

Lecture Series Report For 2004-05

Prepared by the Lecture Series Committee

University of
Lethbridge





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Introduction

Overview

This report documents activities in the major lecture series on campus for the fiscal year 2004-05. It includes only the U of L lecture series that are larger in scale than typical departmental colloquiums, and that offer lectures targeted at least in part to the general public. Table 1 provides a summary of major lecture series activity for 2004-05.

Table 1: Overview of Major Lecture Series, 2004-05

	Total for 2004-05	Alex Johnston	CMA Leadership & Innovation	Discovery	F.E.L. Priestly	Students' Union Speakers	Tagg Yoshida	Women Scholars Group
No. lectures offered:	18	1	1	3	1	2	1	9
Total expenditures:	\$79,267	\$5,272	\$5,482	\$31,755	\$4,549	\$13,701	\$8,875	\$9,633
Total attendance:	2,555	110	120	1,248	180	400	162	335
No. print media stories based on lectures:	9	1	1	3	1	2	1	-

The Lecture Series Committee and Lecture Planning and Coordination

This report was prepared by the Lecture Series Committee. This cross-institutional committee was established by request of Deans' Council to more effectively coordinate lecture series on campus and to carry out the long-term planning needed to attract more major speakers to the U of L. The committee has worked to achieve this through three major initiatives:

1. **The Discovery Lecture Series and lecture series themes.**
2. **The U of L lectures web site.**
3. **The Lecture Series Workshop.**

1. Discovery Lecture Series and lecture series themes—The Lecture Series Committee developed and implemented the Discovery Lecture Series, a major public lecture series designed to present renowned speakers of interest to the University and external communities (see page 8 for a summary of activity during the first season of this series). As part of the development of this series, the Committee devises broad, multidisciplinary themes for each lecture season (see Table 2: Lecture Season Themes).

Table 2: Lecture Season Themes

Year	Theme	About the Theme
2004 - 05	<i>Discovery and Creativity</i>	The links between academic research and creative activity, including the application of pure research to creative endeavours, and vice versa.
2005 - 06	<i>Sustainable Communities</i>	How we sustain the things we value as a community and a country, such as the environment, economy, international relations, and business and personal relationships.
2006 -07	<i>Evolutionary Change</i>	The evolutionary change theme considers how societies, communities, ideas, technology, and natural systems change through time.
2007 - 08	<i>State of the Globe</i>	Current status and trends in world development, including the economic, political, social, artistic, and technological realms.

The Discovery Lecture Series follows the themes and other lecture series on campus are encouraged to find speakers that fit these themes.

2. U of L Lecture Series Website—The Committee developed the concept and information architecture of a lecture series website designed to provide a central online resource for information on all lectures at the U of L. University Advancement and the Department of Information Technology worked with the Committee to make the concept a reality, and the website went live in September 2004. A representative of each lecture and colloquium series on campus has administrative access to the site to post lecture information. A calendar feature shows all U of L lectures on an interactive monthly calendar, and a “coming soon” feature displays the next upcoming lectures automatically on the lectures home page. The lectures website is at: <http://www.uleth.ca/lecture>.

3. Lecture Series Workshop—On March 11, 2005, the Lecture Series Committee held a Lecture Series Workshop that was aimed at providing lecture series organizers with information on how to organize and publicize a lecture. Several speakers at the workshop gave short presentations on four main topics:

1. Organizing a Lecture (presented by Paul Sparrow-Clarke, VP Academic office).
2. Booking a Venue (presented by David Hignell, Theatre and Dramatic Arts).
3. Responsibilities of Endowment-Based Lecture Series (presented by: Anita Ryder, Internal Audit; Carrie Takeyasu, Financial Services; and Maureen Schwartz, University Advancement).
4. Publicizing a Lecture (presented by Bob Cooney, University Advancement).

A comprehensive handout was provided to the attendees that compiled and expanded all the information from the presentations. Ten people attended the workshop, and several indicated that the workshop and the handout were valuable. The Lecture Series Committee plans to make the Lecture Series Workshop an annual event.

The Lecture Series Committee meetings also serve to better coordinate lectures on campus. Committee membership represents all faculties and schools, plus the Library, Students' Union, and University Advancement. Each member is responsible for keeping abreast of lecture activity within their unit, and they report on this activity at the committee meetings. The result is an efficient discussion and sharing of information on lectures across campus.

For more information on the Lecture Series Committee, see "Appendix Two: The Lecture Series Committee" (page 29).

Ada Shackelford Memorial Lecture Series in Arts Administration

Mandate

The purpose of this series is to present an annual distinguished lecturer in arts administration in the School of Fine Arts.

The Faculty of Fine Arts organizes this series.

Lectures

This lecture series is currently inactive.

Future Plans

Ches Skinner, the administrator of the series, met with Anita Ryder (Internal Auditor) to discuss the terms of reference. Ches and Anita have recommended that steps be taken to expand this series outside the original area of arts administration.

