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Editorial

Anne Martin-Matthews

The aging of the population and the social circumstances of older people in Canada are topics of research and teaching interest which bridge across the programmes in Social Work and in Family Studies within the School of Social Work and Family Studies at UBC. Both programmes have a long history of research, teaching and community outreach activities related to aging and elderly persons. For example, retired Social Work faculty member, Mary Hill, was an early pioneer in the field of social gerontology in Canada and was one of the founding members of the Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG). The CAG recently celebrated its 30th anniversary with a gathering during the 17th World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology, held here in Vancouver from July 1-6, 2001.

That Congress was an opportunity for faculty and students in Social Work and Family Studies to showcase their research activities, and to network with colleagues and seniors themselves from 72 countries around the world! Retired Social Work faculty members Mary Hill and Pat Fulton presented the findings of the "Seniors Quality of Life Project", a national participatory research project designed to obtain seniors' perspectives on factors that influence their quality of life and to initiate action to address these factors. They discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the various methods used to involve government in addressing seniors' issues. Social Work faculty member Deborah O'Connor was involved in several presentations, including "Towards empowerment: Reconceptualizing family support groups", a report of a qualitative study designed to explore the impact of attending a family support group on the caregiving experience, from the perspective of the family member. Along with UBC colleagues in Audiology and Speech Sciences, and in Nursing, Prof. O'Connor also presented the results of a project designed to develop and evaluate an interdisciplinary CD-ROM learning module for student health professionals about interacting with people with dementia. She (along with Anne Martin-Matthews and Karen Kobayashi) is also a member of the UBC Dementia and Personhood Collaborative Research Group and participated in a symposium on "Dementia and personhood: matters of the heart and the mind".



Family Studies faculty member Anne Martin-Matthews organized and chaired an invited symposium on "Balancing work and family responsibilities in an aging society: international perspectives", with research presentations from Canada, England, Germany, Australia and the United States. She also presented in an invited symposium on "Negotiating intergenerational relations across the life course: interpersonal, theoretical and policy considerations". Along with François Béland of the University of Montreal, Prof. Martin-Matthews was co-editor of a special supplement of the *Canadian Journal on Aging*, produced especially for the World Congress. Entitled "Northern Lights: Canadian gerontological research in international perspective", this volume presented the state of the art of research in gerontology and geriatrics in Canada, with commentaries from leading scholars around the world. It was included

from the Director... Graham Riches

At the start of the new academic year, the School can be well pleased with the fine accomplishments expressed in the teaching, scholarship and community service of its faculty, sessional and field education instructors, students and staff and through the many and significant contributions of our alumni, emeriti and volunteers. These achievements are well documented in this Newsletter and bear testimony to the high standards we have set ourselves.



At the same time there is food for thought and an agenda for this coming year and into the future which requires our attention. In particular I am referring to the reports regarding the BSW Accreditation, conducted by the Board of Accreditation of the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, and of the UBC Faculty of Arts Internal Review team. Both these reviews were conducted early in 2001 with their recommendations being only recently released. Interestingly the findings of the two reports present the School with something of a conundrum. While the BSW on site reviewers were well pleased with the

BSW and recommended a seven year re-accreditation they did raise questions regarding how the merger of Social Work and Family Studies would influence the autonomy and governance of the Social Work Programme. In light of these concerns, and while acknowledging that the BSW is a distinct programme, the Board has only recommended a two-year re-accreditation of the BSW and asks that we address the question of governance.

The conundrum arises in that the UBC Internal Review team, comprising nationally and internationally recognised academics including senior family studies and social work educators, commended the School on the merger, and its work to date, but believed we had further to travel in developing collaborative education, research and service and a compelling vision for the future. It made a specific set of recommendations to assist the School with its academic planning. The School, and the University, has yet to address the reports of these two reviews but initially they will be the subject of the upcoming Faculty Retreat, along with planning the future directions of our graduate programmes, in mid-September.

