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Dear readers,

I hope you that are enjoying this spring term, and that you have a marvelous summer break.

This edition of the Triumvirate is a very special one for me because it will be my last as the Editor. Since I have recently defended my doctoral thesis and will be graduating in October, it is time for me to hand on the magazine to a new team. It has been a great pleasure editing and organizing the Triumvirate since its debut three years ago. I look forward to seeing how the magazine will grow and will bring the Tri-U community even closer together. Thank-you all for your assistance and feedback over the years!

The feature article discusses researching at the Canadian War Museum archives. In previous editions, graduate students have shared their experiences researching at various archives in Canada and abroad. These articles give students the opportunity to tell the Tri-U community more about their research. If you would like to share your stories and experiences, please let us know.

Until the Triumvirate has new editors, you can email any questions or comments to: fili0380@mylaurier.ca.

Happy reading,

Michelle Filice
From the TUGSA Executive:

The TUGSA Executive is already actively planning for 2014-2015. The following pages highlight a few items that we have been working on. As always, we value your input, so if you have comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

TUGSA Executive for 2014-2015

University of Waterloo - Joseph Andrew Buscemi
Wilfrid Laurier University - Matthew Wiseman
University of Guelph - Marjorie Hopkins

For more information on the Executive, you can read their candidate statements here (http://www.triuhistory.ca/tugsa/candidacy-statements/).

Mark Your Calendars:

September 5 - Welcome BBQ at Linda Mahood's home - Guelph
October 1 - Topics on Tap - Guelph
November 5 - Topics on Tap - WLU
December 5 - Year End Social - Waterloo
January 21 - Topics on Tap - Guelph
March 18 - Topics on Tap and TUGSA Elections - UW
April 24 - Year End Event - Guelph
Thank You

With the start of a new year, we need to thank those who are leaving their positions.

Thank you to Geoff Keelan who served as the co-president for UWaterloo for the past two years. Geoff’s enthusiasm and dedication have contributed significantly to the organization as we have refined the purpose and structure of TUGSA as it entered its sixth year. While Geoff served as co-president, community and communication have become more integrated and intentional. In particular, we will miss his enthusiasm for trivia and events at the Heuther. We wish him well as he moves into the final stages of writing his dissertation. THANKS!

The TUGSA Executive would like to thank Michelle Filice for serving as the editor of the Triumvirate, the Tri-University Program magazine, for the past three years. As the inaugural editor, Michelle has always provided members of the Tri-University Community with a valuable source of news relevant to the program and its constituents. With such a large program, the Triumvirate has been an important way to stay up-to-date on what’s happening and her hard work is evident in every page. Thank you Michelle and all the best as you take up responsibilities as the list editor for H-Canada!

Thank you also to Ryan Kirkby and Bethany Philpott who has served as the History Department Representative for the UWaterloo and UGuelph Graduate Student Associations respectively. They kept us informed of relevant changes and decisions happening at the individual campus level.

Position Posting

For 2014-2015 we are looking for two individuals to work as co-editors for the Triumvirate. The job description is available on the Tri-University website (http://www.triuhistory.ca/triumvirate-co-editors-job-description/) If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae to tugsamail@gmail.com.
New Community Initiative

What happens when you need a pen or paper to take notes? For most of us, these are minor inconveniences that are easily solved. For many children in the world, basic school supplies make the difference between attending school or not. This year the TUGSA Executive has decided to extend a school supply challenge to the Tri-University Community. Over the course of the Fall 2014 semester, we encourage members of the community to donate any of the following specific school supplies in order to fill School Kits for children around the world:

• 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5x10.5 in and 70 sheets)
• 8 unsharpened pencils
• 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic, indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
• 12 coloured pencils (in packaging)
• 1 large eraser

There will be locations for collection on each campus. Details will be available in September.

Tri-U Website Information

The Tri-U website has undergone some significant changes over the past year to better support students, faculty and Tri-U initiatives more generally. Important changes include the addition of an events calendar which is an embedded Google application on the website that can be synced with personal Google accounts, the visual format of the “News and Events” section, as well as the addition of a standardized model for PhD student profiles.

Both incoming PhDs and students currently without a website profile are encouraged to complete the newly-created PhD Student Profile Form (http://www.triuhistory.ca/phd-students/phd-student-profile-form/).

*Call for new website header images: The current website images are out-of-date. If you have images from one of our three campuses that you would like added to the website, please email Matt Wiseman (wise5300@mylaurier.ca). Images may be of landmarks, architecture and/or student life related to the Tri-University.
Cory Scurr wins Three Minute Thesis competition

Dana Weiner on 19th Century California Discriminatory Laws
Historian Dr. Dana Weiner (WLU) talked about her research on California’s 19th century discriminatory “Black Laws” at the 2014 American Historical Association conference in Washington, DC. Hear the discussion at: http://www.c-span.org/video/?316845-5/dana-weiner-19th-century-california-discriminatory-laws
Jacqueline Murray named a Woman of Distinction.

