But that's not all! Two days later, on May 30, their identical twin boys, Kaden and Thomas Italiano, were born. More about the kids can also be found on Marcy's website. That's it... for now.

'04 **James and Andrea Gilbrook** (née Gregory, BA '04, Arts & Business/Speech Communication/Human Resources) are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Benjamin Gregory, on July 18, 2008.

National Campus Ministers' Conference



Catching up on news from across the country

Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry (CCCM) is a national network of professional campus ministers grounded in the tradition of the Catholic Church. Inspired by the vision of Vatican II, CCCM exists to bring the Gospel of Christ to students attending post-secondary educational institutions. This is accomplished through a national network, the ministry of the National Coordinator and the CCCM Executive Board, publications, programs, other means of sharing resources, and national and regional campus ministers' and students' conferences.

The 2008 conference, with the theme "Called to be Strong, Loving and Wise," was held at St. Jerome's University and hosted by Fr. Jim Link and Melinda

Szilva. The theme was chosen as a reflection of all those who work in Catholic campus ministry across

the country. In preparation for this conference, all participants were required to complete the Emotional Quotient Inventory, an assessment instrument that measures emotional intelligence, as opposed to an IQ test, which measures a person's intelligence quotient. According to Dr. Michael Rock, the conference facilitator, 70% of an individual's success in life is dependent on his or her emotional maturity. Working with Dr. Rock allowed us to gain greater insight into the varied dimensions of our lives, our ministry, and the future of our work. ☪



A quiet moment in Notre Dame Chapel at SJU

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Dr. Kinsella encouraged the class to identify an Aboriginal woman in this situation who would agree to have the students submit a complaint or "communication" to the UN Human Rights Committee on her behalf. The students identified Sandra Lovelace. The United Nations received the complaint and ultimately found Canada in violation of the International Covenant. The case of *Lovelace v. Canada* resulted in the amendment to the Indian Act that repeals Section 12(1)(b) as well as Bill C-31. This case also helped provide the gender guarantees found in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Dr. Kinsella knows very well from personal experience that university students can be agents of positive social change.

A key theme in both of Speaker Kinsella's talks was the variety of types of public service. He outlined three types. First is representative public service, which includes all those who serve on municipal councils, school boards, provincial and federal legislatures, as well as the judiciary. Second is professional civil service, which includes non-partisan public administrators at the municipal level and members of the provincial and federal public service. Third, and perhaps least appreciated, is civil society, a wide-ranging category that includes non-governmental work aimed at particular actions, such as cancer research, community development, or environmental protection. Based on his years of experience as a public servant, Dr. Kinsella believes that, although there may be differences in the type of work they do, citizens who engage in public service in today's world need the foundation of a formative, values-based education rooted in the common good.

The Centre for Responsible Citizenship was created with precisely this vision in mind. This new Centre will provide educational experiences to St. Jerome's University and

University of Waterloo students who want to put their knowledge, skills and gifts to use in the pursuit of a more just and peaceable world. In collaboration with St. Jerome's academic Faculty and Staff, the Centre will provide support and recognition of our students' service and community-based work, both locally, through our Beyond "U" Community Service program, and globally, through our successful Beyond Borders international service learning program.

While the Centre does maintain a student focus, it also carries a mandate to provide the Greater Waterloo Region with learning and service opportunities through the St. Jerome's University Lectures in Catholic Experience. For more than 25 years, these lectures have welcomed challenging and provocative speakers, such as Jean Vanier, Sr. Helen Prejean, and Roméo Dallaire, to name just a few. Dr. Kinsella's lecture was the first in this year's series, entitled "Living Solidarity."

In his introduction to the new Centre and its activities, Dr. Myroslaw Tatarzyn, St. Jerome's Vice-President and Academic Dean, was delighted to announce that Speaker Kinsella has agreed to sit on the Centre's advisory board. As the Centre unveils its new initiatives in the upcoming months, Speaker Kinsella's years of experience as one of Canada's most trusted public servants and mentors to undergraduates will be invaluable. As St. Jerome's University President and Vice-Chancellor David Perrin noted in his closing remarks, "The St. Jerome's Centre for Responsible Citizenship is, indeed, off to a tremendous start." ☪

NOTE: For more information on the Centre for Responsible Citizenship, please see our website at www.sju.ca/crc.html.

What Makes St. Jerome's University Different?