It should be noted that for both Family Studies and Social Work the integrity of their respective degree programmes (respectively the BA, MA and BSW, MSW) is of equal significance and is assured. Clearly the merger of Social Work and Family Studies at UBC is a bold step into the future and there is a continuing need for dialogue and shared understandings. We see the two year cycle for accreditation review as an indication of the changes and challenges facing social work education in Canada as schools undertake non-traditional adaptations to changes in their institutional environments. Given the recognition that both reviews gave to the substance of the BSW programme, we take the Board of Accreditation's decision as an

expression of interest in the ongoing evolution of the merger with Family Studies. This innovation is unique in Canada and we welcome the input and guidance of our constituencies.

It is my wish to acknowledge the significant achievements of **Dr George Hougham**, who sadly passed away in May this year, as the Director of the UBC School of Social Work from 1963-81. An economist by training, George's career included social policy research at the Canadian Welfare Council (now the CCSD) and later at the United Nations in New York. From 1971-73 he was the first President of the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work, which he helped found. He will be fondly remembered by students and colleagues alike. A Commemorative tribute will be held at UBC to honour George's contributions to the School.

I would like to congratulate and offer the best wishes of the School to a number of colleagues who are leaving our midst: **Roop Seebaran** who has been the mainstay of community teaching, practice and research at the School since the early 1970s – while Roop is retiring (perhaps not quite) we are fortunate that he has agreed to teach a class and to continue to coordinate the MSW/Distance Education programme on an interim basis; **Helen Allen** who is taking up her new appointment as Director of the School of Social Work at the University College of the Cariboo. Many thanks to Helen for investing our field education programme with status, professionalism and a committed community focus. It is good news to know that Helen will be a kindred spirit as a director of social work education in BC at this critical time; and **Richard Vedan** who has recently been appointed Director of the UBC First Nations House of Learning. This is a singularly important appointment and we will still have the benefit of some of Richard's teaching time at the School.

I would also like to welcome **Susan Cadell**, who joins us as an Assistant Professor from Wilfred Laurier University where she recently completed her PhD. Susan's area of expertise is health and wellness; those who have accepted one year appointments: **Elizabeth Robinson** as the BSW Coordinator, **Barbara Harris** as the First Nations Coordinator and **John Hogg** as the Field Education Coordinator; and **Tim Stainton**, who is a Visiting Professor from the University of Wales whose teaching and research interests focus on disability issues and **Rozzanna Sanchez Aragon**, a faculty member from the National Autonomous University of Mexico who will be doing research on close relationships during her tenure as a post doctoral fellow.

New appointments approved for 2001/02 are faculty positions in Family Studies; First Nations Social Work and Social Work Field Education Coordinator. It is important to recognise the University's continuing support of the School in terms of faculty recruitment.

Once again many thanks to **Jo Hinchliffe** and the editorial team for their fine work and to **Kimberley Azyan** and the Alumni Association for its excellent and continuing support and friendship.

Graham Riches has been the Director of the School since 1998.

FUNDRAISING

Mary Hill Scholarship

Friends and alumni of the School have gathered to establish a scholarship in honour of Mary Hill. Under the leadership of Kathy Hamilton (BSW) a group of committed fundraisers have contacted many former students and faculty to help raise the funds required to endow a scholarship for students in Social Work who have an interest in the field of gerontology. Letters to alumni have recently been sent by UBC's Development Office with details of the award and how to donate. It requires at least \$17,000 to endow a scholarship and our target is more than half-way achieved. The goal is to award the scholarship in 2002. Anyone who has not received information yet and is interested in contributing to the scholarship can contact Jo Hinchliffe 604-822-2277.

SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI AGM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2001

CECIL GREEN
7:00 - 9:00pm

Keynote Speaker: Roop Seebaran
"Social Work Practice and Community; Looking Back and Ahead"

Alumni, Faculty and Students are welcome to join us.
At this time registration fees have been suspended but donations towards
reception costs would be gratefully received.

President's Report

Thanks once again to the Alumni Board members for their commitment and hard work over the last 6 months, Lynne Guinet, Carole Anne Soong, Charles Hardy, Shazina Karim and Brian O'Neill. I would also like to acknowledge Kathy Hamilton and Mary Clohosey for their contributions. Regrettably, Charles Hardy will be stepping down from the Board this year due to other commitments. On behalf of the board I would like to sincerely thank him for all the years that he has served as our intrepid treasurer. We will miss his sense of humor at our meetings!

