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# President's Message

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Kathryn E. Laurin, President & Vice-Chancellor

Fall is a time of change – our green world becomes a brilliant palate of colours and the relaxed summer pace gives way to busier schedules.

Each year, we look forward to the return of our students, the induction of new alumnae during convocation, catching up with former graduates and welcoming new members into our faculty.

This academic year promises to be an exciting one for the Mount. Our Capital Campaign, *Building Tomorrow Together* is in full swing, bringing our goals of a new Teaching, Learning and Research Centre, new scholarships and enhanced academic excellence closer to fruition.

The Mount will also create a Chair in Learning Disabilities, one of only four in the world, to develop “best practices” programming so that the teachers of tomorrow gain the skills they need to ensure all children are able to realize their academic potential.

We continue to build on our heritage of social responsibility in the community as we chart a course for our University to thrive locally, nationally and internationally. Through flexible learning options, the Mount provides educational opportunities for people of all ages at their own pace, and our students gain international perspectives that enhance their capacity to become global citizens.

Research capacity at the Mount has increased by more than 200 per cent over the past few years, and the dissemination of that knowledge benefits communities around the world. Scholarship in aging and caregiving policy, applied human nutrition and food security, gerontology and housing needs of aging Atlantic Canadians are examples of the many research projects that have a direct impact on communities.

Faculty members have also captured grants from Canada Foundation for Innovation and are involved in excess of 100 ongoing research partnerships with community organizations.

Alumnae are an integral part of our legacy and future. Your participation in our Capital Campaign and in the development of our new strategic plan is a crucial component of our University's success, and we invite you to continue to remain engaged in the years to come.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the fall issue of *Folia Montana* where we focus on MSVU's continued commitment to enhancing our greater community. After all, isn't this the reason institutes of high learning were created? The calling of any university should be to make those in and around its campus more thoughtful and genuine contributors to the world around them. At the Mount, this has been happening for 135 years.

In the summer issue, you saw how the Chair of the Women's Studies Department, Dr. Meredith Ralston, is doing her part, using filmmaking to shine a light on the horror of the trafficking of young women in the Philippines. Her film, *Hope in Heaven*, has just received another well-deserved accolade, winning a national media award from Beyond Borders, an organization based in Winnipeg that deals with child sexual exploitation.

Congratulations to Ralston, Dr. Stephen Perrott of MSVU'S Department of Psychology, and your other colleagues involved with *Hope in Heaven*.

And, kudos to all faculty, staff, students and alumnae whose commitment and work continues to exemplify the values of the Mount. This will ensure that the Mount maintains its presence in the community for years to come.

*Donna Redmond Gates, BPR '95*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The summer issue of *Folia Montana* just arrived and I have already read through it all. Let me congratulate the new Editor, Donna Redmond Gates, on the liveliness of the presentation and contents. I regularly receive alumni publications from several Canadian universities, and it is a source of pride to see the Mount's publication standing up there with the best of them - even those from much larger institutions.

*Thank you.*  
*Naomi Hersom, BA, BEd, MEd, PhD, DU, LLD*  
*(President & Vice-Chancellor, 1986-1991)*

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# Teaching Excellence Recognized



Photo: Marc Pike

Awarded annually, the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence recognizes both superior

teaching ability as well as a faculty member's contributions to the standards of higher learning. A committee of faculty, alumnae and students evaluate nominees through classroom observation and personal interviews. Candidates are also asked to provide a philosophy statement on their approach to teaching. They are assessed on their attention to student needs, their successful communication of subject matter and the reputation they have earned from both students and colleagues. Clare Goulet, part-time faculty member in the Department of English, was presented the 2007 Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Award for Teaching Excellence at Spring Convocation last May.

Goulet has been a part-time faculty member at the University since 1999. Goulet's personal teaching philosophy

states, "My approach is to try to make each class a tiny, lively cell with a permeable membrane – the students and myself bringing not only our books but our whole lives to the class, while taking ideas from the classroom back into the rest of our lives: each space informing the other."

Understanding and embracing the differences in students from all disciplines across the University help make Goulet an exceptional educator. She often leads her students to the MSVU Art Gallery to write poetry about the structural arrangement of the exhibits. Supporting a mathematics student who chose to develop a play on a 19th-century astronomer for a directed studies course is another example of her dedication to the enhancement of her students' critical thinking skills.

## NEW FACES on Campus

Congratulations and welcome to all new faculty members who have joined the Mount this year.

**The new faculty who joined MSVU on July 1, 2007 include:**

- Dr. Angela Birt, Department of Psychology
- Dr. Nezihe Elik, Faculty of Education
- Dr. Marnina Gonick, Cross-appointed in the Faculty of Education and Department of Women's Studies, Canada Research Chair in Gender Identity and Social Practices
- Prof. Margaret McKee, BPR '84, Department of Public Relations
- Dr. Meghan Provost, Department of Psychology
- Dr. Cornelia Schneider, Faculty of Education

**As well, there are two new faculty members on term appointments for this academic year:**

- Dr. Raluca Fratiliou, Department of Public Relations
- Prof. Maxwell Moulton, Faculty of Education



**The Department of University Advancement is pleased to welcome Debbie McIntosh BPR '96, as its new Program Administrator, Development.**

McIntosh's primary responsibility will be the coordination of MSVU's Annual Fund. For more information on the 2007 Annual Fund, please call 1-888-678-2586, toll free.



## Leading Women LUNCHEON SERIES

Kathryn E. Laurin, President & Vice-Chancellor, Mount Saint Vincent University, was one of the featured panelists at the Leading Women Luncheon Series. Laurin contributed to the discussion, *The War on Talent*, by exploring the need for organizations to focus on investing in talent internally through initiatives that nurture existing employees.

Proceeds from the Leading Women Luncheon Series benefit the Leading Women Scholarship at the Mount.

*Pictured l-r: Cheryl Hodder, Partner, McInnes Cooper; Kathryn E. Laurin, President & Vice-Chancellor, MSVU; Nanci Taylor, Recipient, 2007 Leading Women Scholarship; Hazel Campbell, Associate Vice President, Human Resources, Atlantic Region, TD Canada Trust; Heather Tulk, Sr. Vice-President, Marketing, Bell Aliant; Michelle Carinici, President & CEO, Atlantic Lottery Corporation.*

# Mount Alumna Participates in National Coach Program

The Canadian College Athletics Association's (CCAA) Female Apprentice Coach Program is designed to identify and nurture female graduating student-athletes who demonstrate the desired skills for coaching by providing them with the opportunity to share the coaching experience in CCAA National Championship sports.

Aimed at increasing the number of female coaches within the collegiate sport system, the three goals of the program are:

- To increase opportunity for young women to have access to the coaching experience;
- To support identified female graduated student-athlete coaches in their pursuit

of professional development opportunities; and

- To provide qualified CCAA coaches in National Championship sports with advanced training opportunities and mentoring experience.

Elaine Horne, BScAHN '07 is MSVU's first Female Apprentice Coach. This is also the first time any coach in Atlantic Canada has been accepted to the program.

A professional dietician, Horne has an extensive background in fitness. During the year, she will continue to develop her coaching skills through the program. Recognizing the importance of sport in life, Horne has developed a great appreciation for parents, volunteers, coaches and other support networks for athletes.

Dyrick McDermott, BA '94 Head Coach of the Mount Mystics, is Horne's mentor coach. He believes graduate coaches are an essential part of the MSVU athletics program. Former players provide tremendous insight and allow coaches to better understand the group dynamics. Opportunities such as the Female Apprentice Coach Program provide valuable experience that athletes can later use as a platform to begin their own coaching careers.

The CCAA is the national governing body for college sport in Canada, providing high-level competition through intercollegiate sport that recognizes excellence in academics and athletics.

## MSVU Hospitality Students Benefit from \$95,500 raised in Annual Golf Tournament



*Kathryn E. Laurin (centre) receives one of several cheques from the golf tournament from Glenn Squires, President, and Penny Squires, Director, Customer Satisfaction, of Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc.*

Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. (PHSI) has made a major contribution toward ensuring the growth of the tourism and hospitality industry in Canada.