By Scott Kline

What makes St. Jerome's University different? When someone from a university poses a question like this, a recruitment pitch often follows. At St. Jerome's, we might answer, "the SJU Advantage" or "the SJU Experience." Of course, the answer is far more complex than a sound bite or a clever slogan on a brochure. In fact, if we take the question seriously, it goes to the heart of what we do as educators and universities.

I recently attended a meeting of university International Liaison Officers (ILOs) from across Canada. One point of discussion was this: "Why is your university involved in international projects in the developing world?" I must confess that I was stunned by the inability of some of my fellow ILOs to provide a thoughtful and focused answer on behalf of their institutions. Many of them had their own personal answers, but their institutional response remained shallow and market driven: students want to travel; it's good publicity; there's government money for big development projects; and so on. I could sense their frustration and even cynicism as they honestly and accurately represented the reasons why their universities were expanding their international presence.

When it came to my turn to respond, I knew I could speak with confidence about why St. Jerome's University maintains programs such as Beyond Borders and is planning to expand its international partnerships. Faculty, Staff and alumni understand that a university education should be intentionally oriented toward the common good. At St. Jerome's, we believe that we have an obligation to help students become informed global citizens who are engaged in the pursuit of justice, whether

in Gaborone, Botswana or Kitchener-Waterloo.

The Beyond Borders program at St. Jerome's is rooted in a "commitment to learning and academic excellence; the gospel values of love, truth and justice; and the formation of leaders for the service of the community and the Church," in the words of our Mission Statement. Our Beyond Borders students understand that part of this commitment is putting ourselves in situations that challenge our everyday assumptions and practices.

This past summer, the Beyond Borders program had 14 students abroad, living with families and working in communities that are underserved by government and the market. With the assistance of our partners, Intercordia Canada and World University Service of Canada (WUSC), Beyond Borders had students teaching school in Ghana and Ecuador, working at a youth reconciliation centre in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and assisting health-care organizations in Botswana and Malawi as they address the issue of HIV/AIDS in rural villages. In Peru, Scott Sobering, a fourth-year Legal Studies major, worked on a project aimed at drafting laws to protect children from exploitation. And through an ongoing partnership with Ternopil National Pedagogical University in Ternopil, Ukraine, Beyond Borders had two students supporting the work of an orphanage that houses girls with physical and mental disabilities.

Our Beyond Borders students come from a wide range of disciplines and have vastly different careers ahead of them. But whether they are Math, History, Kinesiology, or Legal Studies students, they share a commitment to work for a more just and peaceable world. And that helps make St. Jerome's University different. ☪



Scott Sobering (BA '08)
in Peru.



Angele Rainville
(BA '08) in Nicaragua



St. Jerome's Residence Raises Over \$3700 for Hurricane Victims



Stephanie Bruno (1st year, Honours Science) and **Zach Budd** (2nd year, Recreation and Leisure).

Every year, St. Jerome's Residence holds competitions between the floors to help bring the students together for a common cause. Students living in residence face each other in the spirit of friendly competition to raise money for a local charity or not-for-profit organization.

A hallmark event during the week, Penny Pinchers, has traditionally raised about \$1,000. Students are encouraged to fill their own piggy banks with pennies for positive dollars, while filling the other piggy banks with other change and bills for negative dollars. Whoever ends up with the most positive money wins, but all proceeds are donated the designated charity.

The end of this year's Penny Pincher campaign was lunchtime on Friday, October 3, 2008. The final push for residents to donate and outdo their competitors meant unprecedented gains for all four Floor Competition teams.

St. Jerome's residents exceeded all expectations and raised \$3,769.95. All profits will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross to help families affected by Hurricane Ike.

Congratulations to the Residence Council Executive—Philip Bulsink, Dave Drewery and Jennifer Pepper—for their efforts. A special thank you goes to the Residence Council Activities Coordinators, Zach Budd and Laura Keck, for their hard work in organizing and coordinating the week's festivities. Thank you for spreading the St. Jerome's spirit! 🍀

Congratulations to Dr. Ryan Touhey



Ryan Touhey already has a proven track record of excellence in teaching and. He has published several articles in prestigious refereed journals, journeyed overseas as a doctoral fellow at Jawaharlal Nehru University and worked at the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Canadian War Museum, the University of Ottawa, and the Asia-

Pacific Foundation. He is currently an assistant professor of History at St. Jerome's University, where he teaches Canadian history, Canadian foreign relations, Canada and the Cold War, and Asian history. Earlier this year, Touhey was awarded one of eight prestigious Canadian International Council Junior Research Fellowships. In addition he also has been presented with a University of Waterloo Arts in Academics Award. "Professor Ryan Touhey is an outstanding addition to the History faculty at St. Jerome's and the University of Waterloo," says Department of History Chair Andrew Hunt. "He is a committed, well-rounded scholar and, more importantly, a warm, funny, down-to-earth colleague."