Among the highlights of the last six months was the Board's participation, during Social Work Week, in the BCASW presentation "Compassion and Justice: Articulating Social Work Identity". This followed a research poster presentation by the 2001 MSW class that was absolutely fabulous. This was a great opportunity for both BCASW and the Board to connect with many of the students and we hope to do something similar next year.

The Board also provided input to the UBC Internal Review, and the re-accreditation of the BSW program. And, we have been active in supporting the Mary Hill scholarship that Kathy Hamilton is coordinating. The spring convocation is another event annually sponsored (jointly with the school) and this year was very well attended.

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in the conference materials provided to over 4,000 delegates attending the Congress.

Post-doctoral fellows and a doctoral student in the School of Social Work and Family Studies were also active participants in the World Congress. Karen Kobayashi in Family Studies, a SSHRC-funded post doctoral fellow, presented a paper on "Making sense of dementia in intergenerational context", focusing on intergenerational negotiations between parents and adult children in Japanese Canadian families during the clinical evaluation of a parent for dementia; and another on the impact of family composition on intergenerational exchanges in later life Japanese Canadian families. Findings were discussed in the context of acculturation and ethnic identification in post-immigrant Japanese Canadian families. Laura Hurd in Family Studies, a CIHR-funded post doctoral fellow, presented the results of her research on older women and weigh and the tensions between health and beauty interpretations of the aging body, a study of community-dwelling women aged 61 to 92 years of age. Joanie Sims Gould, a SSHRC-

We are currently planning for the next AGM that will be held Wednesday, October 24th at Cecil Green. We are thrilled to have Roop Seebaran as our guest speaker and we hope to see many alumni, students and faculty at this event. One of the topics to be addressed at the AGM is how to use the \$5000 bequeathed to the Board by Jack McDonald. If you can not attend but would like to make a suggestion, please email me at kazyan@trustee.bc.ca.

I know the last six months have been challenging for all of us in social work. Our clients, our colleagues and our selves have been greatly effected by the dreadful transit strike, health services strikes and the looming threat of government cutbacks. Don't lose sight of how important our profession is... and take good care of each other!

Kimberly Azyan graduated from UBC in 1992 (BA'85, BSW'89, MSW'92) and has been President of the Social Work Alumni Division since 1997.



funded doctoral student in the Independent Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate program, with Anne Martin-Matthews as her supervisor, presented a paper on the social construction of caregiving, with a critique of current gerontological theories of caregiving.

The societal and policy implications of Canada's aging population and the needs and concerns of our elderly citizens are important not only in the research and teaching the School of Social Work and Family Studies undertakes, but also in the professional and volunteer community activities of faculty and students. Vancouver's hosting of the World Congress of Gerontology provided a significant and stimulating environment in which to showcase the School's research expertise and contributions in the context of the Congress theme: "Global Aging: working together in a changing world".

Anne Martin-Matthews is a Professor in the School and is the Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Arts.

Students: News & Views

Students Receive Honours and Awards



Angela celebrating her BSW graduation in May with fellow MA graduate Tanya Meyer.

Angela Abbing was awarded the Rick Hansen “Man in Motion” Graduate Fellowship, a scholarship worth \$16,000. “This will allow me to take a leave from work and focus on my studies.” Angela is a dynamic and well-rounded professional living with a significant mobility disability. She is employed as a Vocational Counsellor with the BC Paraplegic Association. Throughout the last ten years her dedication to advocacy for the rights of, and better quality of life for adults with mobility disabilities has been extensive. Most recently, she served as a panel member for the BC Roundtable on Early Case Submissions to CPP through the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals. The topic the panel dealt with was income support programs in Canada.

Angela completed her Bachelor of Social Work program at UBC in April 2001 and is returning to undertake the Master's of Social Work program in the Fall of 2001. Academically, Angela has a particular interest in Canadian public policy design and social work practice.

Among her community efforts, Angela is an active participant on the Richmond Aquatic Services Board and takes an avid interest in the accessibility needs of people with disabilities within the City of Richmond.