Alex Johnston Lectures

Mandate

The Alex Johnston Lectures, delivered annually at The University of Lethbridge or other Lethbridge public places, are given by distinguished or popular historians and others in commemoration of the late Dr. Alex Johnston. Disciplines represented by the Alex Johnston Lectures may include history or other determined subjects on Lethbridge, Alberta, or Western Canadian topics that influenced the history of southern Alberta, including natural history subjects such as agriculture, geography, geology, and archaeology. The Lectures are funded by sources external to the University through cooperative efforts of the Lethbridge Historical Society, friends of Alex Johnston, and the University. The free Lectures are announced and promoted by The University of Lethbridge. Copies of the lecturer's presentation and program are provided to the Sir Alexander Galt Museum and The University of Lethbridge.

The Alex Johnston Lecture Selection Committee in the Department of Geography organizes this series.

Lectures



Sarah Carter

<i>Lecture:</i>	Cultivating Distinctions: Gender, Race, and the Distribution of Land on the Great Plains on the U.S. and Canada, 1870-1930.
<i>Lecturer:</i>	Sarah Carter Professor of History, University of Calgary.
<i>Date, Time, Venue:</i>	November 15, 2004, 7:00pm, Lethbridge Public Library.
<i>Attendance:</i>	Approx. 110.
<i>Publicity:</i>	U of L lectures website listing. Lethbridge Herald advertisement. Posters. Mail out.
<i>Media Coverage:</i>	Lethbridge Herald.

Budget

Revenue	Carryover from 2003	\$15,635.22
	Interest to March 31/04	\$248.51
	Total Revenue:	\$15,883.73
Expenditures	Honorarium and benefits	\$954.16
	Supplies – picture framing materials	\$28.31
	Duplicating	\$100.75
	Printing – posters, postcards, programs	\$577.40
	Catering	\$368.71
	Dinner and post-lecture refreshments	\$183.56
	Lethbridge Herald advertisements (7)	\$1,805.77
	Speaker accommodation (S. Carter)	\$96.58
	Mileage from Victoria (W. Baker)	\$685.69
	Ground transportation (S. Carter)	\$35.96
	Meals	\$135.53
	Contracts (S. Carter)	\$300.00
	Total Expenditures:	\$5,272.42
	Balance:	\$10,611.31

Future Plans

The Alex Johnston Lecture Selection Committee has tentatively scheduled November 15, 2005 for the 2005 Alex Johnston Lecture.

Other Information

In addition to hosting the 2004 Alex Johnston Lecture the Alex Johnston Lecture Selection Committee sponsored the panel discussion *Writing Local Histories*, held during Historic Lethbridge Week (May 7-14, 2005). The panel comprised: Dr. William Baker (Professor Emeritus, U of L); Dr. Raymond Huel (Professor Emeritus, U of L); and Dr. John Dormaar (Adjunct Professor of Geography, U of L). The moderator was Dr. James Tagg. Well received, the panel discussion attracted about 75 people.

CMA Leadership and Innovation Speaker Series

Mandate

The CMA Alberta Leadership and Innovation Speaker Series is a forum to bring leaders and researchers from all sectors of society (industry, government, non-profits, and the community) to Lethbridge to share their knowledge, insights, and experiences. This series aims to present individuals who show outstanding leadership, vision, ethics, and the ability to move their organization or group to that vision.

The Faculty of Management organizes this series.

Lectures



Jim Davidson

Lecture: **Building a Winning Organization: Key Lessons from Over Ten Years of Successful Growth.**

Lecturer: **Jim Davidson**
Co-founder, Managing Director, and CEO, FirstEnergy Capital Corp.

Date, Time, Venue: May 13, 2004, 11:45am, Lethbridge Lodge Hotel.

Attendance: 120.

Publicity: Lethbridge Herald advertisement.
Announcement card.

Media Coverage: Lethbridge Herald.

Budget

Revenue	Ticket sales	\$930.00
	Total Revenue:	\$930.00
Expenditures	Catering	\$1764.85
	Printing	\$220.58
	Postage	\$224.08
	Materials and supplies	\$40.92
	Bank charges	\$0.65
	Advertising	\$3519.96
	Donation in lieu of honourarium	\$1000.00
	Total Expenditures:	\$6771.04

Note: This series received a commitment of \$125,000 (\$25,000 per year for five years) from CMA Canada for a speaker series in connection with the Leadership and Innovation fundraising campaign.

Future Plans

As of the date of publication, no new speakers have been confirmed for 2005-06.

Discovery Lecture Series

Mandate

The Discovery Lecture Series aims to expand intellectual horizons and inspire the open discussion of issues, including those that are controversial, by presenting speakers who are nationally or internationally renowned in their field and accessible and familiar to a wide variety of audiences.

The audience for the Discovery Lecture Series is composed of several groups, both within and external to The University of Lethbridge. Internally, the audience is faculty members, students, staff, and alumni. Outside the university community, the lectures are of interest to potentially any resident of Lethbridge and the surrounding region. The Discovery Lectures have a broad appeal that crosses boundaries and attracts a diverse audience.