Planning for the Future Will Help Those Who Follow

Have you considered making a gift to St. Jerome's University in your will? You can support your University without compromising your current living standards. Bequests come in varying amounts and may be designated to any aspect of the St. Jerome's Experience. Recent bequests have allowed us to:

- *Create new scholarships and bursaries for St. Jerome's University students*
- *Improve St. Jerome's University facilities*

Donating shares is also an excellent way to support SJU! Shares donated to a registered charity are exempt from the capital gains tax but you get a full-value tax receipt. BCE will soon be a private company forcing shareholders to sell. Might this be a good time for you to consider donating shares to SJU, or BCE shares in particular? To explore your options contact Suzanne Patfield, Director of Finance and Accounting, 519-884-8110 x28230 or spatfield@sju.uwaterloo.ca for a confidential discussion.

Living is Learning:

A “One-of-a-Kind” Residence Experience

Over the past 12 months, Darren Becks, Director of Residences, Facility Operations and Human Resources, and Glen Lombard, Residence Manager, have embarked on the development of a strategic plan for residence and residence life at St. Jerome’s University. Many institutions across the United States and Canada have teamed up with academic units to establish Living Learning communities. St. Jerome’s University Residence has crafted a unique St. Jerome’s initiative dubbed “Living is Learning.” The Living is Learning initiative has set St. Jerome’s Residence on the path to an experiential model of student engagement.

A brand-new Residence Life Office in Sweeney Hall, two new Residence Life Assistant positions, and a ten-person Residence Life Team mark some of the changes that are happening. “We’re moving and shaking things up,” says Glen Lombard. “We’re committed to providing a one-of-a-kind experience in residence, to facilitating opportunities for student engagement and leadership development. We’re building on past successes and taking the residence experience to a whole new level.”

This commitment to excellence touches all areas of residence. For example, the food service component of the residence experience includes a completely renovated servery that takes into consideration student feedback and expectations. “We’ve shifted the focus of the food service experience—more display cooking options, theme meals and increased interactions between the students and food service personnel,” says James Wilson, Director of Food Services.

St. Jerome’s Residence has committed to providing a dynamic residence life program that supports the Vision and Mission of the University. “It’s our belief that when students are engaged in their environment, they see diversity and challenge as opportunities, not inhibitors,” says Darren Becks. “For in all things there is the potential for growth, and in all growth there is learning.”

The plan commits to providing residents with the opportunity to connect with the broader community through service and outreach. “We’re offering bi-weekly community service opportunities, partnering with organizations like Me-to-We Style, the Red Cross and Planet Bean,” says Lombard. This year, Residence is offering a service-learning trip for residents to construct a rainwater harvesting solution for female coffee growers in rural Peru. The fair trade coffee grown in Peru by the Café Feminino Project and roasted

at Planet Bean in Guelph, Ontario, is now on offer in the St. Jerome’s Community Centre and the Atrium. Lombard adds, “It’s about finding ways to connect the residence experience with the real world—that’s where the real learning takes place. That’s Living is Learning.”

In addition, there is an increased focus on sustainability issues and what the individual resident can do to reduce, recycle and conserve. “We’ve gone trayless,” says Becks. “When we realized how much water was being used to wash trays and the meaning of that water to our partners in Peru, we saw that we had to make a change.”

Over the next few terms, residence staff will launch a series of new initiatives, events and programming to realize the Living is Learning mantra. If you would like to learn more about these residence initiatives, or if you have an idea or suggestion that fits within the Living is Learning experience, please contact Darren Becks: 519-884-8111 x28251 or dbecks@watserv1.uwaterloo.ca.

A Visit by the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities: The Honorable John Milloy



On July 25, 2008, the Honourable John Milloy visited St. Jerome’s University. First elected Member of Provincial Parliament for Kitchener Centre in 2003, he was re-elected in 2007 and appointed Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities on October 30 of that year. Although he is a long-standing friend of St. Jerome’s University, his visit was an opportunity to share with him the many interesting projects being undertaken by our Faculty and Staff. John was impressed by our commitment to Catholic education and particularly by the excellent relationship we share with the University of Waterloo.