For six years the international hotel management company, based in Halifax, has brought industry partners together to raise the profile of careers in the tourism sector. Specifically, efforts centre on attracting the best and brightest to the tourism industry through MSVU's Tourism and Hospitality Management Program.

The \$95,500 donation brings the grand total that PHSI has donated to the MSVU tourism and hospitality program over six years to \$214,000.

# MSVU Librarian Named Outstanding Alumni 2007



Donna Bourne-Tyson, University Librarian, was recently recognized with Dalhousie University's School of Information Management Outstanding Alumni Award.

Bourne-Tyson joined the Mount in 1995 after having successfully worked in positions of increasing responsibility in both public and academic libraries. She has made a huge contribution to the local academic library community during her time at MSVU. Bourne-Tyson led collaborative initiatives as Novanet and the Canadian Association of University Libraries' Atlantic Scholarly Information

Network. In July 2007 she became Chair of the Novanet Policy Board.

She has gained a reputation for being on the cutting edge of Library 2.0. Library 2.0 is about making the library space, both physical and virtual, more open, interactive, collaborative and user-friendly. This is accomplished in part by using tools such as blogs, podcasts, instant messaging and shared photo sites.

Bourne-Tyson has recently been appointed as President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, and in the past year has made many contributions to the association through her role on the Executive.

In accepting the award, Bourne-Tyson said, "In all types of libraries, we work collaboratively. Most of the things we accomplish are done by a committee or a task force and we do all these things for the benefit of our patrons. I am very fortunate to work with a team of six librarians at the Mount, ranging from 36 years of professional experience to two years, and it is a great pleasure to work with such a smart, flexible, open-minded team. I will share this award with the MSVU Library staff as well as my other colleagues."

# Book Club

Editor's Note: Congratulations to the following faculty members who have recently been published. This is the most extensive list we have ever had in *Folia Montana*. Great work!

## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



*Vocabulaire mathématique à la portée de tous* (Université de Sherbrooke) by **Geneviève Boulet, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education**

This is a French lexicon for elementary and junior high mathematics that aims to support both families and schools. For each defined word, examples and illustrations are included, as well as helpful learning notes and exploration questions.



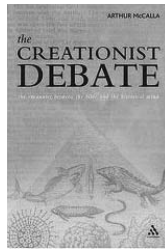
*Key Questions for Educators*, (Caddo Gap Press, 2007), by **William Hare, Professor, Faculty of Education** (co-edited with John Portelli)

The guiding idea behind this collection of essays is to offer a stimulating and up-to-date introduction to a wide range of educational, pedagogical, and curricular aims, principles, ideals and approaches which are keenly debated at the present time. Collectively, these essays provide an excellent overview of contemporary educational theory.



*George Steeves Photographs*, (MSVU Art Gallery, 2007). **Forward and Introduction by Ingrid Jenkner, Director, MSVU Art Gallery and Essay by Peter Schwenger, Professor Emeritus of English**

In addition to his mastery of historical techniques and his exquisite printing, Haligonian photographer George Steeves is known for an iconography "shot through with grotesque sexuality, reverence for emotional pain, and chilly black humour".



*The Creationist Debate: The encounter between the Bible and the Historical Mind*, (London and New York: Continuum, 2006) by **Arthur McCalla, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy/Religious Studies**

In *The Creationist Debate: The encounter between the Bible and the Historical Mind*, Arthur McCalla frames the evolution-creationism controversy within a historical study of the intersection of Western biblical interpretation and the various historical sciences. He demonstrates that modern-day creationists oppose not only evolutionary biology but all historical sciences in order to protect the absolute truth of the Bible by locating its words beyond the complexities and uncertainties of historical existence.



*The Wisdom to Doubt: A Justification of Religious Skepticism* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2007), by **John Schellenberg, Professor, Department of Philosophy/Religious Studies**

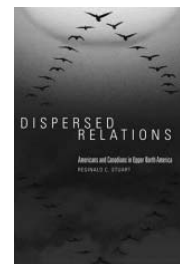
This builds on John Schellenberg's *Prolegomena to a Philosophy of Religion* (Cornell, 2005), developing original arguments against both religious and irreligious belief. His brand of skepticism, according to Schellenberg, is not a dead end but rather functions as a gateway to important new insights about religious possibilities of the future, which are explored in the forthcoming third member of this trilogy.

*If you are a graduate of the Mount and have recently published a book, please let us know.*



*Combustion* (Brick Books, 2007) by **Lorri Neilsen Glenn, Professor, Faculty of Education**

Lorri Neilsen Glenn's poems welcome the reader into a place where the strange is made familiar and the familiar reveals its own magic. Here the combustible materials of childhood and old age are always potentially present, and the attention paid them multi-dimensional. Reaching from nature to human nature, often drawn by the long line and the hum of loss, Neilsen Glenn explores a full range of poetic possibilities.



*Dispersed Relations: Americans and Canadians in Upper North America*, (Woodrow Wilson Center Press) by **Reginald C. Stuart, Professor, Department of History and Political & Canadian Studies**

In a review, Christopher Sands, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, says, "It is a valuable and innovative approach that intersects with contemporary scholarship by recognizing the recent post-9/11 tensions in U.S.-Canada relations and linking this period with the appropriate precedents."



*Transformative Practice: New Pathways to Leadership* (Kappa Omicron Nu 2006) by **Sue L.T. McGregor, Professor, Faculty of Education**

Author Sue L. T. McGregor makes the argument that individuals, organizations, and entire professions must evolve and adapt if they are to effectively serve the common good within an increasingly imbalanced and volatile global environment.



# The Strength of Science

Funding from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation is helping Biology professor Dr. German Avila-Sakar discover more about how plants defend themselves now and in the climate of our future.

Avila-Sakar is examining the tolerance function in *Brassica rapa*, a fast growing turnip. The tolerance function relates to how the plant defends itself against predators, in this case moth larva, under certain conditions. He studies these plants because they reproduce so quickly – up to four times a year.

The biology lab has benefited greatly from the funding as two highly sophisticated microscopes were purchased as well as the four growth chambers for the turnips. The chambers, which resemble large commercial refrigerators, control the temperature and humidity as well as regulate the carbon dioxide levels. This simulates the climate of our world 50-100 years from now.

It is his hope the findings will have an impact on agricultural policy. “I want to find out if we really need to spend money on controlling pests or producing organic produce. We’re examining the change in seed output when the plant faces danger and what that means in terms of loss to the farmer,” he says.

## Dr. Lorraine Code Appointed to Nancy’s Chair



MSVU welcomes Dr. Lorraine Code as the 2007-08 Nancy’s Chair in Women’s Studies.

Code comes to the Mount from York University where she is a Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy, cross-appointed to Social and Political Thought and

Women’s Studies. Her expertise is in theory of knowledge with special emphasis on feminist epistemology and issues in the ethics and politics of knowing.

Code’s books include *Ecological Thinking: The Politics of Epistemic Location* (Oxford University Press, 2006), *What Can She Know? Feminist Theory and the Construction of Knowledge* (Cornell University Press, 1991) and *Rhetorical Spaces: Essays on (Gendered) Locations* (Routledge 1995).

She is general editor of the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Feminist Theories* (2002) and the co-editor of *Changing Methods: Feminists Transforming Practice* (Broadview Press, 1995).



Janet MacMillan, BPR ’81, Chair of the Board of Governors of Mount Saint Vincent University, is pleased to welcome the representatives appointed to the Board by the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association.

Representing the Alumnae Association are: Lara Ryan, BPR ’92, President; Sheldon Miller, BBA ’99, Member at Large; and Kelli Smith, BBA ’95, Vice-President.

Alumnae representation on the Board of Governors is important to the University as our alumnae are integral to the future of the Mount.



# Convocation 2007



Morris MacLeod, Chief Financial Officer of the MSVU Students' Union, pipes in the faculty at the October 2007 Convocation ceremony.

Pride, accomplishment and excitement were in the air as the University conferred certificates, diplomas and degrees on more than 350 graduating students during Fall Convocation ceremonies on October 21, 2007.

