

President's Report

News

► Funding for Skills Equipment

On Jan. 25 the Minister of Environment, Dr. Terry Lake announced funding of \$1.39 million from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology for new skills equipment. New equipment purchases will support Heavy Equipment Operator programs in Kamloops and Williams Lake as well as replace obsolete equipment in existing trade programs.

► BMO Financial Group pledges \$600,000 towards upgrading Student Street

The prominent Canadian financial institution announced at a media conference at the Kamloops campus on Jan. 17 its gift towards the revitalization of Student Street in Old Main. The money will help give that part of Old Main a look and feel that is fresh, revitalized, and modern.

► Presentation by Supreme Court Justice

On Jan. 18 former Supreme Court of Canada Justice Michel Bastarache presented, "How the legal system has evolved with the redefinition of the role of the courts," to the TRU Faculty of Law. The Honourable Michel Bastarache is a distinguished jurist, scholar, professor, prolific author, as well as businessman.

► PHP conference presents yesterday and today of Philosophy, History, and Politics

More than 50 students presented their undergraduate research at the sixth annual Philosophy, History, and Politics conference held Jan. 17–19 at TRU. While TRU made up the bulk of the presenters, representation also came from other parts of British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba. www.tru.ca/phpconf

► Spring Convocation expands to three days and six ceremonies

The schedule for Spring Convocation 2013 was announced on Jan. 9 and shows the celebration spanning June 12–14, with all ceremonies to be held in the TRU Gymnasium. Announcement of Honorary Doctorates will be made closer to the dates. <http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/09/springconvocation2013/>

► First Nations language course offered in Secwepemctsin

A new course to learn the language of the Secwepemc people started on Jan. 21. The course is taught by Dr. Janice Billy and is for those wanting to learn to speak Secwepemctsin and learn more about Secwepemc culture through learning the language. <http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/08/learning-secwepemctsin-new-elective-thistermght-at-tru/>

► New international students take in Orientation

Winter Orientation for new International students went Jan. 3–6 and attracted about 200 people over the course of the four days. With classes starting the following week on Jan. 7, Orientation was a good way for newcomers to learn about resources and services offered at TRU in a relaxed and less-stressful environment. <http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/03/international-students-winter-orientation-2013/>

► SoBE appoints Lottery Corp's President and CEO

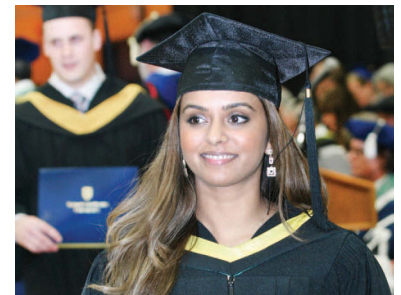
The School of Business and Economics announced on Jan. 3, 2013 the appointment of BC Lottery Corporation President and CEO Michael Graydon to its Advisory Board. Graydon brings to the position years of entrepreneurial experience acquired in a range of sectors and businesses. Included in his business experience: sales and marketing with Carling O'Keefe; advertising with Vickers & Benson; franchise restaurant management with The Keg; grocery retail at Sobeys; food manufacturing at J.D. Sweid; and furniture, appliance and consumer electronics retail with Mega Group Inc. http://inside.tru.ca/2013/01/03/graydon_sobe_advisoryboard/

► Search for AVP Marketing and Communications is successful!

TRU announced on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2012 Lucille Gnasasihamany has been appointed for the newly-created position of Associate-Vice President of Marketing and Communications starting February. <http://inside.tru.ca/2012/12/16/lucille-gnasasihamany-to-lead-marketing-and-communications/>



Alan Shaver, TRU President and Vice-Chancellor, thanks BMO for its donation of \$600,000 towards upgrades to Student Street during a media conference on Jan. 17, 2013.



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This is one of many stop signs on campus that has on it the Secwepemc People's word for "stop". A newly-created Secwepemctsin language course started on Jan. 21.