One of our Family Studies undergraduate students, **Surita Jassal**, was selected as a Millennium Fellow to attend the biennial conference of the Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD). SRCD is a large international organization that publishes the well-established journal “Child Development”. The organization holds a conference every two years and draws several thousand scholars to their conferences. Two years ago SRCD established a new program called the Millennium Fellows. This program seeks to support undergraduate students who would normally not be attracted to the field of child development. Selected students are assisted to attend the conference and are mentored by graduate students and faculty. Applications include letters of reference from faculty and an essay written by the student explaining why they are a good candidate for the program.

Yolanda Butt, Family Studies master's student was one of four Canadian Soroptmist Foundation \$7,500 scholarship winners for this year. Yolanda completed her MA in August and is beginning medical school this fall at UBC.

Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships this past year:

Neil Douglas McKay Scholarship - Hanna Pearce

Hon. Thomas A. Dohm, QC Scholarship - Alison Orr

Laura Holland Scholarship - Rhonda Raben

Beatrice Wellington Gonzales Memorial Scholarship - Gloria Murray

Linda Smith Hawkes Scholarship in Social Work - Douglas McCallum, Alan Caplan, Jeanne Harrison

Jack and Isabel Kirkpatrick Scholarship in Social Work - Kimberly Wallace, Anabel Alvarez, Tasha Embree, Deborah Schmidt, Julie Daigneault

Jean Jure Scholarship - Augusta Lokhurst

Zella Collins Scholarship Fund - Paul Heidebrecht

Representation at CASSW

In May of this year we attended the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work (CASSW). Held in Quebec City, our trip included attendance at the student and women's caucus meetings, CASSW annual general meeting and a variety of Ph.D. presentations and workshops.

The hot topic at this year's conference was the human services sector study titled “In Critical Demand: Social Work in Canada”. Guided by a steering committee composed of academic and professional

association representatives from across the country and in partnership with Human Resources Development Canada, the sector study sparked much debate among students and faculty. Comments included:

- praise for the completion of a formal study of the status of social work in Canada;

- praise for a study that provided a starting point for the examination and betterment of social work as a profession in Canada;

- criticism of bias evident in the report, specifically an emphasis on government and private interests and lack of information and emphasis on service user and service provider needs; and

- criticism of the report recommendations that would continue to steer social work practice from a person-centred force for social change to a specialized, technical, bureaucratic arm of government.

[To see the report and a schedule of stakeholder forums, checkout: www.cassw-access.ca]

The student caucus was a full day meeting with student representatives from across the country. Much energy was devoted to membership issues and the development of the student voice in the CASSW. While the issue of paid practica has been on the student agenda for years we were able to identify some of the root concerns which have led to demand for practica reform - paying tuition fees for practica, taking courses and a practicum simultaneously, and struggling to complete a 40hr/wk practica while raising family or working part-time. Other issues raised by students included re-assessing student suitability to social work practice after the

completion of the first year, and consistent admissions standards across the country. As the newly elected Chair of the national student caucus, Karen Schiltroth will be working closely with the student delegate to the CASSW Board to increase student voices in CASSW and student attendance at the annual general meeting.

In addition to the AGM and student caucus, the women's caucus raised concern over the waning prevalence of courses dedicated to women's issues in social work curriculum now that feminist thinking and feminist models of practice have been infused in core courses in a more general way. Informally, the conference provided an opportunity for us to engage with faculty members and peers about those areas of social work that we are passionate about. This was an engaging, challenging and educational trip and we sincerely thank the School of Social Work and Family Studies, the Walter Gage Memorial Fund and the Social Work Students' Association for the generous contributions, which made our participation possible.

*Karen Schiltroth, 4th Yr BSW
Christina Campbell, 4th Yr BSW*

Doctoral Studies

Doctoral fellowships from Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) were awarded to two Interdisciplinary Doctoral students associated with the School. **Rachelle Hole**, supervised by Dr. Paule McNicholl in Social Work, is conducting her research on psychological and social development of deaf individuals.

Joan Sims-Gould, supervised by Dr. Anne Martin-Matthews in Family Studies, is researching Canada's aging population. SSHRC is a major federal award that supports graduate research in Social Sciences and Humanities.