The Lecture Series Committee organizes this series.

Lectures

Fall 2004 Discovery Lecture



Zoran Kacic-Alesic

Lecture:

Creatures and Pixel Dust: The Art and Science of Visual Effects

At Industrial Light & Magic we are often asked to bring to life fantastic creatures, monsters, comic book heroes, and scores of other characters in a context of a live-action film. This usually involves a group of talented artists, a capable research and development team, an impressive array of computer tools and hardware, and a lot of experience. Creating visually flawless digital characters is still among the most challenging work we do.

We combine traditional key framed character animation, motion capture, and numerical simulations to create extremely complex, convincing performances for film. Our artists paint layers of texture maps and employ complex shaders and rendering techniques to achieve a convincing appearance. The presentation will focus on the process of taking a creative vision and bringing it to the screen, and the ways in which it combines artistic skill, scientific research, and practical experience. Examples will be drawn from recent movies such as *Van Helsing*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, *The Day After Tomorrow*, *Hulk*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Terminator 3*, and *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*.

Lecturer:

Zoran Kačić-Alesić

Computer Graphics Principal Engineer with the George Lucas-founded special effects company Industrial Light and Magic.

Date, Time, Venue: September 13, 2004, 7pm, University Theatre.

- Attendance:* Lethbridge: 450; Calgary: 45; Edmonton: 65. Total = 560. (Lecture was videoconferenced to the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.)
- Publicity:* Listing on U of L lectures website.
Invitations mailed to mailing list created from Board and GFC mailing lists.
Posters distributed across campus and the city.
News releases.
Advertisements in the Lethbridge Herald.
Mark Campbell interview with Paul Sparrow-Clarke on September 8, 2004 for Global Television.
- Media Coverage:* CFCN and Shaw TV did brief interviews with Zoran on September 13, 2004.
Story in the Lethbridge Herald September 14, 2004.

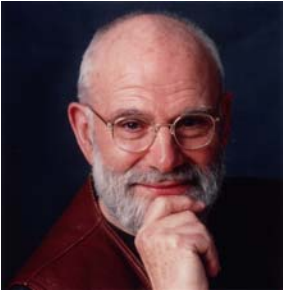
Fall 2004 Discovery Lecture #2



Michael Byers

- Lecture:* **The Laws of War, U.S.-style**
After decades of massive defence spending, the United States is assured of victory in any war it chooses to fight. High-tech weaponry has reduced the dangers to U.S. personnel, making it easier to sell war to domestic constituencies. As a result, some U.S. politicians have begun to think of war not as the high-risk recourse of last resort, but as an attractive foreign policy option in times of domestic scandal or economic decline.
This change in thinking is leading to a more cavalier approach to the international law governing the resort to force (as exemplified by the Bush doctrine of pre-emptive self-defence) and to the international law protecting civilians and combatants during and after armed conflict.
- Lecturer:* **Dr. Michael Byers**
Canada Research Chair (Tier One) in Global Politics and International Law at the University of British Columbia, where he is also Academic Director of the Liu Institute for Global Issues.
- Date, Time, Venue:* October 28, 2004, 7pm, Recital Hall.
- Attendance:* Approx. 200.
- Publicity:* Listing on U of L lectures website.
Invitations mailed to mailing list created from Board and GFC lists.
Posters distributed across campus and the city.
News releases.
Advertisements in the Lethbridge Herald.
- Media Coverage:* Story in the October 29, 2004 Lethbridge Herald.

Spring 2005 Discovery Lecture



Oliver Sacks

- Lecture:* **Creativity and the Brain**
Creativity involves the power to originate, to break away from the existing ways of looking at things, to move freely in the realm of the imagination, to create and recreate worlds fully in one's mind—while supervising all this with a critical inner eye. Creativity has to do with inner life—with the flow of new ideas and strong feelings. In his lecture, Dr. Oliver Sacks considers the elusive act of creativity and ways it can be nurtured.
- Lecturer:* **Oliver Sacks**
Neurologist and best-selling author of *Uncle Tungsten*, *An Anthropologist on Mars*, and *Awakenings*.
- Date, Time, Venue:* April 5, 2005, 7pm, Yates Memorial Centre.
- Attendance:* 488.
- Publicity:* Listing on U of L lectures website.
Invitations mailed to mailing list created from Board and GFC mailing lists.
Posters distributed across campus and the city.
News releases.
Advertisements in the Lethbridge Herald.
Mark Campbell interview with Paul Sparrow-Clarke on September 8, 2004 for Global Television.
- Media Coverage:* Story in the April 6, 2005 Lethbridge Herald.
- Other Information:* Dr. Sacks toured the CCBN and met several of the researchers to discuss their work.