Dr. Jacqueline Murray (Guelph) received the Education and Training Award. As a history professor and director of the first-year seminar program on campus, the award recognizes her creativity and innovation in teaching, and for being a mentor and role model for students.

History MA Grad Matthew Piper on Nazi Animal Protection Laws

It may come as a surprise to know that the Nazi Party, remembered for its brutality and cruelty, passed laws while it was in power to protect animals. Matthew Piper, a recent graduate from U of G with a Master’s Degree in history, became intrigued by these apparent contradictions and made them the focus of his thesis. He successfully defended in January. Read the rest of the story @Guelph
Susan Roy wins prestigious Early Research Award
Dr. Roy (UW) is exploring the interface between Aboriginal heritage preservation and resource as well as urban development in Canada. For more on her research and on her award, please visit: https://uwaterloo.ca/history/news/susan-roy-wins-prestigious-early-research-award

History Teach-In at Laurier A Success
Thank-you to Dr. Leonard Friesen, Dr. Blaine Chiasson, and Dr. Kevin Spooner for their presentations. A big thank-you also to the organizers and to everyone who joined the discussion!

For up-to-date information from the History departments of all three universities, please visit: GUELPH – https://www.uoguelph.ca/history/WLU – http://www.wlu.ca/homepage.php?grp_id=177 UW – (follow them on twitter too!) https://uwaterloo.ca/history/
“More than a Museum”: The Canadian War Museum’s Military History Research Centre

Written by: Michelle Filice (PhD, WLU)

For many of us, the spring term is the perfect time to go on research trips. Every summer for the past four years of my doctoral research, I have gone to Ottawa to visit a number of important national archives, including Library and Archives Canada (LAC). While LAC holds many collections, it has really been in the smaller archives that I have found the most interesting information for my dissertation.

My research focuses on the professional and social relationships between medical and nursing workers in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps (RCAMC) during the Second World War. More specifically, I explore the experiences of, and reactions to, the increasing presence of male nursing-orderlies (N-Os) in the RCAMC. Information about N-Os has been difficult to find, especially in larger archives, such as LAC, where most of the collections focus on Canadian general hospitals overseas or the Nursing Sisters. The voices of N-Os have really come out of the materials that I have found at the Canadian War Museum’s Military History Research Centre (MHRC). In this brief article, I will highlight some of MHRC’s resources and will discuss my experiences doing research at the museum.
The MHRC houses both the George Metcalf Archival Collection and the Hartland Molson Library. These are extensive national collections of both primary and secondary research material that document Canada’s military history from the days of New France to the present.

The George Metcalf Archival Collection contains information mostly from the Great War and Second World War. It consists of approximately 765 metres of documentation, including correspondence, diaries, photographs, maps, postcards, sheet music, oral history tapes, and other materials. The photographic portion of the collection is impressive, holding about 90,000 items, from original black and white prints to film reels and more.

The Hartland Molson Library Collection has approximately 60,000 volumes. It includes regimental histories, newspapers, personal memoirs, wartime pamphlets, military technical and field manuals, multi-media, and 5,000 rare books. Using the Democracy at War website (http://www.warmuseum.ca/cwm/exhibitions/newspapers/intro_e.s.html), researchers can also explore the Hamilton Spectator newspaper collection, which includes 144,000 Second World War newspaper clippings.

The Canadian War Museum.
Photo courtesy of www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca
One of my favourite things about the MHRC is that you can search the entire library and archival collections using their search engine: http://catalogue.warmuseum.ca/. The search results are always very detailed, providing researchers with descriptions and summaries of the materials. Some of their archival information has even been scanned and is available for online viewing.

Any difficulties navigating the MHRC website are quickly and easily resolved by the staff at the museum. Archivist Carole Reid was especially helpful during my research trips. She took a personal interest in all of the work that researchers did at the museum, and always provided helpful suggestions and additional information about archival sources. She even helped me to decipher some of the hard-to-read handwriting of original correspondence and diaries. When I first told Reid about my research, and emailed her a list of documents that I would like to explore, she not only had them ready for me once I got to Ottawa, but even added a few other boxes of sources that she thought might be of use to me. Those boxes turned out to be especially helpful, but I may never had thought to look through them without her assistance.

