The constitution of the Institute for the Humanities requires the Director to report annually to the Dean of Arts, the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, and the Vice-President (Research). It is customary for this report to be presented annually at the year-end meeting of the Board of Management. Copies are also distributed on campus to the President, the Associate Deans of Arts, the Institute’s Board of Management, and many supporters who are members of the University of Manitoba community. Copies are distributed off-campus to a selection of other Humanities Institutes, and to other friends and supporters. This is the twenty-sixth report since 1990-91, there having been no report in 1997-98.

The UMIH Board of Management met twice during the 2017-18 academic year. The Board’s principal tasks are to elect the research affiliates, select the research clusters, choose the recipient of the UMIH Fellowship, approve the asking budget, review terms of reference for affiliate, cluster, and fellowship programs, and assist with the planning of the Institute’s programs.

Board of Management Members 2017-18

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My message this year is a valediction, so I’ll indulge myself by focusing on two of my own interests: etymology and poetry. The word valediction is first recorded in the English language in the seventeenth century, having been used by the poet John Donne. It is essentially a transliteration of the Latin word *valedictio*, a compound formed of *vale* (which literally means “be well” but is most often translated as the salutation “farewell”) and *dicere* (which means to say or speak). This message is therefore a chance for me to say goodbye by sharing my hope that the Institute—and all of those who support it and benefit from it—remains well.

The concept of wellness has attracted considerable attention recently, and scholars in the humanities are well situated to address it in all its complexity. Wellness is not just about physical fitness, pharmaceuticals, or economic productivity. It concerns bigger questions: what does it mean to live well? To put this another way, what is a good life? Earlier this year, Evgenia Cherkasova joined us to share her experience of designing a course around these questions. Her class, called “Meaning of Life,” invites students to consider how writers from a variety of backgrounds (philosophical, literary, historical, etc.) have explored these questions and others, such as what it means to experience a crisis of meaning or a loss of purpose and what it means to have strength in the face of hardship. Students respond well to her class not only because it provides them with the tools to explore these questions but also because it reminds them they are not alone in their pursuit of answers. Others, in the past and present, share these questions.

Thinking historically about these questions helps us to recognize that we are not alone when we feel we are living in challenging times. It can help to provide a context for understanding these challenges we face. When Jennifer Polk and Maren Wood visited our campus last fall, they conducted a series of lectures and workshops to help students contemplating life after graduate school to understand their experience historically and to ask themselves how they might imagine their futures at a vulnerable time in their lives and a challenging time in the academic job market. What we learned from them is that these struggles are not new, nor are they confined to the humanities. They must therefore be addressed in a thoughtful way by both students themselves and faculty involved in any way with graduate studies. This is the only way we can ensure the wellness of our students as well as many of our programs. I am particularly grateful to Paul Jenkins for co-ordinating their visit, for he was able to partner with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and make use of funding from the Arts Endowment Fund to organize a timely event.

The humanities might speak to wellness in other ways as well. Heidi Marx in the Dean’s office has been spearheading an initiative to explore the medical humanities. We enjoyed several productive meetings with Jillian Horton in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences to think about integrating the medical sciences and humanities throughout the curriculum for students aiming to pursue medicine as a vocation. I was heartened to learn that this approach is being taken very seriously in faculties of medicine in Canada and around the world, and I hope the UMIH can help to facilitate ongoing conversations. At a time when those of us in the humanities feel as though we are struggling with hardship as budgets are constrained and utilitarianism seems on the rise, we need to remind ourselves that many, many people outside our fields recognize the value of the humanities and experience it as vital factor in their lives and careers.

We can show the importance of the humanities to the wellbeing of society by sharing our work with students, colleagues, and the wider community. Through our Arts of Conversation series at the UMIH, we have aimed to achieve this on campus. Thanks to Ifeoluwapo Adeniyi, we have now nearly reached the end of production on several podcasts developed from these talks in order to share the remarkable work of our colleagues more widely. UMIH events have also been held off campus in order to reach a broader community. I anticipate that the UMIH will continue this work without me, though I hope I will be able to contribute to these efforts. I also hope we will value this kind of work sufficiently in our decisions about tenure and promotion. After all, teaching and other forms of outreach are vital to the wellbeing of humanities disciplines. Moreover, the relationships that teaching and outreach allow us to cultivate and develop are at the heart of what we are called to do in humanities.
disciplines.

One way we can help to support the UMIH in this regard is by looking critically at its structure in order to ensure it can grow if necessary. We have long partnered with faculty members on campus to foster clusters, colloquia, seminars, and other events. In the past year alone, we helped U of M faculty members leverage funds for two SSHRC Connections Grants as well as funding from Research Manitoba. These projects are crucial for researchers on our campus. Just as importantly, the external funding they provide will form a key part of the new budget model, so it is crucial that we continue to look for such opportunities. The current Assistant to the Director, Paul Jenkins, is largely responsible for the success of these two applications as well as a number of other initiatives (the UMIH blog, the development of the Podcast, the arrangement of the Arts of Conversation series, etc.), but these initiatives also take a great deal of time to carry out and go beyond the scope of how the position is currently envisioned. The Board of Management has recognized this and has approved a proposal to seek to re-define this role as an Executive Director position. This would not only help the incoming director and the UMIH itself but would also put us in line with other Institutions of this kind. While I may be saying farewell to the directorship, I will not be saying goodbye to my commitment to bringing about change to this position. I think this is a practical step we can take to improve the wellbeing of those involved directly in the day to day running of UMIH. It will also allow the Institute to support the faculty of Arts and the University more effectively.

Speaking of taking practical steps to improve wellbeing, I would like to end by turning to a couple of poems. Consider this one:

you took
the last bus home
don’t know how
you got it through the door
you’re always doing amazing stuff
like the time
you caught that train

This deceptively simple poem is much more than a reminder that one should use public transit when returning home late from the pub. It invites us to think about the complexity of relationships. How does the speaker know the person who took the last bus home? Is this an expression of sincere admiration or a sarcastic expression of annoyance? What does the use of public transit in this situation say about these people? At another level, it asks us to think about the complex relationship between language and our experience of the world. Why does language work in such absurd ways? What does it all mean? In short, this poem raises many of the questions that those of us in the humanities ask on a regular basis.

I cited it here for other reasons as well. First, I wanted to share it with you, the assiduous reader of this report. Having read it, laughed about it, and thought about it myself, I wanted you to have a chance to know it, too. I thought you, too, deserved the chance to think about it. You don’t have to. You might have other, better, poems to think about. If so, I hope you’ll share them with me. But if you did like it, perhaps you’ll look for the book in which it appears, Brian Bilston’s You Took the Last Bus Home. If you do decide to buy it, you may have to buy an electric copy because the hardcover sold out very quickly and it has not yet been reprinted. Yes, that’s right. A book of poetry published in hardcover in 2016 sold out. Not only that: this book was published by Unbound, which means that many people liked the idea of the book and paid hard-earned money to support its publication. I am not saying that money is the only way to measure value, but poetry—in the form of song lyrics—is a pretty substantial industry. My real point here is that there is an appetite out there for things we identify with the humanities. When we fight for the humanities we are fighting to nourish this appetite: to say others deserve the chance to experience what we have had the opportunity to experience.

Alison Calder’s Connectomics: Poems of the Brain reminds us that even those who are not engaged in humanities disciplines might benefit from thinking about their work through a humanist lens. “Science” opens with metaphors drawn from Sebastian Seung’s TED Talk, “I am my Connectome:

A road, a network, consciousness is a computer, a map. It’s a vehicle on a road, it’s not the road.