Budget

Revenue	Budget committee allocation	\$40,000.00
	Funding for Z. Kačić-Alesić lecture from AB Ingenuity	\$2,000.00
	Funding for Z. Kačić-Alesić lecture from iCORE	\$4,500.00
	O. Sacks lecture ticket revenue	\$1,548.00
	Total Revenue:	\$48,048.00
Expenditures	Z. Kačić-Alesić lecture	\$7,296.84
	M. Byers lecture	\$2,463.59
	O. Sacks lecture	\$21,994.71
	Total Expenditures:	\$31,755.14
	Balance:	\$16,292.86

Future Plans

There are two lectures planned for the 2005-06 season:

1. “Democracy Beyond Borders: Global Governance in an Age of Interdependence,” a lecture by Benjamin Barber. Sept 28, 2005, 7pm, in PE 250.
2. Lecture by Linda McQuaig. April 4, 2006, 7pm, in PE 250.

For the 2006-07 season, paleoanthropologist and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Louise Leakey is confirmed to deliver a lecture on April 18, 2007.

Economics Visiting Speaker Series

Mandate

This series is intended to bring preeminent speakers to the University of Lethbridge to share their research results, policy recommendations, experiences, and insights with members of the Economics department, economics students, and any other faculty, staff, students, or public.

The Department of Economics organizes this series.

Lectures

For the 2004-05 fiscal year, there was no activity in this lecture series.

F.E.L. Priestley Lectures

Mandate

The F.E.L. Priestley Lecture was endowed in 1987, in memory of Professor Priestley, whose fifty-year academic career began as a teacher in a one-room school in Pine Coulee, and ended when he retired from University College, University of Toronto, in 1972.

The purpose of the lecture series is to invite internationally renowned scholars and authors to campus to further the tradition of the humane letters, in particular in the disciplines of the history of ideas, literature, philosophy, and history. It provides an opportunity to advance the humanist tradition and intellectual values that Professor Priestley cherished and promoted in his works and in the classroom. The series is guided by a written Terms of Reference.

The Priestly Lectures Committee organizes this series.

Lectures



Alice Dreger

Lecture:

One of Us: Cojoined Twins and the Future of Normal

Exploring the history of what has happened to people born with socially challenging anatomies, including people born cojoined and intersex, and the history of what marginalized people have said about themselves. We are all facing new, exceptionally challenging questions of what it means to be human, to live in a liberal democracy, and to turn to doctors and scientists for our social well-being.

Lecturer:

Dr. Alice Domurat Dreger

Associate Professor of Science and Technology Studies, Lyman Briggs School of Science, Michigan State University.

Date, Time, Venue: March 10, 2005, 7:30pm, Recital Hall.

Attendance: 180.

Publicity: Posters distributed on campus and across the city.
Advertisement in Lethbridge Herald.
Listing on U of L lectures website.
Email announcement to most professors on campus the day before the lecture.

Media Coverage: Story in Lethbridge Herald, March 11, 2005.

Other Information: In addition to the public lecture, Dr. Dreger met and gave lectures to four classes on campus, and attended a reception and book signing following the lecture. She also met invited guests at a History department luncheon and attended a private reception at the home of Associate Dean of Arts and Science Chris Hosgood.

Budget

Honourarium	\$1,500.00
Speaker airfare	\$792.00
Speaker transportation	\$40.00
Posters	\$210.00
Shuttle bus	\$88.28
Advertising	\$888.10
Speaker gift	\$26.27
Reception	\$156.19
Lecture reception	\$390.66
Priestley History lunch reception	\$263.76
Priestley committee lunch	\$57.00
Hosting expenses	\$136.53
Total Expenditures:	\$4,548.79

Future Plans

Dr. Trevor Herriott, Saskatchewan author, is confirmed as the 2006 Priestley Lecture speaker. The tentative date of this lecture is March 9, 2006.

Owen G. Holmes Lectures

Mandate

According to the Terms of Reference:

“In recognition of Dr. Holmes’ record as both scientist, administrator, and academic concerned with public policy, the Lectures are to be given on topics of public significance concerned with the sciences and with the nature and goals of the university in contemporary times.

The Lecture is to be delivered by distinguished scholars of national or international reputation.”

The Lecture Series Committee organizes this series.

Lectures

There were no lectures in the 2004-05 fiscal year. Though currently inactive, the series will be revived for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

Budget

As of January 11, 2005, the two Owen G. Holmes lecture accounts combined contained \$10,690. Every fiscal year, \$4,730 is deposited into the latter of the two accounts. If this money is not used, it is carried over into the first account.

Future Plans

The Owen G. Holmes series will present a lecture by David Schindler in March 2006.

Students' Union Speakers

Mandate

According to the Students' Union constitution, the student VP Academic will "Organize, in conjunction with the Communication Coordinator, an academic speakers series."

Lectures



William Sampson

Lecture:

You Can Survive

The government of Saudi Arabia claimed he was a terrorist guilty of killing another Westerner in a turf war over illegal alcohol. With no proof other than a coerced confession, Canadian William Sampson was sentenced to public beheading. Free at last after more than two years of torture in solitary confinement in a Saudi prison, hear what happened to William Sampson and why. A survivor who was willing to sacrifice his own life to save others, Sampson shares his inspiring story of determination, human potential and the value of the emotional essentials in life.