L to R: David Perrin, President, the Honorable John Milloy and Academic Dean Myroslaw Tataryn.

Transitions And New Staff

Amanda Grobbecker Student Life Coordinator / Academic Advisor



Amanda Grobbecker is the newest addition to the Registrar's Office. Her focus is on the coordination and delivery of programs and projects designed to improve and enhance the quality

of student life for all St. Jerome's students, and on providing academic counseling to our first-year students.

What has been your best vacation?

The best vacation I had was when I volunteered for the Beyond Borders program at a Muslim and Catholic Youth Centre Bosnia-Herzegovina. The beauty of the land, the history and amazing people who accepted me into their community to share their life stories with me.

Glen Lombard



After Glen Lombard (B.A. '06) graduated from St. Jerome's University, he worked as a graphic designer in Toronto, then returned to Waterloo as an Admissions Specialist in the

Registrar's Office of the University of Waterloo. In February 2008 he joined the Residence staff on a full-time basis and since then has taken over the day-to-day role as Residence Manager. "The position has allowed me to realize a different aspect of residence life" says Lombard. "I am particularly interested in the leadership development opportunities that come from working with some of the best students on campus."

Elyse Redden



Elyse Redden (B. A. '08) joined the full-time staff of the Office of Academic Support in the position of Academic Support Officer and Advisor. While a student, Elyse was employed part-

time as a Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant, and TA Coordinator in the SJU Psychology department. She provides administrative coordination for our interdisciplinary programs in Legal Studies and Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies; the Master of Catholic Thought program; and the Beyond Borders program. We look forward to her sharing her commitment, creativity, energy and enthusiasm with the SJU community.

Ryan Touhey



On July 1, 2008 we welcomed Dr. Ryan Touhey to our History Department (PHD '06). Ryan is an impressive young scholar and graduate of the UW History program. He comes to us after a

one-year post-doctoral fellowship at the Asia Pacific Foundation. Touhey is a specialist in Canadian foreign relations history and Canadian political history, with a particular interest in Canada-India relations, a topic on which he has published frequently for academic and media purposes. He is one of eight national recipients of the inaugural Canadian International Council research fellowship.

Lorna Rourke



Lorna Rourke began her term here in December 2007. We are very fortunate to have attracted Lorna to St. Jerome's; she holds an M.A. and M.L.S. from the University of Western Ontario.

She began working at the University of Guelph in 1984 and from 1998 on she served as an Academic Liaison Librarian. She has also taught several university courses and has numerous academic publications. Her enthusiastic engagement in such projects as the CASTL team, Web Committee, and the Library have already demonstrated her strong commitment to SJU.

Fond Farewells

In the past few months, St. Jerome's University has bid farewell to three members of our Faculty who have had long associations with us and made major contributions to our academic profile. September 1, 2008, was transition day for Professors Ken McLaughlin, Vera Golini, and Steven Furino. Vera and Ken are now retired from full-time teaching; Steve has transferred to the University of Waterloo Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing. All three have had an immense impact on St. Jerome's, both academically and administratively. We wish them well!

In addition to the departing Faculty we bade farewell this past summer to Dana Woito, Director of Communications and Mission, as well as Harry Froklage, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs. Both have given generously of their talents to St. Jerome's University over a good number of years. We wish them well in their new careers! ☺

Visioning St. Jerome's University

University President and Vice-Chancellor David Perrin has requested that our community engage in a visioning exercise beginning this Fall. The St. Jerome's University community will be asked to dream about St. Jerome's in 2015 and beyond. Why 2015? That year will mark our 150th anniversary, providing a focus for asking ourselves what we want to be ten, 15, 20 years into the future. A committee of Faculty and Staff has been working in order to organize a process of consulting our many constituencies in addressing two simple (yet complex) questions:

- *What defines and drives St. Jerome's University now?*
- *What are your hopes and dreams for St. Jerome's University for the future?*

To help you take the first step in responding to these questions, the Coordinating Committee invites you to complete a brief online survey which can be accessed via the following URL: www.sju.ca. Please take five minutes and join us in visioning St. Jerome's University. You have been an important part of our past; now be part of our future! If you would prefer using a paper copy of our survey, please contact Elisabeth Kolenko at 519-884-8111 x 28277 ☎

Trail-blazing in a New Partnership: St. Jerome's University and Wilfrid Laurier's Faculty of Education

By Ron McDonald

In July 2007, St. Jerome's University launched an exciting partnership with Wilfrid Laurier University's Faculty of Education and the Waterloo and Wellington Catholic District School Boards. Indeed, this partnership in a teacher education program—a partnership that includes a public Catholic university, a public university and Catholic District School Boards—is a first in Ontario. As partner, St. Jerome's is an active collaborator in the design and delivery of the professional formation and learning opportunities supportive of teacher candidates who plan to teach in Catholic schools.