It’s a stream.

Calder follows Seung’s invitation to “return from the heights of metaphor,” by turning to simile. She writes, “A neuron’s like a tree” and “The brain is like spaghett-
None of these images precisely describes the brain, but they all provide some insight into it. The real point, though, is that we need this kind of language to understand complexity, even in the sciences, and we can rely on practices drawn from humanities disciplines in order to recognize and think critically about the role of metaphor. Another of Calder’s poems, “The Greater Mystery,” reveals her wry sense of humour in its ironic acceptance that perhaps it is too early to ask questions about “how a poem or a piece of music can elicit emotions from a mass of neurons and circuits suspended in fats and water,” as Karl Deisseroth suggested in a 2015 New Yorker interview. At least, she concludes, this will give her the chance for a good long sleep. Whether or not we can explain how poetry or music elicits emotions from a neurological perspective, they clearly do. They are part of what it means to live well—to live the good life—and they merit consideration from a variety of perspectives.

One of the privileges of being the director of the Institute is that I had the chance to provide an opportunity for others to engage in conversation with people like Alison Calder. I will miss that, but I look forward to conversations with those who will participate at future UMIH events. As I mentioned in my report last year, the Institute is strong because of the people associated with it. I am grateful to have had the chance to share this experience with the many affiliates, cluster members, volunteer presenters, guests, board members, and assistants. In the context of this year’s annual report, I would like to acknowledge Paul Jenkins, whose exemplary commitment to the Institute and to the humanities has encouraged me to imagine new ways in which it can serve the Faculty, University, and community.

WORKING WITH JENNI NUTTALL (AND WITH A GREAT DEAL OF HELP FROM Paul Jenkins and advice from Julie Gibbings), I submitted a successful SSHRC Connections grant for a conference called “The Making of Thomas Hoccleve.” The aim of this conference is to bring together established and emerging scholars in order to map and inspire future directions of research into the Making of Thomas Hoccleve (1367-1426). It will be the inaugural conference hosted by the International Hoccleve Society, and it will be held in Winnipeg July 6-8, 2018.

My book proposal was accepted by I.B. Tauris Press. Laughter and Awkwardness in Late Medieval England: Social Discomfort in the Literature of the Middle Ages will be delivered to the press in April 2019. This project is the result of several years of research, and I am looking forward to completing the manuscript.

I continued to work on a special issue of the journal *Florilegium* on The Study of Manuscripts in Canada. Most papers are now through the peer review process and in the final stages of production. This project is related to an ongoing research project called Maple Leaves: the Collection of Manuscripts and Early Printed books in Canada.
The Assistant to the Director, Dr Paul Jenkins, has established himself as an important leader at the Institute, helping to expand its programming and activities and to drive it in new and exciting directions. His arrival two years ago has helped make this one of the most productive and ambitious periods the UMIH has had. Playing a central part in the life and work of the UMIH, he is responsible for much of what it has accomplished this year.

Paul Jenkins has not only helped the Institute expand its traditional commitment to student training, he has been at the forefront of the Universities’ efforts to help its PhD students contemplate and prepare for careers outside academia. Responding to the clear demand for the “Careers Outside Academia” event he organized in 2016-17, this year he secured funds from the Arts Endowment Fund ($3,000) and financially partnered with FGS ($5,000) to bring Maren Wood and Jennifer Polk, founders of Beyond the Professorate, to give a keynote address run a series of 4 workshops for graduate students and their advisors. The series was very successful and FGS has expressed its desire to again partner with the UMIH to run something similar during Orientation week in the autumn of 2018.

The Assistant has aligned the UMIH’s long-running grant-writing workshop for graduate students with the Faculty of Graduate Studies’s (FGS) GradSteps program, producing some impressive results. Last year, our faculty panel addressed a healthy audience of approximately 40 graduate students from across the Faculty; while this year we attracted nearly 70 students from not only the arts and social sciences, but also those working in relevant corners of the medical, biological, environmental and computing sciences.

Over each of the last two years the Assistant has also enabled the UMIH to host over 30 public events, not including those organized by the Institute’s active Research Clusters. These have ranged from small talks at the U of M campus to outreach events at the Millennium Library and The Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Beyond the range of events, Paul Jenkins has played an integral role in a number of significant changes in the nature and scope of the Institute’s programming. One of the developments we are particularly excited about concerns the Arts of Conversation series, which engages with new, important and topical works in the humanities and social sciences through conversations with writers and researchers. Many of the conversations from this series have been recorded for The Arts of Conversation podcast, and Dr Jenkins has played a key role in their production: vetting and scheduling speakers; conducting background research; preparing interview questions; and, together with the Director, co-hosting the series. We currently have over a dozen recordings, and Dr Jenkins has recently hired an editor to assist with the final stages of production and is overseeing her work. We expect to release the first episodes very soon.

The podcast series is aimed partly at faculty, students and other members of the campus community who are unable to attend the live event, but is also intended for an intellectually curious public. By and large, the Arts of Conversation series has dispensed with the traditional read-paper format typical of humanities research presentations, and replaced it with a more fluid and open-ended conversational arrangement involving the speaker(s), the Director and Paul Jenkins, together with the event’s audience. The resulting events are engaging, edifying and entertaining, and distill nicely into “live event” podcasts. This is why we are so excited about the Arts of Conversation series, as it represents a new way for the UMIH to communicate with the campus community, as well as to find a wider public audience.

Of course, both the series and the allied podcast require a lot of work, and they only exist because of the dedication and sustained efforts of both the Director and Dr Jenkins to increase the reach of the UMIH,
and carry humanities and social science research to the broader public. The same desire to demonstrate the relevance and real-world value of humanities research has also led Dr Jenkins to continue to write the hU-Manities blog (UMHumnities.com), first launched last year. Conceived as a humanities “blogazine,” the subject matter ranges considerably, sometimes drawing from the Arts of Conversation series and other UMIH and University programming, while other times commenting on important issues in the humanities and higher education. He also actively seeks contributions from the university’s research community on topical issues, such as Len Kuffert’s (History) “Ad-free CBC/Radio Canada” and ETFM PhD candidate, Michelle Lietz’s “Trump vs Native Americans: Exploring a Vendetta.”

We are similarly excited by another development to the UMIH’s programming facilitated by Dr Jenkins over the last year, and that is the way the Institute has formally helped Arts faculty members apply for, and secure external funding for their research projects. One of the UMIH’s Research Clusters this year (Collecting, Citing, Curating) was formed largely in response to a major grant opportunity ($50,000 USD) identified by Paul Jenkins, who also then supported the Cluster in their application. The grant was funded by the Consortium of Humanities Centres and Institutes (CHCI) and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (CCKF), and required the applicants to have the support of a humanities institute. While the grant was ultimately unsuccessful (only one was awarded), this was the first time that one of our Clusters advanced such an ambitious application, making it a welcome and gratifying development in itself. We were encouraged to hear that the Cluster’s application was very competitive and are confident we will eventually be successful if we continue to use our resources to foster such applications in the future. However, we also believe this success is contingent upon having someone with Dr Jenkins’ expertise, versatility, and energy as one of the Institute’s key resources.