Spring Graduates:

BA: 29 MA: 1 BSW: 41 MSW: 10



Director Graham Riches speaks to graduating students in May

Recent Graduates:

Thesis/Graduating Essay Topics in the MSW and MA programs.

MA Kester, Karen, Ethnic Identification and Ethnic Identity of Immigrant Chinese Families.

MSW Atkinson, Louanna How social workers link their family of origin experience to their social work practice; **Chin, Carol** The Subjective Experience of a Caregiving Family; **Coutts, Lara** Community Reflections in the House of Mirrors Pilot Project; **Harding, Stephen** Making Agreements with Youth in British Columbia: Power of Participation "With"; **Hernandez, Andreas** Nationalism as resistance to economic globalization and as a vehicle for development in the Republic of Georgia; **Lai, Sylvia** Inter-marriage Experiences of 4 Chinese Canadian Women; **MacLaren, Jade** Aboriginal Child Welfare in Vancouver: Considerations for Preventive and Support Services to Families and Communities.; **Paul, Bill** From Patients to Partnership: Rethinking Community Mental Health Case Management; **Verburg, Heidi** Aboriginal Therapists Exploring Spirituality with Aboriginal People.

Field Education Program *UPDATE*



Helen Allen (centre) leaves UBC to take on the position of Director, School of Social Work at University College of the Cariboo. Seen here with colleagues Graham Riches, Roopchand Seebaran, Deborah O'Connor and Brian O'Neill, Helen will be missed by students, faculty and many members of the community with whom she worked.

John Hogg has been hired on a term basis to act as the Field Coordinator. A full report on activities in the field will be in the next newsletter.

Distance Education

Views from Away

Twenty-four students in the Distance Education program will be continuing their research course in September and October. Dixon Sookraj of OUC taught the first part of this course. Brian O'Neill of UBC will teach the second set of workshops. Students are to be congratulated for all the enthusiasm and effort they are investing in the program.

Most students are currently doing their field practica, and some have in fact completed this course. All students have been assigned their advisors and they are busily engaged in working on their thesis or graduating essay.

In January 2002, class members will be taking their last on-line elective course in the program. Mary Russell of UBC will teach this course.

Time flies. Soon it will be August 2002 and the Distance Education students will be ready for graduation. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

Roopchand Seebaran officially retired in June but is continuing to coordinate the Distance Education program.

Social Work Education, Social Welfare, and the Struggle for Social Justice:

A Critical History of the School of Social Work at the University of British Columbia

The idea to write a history of the School of Social Work at U.B.C. was initiated by the History Project Committee in 1999 when it sought ways of honouring the school's upcoming 75th anniversary in 2005. Some excellent, beginning research was done by Bev Scott, the university's librarian responsible for the social work collection. However, Bev and the committee realized that the task also required someone who was more familiar with social work ideas and education per se. Consequently, at the behest of the committee, in May 2000 Dick Splane approached me to see if I might be interested in undertaking the project. I readily agreed.

I am excited and honoured to undertake this project for two reasons. First, it allows me to remain in touch with a city and a province that gave me so much over a period of 25 years. Second, it is a unique academic opportunity to write the first critical history of a major school of social work in Canada in the context of the debates over social work pedagogy, and against a backdrop of the development of social welfare and the struggle for social justice.

Two obstacles confronted the project. The first was start-up funding, the second, obtaining a publisher. In December of last year, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) based in Ottawa, awarded the project sufficient funds to allow us to proceed on a pilot basis. The grant will enable us to collect more basic data and to retain the services of Bev Scott who will remain with the project as the principal research assistant. Also, in December of last year, UBC Press agreed in principle to be the publisher of the book. It is important to

point out that UBC Press was interested in the book not because it would be an "institutional, feel-good" book, but because it will represent a major contribution to the fields of social work education and to the history of social welfare in Canada.

Besides the History Project Committee, which will remain in a supporting role to the project, I am pleased to say that Professors Allan Irving (formerly at the University of Toronto, now at Widener University, Pa.) and James Struthers (Trent University), both well-known welfare historians, will act as key academic advisors. Professor Graham Riches, Director of the school, will act as second principal investigator.

