

President's Report

News

► Honorary Doctorates

Seven inspiring individuals will receive honorary degrees from TRU when Spring 2014 Convocation ceremonies convene June 11 to 14. The recipients are:

- > **Craig Kielburger**, an activist, social entrepreneur, author and speaker who has motivated thousands to make positive changes around the globe. Co-founder of Free the Children and Me to We, he works to protect the rights of children and empower youth.
- > **Dr. Samantha Nutt**, a physician, best-selling author, activist and founder of War Child Canada. Her humanitarian efforts and advocacy on behalf of thousands of children and families living in war-torn countries have raised awareness about the impacts of global conflict.
- > **Dr. Evan Tesla II Adams**, a Coast Salish physician, educator, and actor. In his role as BC's first Deputy Provincial Health Officer, he is passionate about improving the health and wellness of Aboriginal peoples and First Nations communities.
- > **Ron Fawcett**, a business leader and philanthropist whose commitment to his community has helped shape the city of Kamloops. An ardent supporter of education, he has been a champion of TRU for many years.
- > **Kim Collier**, a theatre director, educator and advocate for the arts. Co-founder of the Electric Company Theater, she is recognized as one of Canada's most innovative and influential theatre directors, whose work has highlighted the importance of the arts to community development.
- > **Honourable Justice Lance Finch**, a lawyer, educator, trial and appellate judge, and former Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal of British Columbia. He has made significant contributions to the province of British Columbia and to the legal profession in Canada throughout his career.

- > **Gordon Campbell**, former premier of British Columbia, Vancouver mayor and city councillor, who built strong relationships with many First Nations communities, spearheaded climate change solutions and increased the accessibility of post-secondary education in BC.

► Budget Town Hall

Securing our Future: A New Budget Model for TRU was the topic of the meeting held on May 15. Hosted by the Budget Model Review and Strategic Alignment Committee in the Irving K. Barber Centre, VP Matt Milovick offered the 130 attendees a better understanding of TRU's current fiscal context and what this new way of allocating resources means to TRU's community.

► TRU Ranked First Out of 51

Out of 51 applications submitted for the 2014 Aid to Small Universities (ASU) grant, TRU ranked first, providing just one more example of the depth and breadth of its research capacity and quality. The grant, which totals \$87,556 over three years, will be used for the development of a Research Centre for Community and Cultural Engagement, and will directly impact 12 TRU faculty, 21 graduate and undergraduate students, and eight community research partners.

► Annual Retirement Dinner

Retiring faculty and staff were feted on May 20 at the Annual Retirement Dinner. A total of 35 employees joined the ranks of the retired this year.

► Williams Lake Commencement

Candidates and graduates were celebrated at the May 23 Commencement Ceremonies in Williams Lake. Opening remarks were by Heather McKenzie from the Williams Lake Indian Band and **Judah Vickers**, Associate of Arts, spoke on behalf of the students as valedictorian.



Craig Kielburger



Samantha Nutt



Evan Adams



Gordon Campbell

► **TRU Graduate Student Heads to 3 Minute Thesis National Competition**

Master of Science student **Erika Dufort-Lefrancois** put her thesis to the test at the Western Canadian 3 Minute Thesis competition in Calgary on May 2, winning first place ahead of students from UBC and the University of Manitoba. She will present "How Tightly do Indole and LPS Hug? Determining a Binding Constant" at the national 3MT competition at the end of May. Videos will be viewable on the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies during the voting period, with results announced June 12.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/05/05/testing-her-thesis-against-canadas-best/>

► **Strategic Research Plan**

The final Town Hall for the development of TRU's new Strategic Research Plan for 2014-2018 was held in April and a draft will be presented to Senate for approval in June. The plan provides a strong, clear vision for the integration of research and creative inquiry throughout the university and in collaboration with community partners.

www.tru.ca/research/about/plan.html

► **WolfPack Player Joins Senior B National Team**

Volleyball player **Brad Gunter** has been chosen for Canada's Senior B men's national team. The fourth-year student, this year's Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Player of the Year, competed with 58 other hopefuls for a spot on the team and a chance to represent Canada at the PAN-AM Cup in Mexico August 9-17.