Valedictorian Benjamin Boudreau (Bachelor of Public Relations (Co-operative Education Route) (with distinction) and Certificate in Marketing addressed the audience with enthusiasm and encouraging words for what lies ahead.

"Now, we're onto a whole new set of challenges and opportunities. Instead of juggling papers, and exams, we'll be trying to juggle work, family, health, friends and integrity."

**Twenty-four student awards were presented, including the Valedictorian Prize. The President's Prizes were awarded to graduates whose generosity, energy and commitment enriched the University. The recipients included:**

- Leslie Elaine Baker, *Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (History) (with first-class honours)*, Halifax, NS
- Chantal Brushett, *Master of Arts in Family Studies and Gerontology*, St. Bernard's, NL

**Kappa Gamma Pi awards for scholarship, leadership and service were awarded to:**

- Courtney Lee Barnhill, *Bachelor of Public Relations (Co-operative Education Route) (with distinction)*, Debert, NS
- Rosemarie Patricia Nelson, *Master of Education (Studies in Lifelong Learning)*, St. Catherine, Jamaica
- Jayne Marie Shannon, *Bachelor of Public Relations (Co-operative Education Route)*, Halifax, NS

Shannon McEvenue, Master of Arts in Family Studies and Gerontology, was the recipient of the Graduate Thesis Award.

**Senate Medals were presented to students graduating with distinction and the highest aggregate in their respective program. The recipients were:**

- Leslie Elaine Baker, *Bachelor of Arts (Honours) (History)*, Halifax, NS
- Chad Bennett, *Master of Education (Curriculum Studies)*, North Sydney, NS

- Janet Blades, *Bachelor of Business Administration*, Lockeport, NS
- Ainsley Boudreau, *Master of Arts in School Psychology*, Sydney River, NS
- Alice-Dawn Brison, *Bachelor of Applied Arts (Honours) (Child and Youth Study)*, Cheverie, NS
- Ulrike Brown, *Master of Education (Literacy Education)*, St. John's, NL
- Leslie T. Earle, *Bachelor of Public Relations (Co-operative Education)*, Springdale, NL
- Tracy Foster, *Master of Education (Elementary and Middle School Education)*, Dalhousie, NB
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- Sandra Lee Mader, *Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)*, Halifax, NS
- Shannon McEvenue, *Master of Arts in Family Studies and Gerontology*, Mississauga, ON
- Megan Marie McGuire, *Bachelor of Applied Arts (Child and Youth Study)*, Halifax, NS
- Brenna Rudd, *Master of Science Applied Human Nutrition*, West Vancouver, BC
- Kalyrn Samson, *Bachelor of Arts (Advanced Major) (French)*, Bridgewater, NS
- Kelli Stevens, *Master of Education (Educational Psychology)*, Dartmouth, NS
- Dilyana Tihanova, *Bachelor of Business Administration in Association with Bermuda College*, London, England
- Fan Zhang, *Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management (Co-operative Education Route)*, Harbin City, China

## 2007 Honorary Degree Recipients



Margaret Conrad, OC



Joan Craig, CM



Dorothy Green Wills, CM, BSc '56



Jeanne Lamon, CM

# The Mount in the Community

*Mount Saint Vincent was built on a steadfast tradition of service to the community which lives on today, 135 years later. The Mount gives in so many ways, through the actions of our students, faculty, staff and alumnae to the actual programs and centres on campus.*

*In fact, each January the University designates a special holiday, Caritas Day, to encourage those in our campus community to give back to the broader community. This began as a way of recognizing those that came to the Mount's aid after the terrible fire in 1951.*

The University's commitment to strengthening the larger community is witnessed daily through two special on-campus endeavors: the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging (NSCA) and the Centre for Women in Business (CWB). Both are celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversaries this year.

## Nova Scotia Centre on Aging

The Nova Scotia Centre on Aging is affiliated with MSVU's Department of Family Studies and Gerontology and has a three-part mandate of research,

continuing education and community consultation on age-related issues. It draws upon the advice and support of an eleven-member, community-based Advisory Board.

For 15 years, the NSCA has played a leadership role in addressing important questions related to caregiving, continuing care and healthy aging. The NSCA has provided seniors, academics and policy makers with opportunities to learn and participate in collaborative multi-disciplinary research in aging research nationally and internationally.

Caregiving by family and friends has been a primary focus for the NSCA, but other areas of focus include technology and aging, human resource planning, seniors

housing, rural communities, prescription drug use, and Alzheimer's disease. Recent initiatives include working on a World Health Organization initiative to understand what makes communities age-friendly, as well as the examination of adult day programs in other jurisdictions.

The Centre has a reputation for producing high-quality, relevant materials such as videos, training manuals, educational kits, issue papers, articles, fact sheets and technical reports. As well, it has hosted numerous educational and policy forums, round tables, town hall meetings and public lectures; organized conferences and symposia; conducted evaluations; served on community boards and committees; and consulted with seniors organizations and decision makers.



## Bessie Harris

*Chair, NSCA*

Bessie Harris, ACAD '61, BA '64, has always been interested in the field of aging research. Now in her second term as Chair, Harris first became aware of the Centre through her long-time colleague and friend, Dr. Fred MacKinnon. MacKinnon was instrumental in the centre's creation in 1992. The two worked together in the public service for many years.

"The Centre works to link the issues of seniors to the greater community in a meaningful way, which was really the dream of Dr. MacKinnon," she says. "We bring together the pure research conducted with the Centre with the knowledge base of community."

The Centre is led by an Advisory Board that is comprised of six members at large, five representatives from senior-focused organizations and designates from MSVU. Together, they examine the issues that seniors and seniors' groups identify as priorities for that community.

To recognize the NSCA's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and in keeping with MSVU's commitment to making research accessible to the community, earlier this year the NSCA held a workshop with seniors and researchers to exchange ideas and discover ways to communicate research.

For the NSCA, the immediate future includes some strategic planning to ensure its works remains useful and relevant to the issues facing an aging society.

For more information on the NSCA, please visit [www.msvu.ca/nsca](http://www.msvu.ca/nsca).

## Centre for Women in Business

The Centre for Women in Business was created as a result of research from MSVU's Department of Business Administration & Tourism and Hospitality Management that found women were experiencing specific challenges in operating businesses.

The CWB, which is housed in the Meadows, operates on funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency to provide female entrepreneurs with the support, training and resources they need to succeed in business. Since its inception 15 years ago, the CWB has helped more than 4,000 women start and grow businesses.

The CWB believes that when women succeed in business, they contribute to the economy, and ultimately, contribute to the community. While the Centre's main focus is to help and support women in business, both women and men are welcome to use the programs and services offered by CWB. These range from business advisory sessions to business management training workshops. The CWB plans to expand its programs and

services to serve more women across the province.

The CWB also works with students, connecting the resources of the classroom with the business community. This gives business owners access to the leading-edge knowledge of students, while providing students with an opportunity to find mentors and gain valuable real-world experience.

MSVU Alumnae please note: The CWB has special membership rates for our graduates. For more information on the CWB, please visit [www.msvu.ca/cwb](http://www.msvu.ca/cwb).

## The Community of our Children

Also located on campus is the Mount's Child Study Centre. The Centre provides child care spots for both children of MSVU employees and those in the broader community. The Centre celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary earlier this year.

Ten years ago, the Child Study Centre began a specialized program for children with autism.

"We had several children with this diagnosis at the time and knew there was nothing in the community to serve these families," says Debbie Armstrong, BCS '82, Director. "The knowledge of Autism has grown so much since then. A decade ago, we would focus on one-on-one teaching, but today we see the benefits of including all children in activities, all with a very family focused approach."

The child care specialists at the Centre work with the families to set achievable goals to assist in the child's learning and development. Teachers and others

involved in early childhood education often visit the Centre to learn from them.

“Many of our parents have told us this centre is a lifeline for them,” says Armstrong. “Every family wants and deserves quality daycare. Families with children with autism have an even greater challenge in this regard. We feel here at the Centre we are giving them peace of mind and the knowledge that our work together will only benefit their child.”

