



## UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES

### FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

#### ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT FUND: LGBTB ARCHIVAL & ORAL HISTORY

The Institute for the Humanities is presently working with **Shelley Sweeney** (*Head, University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections*) on realizing the **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Two-Spirited (LGBTB) Archival and Oral History Initiative** awarded by the U of M Academic Enhancement Fund.

This Initiative will dramatically enhance the LGBTB resources at the University of Manitoba, and ultimately make the University a centre for research excellence in the interdisciplinary field of LGBTB studies.

To begin preliminary research for this project, the UMIH is working on a very short timeline to hire **two Graduate Student Research Assistants in Arts**. The position will require the RAs to work up to 15 hours/week through to the end of April, 2010 (with the opportunity to renew the appointment through the remainder of 2010 at 35 hours/week in Summer, and 15 hours/week in Fall). Applications are due **Friday February 5th**, and should include a short cover letter, *cv*, and letter of reference from a U of M faculty member.

#### The ideal candidate will possess some combination or all of the following qualifications:

- registration as a graduate student in Arts at the University of Manitoba for the tenure of the appointment as an RA with the UMIH, preferably conducting research on a related topic involving oral history or interviews
- experience interviewing members of the general public for research purposes
- experience handling confidential and/or sensitive information

- experience working with a vulnerable population
- experience using recording equipment, specifically digital audio and video recording devices
- a background in a Humanities or Social Sciences program where oral history and/or interviews have been conducted as part of the student's research, either for their own work or as an RA
- knowledge of the Human Subject Research Ethics Protocol at the U of M
- a letter of reference from at least one professor at the U of M with or for whom the student has worked conducting interviews

An advertisement has been circulated throughout the Faculty of Arts. Please contact the UMIH with any questions, or if you did not receive a copy of this posting.

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#### NEW FACULTY COLLOQUIUM SERIES: WINTER 2010 RESEARCH TALKS

The second talk in the New Faculty Colloquium Series will be "Youth, Human Rights, and the Localization of Transnational Projects in Eastern Europe," by **Dr Anna Fournier** (Anthropology). This event will be held on **Friday February 26th at 2:30 pm** in room 409 Tier.

The final talk in the Series for the 2009-10 academic year **will feature Dr Étienne-Marie Lassi** (*French, Spanish, & Italian*) on Thursday March 25th at 2:30 in room 409 Tier Building, title TBA.

This series facilitates getting to know new members of the Faculty, making potentially important and rewarding connections, and hearing new and innovative research. We hope you will attend these lectures to both meet and support your new colleagues. Please see the UMIH website or our upcoming newsletter for further details.

#### THE 2010 WINTER OLYMPICS: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES

On **Thursday February 11th**, the UMIH will host a panel discussion to coincide with the opening week of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

**Russell Field** (*Kinesiology & Recreation Management*) will present, "Can sport be consumed responsibly? Responding to the protests and controversies surrounding the Vancouver Games," and **Ian Hudson** (*Economics*) will discuss, "Why Host the Olympics?" The Subsidization of Sport and the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games."

Discussants will contextualize the 2010 Olympics historically, politically, socially, and economically. This event will take place at **2:30 pm** in room 409 Tier, and everyone is welcome to attend!

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#### THE UMIH SPOTLIGHT SERIES

On **Wednesday March 10th**, the first of two *Spotlight* Series talks will feature **Ryan Eyford** (*PhD Candidate, History*). The second will be held on **Thursday April 8th**: "Highway Beautification and the Gender of Freeways," by **Dr Cindy Donatelli** (*Women's and Gender Studies*), will feature a multimedia presentation.

The *Spotlight* Series of talks provides an occasion for U of M faculty members and PhD candidates working on Humanities subjects to present a paper on some aspect of their current research. Both of these public talks will be held at **2:30 pm** in room 409 Tier Building.