So how will we now proceed? Over the next four months we will be collecting and analysing some primary source data derived from archival material held by the school and the library. Based on this and secondary sources we will develop a major grant application to SSHRC which, if successful, will provide us with the funding necessary to complete the project over the next four years. It is planned that the book will be published in time to celebrate the school's 75th anniversary. In the meantime, alumni and interested others will be informed of the project's progress on these very pages!

Hugh Shewell is an alumnus of the school (1974) and practiced social work in B.C. for 25 years. Other History Project committee members are Stuart Alcock, Kimberley Azyan, Dennis Guest, Mary Hill, Dick Splane and Elaine Stolar.

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The School would like to thank the following individuals for being financial supporters over the past few months. We apologize to anyone whose name has been inadvertently left off this list. Mr. Robert L. Adams ❖ Ms. Marjorie Allen ❖ Mrs. Sylvia Bartolic-Zlomislac ❖ Mrs. Sally Berry ❖ Mr. Daryl Bertsch ❖ Mrs. Gloria Black ❖ Ms. Elizabeth Bristow ❖ Mrs. Phyllis H. Cairns ❖ Mr. Collin Carlile ❖ Mrs. Lynn Carter ❖ Miss Adrienne Chan ❖ Mr. Richard James Clark ❖ Mrs. Vida Clark ❖ Mrs. E. Marjorie Crum ❖ Miss Ethel Dafoe ❖ Mrs. M. Jocelyn Donald ❖ Mr. G. H. Emery ❖ Miss. E. Jane Fisher ❖ Ms. Karen Fung ❖ Ms. Karen Gallagher ❖ Mr. Harold G. Goodwin ❖ Ms. Joyce Mary Grant ❖ Miss. Lynne Guinet ❖ Dr. Gloria M. Gutman ❖ Mrs. J. Lucie Hanson ❖ Mr. Randal Harris ❖ Ms. Eleanor Healy ❖ Dr. Henry Hicks ❖ Ms. Helena Ho ❖ Mrs. Susan Hobkirk ❖ Mrs. Elaine Lucy Hooper ❖ Mrs. Catherine Huber ❖ Mrs. Kathleen Patricia Jacob ❖ Mrs. Diane James ❖ Mrs.

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Research Flourishes

The past year has been a banner for research at UBC. For the period ending March 31, 2001, research funding to UBC increased by nearly 20 per cent over the previous fiscal year with university researchers attracting \$200 million. UBC is in the top three among Canadian universities for support received from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The largest increase in federal granting agency funding was seen in the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), which increased support from \$19 million to \$26 million. UBC ranked fourth among Canadian universities for CIHR support. Research activities within the School of Social Work and Family Studies have been equally vigorous. Some highlights include the following.