Lecturer:

William Sampson

Survivor of solitary confinement and torture in Saudi Arabia.

Date, Time, Venue: November 3, 2004, 7:00 p.m., SU Ballroom.

Attendance: 300.

Publicity: University notice board.

U of L lectures web site listing.

Advertisement in Lethbridge Herald.

Media Coverage: Television spots on Global and CFCN.

Story in Lethbridge Herald.



Maude Barlow

Lecture:

International Trade and the Water Files

One of the issues that Barlow will be addressing is the Council of Canadians stance on water trade. According to the Council of Canadians website, "Water is a public trust; it belongs to everyone. No one should have the right to appropriate it or profit from it at someone else's expense. Yet that's what corporations and investors want to do. And they see Canada's freshwater lakes, rivers, and aquifers as a rich reservoir to tap."

Lecturer:

Maude Barlow

Volunteer National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians.

Date, Time, Venue:

November 29, 2004, 12:00 p.m., SU Ballroom.

Attendance:

100.

Publicity:

Press release.
Posters.
U of L lectures website listing.

Media Coverage:

Story in Lethbridge Herald.

Budget

Revenue

<i>Sampson Lecture</i>	University contribution	\$5,030.00
<i>Barlow Lecture</i>	University contribution	\$350.00
	Total Revenue:	\$5,380.00

Expenditures

<i>Sampson Lecture</i>	Speaker fee	\$6,126.00
	Speaker travel and accommodation	\$3,303.00
	Refreshments at lecture	\$150.00
	Speaker dinner	\$450.00
	Publicity	\$682.00
	Speaker gift	\$50.00
	Dinner	\$60.00
		<u>\$10,821.00</u>
<i>Barlow Lecture</i>	Speaker fee	\$2,000.00
	Speaker travel and accommodation	\$250.00
		<u>\$2,250.00</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$13,071.00

Tagg Yoshida Lectures

Mandate

The Tagg Yoshida Lectures were inaugurated in 1998 to honour the work in liberal education by professors Ronald Yoshida (Department of Philosophy) and James Tagg (Department of History). The series invites renowned speakers who epitomize in their work and life three dimensions of liberal education: (1) the practices of the arts and sciences; (2) the breadth of general intellectual background; and (3) depth of knowledge. Funding is provided by an endowment. The series is promoted by the University and presented in a public venue to reflect the broad civic value of liberal education.

The Committee on Liberal Education organizes this series.

Lectures



Evelyn Fox
Keller

- Lecture:* **Looking Backward, Looking Forward: From Nucleotide Sequences to Systems Biology**
- Lecturer:* **Evelyn Fox Keller**
Professor of History and Philosophy of Science in the Program of Science, Technology and Society, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Date, Time, Venue:* October 7, 2004, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall.
- Attendance:* 162.
- Publicity:* Posters.
Direct mailing.
University notice board.
Advertisement in Lethbridge Herald.
U of L lectures website listing.
- Media Coverage:* Lethbridge Herald story on October 8, 2004.

Budget

Revenue	Tagg-Yoshida Endowment	\$2874.76
	Women Scholars Group funding	\$6000.00
	Total Revenue:	\$8874.76
Expenditures	Speaker's Fee (US\$5000)	\$6500.00
	Airfare	\$923.85
	Accommodation and meals	\$194.65
	Advertising	\$454.75
	Public reception	\$380.92
	Posters	\$349.50
	Mailing	\$71.09
	Total Expenditures:	\$8874.76

Future Plans

The fall 2005 Tagg Yoshida Lecture will be delivered by Senator and Lieutenant-General (retired) Roméo Dallaire. Senator Dallaire will be receiving an honorary degree in the fall 2005 convocation and will deliver the Tagg Yoshida Lecture on October 14, 2005. Author of *Shake Hands with the Devil: The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda* (2004), and commander of the UN Assistance Mission in Rwanda and Uganda, Dallaire's presentation will coincide with a special topics Liberal Education and Fine Arts course, The Problem of Genocide, being offered in the Fall 2005 semester.

For 2006, the Committee on Liberal Education has confirmed Peter Emberley, Professor of Political Science and Philosophy at Carleton University. He is the author of *Divine Hunger: Canadians on Spiritual Walk About* (2002), *Zero Tolerance: Hot Button Politics in Canada's Universities* (1996), and *Values Education and Technology: The Ideology of Dispossession* (1995).

Women Scholars Group Speaker Series

Mandate

This series emphasizes the careers of women in Canada and serves as encouragement to our students. Through the series, the U of L invites eight to ten speakers to campus. These visits involve meetings with classes, presentations to local groups, meeting with students, and a public presentation.

The Women Scholars Group organizes this series.