Our optimism for securing important grants in the future is in fact based on already having a number of recent successes to our credit. For instance, a combination of financial and in-kind support from the UMIH enabled Dr Julie Gibbings (History, U of M) and Dr Heather Vrana (University of Florida) to leverage funds and strengthen their SSHRC Connections Grant application. As a result, they secured $25,000 from SSHRC and further $4,500 from Research Manitoba, for their highly successful conference “Revisiting the Guatemalan Revolution: History, Memory, Politics.” This conference took place in May of 2017 and attracted leading figures and emerging scholars in the field, from across Latin America, the US and Canada. The conference will soon culminate in the publication of an edited volume representing the cutting edge of historical scholarship on one of the most important events in Cold War Latin America (see the Conferences section below for more details).

A very similar UMIH package of financial and in-kind support enabled Dr David Watt (ETFM, U of M) and Dr Jennifer Nuttall (University of Oxford) to secure $24,999 from the SSHRC Connections Grant scheme and additional $5,000 from Research Manitoba, for their upcoming “The Making of Thomas Hoccleve” conference (July 6-8). Once again, as a result, the UMIH has played a key role in securing external funds for U of M researchers, and in attracting an international collection of leading scholars to the U of M campus, this time from Britain, through out North America, and Australia.

A range of in-kind contributions was also pledged to a third SSHRC Connections Grant. Outreach activities represented a central part of this exciting symposium, and the application was therefore for $50,000. Although, unfortunately the application was unsuccessful, as with our Cluster’s CHCI-CCKF application mentioned above, we think this type of collaboration between the UMIH and Arts faculty—made possible by the current Assistant—is an exciting one full of potential. Finally, it should be noted that, on behalf of the Office of the Dean of Arts, Paul Jenkins also assisted on the SSHRC Connection Grant application for the “1919 Winnipeg General Strike Centenary Conference,” a special project of the Dean’s Office (results pending).

This is a new area for the UMIH—one, we believe, with considerable potential for the Faculty’s research community. While we are very excited by its potential, once again we must stress that without someone like Dr Jenkins none of this would have even been conceivable, let alone possible. He was important to the success of both “Revisiting the Guatemalan Revolution” and “The Making of Thomas Hoccleve” SSHRC Connections Grants applications, and profitably encouraged their applicants to seek further funding from Research Manitoba. He also played a crucial role in
ensuring the successful execution of the “Revisiting the Guatemalan Revolution” conference, and will be recast in this role for the upcoming conference on Thomas Hoccleve in July.

All of these projects are important for our research community and we would truly like for the UMIH to continue to provide this kind of support (see Future of the UMIH section below). However, this raises a difficult issue, for this type of support requires a level of expertise, time and energy that falls well outside the parameters of the “Assistant to the Director” position, as it currently stands. As this section of the report makes clear, so much of the work Paul Jenkins has carried out this past year goes well above and beyond what his position calls for—though, it should be noted, he has very capably carried out those functions as well. He has done all of these extras because he is passionate about the humanities, believes in their importance, and has therefore worked hard to raise the profile of the UMIH, both on and off campus, and show what else it might do to support and advance our research community. It is the sincere desire of the current Director and the UMIH’s Board of Management to have the “Assistant to the Director” position formally adjusted to properly reflect and compensate for all of the work currently being done for the Arts research community by the incumbent.

We are fortunate to have him and believe others feel the same. Whether it is by those at FGS, or faculty members from across the university, or visiting speakers, or the UMIH Director, Clusters, Affiliates, and Board of Management, his efforts have certainly not gone unnoticed. Indeed, we are very pleased to report that recently the importance of his work was formally acknowledged in his nomination for the University of Manitoba’s “Awards of Excellence” Leadership award.

RESEARCH AFFILIATES

The UMIH supported four Research Affiliates for the 2017-18 academic year: Jessica Herdman, Sarah Bezan, Jon Malek, and Jason Brown. Research Affiliates are non-stipendiary positions—each affiliate is provided with a private office on campus, a computer, library privileges, and a limited subsidy for research expenses while they work on the project outlined in their application to the Institute.

These are difficult times in academia, and over the last few years the UMIH’s Board of Management has consciously used the Institute’s Affiliate program to support promising late-stage PhD students and post-doctoral researchers, as they represent the (vulnerable) future of humanities research. We believe this year’s cohort continues to demonstrate the importance and value of this type of support, not only for the individual researchers, but also for the greater scholarly community.
Dr Jessica Herdman: As well as being a Research Affiliate at UMIH, Dr. Herdman (UC–Berkeley) is also a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow in the Dept. of History at the University of Manitoba. While at the Institute she has been working on a project examining music in early colonial encounters in the Great Lakes Region. Focusing on the period 1615-1701, her research explores how musical interactions between missionaries and Indigenous peoples had serious impacts on both of their ontologies. From popular French novels set in the Wendat (Huron) language, to gargantuan ceremonies of possession, this project strives to address how music was implicated in the epistemic violence that characterized early French missionization.

Jon Malek: Jon Malek is a PhD candidate at Western University. His research is on the Filipino diaspora in Canada, with a focus on Winnipeg. His work draws upon ethnic media, archival sources, and oral histories to create a historical narrative of Filipinos in Canada, a history that dates to the 1890s. He has collected sources and oral histories from Canada and the Philippines to try and recreate the lives and experiences of Filipinos at home and abroad. During his tenure at the Institute for the Humanities, he has been working on his dissertation as well as articles for the Canadian Historical Review and Philippine Studies: Historical and Ethnographic Viewpoints. In 2015, he was commissioned by the Canadian Historical Association to write a booklet on Filipinos in Canada, which he has also been working on throughout the year.

Jason Brown: Jason A. Brown is a PhD candidate (ABD) at the Centre for Medieval Studies in the University of Toronto. His research is at the intersection of medieval preaching, theology, and jurisprudence with the development of economic thought. As a Research Affiliate in 2017–18, he wrote the majority of his doctoral dissertation: a critical edition, translation, and study of the teaching of bishop St Antoninus of Florence († 1459) on justice in buying and selling. He also undertook a research project on a medieval manuscript at the University of Manitoba. St John’s College owns a fifteenth-century manuscript of a work of canon-law jurisprudence; Mr. Brown carried out codicological research to assess the manuscript’s origin and provenance, and presented these findings in a public talk on behalf of the Institute for the Humanities: “How Law Was Taught at a Medieval University: Showcasing a Medieval Manuscript in the St John’s College Collection” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=18bLncBrE). He intends to prepare an article on this manuscript for the journal Mediaeval Studies. Mr. Brown will be finishing his doctoral studies in the next six months. He is currently writing and revising the remaining chapters of his dissertation, to be submitted in the summer for a defense in summer or fall 2018. He aims to publish the edition and translation with University of Toronto Press.

Dr Sarah Bezan: Working between the Environmental Humanities and Posthumanism, Dr Bezan’s research is mainly focused on post-mortem animal embodiments in the visual record of natural history. Her first research project, “Nature Morte: Decomposing Darwinism’s Evolutionary Aesthetics,” is a book manuscript that expands upon her doctoral dissertation. This project illuminates how contemporary creative engagements with the evolutionary thinking of Charles Darwin in turn redefines death and decay as a creative threshold for evolutionary progress. Each axis of her research explores how Darwin’s fascination with the “decaying branches” and “fresh buds” of the great Tree of Life inform our understanding of natural history, and moreover continue to shape our responses to urgent issues of the present day, such as the loss of species biodiversity and the decline of ecological
The Alternate Histories Research Cluster is a diverse group of faculty and graduate students from across the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts, as well as the English Department at Booth University College. Its members are linked by their engagement with mediating the past in non-traditional ways. The Cluster’s goal is to think about the multiplicity of competing histories and to share methodologies and insights discovered through our own historical encounters across the borders of period and discipline.