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**



UMIH RESEARCH CLUSTERS:  
PUBLIC EVENTS

RESEARCH CLUSTER ON *POWER &  
RESISTANCE IN LATIN AMERICA*

On **Monday, February 1st**, at **2:30 pm** in room 409 Tier Building, the Cluster will present a film screening and discussion:

**“Democracy for Whom?: The United States and Latin America in John Pilger’s *The War On Democracy*.”**

This event will consist of the projection and discussion of *The War on Democracy*, a 2007 award-winning documentary directed by John Pilger. Based on a wide range of interviews and archival footage, it explores the nature and history of US intervention in Latin America in the twentieth-century and its role in the overthrow of democratic movements and governments.

Pilger’s inclusion of the latest developments in countries such as Bolivia and Venezuela brings to discussion questions regarding social movements, popular resistance to imperialism, and the basis for the construction of a genuine democracy.

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**



*JEWISH STUDIES RESEARCH CIRCLE*

The Jewish Studies Research Circle, with Judaic Studies and the U of M Department of Religion, present a public talk:

“Between Science and Magic: Practical Kabbalah, Natural Medicine, and Polish Pharmacies,” by **Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern** (*Northwestern University*).

This event will be held on Tuesday, March 9th from 2:30-4:00 pm in room 409 Tier.

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**

*LAW & SOCIETY RESEARCH CLUSTER*

The cluster’s next talk will be on the Museums, Memory and Human Rights Theme: “Remembering Complexity? Memorials for Nazi Victims in Berlin,” by **Dr Christiane Wilke** (*Department of Law, Carleton University*). It will take place on **Thursday March 11th** from **12:00-2:00** in room 409 Tier Building.

Dr Wilke’s talk deals with identity and intersectionality theory in the context of memorializing victims of the Nazi regime. It is co-sponsored by the U of M Faculty of Law Distinguished Visitors Series.

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**

Please see the Cluster’s website:  
<http://home.cc.umanitoba.ca/~gsmith/LSRC.htm>



**RESEARCH IN THE HUMANITIES:  
UMIH LUNCHTIME DISCUSSION SERIES**

The Institute for the Humanities presented a new Lunchtime Discussion Series this fall: **Research in the Humanities**.

These informal lunchtime discussions are intended for assistant professors, probationary appointments, and new faculty in Humanities departments and Arts more generally to gather and consider the issues facing new faculty and junior scholars.

The third lunch in the Series, “**Finding a Balance with Research, Teaching, and Service**,” will be scheduled for later this term. This final session in the 2009-10 series will look at some of the pressures of being a new faculty member, the challenges of balancing all of the various parts of the job, and figuring out when to say ‘yes’ and when to say ‘no’. A light lunch will be provided. Please see the UMIH website for details as they are confirmed.

The UMIH gratefully acknowledges financial support from the Office of the Dean of Arts for this new initiative.

**UMIH RESEARCH CLUSTERS 2010-11**

The UMIH is soliciting applications for the support of two research clusters for the 2010-11 academic year. Research clusters are groups of faculty and graduate students from different departments and disciplines with shared research interests. In 2010-11, the UMIH expects to offer support to one new cluster and one returning cluster. Research clusters should undertake activities related to the mandate of the Institute:

- to facilitate meaningful dialogue on and exploration of Humanities-related themes across disciplinary boundaries
- to foster and promote interdisciplinary research in the Humanities
- to demonstrate a willingness to seek external funding for collaborative research

**Please see the UMIH website for details.**

**Application deadline: April 30th, 2010.  
Decisions will be made by June, 2010.**

**RESEARCH AFFILIATE OPENING**

The UMIH has an opening for one Research Affiliate in the 2010-11 academic year. Applications are welcome from post-doctoral fellows, independent scholars, doctoral candidates and individuals in full-time university appointments who wish to spend all or part of a sabbatical leave in Manitoba. Applicants must have a clearly defined project in some field of humanities scholarship. Interdisciplinary projects are particularly welcome. Please note: students enrolled at the U of M are *not* eligible for UMIH affiliateships.

There is **no stipend**, but a private office, computer, telephone, fax, library privileges, and some secretarial assistance will be provided. The tenure of the affiliateships is normally twelve months, from 1 July to 30 June. All application materials will be handled in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Manitoba).

A letter of application stating the period for which the Affiliateship is desired, together with a research proposal, *CV*, and letters from two referees, should be submitted to the Director, Dr David S. Churchill, on or before **April 30th 2010**.

**Please see the UMIH website for details.**