Lectures

Lecture No. 1



Cathy Mattes

Lecture:

Locating Community Through Curatorial Initiatives

In recent years, art institutions and organizations have slowly moved towards making community engagement a priority in programming. Curators' mandates are no longer to focus solely on executing an exhibition and producing a catalogue, but also on locating a target audience and developing partnerships with various communities and organizations. As a curator who focuses on contemporary art by Métis and First Nations artists, my priority is to find ways to engage Aboriginal artists and communities with artistic programming. In this talk I discuss the challenges and highlights of past and present curatorial projects that were intended to involve Aboriginal communities and challenge existing art institutional practices.

Lecturer:

Cathy Mattes

Curator, Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba.

Date, Time, Venue: February 18, 2005, 3:00pm in AH117.

Attendance: 20.

Publicity: U of L lectures website listing.

Posters placed throughout campus and emailed to Women Scholars Speaker Group members list.

Lecture No. 2



Jo-Anne Fiske

Lecture:

Crossing the Boundary: Conflicts and Fluctuations in Identity Formation in Consequence of Public Policy and Identity Politics

In 1985 the federal government bowed to national and international pressure and reformed the *Indian Act* to ostensibly remove sexist provisions of identity and membership. These provisions, popularly known as Bill C-31, have given rise to a new social identity: C-31ers. In providing for the reinstatement of persons, primarily women, who have been struck from the register of Indian status, the federal government opened new avenues to claim (and be disclaimed) Indian Status and community membership. Twenty years later the B.C. government will create new “aboriginal” social service authorities that will divide the delivery of income assistance and other services between aboriginal and non-aboriginal clients. In this paper I will explore the meanings of these policies as articulated by women living in central British Columbia.

Lecturer:

Dr. Jo-Anne Fiske

Chair of Women’s Studies, University of Lethbridge

Date, Time, Venue: December 3, 2005, 3:00pm in AH177

Attendance: 40.

Publicity: U of L lectures website listing.

Posters placed throughout campus and e-mailed to Women Scholars Speaker Group members list.

Lecture No. 3



Alice Hontela

Lecture:

Environmental Pollution and Health Issues: Why is it so Complicated and are Women More Vulnerable Than Men?

Pollutants generated by many human activities are discharged into the environment continuously. Often, rather than being degraded and inactivated, they persist in our air, water, soil, and food. The impact of these pollutants on health is difficult to quantify because the concentrations are generally low, the exposures are chronic, and it is hard to establish unequivocal cause-effect relationships between the presence of specific pollutants and adverse health effects in wildlife or in humans. This paper will present some of the approaches used in environmental toxicology to identify the adverse effects of pollutants on health in wildlife and humans. The lecture will discuss vulnerability of men and women to selected pollutants and the biological mechanisms for differences between the sexes.

Lecturer:

Dr. Alice Hontela

Canada Research Chair in Ecotoxicology, University of Lethbridge.

Date, Time, Venue: November 5, 2004, 3:00pm in AH177.

Attendance: 35.

Publicity: U of L lectures website listing.
Posters placed throughout campus and e-mailed to Women Scholars
Speaker Group members list.

Lecture No. 4



Janine Brodie

Lecture: **(re)Forming Gender in Contemporary Welfare Reform**
This lecture examines the ways in which contemporary welfare reform in Canada and the United States are redefining the gender order in social policy and practice. The research builds upon my previous research and, that of other feminist political economists, which show that different welfare regimes, both historically and comparatively, have rested on different representations of the public-private divide, of social and personal problems, and of divisions of responsibility for social reproduction among the family, state, market, and community. Examples from the Canadian provinces and selected American states are used to identify four distinct gendered discourses, each of which co-exists with and prescribes distinct policy responses to the demands of social reproduction during the current era of neoliberal governance.

Lecturer: **Dr. Janine Brodie**
Canada Research Chair in Ecotoxicology, University of Alberta.

Date, Time, Venue: September 24, 2004, 3:00pm in A580.

Attendance: 50.

Publicity: U of L lectures website listing.
Posters placed throughout campus and e-mailed to Women Scholars
Speaker Group members list.

Lecture No. 5



Maria Ng

Lecture:

Women at Work: Detective Wives as Professional Women in the Fiction of Margery Allingham and Ngaio Marsh

In examining the changing social context of women as constructed by two mystery writers in the neo-Georgian period between the two world wars, this paper suggests that Margery Allingham and Ngaio Marsh both reaffirm and transgress the social status quo. Through close reading of selected texts and theoretical exploration it is shown that, while obeying the strictures of the genre by providing closure and re-establishing authority, the authors convey ideas about womanhood, marriage, and woman's place in society in line with the new women ideals in the '20s and '30s.

Lecturer:

Dr. Maria Ng

English Department, University of Lethbridge.

Date, Time, Venue: March 11, 2005, 3:00pm in AH117.

Attendance: 40.

Publicity: U of L lectures website listing.

Posters placed throughout campus and e-mailed to Women Scholars Speaker Group members list.