St. Jerome's invitation to be linked to the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty of Education was, in part, an expectation of the Wellington and Waterloo Catholic District School Boards. Both boards saw a unique opportunity to have a public Catholic university given the responsibility to deliver the Catholic component of the Bachelor of Education program. In its second year, the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty of Education provides teacher training for 70 primary/junior division teacher candidates. The program will expand to junior/intermediate next year. A pivotal structural component of the program is the professional development school, unique to a Faculty of Education in Ontario. Schools partner with the Faculty of Education to provide teacher candidates with extensive, in-depth and sustained in-school experience. The professional

development school becomes the critical environment for supporting teacher candidates in becoming "reflective practitioners."

One of the responsibilities of St. Jerome's University is developing professional learning and formation opportunities guided by reflective practice. This responsibility brings St. Jerome's into a unique relationship with Catholic education. In this relationship, St. Jerome's has the opportunity to engage the teacher practitioner as scholar through a mentoring program. This program, still in the development stage, will support the teacher candidate in integrating faith and teaching practice. Teacher candidates will develop a more extensive understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith tradition, faith language and faith practices to support the Catholic identity of the learning/teaching culture in the school.

We are in the second year of a three-year memorandum of agreement between St. Jerome's and Wilfrid Laurier University. With the recent hiring of the Faculty of Education's first Dean, Dr. Colleen Willard-Holt, the partnership between St. Jerome's and the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty has an exciting future. St. Jerome's University is poised to play a key role in supporting the professional learning that is so important to the identity of Catholic teachers at this time. ☎

Apostolic Nuncio Visits St. Jerome's University

On June 10, 2008, we were delighted to host His Excellency Luigi Ventura, Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, at St. Jerome's University. More than a hundred friends of the University, including the Bishop of the Diocese, Anthony Tonnos, joined us for this historic moment. It was a convivial occasion for all who attended—a banquet of a roast pig (head to toe!); a selection of German dishes (salads and sides); and carved ice sculptures to display it all. The Apostolic Nuncio functions as the Vatican's ambassador to Canada. His many responsibilities include the nomination of bishops for Canada to the Pope. 🇻🇨



L to R: Most Rev. Gerard Bergie; Most Rev. Anthony Tonnos; David Perrin, President; Dorothee Retterath, Board Chair; and His Excellency Luigi Ventura.

Photo: Bryn Gladding



Apostolic Nuncio Luigi Ventura proudly displays his gift of St. Jerome's Spirit Wear, given to him by President David Perrin.

Photo: Bryn Gladding

SJU News

Andrew Deman (English, Lecturer) was featured prominently as a Comics Historian in the popular 10-part documentary series *INK: Alter Egos Exposed!*—the top-rated original series on the Independent Film Channel (IFC). Episodes continue to re-air on a weekly basis.

Yufang Hao (Math, Lecturer) was in Memphis, Tennessee, over Thanksgiving to speak at the 2008 International Conference on Applied Mathematics and Approximation Theory. In December he will speak in Auckland at the 2008 International Symposium on Information Theory and Its Applications, then deliver another lecture at the 7th Australia / New Zealand Mathematics Convention (ANZMC 2008) in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Scott Kline (Religious Studies) has been named by the American Academy of Religion (AAR) to serve as interim Regionally Elected Director of its Eastern International Region. With 10,000 members, the AAR is the largest learned society

and professional association of teachers and research scholars in North America and abroad. As Interim Director, Dr. Kline serves on the AAR Board of Directors. He has also agreed to accept a position on the Board of Directors at Project Ploughshares, the Waterloo-based agency of the Canadian Council of Churches that works to identify, develop and advance approaches that build peace and prevent war, and promote the peaceful resolution of political conflict. During his upcoming sabbatical, Dr. Kline will continue his book project with Dr. Megan Shore (SJU '99) on Catholic approaches to just peacemaking.