Michael Graydon, President and CEO of BCLC has been appointed to the School of Business and Economics Advisory Board.

► TRU United Way campaign more than \$45,000

The annual TRU United Way campaign raised \$46,446 for the Thompson Nicola Cariboo branch and in doing so, landed the university in the top 13 campaigns from around the region. In total, \$2.1 million was raised towards the Thompson Nicola Cariboo United Way. <http://inside.tru.ca/2012/12/14/tru-helps-united-way-campaign-surpasses-2-million/>

► Arguing before the Supreme Court of Canada

Professor Micah B. Rankin, one of TRU's founding law faculty members, acted as counsel for the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association in an intervention before the Supreme Court of Canada on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. The case concerned the government's constitutional duties around the appointment of *amicus curiae* counsel. <http://inside.tru.ca/2012/12/11/tru-law-faculty-to-argue-at-supreme-court-for-improved-access-to-justice/>



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Achievements

► **Cindy L. James**, Assessment Centre, was elected founding President of the BC Higher Education Testing Association. One of her top priorities since being elected was to create a website for BCHETA. With invaluable assistance from Ruth Hughes in IT, she completed this task, to view the site and learn more about BCHETA : www.bcheta.ca

► **Janine Chan**, Respiratory Therapy Department and **Chelsea Corsi**, Wellness Centre, work with their respective departments in tobacco education, reduction and cessation on campus has been recognized by the Clean Air Coalition of BC, a partnership between the BC Lung Association and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Their efforts included advocating for improved policies to reduce exposure to second hand smoke on campus (i.e. working on smoke-free spaces with the JOHSC). They received one of the 11 awards during National Non-Smoking Week, January 2013, and are the only post-secondary institution in BC being recognized.

► **Ashok Mathur** of the Centre for innovation in Culture and the Arts in Canada has been invited to attend Algoma University as a Creative Writer in Residence in March 2013 to create site-specific works around the questions of reconciliation, part of his ongoing project to look at critical elements of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools.

► Ashok Mathur's digital photograph, "A Little Distillery in Nowgong: a novel across media installation, a hundred and thirty-three thousand five hundred and twenty eight words and a super-8 grab" will be included in an upcoming exhibition, The Art Bank in the 21st Century at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre at Queen's University. The exhibition will be on view from Feb. 16 to June 9, 2013. Mathur's work is part of the Canada Council Art Bank, which occasionally lends works from its collections for public exhibition.

► Mathur will talk about this work, which places an entire 500-page novel onto a single large-scale photographic print, on a panel at the Etherington Art Centre at Queen's University where he will also deliver multiple public and graduate seminar lectures in his invited role as Visiting Scholar.

► **Natascha Hedrich**, a fourth-year physics major, has been awarded an Institute of Particle Physics (IPP) summer student position for 2013. The IPP is a Canadian organization that offers undergraduate research experience at CERN (European Laboratory for Particle Physics) in Geneva, Switzerland. They accept just five students nationwide for the program each year. Natascha will be spending the first weeks of her program SFU, and will spend the remaining part of the summer at CERN, working with active research groups on cutting-edge physics.

► **Jesse Carlson ('12)**, earned the bronze medal in Automation and Control at the 2012 Skills Canada National Competition in Abbotsford. He attributes his success in becoming a skilled and competent Industrial Electrician to hard work and the mentorship of the TRU Instructors and journeyman Jim Barazzuol.

► **David Scheffel**, Professor of Anthropology received a Doctor Honoris Causa degree from the University of Presov in Slovakia on December 2, 2012. The occasion marked the 15th anniversary of the university's independence. Presov is Slovakia's third-largest university; it is home to the Institute of Romani Studies where David has had research connections for some time.

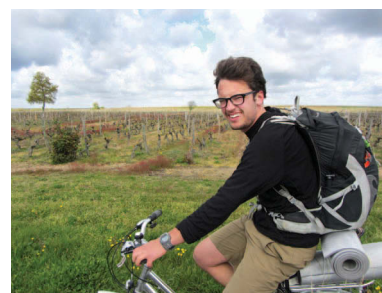
► **Hoberly Hove** of the Board of Governors was recently recognized for his service to Canada with a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.