## The Business of Community

The Greater Halifax Partnership’s (GHP) *Building Our Future* series builds awareness around critical issues regarding economic growth and stimulates discussion and debate in the community. It is directly linked with GHP’s mandate to drive the economic growth of Greater Halifax. MSVU has sponsored the series since 2002.



“Growing the region’s economy is about strong partnerships, collaboration and innovation,” says Kathryn Laurin, President & Vice-Chancellor. “Our affiliation with organizations like the Greater Halifax Partnership means that the Mount has a broader network from which to build business and community relationships, contribute through research and continue to drive the growth of the knowledge economy.”

The Partnership brings together all three levels of government, more than 150 private sector investors and many different community groups to drive the economic growth of the region.

“Mount Saint Vincent University is demonstrating its commitment to the economic growth of our community both as a long-time Investor in the Greater Halifax Partnership and as a partner in our premier event series: *Building Our Future*,” says Stephen Dempsey, President & CEO, GHP. “We’re extremely proud the Mount has been involved with the series since its inception five years ago.”

## Our Alumnae in the Community

Lara Ryan, BPR ’92, of Lara Ryan Consulting and President of the MSV Alumnae Association, designs Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategies for her clients in or around the not-for-profit sector.

“More and more, businesses are recognizing the importance of effective Corporate Social Responsibility,” she says. “I assist my clients with their focus on community investment programs that create impact and bring value to the broader community. There’s an incredibly strong business case for CSR that includes cost savings due to efficiency improvements and enhanced employee morale.”

Mary Lou LeRoy, BA ’79, BSc ’83, is a woman of action. When Hurricane Katrina devastated the southern US in August of 2005, she went. A volunteer member of the Canadian Red Cross Disaster Response team, LeRoy flew to Gonzalez, Louisiana, about a half-an-hour’s drive from Baton Rouge – as only one of twenty Atlantic Canadians.

Her professional background in the treatment of mental illness, as well as crisis and suicide prevention meant she was teamed up with a psychiatrist from Boston and a psychologist from San Diego. Together, the three formed a team



## Dianne Peck

*CWB Client*

“I had never been a business person,” says Dianne Peck, BA ’65, President of *Oh But You Can Coaching*. “Someone always sent me a nice paycheck.”

Peck made a career change in her late 50’s to become a Life Coach. After moving to Halifax in 2005, she attended a CWB networking session and became a member. It was a homecoming for Peck, who had last been on campus four decades earlier as a Sister of Charity.

“The same trees were there,” she laughs, “and they even seemed to welcome me back.” Peck feels the Centre served as a bridge over the “foreign waters” of the business world for her. “The Centre continuously advises, directs and supports me,” she says.

In her work as a Life Coach, Peck’s role is to actualize the potential of her clients, just as the CWB does. She uncovers their negative thought processes and assists with eliminating “limiting beliefs” from their lives. To find out more, you can e-mail her at [coach@diannepeck.com](mailto:coach@diannepeck.com).

# Our Campus

*Mount Saint Vincent University is home to the following Research Facilities, Institutes, and Centres that enrich our community both near and far:*

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*Mary Lou LeRoy in Louisiana*

to provide behavioural analysis and evaluate the mental health needs of victims. “The greatest challenge was just meeting their basic needs given we had so little,” she recalls. “There was no gas, no cash and the stores were all empty within days. No one had their medication with them so we had to source this as well.”

LeRoy feels no one could have seen what she did and remain unchanged in both large and small ways. Upon her return to Halifax, she promptly emptied a self-storage unit she had held onto for years, realizing that what she didn't need everyday, she could simply live without.

## Our Students in the Community

Grammy award-winning songwriter/producer David Foster was in Halifax this fall to announce Crescendo, a VIP weekend event to raise money for The David Foster Foundation. The

Foundation provides financial support for Canadian families with children undergoing organ transplants. Since 1986, the Foundation has assisted more than 340 families.

Six lucky public relations students from Janice Landry's Audiovisual Communications class were randomly drawn to attend Foster's highly-anticipated press conference. There, Landry and her students got surprising news from one of the event's sponsors, the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation.



*Tracey Boland, PR student and Janice Landry*

Foster was so pleased to have the students at the news conference that he offered them a chance to compete in a writing competition to have their work published on his website. The winner was Tracey Boland, currently in her second year.

“I was very excited and happy to be a part of such a great cause. This is an experience I will never forget,” said Boland.

To see her article, visit Foster's website at [www.davidfosteratlantic.ca](http://www.davidfosteratlantic.ca).

## Community Outreach

Through distance learning, MSVU courses reach communities and students near and far. Some are on-campus students, some live outside the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and some are international.

About half of distance students take their courses the “traditional” way which the Mount pioneered, through television, while the other half use on-line access, complemented by either a live web functionality or teleconference with instructors.

The broadcast of MSVU courses on ASN or Channel 33 (in the HRM) provides an informal learning opportunity for non-students. It has even served as a valuable recruitment tool.

For greater mobility, the courses can also be burned to DVDs, which can then be rented. Becoming increasing popular with students is creating digital files of the courses that can be viewed on-line as a downloadable file or as streaming video which can be watched on-line or even on a video MP3 player.

Whether on campus or abroad, MSVU's values continue to resonate with those connected to the Mount. As we tell our students, MSVU isn't just a university, it's a community.

## An Annual Tradition



*The Mount Community continues its strong support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure. Each year the University has a stellar showing which is acknowledged by the Foundation. Eighty members of the Mount community including faculty, staff and students donned their MSVU shirts and running shoes in support of the 2007 CIBC Run for the Cure.*



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# MSVAA President's Message



## Lara Ryan, BPR '92

Even though September comes fairly late in the calendar, a new school year always feels like the beginning. I am honoured to begin my term as the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association President. We are coming out of an exciting (academic) year of strategic planning both for the Alumnae Association and for the University.

The MSVAA has been participating in Professor Laurin's strategic planning process and has been very pleased with the tremendous work to date of the steering committee and the entire university community. We look forward to the presentation of the final plan.

Although very important to us, MSVAA's strategic plan has been a much simpler process. I hope we have come up with a workable direction for the Alumnae Association to follow over the next few years. We plan to focus on more events to engage you, our alumnae, in activities on campus, and for those of you not so close, in other ways to help you feel connected to your Mount family.

We already have some exciting things to add to your calendar! Please join us on November 27<sup>th</sup> for great conversation and a fabulous evening of wine tasting. Also, we are thrilled to welcome alum Patrick Sullivan, BBA '85, President of Workopolis as the guest speaker for the Halifax Alumnae Dinner on March 6, 2008. Stay tuned for more details.

I want to thank a number of people who have worked very hard on behalf of the Alumnae Association this past year: outgoing MSVAA President, Nancy Zwaagstra, BSChE '83 and Board Members Janice Graham-Migel, BSA '79, BEd '79, MA '83, Ethel Thomson, BA '70 Todd Bechard, BBA 93, and Crista MacNeil, BBA '01.

Our Golf committee volunteers also deserve great thanks for organizing the most successful tournament to date. The revenue earned allows us to support student scholarships, bursaries, activities and the University's Capital Campaign. Of course, special thanks to our Gold Sponsor, Aliant, and our Silver Sponsor, RBC and the Department of University Advancement for their exceptional support for this event.

I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to our new MSVAA Board members Velma Kaiser-Whitlock, BEd '79, MEd '06, Lisa Whycott, BOA '94, Mary Lou LeRoy, BA '79, BSc '83, Alison Stark, BBA '95, and Sheldon Miller, BBA '99.

If you've been involved with us recently, I hope we can continue to count on your support. If not, why not make this year the year of a new beginning? The Mount is built and has thrived on a foundation of community. It is that community of students, faculty, staff and alumnae that will help it to grow and continue to flourish well into the future.

## Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association Board of Directors 2007-08

### Executive

Honorary President: Kathryn E. Laurin, M.Mus  
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Lara Ryan, BPR '92  
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Sheldon Miller, BBA '99



**The 2007-08 MSV Alumnae Association Board of Directors**  
Front row (l-r): Debbie Buott, Gary Logan, Lisa Whycott, Lara Ryan, Sue Drapeau. Middle row: Kevin Sanford, Mary Lou LeRoy, Tracey Newman, Kelli Smith, Stephanie Hale, Alison Stark  
Back row: Kathryn E. Laurin, Bruno Perron



# CPRS Honours Karen Stone



On June 15, 2007, The Canadian Public Relations Society (CPRS) announced that Karen Stone, APR, BPR '82, was appointed to its College of Fellows.

"I am feeling pretty honoured and quite privileged to have had the opportunity to undertake the work that I have done and to have worked with so many great people along the way," said Stone.

To qualify for Fellowship status, members must have practiced public relations for 20 years, been CPRS members for 10 years and must have obtained Accredited Public Relations (APR) practitioner certification. They must demonstrate personal and professional qualities as an exemplary role model to fellow practitioners. Fellows are recognized as having advanced the state of public relations through leadership in exceptional programs in the field.

Karen Stone served as President of the MSV Alumnae Association from 1991-96.

## What's Cooking

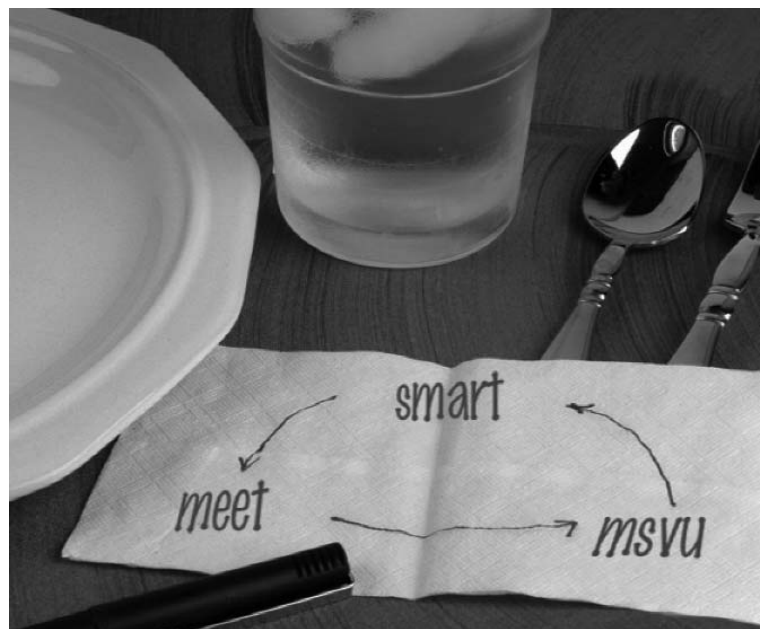


For over twenty years, sisters Virginia (Stuart) Lee, DipEd '72 and Elaine (Stuart) Elliot, ACAD '57 have been sampling and testing beautiful dishes together.

In 1984, they were on a ski vacation with their families in New England. They came upon a cookbook of recipes from New England Inns and said, "We could do this!"

Their first cookbook, *The Nova Scotia Inns and Restaurants Cookbook* was published a year later. Since then, the sisters have written over twenty cookbooks with the same publisher. Elliot and Lee comb the country searching out the best restaurants and inns, the finest chefs and the most irresistible recipes. Then, they take the recipes back home and try them in their kitchens – Lee in Memphis, Tennessee and Elliot in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

Their most popular book, *Maritime Flavours*, is about to have its seventh edition printed.



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# Joanne Thomas Yaccato Speaks at Annual Dinner

Joanne Thomas Yaccato, BA '78, President and founder of The Thomas Yaccato Group, entertained the room at the Set Sail for Growth Dinner & Showcase presented by the Centre for Women in Business on October 3, 2007. Her presentation entitled, *The 80% Minority: Reaching the Real World of Women Entrepreneurs* was witty and enlightening.

Thomas Yaccato discussed how organizations must examine their communications through the gender lens since economic growth is driven by women. She states confidently, "If you meet the needs of women, you will exceed the expectations of men."

Her bestselling books include the newly released 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of *Balancing Act: A Canadian Women's Financial Success Guide* and *Raising Your Business: A Canadian*

*Woman's Guide to Entrepreneurship*, which was nominated for the prestigious National Business Book Award.



*Joanne Thomas Yaccato, BA '78, receives an alumnae pin from Krista Hughes, BPR '97, Communications Advisor, Centre for Women in Business*

## Ex Libris

A unique book club of Mount alumnae, Ex Libris, celebrates its fifth anniversary this year. It began as an idea of former co-chairs of the Halifax Alumnae Chapter Leola Connor, BA '99 and Janice Graham-Migel, BSA '78, BEd '79, MAEd '83.

A group of eight alumnae meet on the last Monday of each month, from September to May (excluding December) at the Crow's Nest in Rosaria Student Centre to chat about their book selection.

Since 2004, the club has included students from Dr. Della Stanley's Canadian Studies class in their January meeting. Members of Stanley's class join the alumnae to discuss a work that complements the course subject matter. Stanley provides an informed choice of books to the club for their selection by significant authors in our country's history. She then plays a leadership role in the discussion.

"The students bring a different level of discussion to our group," says Connor who hosts this larger group annually.

The club also tries to have an author at their annual dinner event. Last May, Newfoundland writer Donna Morrissey joined the group for dinner to discuss her novel *Sylvanus Now*.

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# Recent Grad Wins National Award

Amanda MacPherson, BPR '07, received one of only three national fellowships from TD Meloche Monnex. MacPherson received the advancement fellowship at the recent national Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAЕ) conference in PEI and has started her one-year term at Cape Breton University. Established in 1999, the fellowships award \$25,000 to recent university or college graduates to gain a year of practical advancement experience at an educational institution.



*Alumnae also attending the CCAE conference included:*

*STANDING: Maria Driscoll, BSA '81, Alf Blanchard, BPR '90, Paula MacNeil, BPR '86, Gina Brown, BPR '87, Kelly Rose, BPR '98, Mary Duffley, BPR '86, Lori Scott, BPR '86, Natalie Montgomery, BPR '03  
FRONT: Sandra Howland, BPR '86, Tiffany Durling Arnold, BTHM '96, Amanda MacPherson, BPR '07, Sara Napier, BPR '95*

# Halifax Alumnae Dinner

Thursday, March 6, 2008, Rosaria Student Centre



As President of Workopolis, Patrick Sullivan, BBA '85, is responsible for the vision and business strategy behind Canada's leading provider of recruitment and job-search solutions including workopolis.com, Canada's Biggest Job Site, workopolisCampus.com, Canada's biggest job site for students and recent graduates and CorporateWorks, the applicant tracking system that puts the power and functionality of workopolis.com behind corporate career sites. Patrick also provides advice to jobseekers and employers on Canada's favourite career television show, Workopolis TV, which is seen three evenings a week on Report on Business Television.

Patrick has an extensive national and international marketing background, having held executive and brand management positions with companies including Procter & Gamble, Moosehead Breweries Ltd. and Indigo Books, Music and Café.

Patrick is not the only one in the Sullivan family with a degree from the Mount. His wife Patricia, BA/BEd '79, as well as sisters Anne Marie Laing, BA (Hon) '83, BEd '86 and Elizabeth Daley, CertBusi '92 are also Mount alumnae.