- ❖ Director **Graham Riches** gave an invited plenary address entitled 'The Human Right to Food: Re-Inventing Social Welfare' at the Xth Biennial Canadian Social Welfare Policy Conference held at the University of Calgary in June 2001.
- ❖ **Carole Christensen** has prepared a chapter on policy concerns for Al-Krenawi and Graham's book, *Cross-cultural social work practice with diverse ethno-racial communities in Canada*.
- ❖ **Phyllis Johnson** gave a well-delivered invited address at the Interamerican Congress of Psychology in Santiago, Chile on "Working, earning and a building a new life: Socioeconomic adaptation of refugees."
- ❖ **Sheila Marshall** has been active in multiple projects. With Hillel Goelman (UBC Professor of Education), she has been assembling the papers from the Green College Lecture series "Multiple Lenses, Multiple Images: Perspectives on the Child Across Time, Space, and Disciplines." These will be submitted for publication as an edited book. With **Jim White**, she is publishing a commentary on the inclusiveness of family research in the prestigious *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. Her article, "Do I matter? Construct validation of adolescents' perceived mattering to parents and friends" has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Adolescence*.
- ❖ On the occasion of the 17th World Congress of Gerontology held in Vancouver during July, **Anne Martin-Matthews** co-edited a special issue of the *Canadian Journal of Aging*, "Northern lights: Reflections on Canadian gerontological research." Related to this, she wrote "A decade of gerontological research in Canada" for *Contemporary Gerontology*. For the Vanier Institute, she prepared a document "The ties that bind aging families" (<http://www.vifamily.ca/cft/aging/table.html>). She also prepared a chapter of couples' experiences of infertility for Kerry Daly's volume *Minding the Time in Family Experience*.
- ❖ **Paule McNicoll** continues as Senior Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health*. She has completed a chapter "Current innovations in social work with groups to address issues of social justice" for Lang's volume on *Social work with groups*. Her article entitled "Group work in social work education: The Canadian experience" has been accepted by the *Canadian Social Work Review*.
- ❖ Based on her qualitative study of how caregiver support groups impact the caregiving process, **Deb O'Connor** gave a paper at the 17th World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology held during July in Vancouver. This spring, she received a SSHRC grant to continue this line of research. She has also published an article in *AFFILIA* entitled "Journeying the Quagmire: Exploring the Discourses that Shape Qualitative Research."
- ❖ **Brian O'Neill** participated in a meeting sponsored by McGill University and Health Canada to develop a national research agenda regarding gay and lesbian health. He is co-author of a chapter on "Interprofessional education: One aspect of achieving quality health and social care." It will appear in an Ashgate (U.K.) volume on *Health Care Management* that is comprised of selected papers presented at a conference on that topic in the UK.
- ❖ **Dan Perlman** has co-authored the new edition of a McGraw-Hill textbook on *Intimate Relationships*. He has also been appointed associate editor of the journal *Personal Relationships*.
- ❖ **Mary Russell** was one of this year's recipients of a 3-year SSHRC grant for her work on "Developing a Relationship Beliefs Scale". In addition, she continues to be one of the several co-investigators on the SSHRC Research Development grant on "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Child and Family Health". During her sabbatical year (2000-2001) she worked on a project for the Ministry of Attorney General, Victim Services Branch entitled "Measures of Empowerment for Women who are Victims of Violence and use the Justice System". Her article, co-authored with Bonnie White, on "Practice with immigrants and refugees: Social worker and client perspectives" has just been published in the current issue (Vol. 9, No 3/4) of the *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*. A related article, entitled "Social worker and client experiences in multicultural service provision" is forthcoming in *Social Work Education*. Also forthcoming is her chapter entitled, "Changing beliefs of spouse abusers" in a book edited by J. McGuire, entitled "Offender rehabilitation and treatment: Effective programmes and policies to reduce re-offending" published by J. Wiley (England). And she provided the foreword to a publication by Jill Cory and Karen McAnless-Davis entitled "When love hurts: A woman's guide to understanding abuse in relationships" published by Womenkind Press (Surrey, B.C.)
- ❖ **Frank Tester, Paule McNicoll and Peter Irniq** have an article "Writing for our lives: The language of homesickness, self-esteem and the Inuit TB epidemic" in *Etudes/Intuit/Studies*. Frank Tester gave a paper on the evolution of Nunavut health and social services at the 10th Biennial Conference on Canadian Social Welfare Policy and a paper, "Kiumaajug: Surveying the Animals," at the 7th Circumpolar University Co-operation Conference in Tromso, Norway.

Interested in Volunteering??

The Alumni Reading Room is looking for volunteers to help out Monday to Friday between 11:00 and 3:00. Social Work and Family Studies alumni are welcome to get involved. Please contact Jo Hinchliffe for further information.

Quick Picks

Congratulations to **Paule McNicoll** on her promotion to Associate Professor as of July 1, 2001

Marjorie Paukner has joined the staff as the Secretary for Student Services.

A tribute to **George Hougham**, former Director of the School, will be held at the Coach House of Green College on Wednesday, September 25 from 2:00-4:00pm.

Helen McCrae, a long-time supporter of the School and avid volunteer in the Reading Room, passed away in the late spring. Helen was a mature student in the School in the 1940's and taught for nine years from 1950-59 in addition to coordinating the Field Education programme. She later went on to become Dean of Women at UBC for fourteen years during which time she was a powerful influence on improving conditions for women on campus, students, staff and faculty.

Did You Know?..... **Brian T.H. Robinson** BA, BSW, MSW: retired child protection supervisor and former executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs is currently a school district trustee and volunteer on the Simon Fraser Health Region Advisory Board and continues to be an advocate for protection social workers.

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