Cluster Activities Report: The Alternate Histories Cluster had a quieter year for its final year as a cluster with a public lecture in the first term most of its energy invested in a one-day symposium in the second term.

14 November 2017

Guest speaker, Dr. Sarah Bull, (a Wellcome Trust Research Fellow, University of Cambridge), “Reading Sexual Advice in the Age of Mass Print: The Newspaper, The Envelope, and the Book in Victorian Britain”

7 March 2018

Alternate Histories: A One-Day Symposium

“Alternate Histories: A One-Day Symposium” focuses on forgotten and marginalized histories from indigenous, queer and gendered communities, imagining alternative historical timelines of both the past and the future, and bringing new technologies and approaches to bear on the study of history and narrative.

In all we had approximately 40 people join us for
some or all of the day, which brought together many different people and projects and, hopefully, fostered some lasting connections. As part of the day, keynote speaker Allison Muri (University of Saskatchewan), the founder and editor of the Grub Street Project, presented a talk entitled “Digital Humanities and Alternate Histories: The Case of the Grub Street Project.”

The symposium was a perfect capstone to an intellectually enriching three years. I want to note, in conclusion, the essential support provided for the cluster by Paul Jenkins. Virginia, Alexa and I could not have organized such a smoothly running event without his assistance and guidance.

Report by cluster organizer, Erin Keating (ETFM).

Symposium program

“Bodies in Discursive Space: Representing Queer, Racialized, and Gendered Bodies”— 9:00-10:00
Panel 1 (4x10 min presentations, 20 mins discussion)
Chair: Erin Keating (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba)

Dana Medoro (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba) “Hawthorne, America, Abortion”

Karalyn Dokurno (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba) “Travelling Women: Reading Pregnancy and Childbirth in Early Quaker Missionary Letters

Katelyn Dykstra (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba) “Losses in the Snow: Intersex and Indigenous Erasure in Kathleen Winter’s Annabel”

Beth Schellenberg (Cultural Studies, University of Winnipeg) “Finding Disco’s Queer Utopia and Remembering its Downfall in Straight Time”

“Shifting the Relationships between Indigenous Knowledge and Settler Discourses”—10:15 – 11:25
Panel 2 (4x10 min presentations, 20 mins discussion)
Chair: Karalyn Dokurno (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba)

Doris Wolf (Centre for Research in Young People’s Texts and Cultures, University of Winnipeg) “Challenging Stereotypes by Restorying History in William Dumas’s Pism Find Her Miskanow”

Kevin Brownlee (Manitoba Museum) and Scott Hamilton (Department of Anthropology, Lakehead University) “Interweaving Cree Traditional Knowledge with that deriving from Archaeology”

Micheline Hughes (Department of Native Studies, University of Manitoba) “Reframing Catholicism: Agency and Resistance in Mi’kmaq Stories”

Oliver A.I. Botar (School of Art, University of Manitoba) “Playing the Field: Art in Winnipeg/Treaty One Land, 1913-1960”

“Reinterpreting Historical Narratives: Fiction, Folklore, and Video Games”—11:40-12:40 Panel 3
(4x10 min presentations, 20 mins discussion)
Chair: Sabrina Mark (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba)

hannah_g, “Queer Contemporary Folklore”

Diana Brydon (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba) “Ada Palmer’s Terra Ignota Series: An Alternate History of the Future.”

Pam Perkins (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba) “Codfish and Quadrilles: Women in the Settler Cultures of Early 19th-Century Newfoundland”

Dylan Armitage (Cultural Studies, University of Winnipeg) “Androids as Alternate History: A Critical Examination of NieR: Automata”

“Making, Interrogating, and Reinventing History: Political Themes in Critical Scholarship”—1:30 – 2:30 Panel 4 (4x10 min presentations, 20 mins discussion)
Chair: Pam Perkins (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba)
Meredith Bacola (Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies, University of Manitoba) “Headless no more, that was earl heretofore, now is king evermore: the post-Conquest reinvention of the cults of Earl Waltheof and Guthlac the hermit at Crowland Abbey”

Dustin Geeraert (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba) “Correcting the Record? The Reversal of Perspective in Medievalist Literature”

Virginia Torrie (Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba) “Political Controversy Over Tax Debts In Insolvency: the Farmers’ Creditors Arrangement Act in British Columbia”

Amar Khoday (Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba) “‘Homicide Is Foreign To Our Experience of Political Conflict’: Interrogating Judicial Constructions of the History of Political Violence in Refugee and Extradition Cases

Keynote: Allison Muri, University of Saskatchewan, “Digital Humanities and Alternate Histories: The Case of the Grub Street Project” —2:45 – 3:45

Allison Muri’s research investigates the theory and applications of digital texts and media. Earlier projects focused on cyberculture and the representations of the man-machine in 18th-century texts to discern a history of the human machine trope. Her current research focuses on the applicability of Digital Humanities to reveal and visual literary topographies and the trades of 18th-century London. The Grub Street Project is a digital work in progress that maps these relationships, and also investigates new methods and practices in digital scholarship.

“Recovery and Preservation: Narrative, Self-Determination, and Archiving in Historical Scholarship” —4:00 – 5:00 Panel 5 (4x10 min presentations, 20 mins discussion)

Chair: Virginia Torrie (Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba)

Greg Bak (Archival Studies, University of Manitoba) “The Future Then: Digital Archiving at the Public Archives of Canada in the 1960s and ‘70s”

Myroslav Shkandrij (Slavic Studies, University of Manitoba) “The Spetsfond (Special Vault) in Kyiv’s National Museum of Art.”

Kasey Morgan (Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, University of Manitoba) “Constructing Restoration Literary Celebrity in Aphra Behn’s Love-Letters Between a Nobleman and His Sister”

Adriane Porcin (Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba) “Confidentiality and Self-Determination”

Reception—5:00 – 6:00 pm

This symposium was supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

COLLECTING, CITING, CURATING

Hockey cards, coins, stamps, vintage glasses, fan memorabilia, luxury handbags, glass marbles, spoons, keychains, teddy bears, cars, concert tickets, Hello Kitty. We are all familiar with collections, collectors, and the related sub-cultures they engender that fascinate some and repel others. Similarly, scholars, artists, and curators are trained to treat intellectual life as a collection: we constantly signal through our range of citations the literatures, debates, scholars, schools of art that provide legitimation, framing parameters, and interpretive modes to discuss that which each of us deems valuable. Like a collection or art show, our knowledge comes to have meaning when others recognize and accept the logics of collection, citation, and curatorial practice that we’ve invoked. While this insight is not, in itself, a new mode of inquiry, it does insist that we move from thinking about object (nouns) and that we turn to actions (verbs): thus, Collecting, Citing, Curating. This research group is interested in the creative acts and various logics behind each.

Cluster Activities Report: The “Collecting, Citing, Curating” Research Cluster was formed in March 2017. In the first few months, the main activity of the research group, primarily undertaken by the co-coordinators, was the preparation of an application to the Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation/Consortium of Humanities Centres and Institutes (CCKF-CHCI) Summer Institutes in Chinese Studies and Global Humanities competition. This process involved making connections and exploring possibilities for collabora-
tion with artists, scholars, curators, and public intellectuals from North America, Asia, and Europe. The application, submitted July 1 2017, was not successful. However, the feedback received was that the committee was very impressed with the application and would like to see us reapply, if funding for the program is renewed.