<http://athletics.inside.tru.ca/2014/05/06/gunter-makes-canadas-senior-b-mens-volleyball-team/>

► **Langill Appointed to ITA**

Lindsay Langill, Dean of the School of Trades and Technology, is one of nine new members appointed to the Industry Training Authority (ITA) board of directors, as announced in May by Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/05/06/trades-dean-appointed-to-ita-board/>

► **Tourism Study Informs City Planning**

Tourism Management faculty member **Billy Collins** addressed Salmon Arm City Council's planning meeting on May 5 about the results of his study of the 2013 Salmon Arm Roots and Blues Festival, which showed the festival generated nearly \$5 million in spending by tourists and locals.

► **17th Annual Trash Bash**

Students, staff and faculty scoured the Kamloops campus on May 15, collecting trash and winning prizes at the annual Trash Bash, which concluded with a free BBQ for the volunteers.

► **Annual Plant Sale**

The TRU Friends of the Garden and Horticulture program hosted their annual plant sale on May 3, featuring a variety of annuals, perennials, succulents, ornamental grasses, and more. All funds raised go to the Horticulture program.

► **New Green Guide in Development**

The Office of Environment and Sustainability is developing a TRU Student Green Guide in conjunction with updates to the Campus Sustainability Action Plan. The first development meeting to gain feedback from the TRU community was held on May 2, and the department plans to distribute the guide in September.

► **Zero Waste Stations Installed**

New recycling stations were set up around campus last month in an effort to reduce the amount of materials going into landfills. Each station has blue, green, red and yellow bins for mixed recycling, compost, refundable cans and bottles, and plastic bags, respectively, and a black bin for non-recyclable trash.

<http://inside.tru.ca/2014/04/16/zero-waste-stations-installed/>

► **Orientation for International Students**

TRU officially welcomed international summer students to campus on May 2. Over 50 students from India, Nigeria, and 12 other countries attended, the majority enrolled in ESL and Business programs.



3MT winner Erika Dufort-Lefrancois



Langill appointed to ITA board



Zero Waste Bins

Achievements

► **Dr. Kyra Garson**, faculty in the Centre for Student Engagement and Learning Innovation, won the 2014 George L. Geiss Dissertation Award from the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education in May for her dissertation, "Are We Graduating Global Citizens?". The Geiss is selected from doctoral dissertations that examine postsecondary topics, nominated from universities across Canada.

► **Natascha Hedrich**, fourth year Bachelor of Science student, will head to Switzerland this fall to begin a Master of Science in Physics at Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zurich. She graduates this June with a double major in Physics and Honours Mathematics.

Publications

PRESENTATIONS

► **Laura Doan**, Early Childhood Education

Doan, Laura. "Creating Communities of Support for Beginning Early Childhood Educators." 2014 Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia Annual Conference. Richmond, BC. May 2, 2014.

Doan, Laura. "The Induction Experiences and Needs of Novice Early Childhood Practitioners." 2014 Hawaii International Conference on Education. Honolulu, Hawaii. January 6, 2014.

► **Jim Hu**, English as a Second Language

Hu, Jim and Heng Hartse. "ESL Writing Inaccuracy: Voices of Employers." TESOL 2014 International Convention & English Language Expo. Portland, Oregon. Mar. 26-29, 2014.

► **Gary Hunt**, Centre for Student Engagement, and **Ginny Ratsoy**, English and Modern Languages

Hunt, Gary and Ginny Ratsoy. "Transforming Learning Through Experiential Education." UBC-Okanagan Learning Conference. Kelowna, BC. May 7-8, 2014.

► **Wendy Krauza** and **Jim Hu**, English as a Second Language and **Heather Wisla**, School of Business and Economics.