Lecture No. 6



Linda Hogan

Lecture:

A Reading & Conversation with Chickasaw writer Linda Hogan

Linda Hogan will discuss how indigenous tradition and knowledge about the environment is the center point of her writings. These old systems add to the relatively new study of ecology. A love for the land, for all earthly beings, a knowledge that everything is alive, and a desire to create beauty—these are what inspires this writer to continue working. She will read from her writings and talk about all that informs it.

Lecturer:

Linda Hogan

Chickasaw writer whose books include *Dwellings*, *A Spiritual History of the Natural World*, *Power*, and *Mean Spirit & Solar Storms*, which was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize.

Date, Time, Venue: January 14, 2005, 3:00pm in C610.

Attendance: 30.

Publicity: U of L lectures website listing.

Posters placed throughout campus and e-mailed to Women Scholars Speaker Group members list.

CO-SPONSORED LECTURES

Lecture No. 7 (Co-sponsorship with Sociology department)

- Lecture:* **Healing Wounded Hearts: Stories I Tell to Teach**
- Lecturer:* **Dr. Fyre Jean Graveline**
First Nations and Aboriginal Counseling Degree Program Director,
Brandon University.
- Date, Time, Venue:* January 6, 3:00pm in TH133.
- Attendance:* 25.
- Publicity:* Posters placed on campus.
U of L lectures website listing.
(Publicity was the responsibility of the Sociology department.)

Lecture No. 8 (Co-sponsorship with History department)



Beverly Lemire

- Lecture:* **Gender Narratives and English Domestic Culture: Material Histories of the Everyday, c. 1660-1840**
- Dr. Beverly Lemire, elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2003, received her D.Phil from Oxford University. Her research focuses on the first industrial era in Britain. She frames this work within a comparative perspective using economic, social, and gender analyses in the study of the changing material world. By using material culture she explores the formal and informal economic activities of women to chart their long-term economic advancement in industrial Britain.
- Lecturer:* **Professor Beverly Lemire**
Tory Chair, University of Alberta.
- Date, Time, Venue:* March 4, 2005, 3:00pm in L1050.
- Attendance:* 25.
- Publicity:* Posters placed on campus.
U of L lectures website listing.
(Publicity was the responsibility of the History department.)

Lecture No. 9 (Co-sponsorship with Tagg Yoshida Lecture Series)

Looking Backward, Looking Forward: From Nucleotide Sequences to Systems Biology, a lecture by Evelyn Fox Keller. For complete details see "Tagg Yoshida Lectures," page 16.

Lecture No. 10 (Co-sponsorship with the Department of Women's Studies)



Veronica Strong-Boag

Lecture:

Today's Child: Creating the 'Just Society' One Family at a Time in 1960's Canada

Canadians experience the critical national question of plural persona close to home. Perennial negotiation of multiple identities finds particularly intimate expression in the course of adoption. Girls and boys, men and women, involved in the adoption circle face complicated, often contentious, questions of allegiance and obligation. Although adoption's dilemmas are conventionally regarded as private matters, they bear ready and revealing comparison with significant matters of state, namely the articulation of national identities. In the 1960s the advertisement of children available for adoption in the column, "Today's Child," in the Toronto Telegram, one of North America's large urban dailies, suggest that some English-speaking Canadians were reconsidering the proper constitution of families at much the same time as Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau asked them to embrace "the just society." "Today's Child" provided one test of just how far Canadians had to go before they could realize the 'just society' heralded as the leitmotif of the modern nation as it entered its second century.

Lecturer:

Veronica Strong-Boag

Professor, Women's Studies and Educational Studies, University of British Columbia.

Date, Time, Venue: April 8, 2005, 3:00pm in B650.

Attendance: 70.

Publicity: Posters placed on campus.

U of L lectures website.

(Publicity was the responsibility of the Women's Studies department.)

Budget

Revenue	Budget allocation	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	Total Revenue:	\$25,000.00
Expenditures		
	Catering	\$1,333.16
	Lodging	\$302.40
	Transportation	\$1,211.05
	Meals	\$677.83
	Honorariums	\$3,802.00
	Publicity	\$41.00
	Donations	<u>\$8,000.00</u>
	Total Expenditures:	\$15,367.44
	Balance:	<u>\$9,632.56</u>

Future Plans

The Women Scholars Group Speaker Series has scheduled events for three speakers at this time:

1. Deborah House.
2. Dione Brand.
3. Marilyn Strathern (topic: Audit Culture and New Reproductive Technologies).

The lecture *Back to the Future, the Political Disengagement of Young Women in Canada* by Dr. Lisa Young and Melanee Thomas was originally set for March 18, 2005, 3:00pm in B650. It was cancelled due to bad weather, and is re-scheduled for October 18th and 19th, 2005.