The atmosphere at the MHRC is also different than some of the other archives I have visited. LAC, for example, is large and spacious, but, despite the amount of people researching there, it is not hard to feel lonely and overwhelmed in such a big institution. The CWM, on the other hand, while still a quiet place to conduct research, has a more intimate setting. The room where researchers examine documents is rather small, with only about four long desks occupying the space. In this room, it is not uncommon for researchers to discuss their work with one another, as well as to share ideas and research experiences. I have met a few doctoral students and professors while researching at the MHRC, who have provided me with helpful advice and information.
Adding to the ambiance of the MHRC are the museum visitors, who often come to the library (though not into the consulting room) asking the staff for help finding information about the records of deceased family members’ military records. It is always interesting to chat with some of these people, and to see the passion and pride in their eyes when they speak about their family history. Both the general public and researchers can explore secondary source material in the larger reading area located in the library. Big windows and comfy chairs make reading a book that much more enjoyable.

One other benefit of researching at the MHRC is the ability to explore the museum itself. The Canadian War Museum is a wonderful museum full of interesting exhibits and helpful information. The cafeteria and gift shop are also fun to check out, especially during research breaks!

Out of all the archives that I have visited while conducting my doctoral research, the smaller, more intimate archives, such as the MHRC, have always been the most interesting. While the MHRC did not have as much information as LAC, it had other important sources, including most of the oral history collections that I used in my research. Indeed, the MHRC has provided me with priceless information about a group of workers who are often overlooked in the official military histories and in Army documents from the Second World War. The staff, as well as the friendly, welcoming atmosphere, make it a pleasure to do work there.

For more information about the MHRC and Canadian War Museum, please visit: http://www.warmuseum.ca/home/.

Share your research experiences with us in the next edition!
Call for Papers

Tri-University Annual History Conference 2015
WAR, MEMORY AND COMMEMORATION

Please join us for the 2015 annual Tri-University History Conference to be held on March 7, 2015 at the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Organized by the history departments of Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Guelph and Waterloo University, the theme of this year’s conference is “War, Memory and Commemoration.” The keynote address will be given by Sir Hew Strachan, Chichele Professor of the History of War at All Souls College, Oxford, UK.

Suggestions for presentation proposals include, but are not limited to the following areas:
- The centenary of World War I
- The politics of remembrance
- Technology and commemoration
- The culture of warfare
- Education and nationalism
- Home fronts
- Transnational perspectives

This year’s conference will also feature a “showcase” of the best of TriU graduate student papers which are not directly covered by the main theme. All research areas are welcome, and students are highly encouraged to submit proposals to be considered for presentation.

We welcome proposals from graduate students as well as emerging and well-established scholars. Please send inquiries or proposals (200-300 words) to Darren Mulloy at dmulloy@wlu.ca by November 7, 2014. All proposals should be accompanied by a brief (50 word) biographical note.
What conferences have you attended (or will you attend) this summer? Let us know where you have been and what papers you have presented!

Fall Colloquia
The 2014 Scottish Studies Fall Colloquium will be held on 4 October 2014 at the University of Guelph (location TBA), from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (registration opens at 9 am).

Presenters include:
Michael Lynch (University of Edinburgh)
Ken McGoogan, author of How the Scots Invented Canada
Alison Jackson & Ruth Douglas (Guelph Embroiders' Guild)
a student panel showcasing current research at University of Guelph and more!

For more information, please visit: https://www.uoguelph.ca/scottish/events/fall
Susan Armstrong-Reid  
*Lyle Creelman: The Frontiers of Global Nursing.*  
(UTP, 2014)

Adjunct Professor, Dr. Susan Armstrong-Reid (Guelph) has completed a new book on the life and work of Canada’s foremost international nurse, *Lyle Creelman: The Frontiers of Global Nursing.* Creelman parlayed her experience as a community health nurse in British Columbia into significant international appointments, including Chief Nursing Officer of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Richard Reid  
*African Canadians in Union Blue: Volunteering for the Cause in America’s Civil War.*  
(UBC Press, 2014)

Professor Emeritus, Dr. Richard Reid (Guelph) has completed a new book on the African Canadians who volunteered to fight during the American Civil War: *African Canadians in Union Blue: Volunteering for the Cause in America's Civil War.*
Renée Worringer
Ottomans Imagining Japan: East, Middle East, and Non-Western Modernity at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.
(Palgrave Macmillan, 2014)

Dr. Renée Worringer, Associate Professor (Guelph), has just published a new book: Ottomans Imagining Japan: East, Middle East, and Non-Western Modernity at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.

From the dust jacket: The roots of today's "clash of civilizations" between the Islamic world and the West are not solely anchored in the legacy of the crusades or the early Islamic conquests: in many ways, it is a more contemporary story rooted in the 19th-century history of resistance to Western hegemony. And as this compellingly argued and carefully researched transnational study shows, the Ottoman Middle East believed it had found an ally and exemplar for this resistance in Meiji Japan. Here, author Renee Worringer details the ways in which Japan loomed in Ottoman consciousness at the turn of the twentieth century, exploring the role of the Japanese nation as a model for Ottomans in attaining "non-Western" modernity in a global order dominated by the West.

Let us know about any of your publications so that we can share them with the Tri-U community!
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