The research cluster also developed plans for programming for 2017-2018 that included local meetings with artists, scholars, and students, as well as the possibility of an external speaker. Implementation of these plans was delayed by two factors: (1) delayed timing of announcement of results of the CCK-CHCI application since we did not want to initiate programming if this grant had been received because our energies would be directed to preparing the week-long Summer Institute; (2) very heavy service and teaching demands for Fall term for the co-coordinators.

Moreover, based on the experience of preparing the CCKF-CHCI grant proposal – and the engaged exchanges with diverse individuals contacted to participate in a proposed Summer Institute – we chose to reassess our approach to the themes and issues to be explored by the research cluster. We decided that creative responses to the themes, undertaken by individuals regularly engaged in artistic practices, should be the starting point for exploration of “Collecting Citing Curating”. The research cluster thus approached three local emerging artists – Mariana Munoz, Gurpreet Sehra, Katherine Boyer – to engage with the themes of citing, curating, and collecting in relation to their own art making practices. Our goal is to center artists as much as possible, so that we can collectively consider the research cluster’s themes through the process of art making. Munoz, Sehra, and Boyer have all been provided seed funding to begin thinking about what kind of work they could potentially make with the cluster’s/grant’s ideas in mind. The work we expect of them falls under art research, consultation, and process.

Presentations by the artists to the research cluster will be scheduled for early Fall 2018. These presentations will set the tone for a mode of research collaboration that foregrounds creativity and material practices as foundational to political and intellectual inquiry on “Collecting Citing Curating”. We are excited about the direction that developed over the course of the year for the research cluster, as we stepped back from a focus on programming to consider how to create meaningful collaboration with artists, curators, and others less centrally identified with academia. Doing so, also has allowed us to identify as a key focus the relationship between: racialized bodies; politics of citation within practices of collecting and curating; creative and political potential. We intend to consider these themes in conversation with artists, scholars, students in 2018-2019 through reading group sessions, exhibits, and other programming. We plan to prepare a SSHRC Connection grant for submission for July competition; as well as re-apply to the CCK-CHC Summer Institute if funding for the program is renewed (information expected to be available in mid-May).

We thank UMIH for administrative and financial support provided to the “Collecting Citing Curating” research group. This support has allowed us to develop new approaches to research collaboration that encourage creative engagement as the starting point for broader inquiry.

Report by cluster co-organizer, Tina Chen (History).

CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTS

The Critical Environments Research Group (CERG), is an interdisciplinary cohort of scholars working broadly in the environmental humanities at the University of Manitoba, with affiliated faculty at the University of Winnipeg. During the past several years, CERG has fostered a unique venue for collaboration and scholarly support around environmental humanities in western Canada. The group’s mandate is to promote increased research and teaching collaborations that bring together critical scholarly perspectives on environmental sustainability, equity, and justice. Scholars involved with CERG share the conviction that the environment cannot be understood as a stand-alone category; but must instead be oriented around the notion that the environment should be analysed as a set of relations, encompassing economic, social, political, cultural, legal, and health frames as well. Thus the group’s members share an interest in the theme of human-environment relations but they bring different disciplinary and analytical perspectives into conversation.

The Critical Environments Research Cluster was very
active. In addition to regular meetings, it organized a variety of public workshops, reading groups, colloquia, and talks by guest speakers. It will also be hosting a one-day public symposium in April, 2018.

Report by cluster co-organizer, Bruce Erickson (Environment and Geography).

Public Events

15 September 2017
Guest Speaker, Jason Moore (Binghamton University), Ecologies of Hope: Capital, Conquest and the Crucible of Cheap Nature

26 April 2018 — 10:30-3:00
Spring Workshop, The Subjects of Nature: Bodies, Land and Action

Reading Groups

5 July 2017
Stacy Alaimo, Exposed: Environmental Politics and Pleasures in Posthuman Times

4 October 2017
Eli Claire, Brilliant Imperfection

12 December 2017
Alexis Shotwell, Against Purity

16 April 2018
Jessica Dempsey, Enterprising Nature

Research in Progress presentations

28 November 2017
Sarah Bezan, A Darwinism of Much and More

23 January 2018
Jennifer Dueck, Exotic and Imagined: Brining Middle Eastern Foodshed into American Home Kitchens

19 April 2018
Fenton, The Importance of Invisible Identities: What Drag Artisitry Reveals About Precarity

unequal relations have thus been played in multiple arenas of domination, contestations, and negotiation involving a wide variety of social actors, institutions, and issues. While the specific contours of power struggles in the region shifted according to particular historical contexts, they undoubtedly inform the current dynamics of contemporary Latin American societies and help explain the fact that Latin America is currently the most unequal region in the world.

Cluster Activities Report:

18 September 2017
Guest speaker, Dr. Rosana Barbosa (Saint Mary’s University), “Brazil and Canada: Economic, Political, and Migratory Ties, 1820s to 1970s”

3 October 2017
Research presentation, Mark Meuwese (University of Winnipeg), “Why publishing about a costly failure? The seventeenth-century travel account of the failed Dutch West India Company expedition to Chile in 1643”

2 November 2017

15 November 2017
Research presentation, Jorge Nállim (University of Manitoba), “Politics, Memory and Human Rights in Contemporary Argentina”

5 December 2017
Guest speaker, Prof. Johnny Marquez (Diplomat - Minister Counselor; President of the Latin American and Caribbean Center for Energy and Environmental Studies; President of the “Francisco de Miranda” Foundation), “The Geo-Politics of Oil & Venezuela”

6 December 2017
Guest speaker, Prof. Johnny Marquez
“Venezuela. What is really going on?”

The presentations by Prof. Marquez were organized and co-sponsored by the Venezuela Peace Committee, the Geopolitical Economy Research Group, the Global Political Economy Program, Association of United Ukrainian Canadians (Winnipeg Council), Economics & Society, Department of Economics, the Department of History, the Peace Alliance Winnipeg, the Depart-
ment of Political Studies, Las Americas & Chilean Human Rights Council, Migrante Manitoba, the United Jewish People’s Order, and the Research Cluster on Power and Resistance in Latin America.

6 January 2018
Research Presentation, Gabriel Nemogá, “Working with and for Indigenous communities in Colombia: ongoing process, ongoing questions”

12 March 2018
Guest speaker, Jaymie Patricia Heilman (University of Alberta), “Writing Now Peru is Mine: Notes From An Activist/ Academic Collaboration”

21 March 2018
Research presentation, Julie Gibbings (University of Manitoba), “Labor, Violence, and Death in the Remaking of Planter Modernity in Guatemala, 1898-1914”

11 April 2018
Guest speaker, Cynthia Milton (Université de Montréal), “Counter Memories: How the Peruvian Military Performs and Curates a Contested Past”
Report by cluster organizer, Jorge Nallim (History).

In addition to Research Cluster programming, many of the Institute’s on-campus events for the 2017-18 academic year were directly sponsored and organized by UMIH. The Institute maintains two on-going series: The Arts of Conversation, with its allied podcast, and Futures in the Humanities.

THE ARTS OF CONVERSATION

Concentrated, inspired conversation is a widely undervalued source of new knowledge, new feelings, new impulses.