Tickets: \$45 each  
\$325 per table (8)

*Workopolis is a partnership of the Toronto Star, Canada's largest daily newspaper and Gesca Ltee., a group of seven French language dailies in Quebec and Ontario.*

For ticket information, call 902.457.6433 or [alumnae@msvu.ca](mailto:alumnae@msvu.ca)

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NOVEMBER 29	<b>Annual Mount Community Show</b> 29 November - 16 December, 2007 MSVU Art Gallery Info: 902.457.6160	JUNE 17	<b>MSV Alumnae Association Annual General Meeting</b> June 17, 2008, 6.00 pm Rosaria Student Centre, MSVU Info: 902.457.6433 <a href="mailto:alumnae@msvu.ca">alumnae@msvu.ca</a>
FEBRUARY 29	<b>Annual Business &amp; Tourism Dinner</b> February 29, 2008 Reception & Dinner: 5.30 pm Conference starts: 12.30 pm Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel Info: 902.457.6175 or <a href="mailto:Miriam.Gallant@msvu.ca">Miriam.Gallant@msvu.ca</a>	AUGUST 14	<b>MSV Golf Classic</b> August 14, 2008 Granite Springs Golf Club Info & Tickets: 902.457.6433 <a href="mailto:alumnae@msvu.ca">alumnae@msvu.ca</a>
MARCH 29	<b>Athletics Dinner &amp; Silent Auction</b> March 29, 2009 Rosaria Student Centre, MSVU before 6.00 pm Info & Tickets: 902.457.6370	SEPTEMBER 19	<b>Alumnae Weekend 2008</b> September 19-21, 2008 MSVU Info: 902.457.6433 <a href="mailto:alumnae@msvu.ca">alumnae@msvu.ca</a>

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# Alumnae Weekend 2007

Pouring rain on Saturday morning did not dampen the spirits of the MSV College Class of 1957 as they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. Umbrellas in hand, the women of the class embraced each event with good humour and laughter. Reunion activities included a luncheon on Friday hosted by Betty Guinan, ACAD '54, BScSec '57, BEd '58 and Marg Driscoll, BA '57, BEd '58, an afternoon at the home of Moira Cottam, ACAD '52, BSc '55, BEd '60, sister of Eileen Farrell, BHEc '57, a campus tour, mass at The Motherhouse, and brunch on Sunday.

The College Class of '57 joined members of the Academy Class of '57 at the 50<sup>th</sup>

Class Anniversary Celebration Luncheon on Saturday at The Meadows. The members of the 50<sup>th</sup> class were welcomed by the Department of University Advancement and the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association (MSVAA) at the luncheon co-hosted by Kathryn E. Laurin, President & Vice-Chancellor, and Lara Ryan, BPR '92, President of MSVAA.

Once again, laughter filled the room, as Shirley Forde's, BSc '57, MAEd '62, valedictorian address was referenced, and Many stories were shared about the women's days at the Mount. To mark the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, the Class of 1957 donated a tree to the University.

Members of the Class of 1967 also gathered to mark their 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. They enjoyed dinner, brunch, the campus tour and mass at the Motherhouse.

The MSV Golf Classic was a resounding success – and the most successful tournament to date, raising the most revenue in the event's 17-year history. The event raised \$10,000 for the Alumnae Association. This revenue allows the MSV Alumnae Association to support student scholarships, bursaries, activities and the University's Capital Campaign.





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# Class Notes

## 1951

### **HUCK, SHEILA (DUNPHY),** *BA, DipEd '52*

Sheila and her husband Frank have moved to Halifax after many retirement years spent on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. They have settled into a condo in Halifax. Sheila welcomes calls from old friends. Please contact Alumnae Relations to get in touch!

### **MURPHY, MARIE (TODD),** *BA, DipEd '52, BEd '55*

Many alumnae were on hand, this past summer, when Marie Todd Murphy and her husband, Donald, celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Shore Club, Hubbards.

## 1969

### **BABIN, BRENDA (ROUSSEL),** *ACAD, BA '73, BEd '74*

After teaching in Bathurst for 32 years, Brenda retired in June 2006. She continues to live in Bathurst with her husband, Bob, and dog, Bailey. Daughters Shanna and Sophie live in Moncton and Halifax. Brenda would love to hear from Academy classmates.

## 1973

### **HOLYOKE, CAROLYN, LEGSE**

Carolyn has moved from South Africa to Israel for her job with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

## 1974

### **MCKINNON, LINDA (MILLEY),** *BHEc*

Linda is leaving Nova Scotia after 24 years in the province. Husband Ron transferred to Toronto so that they could be close to their two adult children, new grandson Cole, and soon to be daughter-in-law.

## 1978

### **BUTLER, LORNA (DENSMORE), BSCN**

Lorna, a professor in both the School of Nursing at Dalhousie University and the Department of Urology at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax has been appointed Dean of

Nursing at the University of Saskatchewan. Lorna began her five-year renewable term July 1, 2007.

### **MELVIN, MARCI LIN, BA (Hon)**

Marci was married at her home in Yarmouth, NS to Ron Anaka, on July 1, 2006.

## 1980

### **MAYO, KIM, BCS**

Kim is an occasional teacher with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic School Board, in Barrie Ontario. She writes, "I was in sales for 30 years and quite enjoyed it. Even though I have lived in various provinces and places all these years, Halifax is, and always will be, close to my heart."

## 1982

### **BUCKLEY, LYNN, BPR**

Lynn was nominated for the 2007 Maritime Philanthropy Awards in the category of Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser. She was nominated by Feed Nova Scotia.

## 1985

### **SULLIVAN, PATRICK, BBA**

Patrick, President and CEO of Workopolis, was interviewed in the April 20th issue of Business Edge News Magazine. The article entitled "Workopolis boss chased own diverse career" outlined Sullivan's career from P&G to Moosehead to Toronto.com, and on to Workopolis. Sullivan and his two sisters, Anne Marie Laing, BA (Hon) '83, BEd '86 and Elizabeth Daley CertBusi '92, are all graduates of the Mount.

## 1987

### **ANTHONY-BARTULIK, STACEY,** *BEEd*

Stacey is currently a French Immersion Program Support/Reading Recovery Teacher. She lives in Enfield with her partner Mark and their three children, Brandon (12), Paige (10), Zachary (8), and two dogs, Mia and Chewy. Stacey just started a new business as an Independent Consultant with Arbonne International.

## 1988

### **SAULNIER, SUZANNE, BCS**

Suzanne has been employed as the Executive Director of le Centre provincial de ressources préscolaires in Nova Scotia since its establishment in 1992. She and her husband Alain are the proud parents of 7 year old Luc Jérémie. Suzanne is currently working on her thesis to complete her Master's degree in Child & Youth Studies from the Mount.

## 1989

### **GAETZ, HEATHER (COFFIN), BHEc**

Heather is living in Ottawa with her husband Stephen and her daughter Emily. She sends a great hello out to the MSVU Class of 1989. You can reach her at [hemandsteph@rogers.com](mailto:hemandsteph@rogers.com)

### **MUISE, DEBRA (MACDONALD),** *BBA*

Deborah is working for Freedom 55 Financial as a Financial Security Advisor, helping people with their investments, insurance and mortgages.

## 1990

### **KIRKNESS, DR. VERNA, CM, OM** *DHumL*

Dr. Verna Kirkness, of Fisher River Cree Nation, is one of twelve recipients to receive the Order Of Manitoba on July 12 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. During her career, Kirkness has become an outstanding and respected professional educator, earning a reputation as a spokesperson for aboriginal education. As a teacher, principal, counselor, teacher supervisor and curriculum consultant, she has committed herself to making education available and relevant to the philosophy and needs of First Nations people.

### **MORRIS, LORI (WHELAN), BPR**

Lori has two children, Daniel (13) and Sarah (10) and has just celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary. She writes, "I have enjoyed working in the field of mental health promotion for the past eleven years. Can't believe it has been 17 years since graduation!!! Where does the time go?"

### **WELLS, STEPHANIE (BENNETT),** *BPR*

Stephanie is currently a Program Manager and Instructor in the Tourism Department at Capilano College in Squamish, BC. She

## MSVU Recent Graduates are recipients of SSHRC Grants

Several recent MSVU graduates have been recognized with a total of \$175,000 in scholarships from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), focusing on research ranging from workplace aggression to children to Shakespeare.

Pamela Blotnicky, BSc (Hon) '06, was awarded \$17,500 for research on "Principal and teacher perceptions of school psychology: utilizing a critical resource".

Catherine Collett, BA (Hon) '06 was awarded \$105,000 (\$35,000 per year over three years) for research on "Knowing children: difficult knowledge and romantic pedagogy".

Lynne Evans, BA (Hon) '07 was awarded \$17,500 for research on "A phenomenological exploration of the maternal voice in Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus, Coriolanus and Hamlet".

Diane LeBlanc, BSc (Hon) '06 was awarded \$17,500 for research on "Escalation of workplace aggression".