Krauza, Wendy, Jim Hu and Heather Wisla. "SERV 1000: Boldly Going Where ESL Students Haven't Gone Before". TESOL 2014 International Convention & English Language Expo. Portland, Oregon. Mar. 26-29, 2014.

► **Margaret Patten** and **Cindy Piwowar**, Early Childhood Education

Patten, Margaret and Cindy Piwowar. "Our Students Are Here! Using Photographs to Build Relationships Between Children and ECE Students." 2014 Canadian University and College Early Learning Lab School Conference. Vancouver, BC. March 7, 2014.

Piwowar, Cindy and Margaret Patten. "That's me!" Embracing Complexity of Self Through an Exploration of Photographs. Poster presented at the Global Summit on Childhood, Association for Childhood Education International, Vancouver, BC. April 10-13, 2014.

► **Ginny Ratsoy**, English and Modern Languages, **Miranda Marini**, fourth-year English major, and **Penny Haggarty**, Library

Ratsoy, Ginny, Miranda Marini and Penny Haggarty. "Toward an Inclusive Culture of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: An Inventory and Resource." 2014 Canadian Network for Innovation in Education Conference. Kamloops, BC. May 13-16, 2014.

► **Elizabeth Rennie**, Library, and **Ginny Ratsoy**, English and Modern Languages

Rennie, Elizabeth and Ginny Ratsoy. "A Snapshot of Undergraduate Research at Thompson Rivers University." UBC-Okanagan Learning Conference. Kelowna, BC. May 7-8, 2014.

JOURNALS

► **Chris Hunt**, Law

Hunt, Chris. Rev. of *Refining Privacy in Tort Law*, by Patrick O'Callaghan. *Cambridge Law Journal*. 73 (2014): 178-182.

► **Chris Hunt** and **Micah Rankin**, Law

Hunt, Chris and Micah Rankin. "Hearsay by Implication: R v Baldree." *International Journal of Evidence and Proof*. 18 (2014): 181-187.

► **Laura Kreissl**, Accounting and Finance

Kreissl, Laura and Darlene Pulliam. "Act Before the Deadline: Exclusion of 100% of QSBS Gain." *Journal of Accountancy*. 216.5 (2013): 48-50.

► **Micah Rankin**, Law

Rankin, Micah B. "Mapping Judicial Independence: Toward a Comparative Taxonomy." *Global Journal of Comparative Law*. 2.1 (2013): 1-26.



CHAPTERS

► Don Noakes, Mathematics and Statistics

Noakes, Don. "Overview of Salmon and Their Ecological and Economic Importance". *Salmon: Biology, Ecological Impacts and Economic Importance*. Noakes, Don and Patrick Woo, eds. Hauppauge, New York: Nova Publishers, 2014. 1-10.

Noakes, Don. "Possible Use of Waste Products from the Salmon Industry: Properties of Salmon Gelatin". *Salmon: Biology Ecological Impacts and Economic Importance*. Noakes, Don and Patrick Woo, eds. Hauppauge, New York: Nova Publishers, 2014. 239-259.

BOOKS

► Robert Hanlon, History, Philosophy and Politics

Hanlon, Robert. *Corporate Social Responsibility and Human Rights in Asia*. New York: Routledge, 2014.

► Don Noakes, Mathematics and Statistics

Noakes, Don and Patrick Woo, eds. *Salmon: Biology Ecological Impacts and Economic Importance*. Hauppauge, New York: Nova Publishers, 2014.

EXHIBITS

► Colin Lyons, Visual and Performing Arts

Lyons, Colin. "Automatic Ruins". ARTSPACE Artist Run-Centre. Peterborough, ON. Jan. 17-Feb. 28, 2014.

Lyons, Colin. "Vestiges Automatiques". OBORO. Montreal, QC. Mar. 8-Apr. 12, 2014.

Johnson, Sara Anne, Colin Lyons, and Peter von Tiesenhausen. "Beyond Street-lit Roads". Curated by Cameron MacLeod. Platform Stockholm. Stockholm, Sweden. Feb. 8-Mar. 8, 2014.