- Bodil Jönsson

Drawing inspiration from the Slow movement, which advocates a cultural shift that, among other things, “urges us to immerse ourselves in local cultures,” (Berg and Seeber, The Slow Professor) this series aims to cultivate, pleasure, knowledge, and community. Striving for a tone that balances edification and entertainment, the series engages with new, important and topical works in the humanities and social sciences through conversations with writers and researchers. Open-ended and interactive, the conversations are intended to facilitate exchange between varied academic communities on campus, as well as between the university and the wider public. To do help accomplish all of this the UMIH is also preparing an allied Arts of Conversation podcast series to expand the series’ reach. The first few episodes are nearly complete and we are eagerly anticipating their release.

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UMIH PROGRAMMING

Brazil and Canada: Economic, Political, and Migratory Ties, 1820s to 1970s
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 - 2:30 PM
409 Tier Building

Peoples and Countries in Transit: Brazil and Canada: Economic, Political, and Migratory Ties – 1820s to 1970s

Rosana Barbosa, will present on her recently published book, Brazil and Canada: Economic, Political and Migratory Ties – 1820s to 1970s, a timely work that examines the long-standing, but neglected and often surprising, historical, diplomatic, and economic relationships between Brazil and Canada.

For more information, visit: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/humanities/indigenouspeoplescommittee

PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR AFRO-COLOMBIANS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN COLOMBIA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 - 2:30 PM
A public talk by Gimena Sánchez-Garzoli
409 Tier Building

Gimena Sanchez-Garzoli is the leading Colombia human rights advocate at the Human Rights Council, Migrante Manitoba, the United Nations, and the wider public. To do help accomplish all of this the UMIH is also preparing an allied Arts of Conversation podcast series to expand the series’ reach. The first few episodes are nearly complete and we are eagerly anticipating their release.

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Fall 2017

21 September
Sheri Gibbings (Wilfrid Laurier University), Democratizing Surveillance: Activism in an Indonesian City
28 September
Robert Chernomas & Ian Hudson (Dept of Economics), Economists - Academic Scribblers and Madmen in Authority or Hired Prize Fighters Useful to Capital?
*AoC Podcast episode, forthcoming.

12 October
Alison Calder (Dept of ETFM),
Connectomics: Poetry, Science, and the Creative Scholar
*Recorded for AoC podcast.

19 October
Evgenia Cherkasova (Suffolk University),
The Humanities, Teaching, and Life’s Big Questions
Arranged in collaboration with Heidi Marx, then Acting-Associate Dean, Research (Arts), and with support from the Arts Endowment Fund, secured by Professor Marx.

26 October
L. Maren Wood & Jennifer Polk (Beyond the Professoriate),
PhDs that Work: Finding Success in an Uncertain Job Market
See Futures of the Humanities section below for details

2 November
Gimena Sanchez-Garzoli (Washington Office on Latin America),
Peace and Human Rights for Afro-Colombians and Indigenous Peoples in Colombia
Organized by the UMIH, Power and Resistance in Latin America Research Cluster.

9 November
Jim Handy (University of Saskatchewan),
A Land Without Peasants: Self-Provisioning, Poor Laws and Labour in 18th- and 19th-Century Britain

16 November
Sarah Bezan (UMIH, Research Affiliate),
*Recorded for AoC podcast.

23 November
Chris Frank (Dept of History),
“Fair and Reasonable having regard to all circumstances of the case”: Female Factory Inspectors, Sweated Workers, and the Struggle Against Workplace Fines and Deductions
Winter 2018

25 January
Moholy-Nagy and Media: Theory and Practice
Panel: Oliver A. I. Botar, moderator, (School of Art, University of Manitoba), Eduardo Aquino, (Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba), Lancelot Coar, (Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba), Monika Vrecar, (Independent Scholar), Jaqueline McLeod Rogers, (Professor, Rhetoric, Writing and Communications, University of Winnipeg).

1 February
Cary Miller (Dept of Native Studies),
Reconciliation in the Humanities
*AoC Podcast episode, forthcoming.

8 February
Jennifery Dueck (Dept of History),
Cooking Politics: How America has Learned the Middle East in the Kitchen
*Recorded for AoC podcast.

15 February
The Environmental Humanities: What are They and Why Do They Matter? A Roundtable discussion
Discussants: Bruce Erickson (Dept of Environment and Geography), Jocelyn Thorpe (Dept of Gender Studies; History), Melanie Unrau (PhD candidate, English, Theatre, Film and Media), and Jeremy Strong (PhD candidate, English, Theatre, Film and Media)
See Futures of the Humanities section below for more details
*Recorded for AoC podcast.

7 March
Alternate Histories Symposium
See Research Clusters section, above.

15 March
Vanessa Warne (Dept ETFM),
Readymade Code: Braille in Contemporary Visual Culture

22 March
R.J. Leland (Dept of Philosophy),
Discrimination in Sex and Romance
Responding to the seemingly an iron law that demands all mention of the humanities these days be made only in relation to their “crisis” and “decline,” UMIH launched a new series entitled, “Futures in the Humanities.” This series is dedicated to exploring a number of the key challenges and opportunities facing the humanities and humanities scholarship today. While some of these challenges and opportunities are unique to the humanities, others are a product of broader developments that confront nearly everyone. We, therefore, felt it was important to recognize both what is distinctive about the humanities as well as what they have in common with other fields of inquiry. Consequently, this series incorporates ideas and perspectives from other disciplines, especially the social sciences. The main aim of this series is to provide an initial forum for tough-minded reflection and balanced, inclusive conversation on a range of complicated issues that, it is hoped, will carry on across campus and beyond the parameters of this series.

26 October
L. Maren Wood & Jennifer Polk (Beyond the Professoriate), PhDs that Work: Finding Success in an Uncertain Job Market Keynote

Does it seem that every other week a new story appears in your social media feed that laments the current state of the job market for PhDs? Often short on statistics but long on scary anecdotes of impoverished adjuncts and exploited post-docs, these news stories do little to provide graduate students with guidance on how to manage their job search. In this keynote presentation kick-starting the “PhDs That Work Workshop” series (see Conferences section below for details), Maren and Jen, two pioneering career coaches and the founders of Beyond the Professoriate, presented the following:

• An overview of the history of the academic job market crisis, starting in 1969, bringing a nuanced understanding of how we arrived at our current job crisis.
• The most recent data on the academic job market, and career pathways for PhDs who leave the academy.
• Success stories of PhDs who now work beyond the professoriate.
• An overview of the non-faculty job search process,

and how it differs from the faculty search and hiring process.

15 February
The Environmental Humanities: What are They and Why Do They Matter? A Roundtable discussion

Defying all the talk of decline and irrelevance surrounding the humanities, the “environmental humanities” is a rapidly developing research field that has surged in many part of the world. A self-consciously global intellectual movement, the environmental humanities have fostered a creative cooperation between the scientific and technical disciplines and the humanities. Their collaborative approach and innovative interpretations have been so successful that the value of the environmental humanities is increasingly recognized by the sciences, governments, and even industry. Indeed, it is believed that in ten years environmental humanities programs will be found in most universitites.

Still, it is a ranging and dynamic field that is difficult to pin down. Certainly, the environmental humanities represent a call to action. But what else might they be, and how do they change how we understand humanity and our place in the world? What do they mean for the future of the humanities?

This panel discussion explored these and other questions.