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oversees the Destination Resort Management Co-op Diploma. Stephanie also is a Board Member for the Squamish Chamber of Commerce and is currently undertaking her MSc in Educational Leadership through the University of Leicester. She would love to hear from other alumnae in the Sea to Sky Corridor.

## 1993

### **GIBB, FIONA, BPR**

Fiona recently joined the cast at Neptune Theatre as Manager, Marketing and Development. She lives in Head of St. Margaret's Bay with her husband Fred, daughter Isabelle (3) and two golden retrievers (Barley and Haggis).

### **GREEN, LISA (DARKIN), BCS**

Lisa and husband Jeff returned home to NB in July 2006 after 5 years in Halifax. Jeff is currently employed with Irving Equipment as their HR Manager. Lisa is enjoying staying home with their 2 daughters (Emma 7 & Rebecca 4). Old friends can contact her at jlgreen@yahoo.ca.

### **STEEVES, SHAYLA, BPR**

Shayla was a nominated for the 2007 Maritime Philanthropy Awards in the category of Rising Star. She was nominated by the Canadian Liver Foundation.

## 1994

### **COMEAU, MARY, BA**

Mary is the proud new mom of Nicholas Ethan Charles MacDonald, born March 2, 2007.

### **MALLOY, LEWIS, BSC**

Lewis is happy to be back in Bedford, NS after 10 years away. He is a Military pilot involved with the Sea King replacement helicopter - the Cyclone and is married to Mariana Botea. They have a son Liam (3).

## 1995

### **BARBER, NADINE, BPR**

Nadine has taken on a new position at Devon running their Communications and Public Affairs department. She looks forward to keeping in touch with everyone!

### **HOLMAN, KAREN (DEAN), BBA**

Karen married Garnet Holman, on July 28, 2007. Garnet has adopted Karen's two children, Kayleen, born in 1997, and Hunter, born in 2000. They are expecting a third child in February 2008. Karen and family live in her hometown of Middle Musquodoboit on a dairy farm overlooking the community. She works full-time at the local RCMP office and helps out on the farm.

## 1996

### **KREWENKI, CONDEA, BPR, MEd '07**

Condea and her husband Ken White are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Kasen David Samuel White, born March 8, 2007 at the IWK in Halifax.

### **BOUDREAU, MIREILLE, BBA**

Mireille moved to Fall River in March 2007. She had her first child (daughter named Elliène) in April 2007 and married Marc Pollett in September 2007.

## 1997

### **MANDERVILLE-MURPHY, SHELLEY, BPR**

Shelley and husband Gerry recently welcomed baby Jack to their family on June 6, 2007. This is the second child for the family. Big brother Nicholas is 3 years old.

### **BRIAN, JODY, BPR**

Jody and her husband Don are delighted to announce the arrival of their first child, Spencer John Gordon Booth, on August 16, 2007 in Ottawa. Jody is enjoying one year of maternity leave from her job at Public Safety Canada and can be reached at jody\_brian@hotmail.com

## 1998

### **GATES, ALLAN, BPR, and DONNA**

**REDMOND GATES, BPR '95**, have recently moved to Saint John, NB. Allan has joined Revolution Strategy, one of Atlantic Canada's largest public relations firms, as VP of Public Relations and Donna is a Senior Account Manager at the agency. They have two boys Owen, 4 and Sam, 2.

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## 2000

**VATCHER, SABRINA (SAMSON), BPR**  
Sabrina and her husband welcomed a little girl, Ashley, on September 1st, 2006.

**JAY-POWELL, KATHLEEN, BAA, (IT), MEd '06**  
Jay and husband Bill Powell (LAN Administrator, MSVU) welcomed a little girl, Abby Jay Powell, into the world on April 09, 2007. Kathleen works at Saint Mary's University as an IT Manager.

## 2002

**BARNHILL, CARRIE ANN, BBA**  
After graduation, Carrie Ann started working at the IWK Health Centre as a Financial Analyst. After 4 years of hard work, Carrie Ann obtained her CGA designation.

## 2003

**PARSON, PAMELA, BA**  
Pamela is currently a reporter for CBC television and radio in St. John's NL. She is always looking for great story ideas so invites alumnae to email her with any stories to share at [pamela\\_parsons@cbc.ca](mailto:pamela_parsons@cbc.ca)

## 2004

**MACNEIL, AMANDA (DWYER), BSc**  
**MACNEIL, RYAN, Cert (Hon), BBA**  
Amanda and Ryan were married on July 7, 2007 in her hometown of Grand Falls-Windsor, NL. They met 8 years ago while living in Birch 3. After leaving the Mount, they moved to Waterloo, ON where Ryan earned a Masters degree in Local Economic Development. Amanda and Ryan now live in Windsor, NS, where she works for Scotiabank and he is the Executive Director of the Hants Regional Development Authority.

## 2005

**REAGE, KRISTA (RICHARD), BBA**  
Krista married David Reage on August 11, 2007. The ceremony and reception were held at the Mount. Krista currently works as a Marketing Assistant with Boyne Clarke. She can be reached at [krissy6044@hotmail.com](mailto:krissy6044@hotmail.com)

**DOUCETTE-RYAN, KRISTA, MASP**  
**RYAN, CHRIS, BBA**  
Krista and Chris were married July 8th, 2006 in Wolfville where they reside. They are expecting the birth of their first child in November 2007.

**WEST, JESSICA, BSc**  
Jessica was awarded the David Covert Entrance Scholarship from the University of New Brunswick and is currently attending the UNB Law School.

## 2006

**TAYLOR, ANNE-MARIE (DICKIE), BSc**  
Anne-Marie was married on July 8th,

2006. She is expecting her first child on January 15th, 2008 and is living in Sussex, NB.

## 2007

**BING, MEAGHAN, BPR**  
Meaghan is a Communication Specialist for the RCMP.

**BURTON, ERICA, BScAHN**  
Erica is a clinical dietician for MICs Group of Health services in Northern Ontario.

**GOREE, DAWN, BEd**  
Lots of news! Dawn is engaged to Randall Thompson and writes, "on September 14, 2006, had a baby (at age of 36), 18 years after giving birth to my son!"

**KUSERO, ANGELA, BA**  
Angela is the Atlantic Regional Assistant for Unicef in Dartmouth NS.

**BLANCHARD, SEANA, BA**  
Seana has worked for Nova Scotia Community College since 2001. She is married to Glen MacIsaac, and has one daughter, Ella, born in 2003.

**LELIEVRE, M. PAULINE, MEd**  
Pauline has a new teaching position with Strait Regional School Board as a Youth Services Facilitator. She has a husband, Aurel and daughter, Avery, born in 2000.

**MARSHALL, AMY, BSc**  
Amy got married June 23, 2007 to Borden Scott of Bedford, NS.

**SAULNIER, TRACY, BAA**  
Tracy is studying for her BEd at Université Saint Anne's and is hoping to become a French teacher.

**SHEEHAN, MICHAEL, BPR**  
Michael received the CPRS/Frontline Risk and Crisis Communication Student Award at the national CPRS conference in Edmonton.

**RIPLEY, ANGELA, MEd**  
Angela is working at Park View Education Centre in Bridgewater, NS.

**WHITE, NATALIE, MEd**  
20 years after graduating in 1987 with a BEd, Natalie completed a Masters of Education. Husband Jay, and children Megan, Lauren and Jared are proud of Mom's accomplishment.

**WOODS, SARAH, BPR**  
Sarah is working at National Public Relations in Calgary as a coordinator.

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## Wedding Anniversary = Mount Reunion

Alumnae from the classes of 1947, 2007 and many years in between helped Marie (Martin) Jones, BA '51, DipEd '52, BEd '55 and her husband, David, celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 3, 2007.

As Jones, who served as President of the Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association from 1963-66, was planning, her family noticed that she started referring to the event as "the reunion" instead of "the anniversary". Out of the 180 people who attended the dinner and reception at the Brightwood Golf and Country Club, there were at least 37 Mount grads.