Lyons, Colin. "Blueprints". Curated by Chris Saba. Centre[3] for Print and Media Arts. Hamilton, ON. Jan. 17-Mar. 1, 2014.

Lyons, Colin. "...Landscape". Curated by David Candler. dc3 Art Projects. Edmonton, AB. Feb. 13-Mar. 15, 2014.



Colin Lyons' "Automatic Ruins" exhibition.

Upcoming Events

► May 26-June 1

Bike to Work Week

Sign up as an individual or a team. For more information about joining a TRU team, contact James Gordon with TRU's department of Environmental Sustainability at jgordon@tru.ca or by phone at 250-852-7153.

► May 28 to late August

Horticulture Garden Tours

Learn more about the various plants growing in and around the gardens during the tour which is typically one-hour in length, a different theme each week, and led by a member of the Friends of the Garden Society. Meet at 6:30pm behind House 10.

► May 30-31

Open Learning Faculty Member Workshop

A dinner, showcase, keynote address and social at the Kamloops Coast Hotel kick off this year's event, with 95 OLFMs from around BC attending. Workshops on Saturday will take place in Old Main's new top floor.

https://kumu.tru.ca/OLFM_Workshop

► June 6

Mike Bartram Memorial Sports Task Force Golf Tournament

Money raised goes towards student athlete bursaries and scholarships. Entry fee includes lunch, shirt, golf, cart, practice facilities, team photo, on course food and beverage samples, prizes, and dinner.

<https://www.tru.ca/athletics/community/golf.html>

► June 11-14

Spring 2014 Convocation

Convocation will span four days at the Tournament Capital Centre Fieldhouse, with ceremonies at 10am and 2pm on Wednesday and Thursday, and at 10am on Friday and Saturday. Attend in person or watch each ceremony live online with TRU's Livestream feed, livestream.com/livetr.

<http://www.tru.ca/convocation.html>

► June 13

Chancellor's Convocation Banquet

Student medal winners, valedictorians and TRU's honorary doctorate recipients join Chancellor, the Honourable Wally Oppal, QC and distinguished guests for a banquet in their honour.

► June 30-Aug. 22

EUREKA! Science Camps

Children between the ages of 7 and 14 will experience an interactive week of demonstrations, hands-on activities, group activities, building projects, university tours, outdoor activities, and games. Areas of science covered include: biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, and technology.

<http://www.tru.ca/eureka/summercamp.html>

► June 30-Aug. 22

WolfPack Summer Camps

Choose from a variety of camps for those between the ages of 4 and 18 and from sport specific camps to multi-sport. There are even camps just for girls.

<http://www.tru.ca/athletics/sportcamps.html>

Upcoming Events *continued*

► **July 4-7**

International Research Institute: Language, Culture and Community

Building Collaborative Research Opportunities is the theme for the fourth annual conference, which highlights the scholarly activities of the faculty, students, and international partners associated with the Faculty of Human, Social, and Educational Development at TRU. Deadline is June 2 for presentations, papers, and performances.

<http://www.tru.ca/lcc.html>

► **Aug. 8-10**

EUREKA! Girls' Weekend Camp at McQueen Lake

In addition to its regular science day camps and technology camp, EUREKA! is offering a special Girls Weekend camp at the McQueen Lake Educational Site again this year, for up to 44 girls ages 9-14.

<http://www.tru.ca/eureka/summercamp.html>

► **Aug. 13-16**

Theatre for Homelessness

No Straight Lines, a collaboration by TRU faculty and a variety of community organizations, is a theatre performance project to help end homelessness. No Straight Lines presents a play about homelessness, co-written and performed by people at risk of or formerly homeless in the Kamloops community.

<http://www.nostraightlines.ca>

► **Aug. 22**

Foundation Golf Tournament

Join in the fun of the ninth annual event, which is a fundraiser for student awards and bursaries. Registration includes entry fee, cart, lunch, photo, food and beverage samples, and clubhouse reception.

<http://www.tru.ca/foundation/events/golf.html>