TRU's Wellness Centre and the Respiratory Therapy department receives recognition from the BC Lung Association and the Heart & Stroke Foundation for the university's commitment and efforts towards tobacco reduction.



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Presentations and Proceedings

- ▶ **Susan Duncan**, School of Nursing and **Katherine Sutherland**, Office of Provost
Sutherland, K. and S. Duncan "Academic planning in an era of expectation and constraint." World University Congress 2013, Vancouver, BC, Jan.10, 2013.
- ▶ **Jon Heshka**, Adventure and Law
Heshka, J. "Risk Management and Liability in Competitive Extreme Mountain Sports." Thinking Mountains, Edmonton, Dec. 11–14, 2012.
- ▶ **John Hull**, Tourism Management
Hull, J. "Defining the Shuswap Storyscape of British Columbia: Connecting Lake, Country, and Culture." Thinking Mountains, Edmonton, Dec. 11–14, 2012.
- ▶ **Ernie Kroeger**, Visual & Performing Arts
Kroeger, E. "Walking Mountains Art." Thinking Mountains, Edmonton, Dec. 11–14, 2012.
- ▶ **Kathleen Scherf**, Journalism, Communication & New Media and Tourism Management
Scherf, K. "Space, Place, Community: Seven Factors that Engage Residents at Mountain Resorts." Thinking Mountains, Edmonton, Dec. 11–14, 2012.
- ▶ **Ehsan Latif**, Economics
Latif, E. "The Impact of Recession on Risky Health Behaviours in Canada." International Business and Public Administration Discipline. Nevada, USA, Oct. 2012.
- ▶ **Laura Lamb**, Economics
Lamb, L and Belayet Hossain. "The determinants of Aboriginal labour force participation." Clute Institute Conference, Maui, Jan. 4, 2013.

Book and Articles

- ▶ **Ehsan Latif**, Economics
Latif, E. and Stan Miles. "Utilization of General Practitioners: A Comparison of Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Older Canadians." Canadian Public Policy 38.4 (2012): 573–589.
 - › **Latif, E.** "The Impact of Retirement on Mental Health in Canada." The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics ahead-of-print (2012): 15–29.
- ▶ **Anne Cheeptham**, Biological Sciences
Sherman, K.E., S. Whitehead, E. Blondel-Hill, K. Wagner and N. Cheeptham "Penicillin Susceptibility and Macrolide-Lincosamide-Streptogramin B Resistance in Group B Streptococcus Isolates from a Canadian Hospital." The Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology 23.44(2012): 196–198.
(Kevin Sherman ('11) was awarded with Monbusho (MEXT) Japanese Scholarship to do graduate studies in Applied Microbiology at Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan.)
 - › Kay, S., W. Pathom-aree, and N. Cheeptham, "Screening of volcanic cave actinomycetes for antimicrobial activity against Paenibacillus larvae, a honey bee pathogen." Chiang Mai Journal of Science. 39.4 (2012):1–8.
 - › Lal A., and N. Cheeptham, "ASM ATLAS Protocol: Starch Agar" American Society for Microbiology (ASM) (2011–2012) Microbelibrary. <http://www.microbelibrary.org/library/laboratory-test/3780-starch-agar-protocol>
- ▶ **Julie Drolet**, Social Work
Drolet, J., L. Ginsberg, M. Samuel and G. Larson. "The impacts of natural disasters in diverse communities: Lessons from Tamil Nadu, South India." The International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities & Nations. 11.6 (2012): 95–107.
 - › Drolet, J., and Tuula Heinonen, eds. International Social Development: Social Work Experiences and Perspectives. Winnipeg: Fernwood Publishing, 2012.
- ▶ **Hafiz Rahman**, Economics
Rahman, H., Jim Seldon and Zena Seldon. "The Opportunity Cost of Education: Where Do the Lost Years Go?" Journal of Economic Educators 12.1 (2012): 43–52.
- ▶ **Dana Taylor**, Economics
Taylor, D. and Peter Tsigaris. "Elderly and their Valuation of the Convenience of Curbside Recycling." Journal of Strategic Innovation and Sustainability 8.1 (2012): 57–67.
- ▶ **Mohammad Mahbobi**, Economics
Mahbobi, M. and Shahriar Hasan. "The Increasing Influence of Oil Prices on the Canadian Stock Market." The International Journal of Business and Finance Research 7.3 (2013): 27–39.
- ▶ **Belayet Hossain**, Economics
 - › Hossain, B. and Peter Tsigaris. "Can Business Students Forecast their own Grade?" American Journal of Business Education 6.1 (2013): 85–91.
 - › Hossain, B. and Peter Tsigaris. "Are Students Grade Expectations Rational? A Classroom Experiment." Education Economics ahead-of-print (2012): 1–14.
 - › Hossain, B. and Laura Lamb. "Price Elasticities of Charitable Giving across Donation Sectors in Canada: Is the Tax Incentive Effective?" ISRN Economics 2012 (2012).