Discussants: Bruce Erickson (Dept of Environment and Geography), Jocelyn Thorpe (Dept of Gender Studies; History), Melanie Unrau (PhD candidate, English, Theatre, Film and Media), and Jeremy Strong (PhD candidate, English, Theatre, Film and Media)
and more fundamentally still, the sneering denigration of the humanities so commonly heard these days, and the crisis of confidence it has triggered.

The growing accusations of uselessness levelled against the humanities are powerful—and dangerous, largely because they are also often merely commonsensical. That is, they are commonly rooted in an emotional, impressionistic “truthiness” that is not easily phased by reason or evidence. We believe it is important to push back against the “truthy” insistence that a humanities education has little value and does not provide viable professional preparation. Aside from failing to recognize that value comes in many forms, this persistent popular suspicion is simply wrong, as we have explained on several occasions in the hUMAnities blog. However, counter-arguments alone are unlikely to change many minds, so the Institute has also committed to assisting our students in a range of practical ways.

We believe the UMIH provides a natural home for these kinds of student support, as it seems a simple extension of our role as a facilitator of collaboration and interdisciplinary research and exchange. Having said this, several of our ventures were strengthened through collaboration. We had a particularly strong partnership with the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

27 September 2017
Granduate Student Grant Writing Workshop
Organized by the UMIH, this year’s workshop was run as part of FGS’s GradSteps program. As result, our panel, comprised of Len Kuffert (Grad Chair, History), Vanessa Warne (ETFM), & Sarah Elvins (former Grad Chair, History), dispensed valuable advice, tips, strategies, and insights into the grant writing process to an audience of approximately 70 graduate students.

19 October 2017
Evgenia Cherkasova (University of Suffolk), Exploring Life’s Big Questions with First-Year Students: Reflections on the Practical Value of Humanities
What do we live for? Which beliefs, values, and experiences sustain meaningful, fulfilling existence? Why do we sometimes struggle with the loss of meaning and what allows us to rediscover a sense of purpose? Philosophy professor Evgenia Cherkasova discussed her award-winning Meaning of Life seminar where first-year students explore these questions from a variety of cultural and disciplinary perspectives. Professor Cherkasova also discussed the unique pedagogical challenges inherent to the ‘Big Questions’ courses and how the Meaning of Life course evolved in response to these challenges.

20 October 2017
Evgenia Cherkasova (University of Suffolk), Course and Program Design Across Disciplines
In this workshop Professor Cherkasova shared her experience designing and teaching interdisciplinary courses as well as directing the Seminar for Freshmen program at Suffolk University. The resulting discussion centered around faculty collaboration, creative assignments, student engagement, and deep, self-reflective learning.

Professor Cherkasova’s visit was arranged in collaboration with Heidi Marx, then Acting-Associate Dean, Research, Arts, and with support from the Arts Endowment Fund, secured by Professor Marx.

26-27 October 2017
PhDs That Work: Finding Success in an Uncertain Job Market Wokshop Series
In this timely, two-day series of workshops, L. Maren Wood, PhD and Jennifer Polk, PhD, two pioneering career coaches and the founders of Beyond the Professoriate, will share their expertise and help both students and faculty make better sense of, and prepare for today’s challenging and shifting professional landscape. This was a major initiative that sought not only to assist our graduate students in an important and practical way, but also, it is hoped, demonstrate the need for more programming and other initiatives of this kind.

26 October—PhDs That Work I
12:30-1:30—223, CATL
Faculty Advisors–Ask Us Anything, with Maren and Jen
2:30-4:00—306 Tier Building
PhDs That Work: Finding Success in an Uncertain Job Market Keynote
27 October—PhDs That Work II
9:30-11:00—200 Education Bldg
Motivators and Values Workshop
11:30-1:00—200 Education Bldg
Transferable Skills: Learn to talk about what you do instead of what you know
Research Affiliates

As was noted above in the Research Affiliates section, the UM IH’s Board of Management has decidedly used the Affiliate program to support promising late-stage PhD students. This affords them a valuable opportunity to complete research projects and develop professionally by operating in a non-student role.

Three of this year’s Affiliates, Jon Malek, Jason Brown, and Sarah Bezan, were late-stage PhD candidates when they were appointed. Jason Brown is expected to complete and defend his dissertation in the late summer or fall of 2018. Sarah Bezan has since graduated with a PhD (English) from the University of Alberta and taken up a prestigious Newton International Fellowship at the University of Sheffield in the U.K.
Collaboration and interdisciplinary research lies at the heart of the UMIH’s mission. Reflecting this, it co-organized a number of events with other units and researchers throughout 2017-18. The Institute also continued its well-established tradition of providing both financial and administrative assistance for guest lectures, workshops, and conferences hosted by other units.

26 September 2017
Alan Nadel (University of Kentucky), Singin’ in the (HUAC) Rain: Postwar Euphoria, Job Security, and the Abjection of Lena Lamont
Refreshments provided.
Sponsored by the Department of English, Theatre, Film and Media, the Faculty of Arts, and the UMIH.

27 September 2017
Graduate Student Grant Writing Workshop
Organized by the UMIH in partnership with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, GradSteps program.
See Student Training section above for more details.

29 September-1 October 2017
Revolutions: A Conference
Organized by the Geopolitical Economy Research Group, with support from the UMIH and others, this conference commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, and broadly examined its influence on subsequent revolutions along with their varying causes, contexts, conditions, and consequences.

18 October 2017
Tony Hughes-d’Aeth (University of Western Australia), The Vicissitudes of Settler Desire: The Farm Novel in Manitoba and Western Australia
Sponsored by Canadian Studies and the UMIH.

19 October 2017
Evgenia Cherkasova (University of Suffolk), Exploring Life’s Big Questions with First-Year Students: Reflections on the Practical Value of the Humanities.
Organized in collaboration with Heidi Marx, then Acting Associate Dean, Research (Arts), with support from the Art Endowment Fund, and the participation of Simone Mahrenholz (Dept of Philosophy) and David Watt (Director, UMIH).

9 November 2017
Jennifer Douglas (School of Library, Archival and Information Studies, University of British Columbia), Archives and Afterlife: Conceptualizing Record-keeping as Grief
Organized by the Archive Studies Program, with support from the Dept of History and the UMIH.

14 December 2017
Übering the City: Understanding the Changes to Transportation in Winnipeg (see below “Humanities Outreach” for more details)

Discussants: Paul Moist, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Lea Baturin, former member of the Winnipeg Taxicab Board, Adolf Ng, Director, University of Manitoba Transport Institute, Joe Kornelsen, public transit advocate, Christine Brouzes, co-Director, Ikwe Safe Rides: Women Helping Women, David Camfield, Dept of Labour Studies/Sociology, U of M, Scott McFadyen, Spokesperson, Winnipeg Community Taxi Coalition, and Sheri Gibbings, Wilfrid Laurier University.
Organized by Sheri Gibbings, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Global Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, in collaboration with the University of Manitoba Institute for the Humanities, and with support from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

29 January 2018
Michael E. Sinatra (University de Montreal), Leigh Hunt, Rebooted: Textual Editing and Digital Humanities
Organize by Michelle Flaubert, ETFM, with assistance from UMIH.