Appendix One: Summary of all Lecture and Colloquium Series on Campus

FACULTY, SCHOOL, OR UNIT	SERIES	ORGANIZING UNIT OR COMMITTEE	GUIDED BY TERMS OF REFERENCE?	ENDOWMENT BASED?
ARTS & SCIENCE	Alex Johnston Lectures	Dept. of Geography	✓	✓
	Anthropology Brown Bag Lecture Series	Dept. of Anthropology		
	Anthropology Colloquium Series	Dept. of Anthropology		
	Biological Sciences lectures	Dept. of Biological Sciences		
	Brenda Milner Lecture Series	Dept. of Psychology and Neuroscience		
	D. Elton Endowment	Dept. of Political Science	✓	✓
	Distinguished Lecture in Mathematics	Dept. of Mathematics and Computer Science		
	Economics Lecture Series	Dept. of Economics	✓	✓
	English Colloquium Series	Dept. of English		
	Evolution and Behaviour Distinguished Speaker Series	Dept. of Psychology and Neuroscience		
	History Colloquium Series	Dept. of History		
	Kinesiology and Physical Education Colloquium Series	Dept. of Kinesiology and Physical Education		
	Modern Languages Lecture Series	Dept. of Modern Languages		
	Philosophy Speaker Series	Dept. of Philosophy		
	Physics Colloquium Series	Dept. of Physics		
	Priestley Lectures	Priestley Lectures Committee	✓	✓
	Psychology Lecture Series	Dept. of Psychology and Neuroscience		✓
	Religious Studies-- Staff Lecture Series	Dept. of Religious Studies		
	Tagg Yoshida Lectures	Committee on Liberal Education	✓	✓
	Women Scholars Group Speaker Series	Women Scholars Group		



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	Women's Studies Program speakers	Dept. of Women's Studies		
EDUCATION	Education speakers	Faculty of Education		
FINE ARTS	Conversations in the Fine Arts	Committee for the Conversations in the Fine Arts		
	Shackleford Lecture in the Arts	Faculty of Fine Arts	✓	✓
	Visiting Artist Series	Faculty of Fine Arts		
MANAGEMENT	Centre for Health Management Research speakers	Faculty of Management School of Health Sciences		
	CMA Leadership and Innovation speakers	Faculty of Management	✓	
STUDENTS	Graduate Students Association Speakers	Graduate Students Association	✓	
	Students Union speakers	Students Union		
STANDALONE	Alumni Speakers	University Advancement		
	Convocation speakers	ROSS		
	Discovery Lecture Series	Lecture Series Committee	✓	
	iCORE Distinguished Lecture Series	CRDC (as part of iCORE)	✓	
	iCORE Lectures	CRDC (as part of iCORE)	✓	
	International Week	International Students Centre		
	Lethbridge Herald Lecture Series	University Advancement	✓	✓
	Owen Holmes	VP Academic office	✓	
	Teaching Development Fund Seminars	Teaching Development Fund		
	WISE Lecture Series	WISE / Research Services		

Appendix Two: The Lecture Series Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose

Many lecture series on campus operate independently, with minimal central coordination. The Lecture Series Committee (LSC) strives to coordinate lecture series to ensure effective planning of events on campus. The responsibility for organizing lectures will remain with the respective lecture series committees. The LSC is a forum to coordinate lecture event planning, ensure lecture series committees are discharging their duties effectively, and report annually on the lecture series activity at the U of L to the GFC, Board of Governors, and the community. The committee is also responsible for managing and organizing the Discovery Lecture Series.

Endowment-based lecture series carry a set of responsibilities that vary according to the individual terms of the endowments. Most of these series must present lectures in accordance with a terms of reference. This terms of reference often specifies the lecture topics, number of lectures, lecture publishing requirements, membership of the speaker selection committee, stewardship reports, and the nature of communication with the donor. The LSC will ensure accountability to verify that endowment-based series are meeting their obligations. As part of this, the endowment-based lecture series committees are required to report on their activities to the LSC.

Responsibilities

1. Organize the Discovery Lecture Series.
2. Establish multidisciplinary lecture series themes for every lecture season. Discovery Lectures are related to these themes, and endowment-based lecture series must strive to bring speakers related to these themes.
3. Coordinate the timing of lecture events across campus.
4. Share information on upcoming lecture events and issues related to organizing lectures.
5. For series that are endowment-based, assist each lecture series committee in complying with the endowment's terms of reference, and request reporting on the activities of the series.
6. For series established through donations, assist in appropriate donor contact and accountability.
7. On a regular basis, evaluate the terms of reference for lecture series and recommend modifications to terms of reference if necessary.

8. Prepare an annual report that details lecture series activity during the year and attempts to measure the results of presenting the lectures, and present this report to the Provost.
9. Maintain the University of Lethbridge Lectures website.

Current Membership

Shamsul Alam (Chair; VP Academic office)
Carillon Cameron (Faculty of Education)
Bob Cooney (University Advancement)
Greg Flanagan (Faculty of Management)
Suzanne Harris (School of Health Sciences)
Bruce MacKay (Faculty of Arts and Science)
Shelley Ross (Library)
Jason Rumer (Students Union)
Ches Skinner (Faculty of Fine Arts)
Paul Sparrow-Clarke (VP Academic office)

Approved by Deans Council, January 5, 2005.