Events Upcoming

- ▶ **Study Abroad**
Students can learn more about taking a semester in another country and earning credits towards their credential during any of the Study Abroad information sessions planned throughout the semester.
<http://inside.tru.ca/2012/12/06/study-abroad-information-sessions-2/>
- ▶ **Feb. 2**
Foundation Gala fundraiser for student awards features a World of Dance theme. This event is sold out, but a waiting list has been created. www.tru.ca/foundation/gala
- ▶ **Feb. 4–8**
International Days features a range of presentations, lectures, movies, demonstrations, displays, food tasting, flag parade, the performance Showcase, and more.
www.tru.ca/internationaldays

Events Upcoming *continued*

- ▶ **Feb. 7, 28**
Science Seminar Series
www.tru.ca/science/happening/seminars
- ▶ **Feb. 7, 14**
Environmental Sciences Seminar Series
www.tru.ca/science/programs/msces/mscseminar
- ▶ **Feb. 12–13**
411 Networking sessions.
 - Feb. 12 is for Business and Economics students.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/networking-411-business-and-economics-students>
 - Feb. 13 for those in Sciences, Health Sciences, and Animal Sciences.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/networking-411-sciences-health-sciences-animal-sciences>
- Feb. 18–22**
Mid-semester break. Although most academic classes are on break, TRU remains open.
- ▶ **Feb. 19**
Science Open house is something for kids of all ages to learn more about the course and program offerings at TRU. Demonstrations and hands-on activities have been planned.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/science-open-house>
- ▶ **Feb. 20**
Campuswide Professional Development Day carries the theme of Minding What Matters 2.0: Creating a Civil Community. The keynote address will be delivered by Sara Hacala, author of *Saving Civility: 52 Ways to Tame Rude, Crude, and Attitude for a Polite Planet*. <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/campuswide-professional-development-day>
- ▶ **Feb. 25**
The next meeting of Senate. www.tru.ca/senate/meeting_schedule
- ▶ **Feb. 28**
Live at TRU! music series presents the African sounds and styles of Ezra, whose music is traditional, reggae, soca, and African dance hall. <http://events.tru.ca/event/2012/music-ezra-african-vocal-instrumental>
- ▶ **Feb. 28–March 2, March 7–9**
TRU Actors Workshop Theatre presents *Curse of the Starving Class*. This is the third production for the 2012–13 season.
<http://inside.tru.ca/2012/09/04/black-box-theatre-marquee/>
- ▶ **March 7**
The annual Job Fair is an opportunity for students to learn more about employment opportunities in British Columbia. The event attracts between 60 and 70 organizations and businesses.
<http://events.tru.ca/event/2013/job-fair-2013>