From the class of '51: Sheila (Dunphy) Huck, BA, BEd '52, Jean (Curran) Knickle BScSec, Anne Marie (McCormack) Montgomery, BA, DipJ, Marie (Todd) Murphy, BA, DipEd '52, Lillian (Bates) Rainey, BA, DipEd '52 and Florence Whitby BScSec, BLS '52; along with Mary Grant, BA '52, BEd '63, MA '03, Marie (Langan) O'Malley, BScSec '52, Stephanie (Stukelj) Pavlin, BA '52, Joy (Lake) Hanlon ACAD '47, BScSec '50, Frances (Dunn) Tomscha, BScSec '55, and Sisters of Charity Mary Martin, BMus '44 and Claire Murphy, BA '60.

The rest of the alumnae were members of the Martin/Jones clan, including some of the 45 nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews who attended the party. The MSVU Department of University Advancement sent flowers and there were greetings from Mary Cossitt, BA '51, DipEd '52 and Teresa Cossitt, BA '51, DipEd '52 as well as Denyse (Riverin) Senneville, BA'52.

Several of the celebrants marked the occasion by making donations to the Sister Frances Carmel Regan Award Endowment Fund, started by the Class of '51 at their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2001.

## Order of Canada

Congratulations to the following members of the Mount community on being appointed as a member of the Order of Canada:

Joan Craig, *CM, DHumL '07*  
Charlotte Gray, *CM, DHumL '95*  
Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, *CM*

## MSVU Welcomes New Director of Human Resources

Janice Gaudet, BBA '88, is MSVU's new Director, Human Resources. Gaudet most recently served as Regional Human Resources Manager, Maritimes, for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Gaudet brings a depth of human resource experience from both the public sector and education sectors. She holds a Master of Business Administration from St. Mary's University.

Her appointment is effective November 12, 2007.

## Do *you* know the face?



Can you help identify the faces, when exactly the photo was taken, and what they were up to? Please let us know. Contact: Editor, *Folia Montana*, alumnae@msvu.ca, or Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS B3M 2J6

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**Nicole Amirault**, BAA (CYS) '00, MEd '06

## IN TOUCH

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## Do *you* know the face?



Thank you to Phyllis Clark was the Life President Class of 54 for identifying the faces in the photo "Best behaviour and beautifully dressed" in the Fall 2006 issue of *Folia Montana*.

Class of 1954 (l-r): Veronica Horn Connelly, BSChE, Angelina Comeau BA, BEd '55, Phyllis Martin Clark, BSChE, Helen Landry, BSChE, BEd '64, MAEd '67, Lorna Jean Laurence O'Connor, BA, Helen M. Coyle Berakos, BA, BEd '55, and Thea Andre, BA, DipJ.



Thanks to Mary Clancy, BA (Hon.) '70, who identified many of the following faces in the "Mount Music in the 1970's" photo in the Summer 2007 issue. Starting with the woman seated on her knees and moving left to right:

Marion (Randall) Croft, BA '70, 'BEd '71, Ingrid V. Aylward, BSChE '70, Norma (Taylor) Boyd, BSc '69, Sharon MacDonald (?), Carol Sabean BA '70, Bernadette Harrigan (?).

## In memoriams

The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association has made a donation towards MSV scholarships and bursaries in memory of the following alumnae.

### 1950s

Helen (Scott) Edgecombe, *BScN '54*  
September 14, 2007

Jean (Moss) Keller, *BScN '58*  
July 16, 2007

Barbara (Bateman) Lennerton, *BScN '59*  
August 13, 2007

### 1960s

Janet (O'Connor) Bent, *BA '65, BEd '66*  
June 26, 2007

Sister James Margaret Burge, *BSc '62, BA '64*  
April 29, 2007

Sheryl Leask, *ACAD '69*  
June 6, 2007

Sheila (Duggan) Ward, *BSc '62*  
August 18, 2007

Maureen (Hum) Yang, *BScN '60*  
November 28, 2006

### 1970s

W. Scott Cameron, *MEd '78*  
August 24, 2007

Reverend John Porter, *BEd '73*  
May 2, 2007

### 1980s

Sheila Pender-Wedge, *ACAD '54, BA '84*  
May 5, 2007

### 1990s

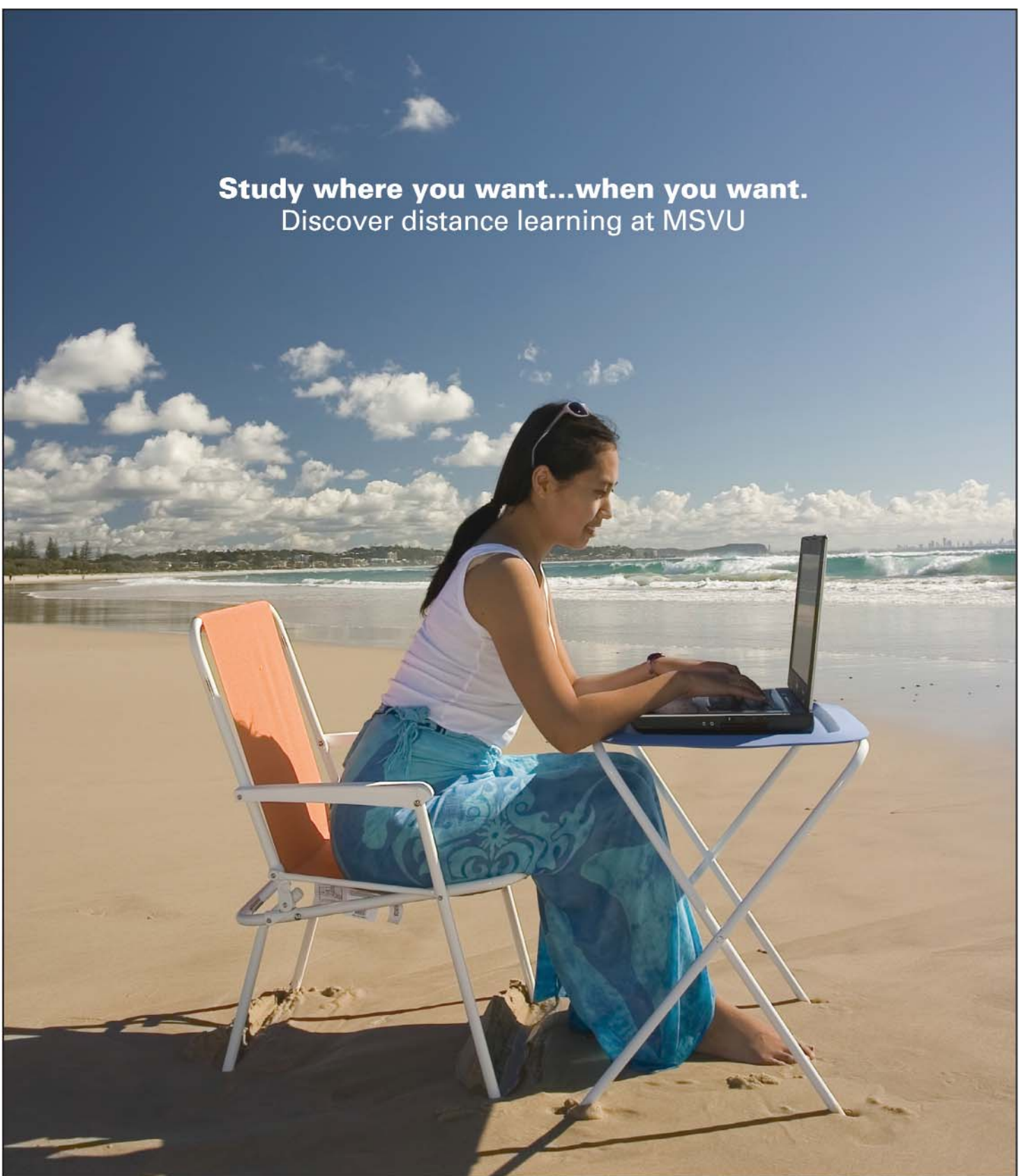
Jeffrey John Marginson, *BA '96*  
June 12, 2007

Rachel Robichaud, *BTHM '98*  
August 30, 2007

### 2000s

Allyson Kinley, *BA '05*  
August 3, 2007

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