Michele Mosca (Mathematics, Canada Research Chair in Quantum Computation) gave a public lecture at an open house at the Institute for Quantum Computing this summer. He also ran a Quantum Computing School for Young Students in Waterloo, a week-long program for Grade 11 students that exposes them to Quantum Cryptography.

St. Jerome's University and Bell Canada: The Future Is Now

As part of a new marketing plan, Bell Canada charged Montreal-based Niveau 12, a marketing and production company, with creating a one-minute clip to showcase technology being used in St. Jerome's University Residence. On September 23, 2008, St. Jerome's became the backdrop for a new commercial featuring wireless voice and data network technology. As a result of the partnership between the University, Bell,

Nortel and Cisco Systems, students can use their phone within both residence buildings, the Community Centre and the courtyard between the two buildings.

The one-minute clip, entitled "Further and Beyond," airs on a rotating schedule on French and English CBC stations across the country. To view it on the Internet, visit www.furtherandbeyond.ca. 



St. Jerome's College Reunion

In July, a St. Jerome's University reunion was held in Syracuse, New York. Those who attended were students from the '50's and '60's. They attended Kingsdale campus, where seminary courses were taught. Today, this is part of the rich history that defines St. Jerome's University. Some of the individuals who attended the reunion are (left to right) John Farrell, Joe Spatazzo, Ron Feltus and John Hurley.

'89-'90 Reunion

From left to right: **Stano Glano**, **Steve Brown** (BA '91), **Paul Smith** (BA '90), **Deidre Begley** (BA '89), **Martin Hennessy** (BA '95), **John Scott** (BA '89), **Renee Bondy** (BA '90), **Cheryl Robinson**, **Sean Morley** (BA '91), **John Zamora**, **Pat McAleese** (BA '99) and **Jim Robson**.



David Seljak (Religious Studies) was the keynote speaker at the 2008 Convention and Annual Meeting hosted by the Catholic Health Association of Ontario. The Convention theme was "*The New Canada: Positioning and Promoting Catholic Health Care in a Culturally and Religiously Diverse Society.*"

Carolyn Whitney-Brown edited and wrote the introduction for the book *Jean Vanier: Essential Writings*, in honour of Vanier's 80th birthday in September (Novalis, 2008). A more autobiographical essay, titled "No Hurry in L'Arche," can be found in *Northern Lights: An Anthology of Contemporary Christian Writing in Canada* (Wiley, 2008). Contributors to that collection also include former St. Jerome's University President Michael Higgins.

The Canadian International Council (CIC) has chosen St. Jerome's University historians **Whitney Lackenbauer** and **Ryan Touhey** as two of the eight inaugural recipients of its prestigious fellowships. The CIC is a non-partisan, nationwide forum created "to promote a deeper understanding of international affairs and of Canada's role in a changing world." The fellows are selected to research and produce new foreign policy insights for national debate and discussion.

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Have you moved? Changed jobs? Married? Any additions to the family? Help us keep your fellow grads informed by filling out and returning this form. We'll publish your news, along with a photo, if there's room, in SJU Update.

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We've Got a Mascot!

St. Jerome's University has long been searching for that special someone to brighten a room just by entering it. This special somebody also needed to attend SJU events, hug warmly, dance freely and leave only after seeing a sea of smiles.

It's official: we've found him! Jerome is the newest addition to our community. He brings with him boundless energy and a fun-loving spirit that he is eager to share.

Whenever you are at an SJU event, be prepared to be hugged or to find yourself dancing in the aisles. Jerome, we welcome you with open arms and a warm hug.

Grad Class Challenge 2008

The Spring Graduating Class upheld the St. Jerome's tradition of donating back to their alma mater. The newly minted graduates met the challenge by raising over \$5700, and passed the torch to those who follow. Pictured are Nick Melfi (BA '08) and Myrosław Tataryn, Academic Dean.



Rex Murphy is Honoured with a Doctorate

Commentator on CBC TV's *The National* and the host of CBC Radio's "Cross Country Checkup," Rex Murphy, received a Doctor of Laws degree and addressed graduates at the spring convocation on June 12. From left to right, Chancellor Peter Naus, President David Perrin, Rex Murphy, Academic Dean Myrosław Tataryn, and Dr. Kenneth McLaughlin.

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