2 February 2018
Goodwill Social Club, 625 Portage Ave.
QTPOC Drop the Mic #8, Featuring Kama La Mackerel, and an all black local artist lineup.
Support provided by the U of M’s Creative Works Gran Program; Department of English, Theatre, Film and Media; Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture; Women’s and Gender Studies Program; and the UMIH.
The UMIH has begun to explore how it might formalize and expand the scope of some of its collaborations. This new section in our annual report has been added to reflect the Institute’s increased activity and success in assisting U of M faculty secure external funding in support of their research projects, particularly (though not exclusively) in the form of SSHRC Connections Grants. However, the Institute has also entered beneficial partnerships with other entities on campus, as it did with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Although still a new area for the UMIH, it is one, we believe, with considerable potential for the Faculty of Arts’ research community. The following details are here included in an effort to better demonstrate what the UMIH can help our faculty to accomplish. We hope to continue this type of collaboration in the future.

REVISITING THE GUATEMALAN REVOLUTION: HISTORY, MEMORY, POLITICS
(18-19 MAY 2017)

Faculty Organizers:
Julie Gibbings, Dept of History, University of Manitoba
Heather Vrana, Dept of History, University of Florida

External Funding Secured:
SSHRC Connections Grant: $25,000
Research Manitoba: $4,500

This conference attracted to the U of M many of leading authorities in the field, as well as a number of emerging scholars. U of M faculty drawn from a number of departments and faculties also participated as discussants. The conference will soon culminate in an edited volume representing the cutting edge of historical scholarship on one of the most important events in Cold War Latin America.

Conference participants:
Julie Gibbings, University of Manitoba
Heather Vrana, University of Florida
Anthony Andersson, New York University
Jim Handy, University of Saskatchewan
Arturo Taracena Arriola, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico
David Carey, Jr., Loyola University-Marland
Patrick Chase, University of Saskatchewan
Jorge Ramon Gonzalez Ponciano, Stanford University
Diane Nelson, Duke University
Sarah Foss, Indiana University-Bloomington
Ingrid Sierakowski, Yale University
Abigail Adams, Central Connecticut State University
J.T. Way, Georgia State University
Betsy Konefal, College of William and Mary

Conference Program:
Thursday, May 18th:
University of Manitoba: Humanities Institute Boardroom
8:30 AM: Coffee and Breakfast/Meet and Greet
9:00 AM: Opening remarks by Julie Gibbings and Heather Vrana
9:30 AM: Opening address by Jim Handy “The Enduring (and Mythic) Legacy of the Revolution”
10:00 AM: Coffee Break
10:30 AM: Memory and Politics of Revolution Panel
Betsy Konefal, “Memories and Meanings of Revolution in Guatemala’s Highlands”
Discussants: Heather Vrana, Ingrid Sierakowski, Sarah Foss, and University of Manitoba discussant, TBA
12:00 PM: Lunch Break
1:30-3:00 PM: Environment and Conflict Panel
Patrick Chasse “The Long Agrarian Reform: The Social and Environmental Consequences of Agrarian Modernization in Guatemala”
Diane M. Nelson “Water Power Promise: Revolutionary DIY”
Anthony Andersson, “Revolutionary Reconqust: Arévalo’s ‘National Crusade’ to Build and Defend the New Guatemala in the Forests of El Petén”
Discussants: Julie Gibbings, David Carey, Betsy Konefal, and Jonathon Peyton
3:00: PM: Coffee Break

3:30 - 5:00 PM: **Indigenismo, Development, and Expert Knowledge Panel**

Sarah Foss, “Until the Indian is made to walk: Indigenismo and the Guatemalan Revolution, 1944-54.”

Abigail E. Adams and Laura Giraudo, “An ‘inter-American problem’: Guatemala and onchocerciasis before, during and after the October Revolution”

**Discussants:** Diane M. Nelson, Anthony Andersson, Jorge Ramón González, and Esyllt Jones (Department of History, University of Manitoba)

**Friday May 19th:**
**University of Manitoba: Humanities Institute Boardroom**

8:30 AM: coffee and breakfast, meet and great

9:00-10:30 AM: **The Cold War and Transnationalism**

Arturo Taracena, “La juventud y la Guerra Fría en la Guatemala durante la posguerra mundial (1945-1951)”

Jorge Ramón González, “U.S. Cold War Anthropology and Guatemala’s Revolutionary Nationalism (1940-1954)”

**Discussants:** J.T. Way, Abigail Adams, and Jorge Nallim (Department of History, University of Manitoba)

10:30 AM: Coffee Break

11:00 AM-12:30: **Agrarian Conflict, Nationalism, and Rethinking Revolution**

David Carey, “Processing Democratization: Rural Reflections on Revolutionary Education, Forestry, and Forced Labor.”

Julie Gibbings, “Now Owners of Our Land: Nationalism, German Plantations, and Agrarian Reform in Alta Verapaz.”

Ingrid Sierakowski, “To Wrench Our Rights from La Frutera”: Race, Labor, and Redefining National Belonging on the Caribbean Coast, 1944-54.”

**Discussants:** Jim Handy, Patrick Chasse, Heather Vrana, and Adele Perry (Department of History University of Manitoba)

12:30 PM: **Closing Remarks Julie Gibbings and Heather Vrana**

1:00 PM: Lunch Break

2:30 PM: Visit to Canadian Museum for Human Rights

5:00 PM: **Canadian premiere of El Buen Cristiano/The Good Christian** at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, followed by a presentation by the film’s director, Izabel Acevedo.

8:00 PM: **Reception, Canadian Museum for Human Rights**
Conference Program:

Friday, July 6

9:15-10:45–Session 1. Form
R. D. Perry (New Chaucer Society Postdoctoral Fellow), Hoccleve and the Logic of Incompleteness
Nicholas Myklebust (Regis University), The Influence of John Walton’s de Consolatione on Hoccleve’s Metrical Style
Steven Rozenski (University of Rochester), Hoccleve and Suso, Revisited

10:45-11:15–Break

11:15-12:30–Keynote:
Stephanie Trigg (University of Melbourne), “Ransakid” by Death: Body, Soul and Image in Hoccleve’s “Lerne to Die.”

12:30-2:00–Lunch

2:00-3:30–Session 2. Circulation
Dylan Matthews (Bangor University), Friends Made Along the Way: Situating Huntington MS HM 111 Cameron Burt (University of Manitoba), Hoccleve and Speght: Chaucer Scholars “wrytynge playne”
Elon Lang (University of Texas at Austin) and Robin Wharton (Georgia State University), Anti-establishment Hoccleve and Resistance in the Archives

3:30-4:00–Break

4:00-5:30–Workshop 1. Making Poetry
Aditi Nafde, Newcastle University
Jenni Nuttall, St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford
David Watt, University of Manitoba

5:30-7:30–Dinner

7:30-8:45–Keynote:
Vincent Gillespie (Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford), The noise the words make: religious aureation and orthodox reform in early fifteenth-century England

Saturday, July 7

9:15-10:45–Session 3. Belief
Ruen-Chuan Ma (Utah Valley University), Curatorial Hoccleve: Bookishness and Saintliness in the Regiment of Princes
Laurie Atkinson (Durham University), ‘And to that ende, here is remembrance’: Registers of Petition in ‘The Monk and Our Lady’s Sleeves’
Sebastian Langdell (Baylor University), Holy Hoccleve

10:45-11:15–Break

11:15-12:45–Workshop 2.
Digital Tools for the Study of Hoccleve
Robin Wharton, Georgia State University
Elon Lang, University of Texas at Austin

12:45-2:15–Lunch

2:15-3:45–Session 4. Language
Taylor Cowdery (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Hoccleve and the Visual Force of Language
A. Arwen Taylor (Arkansas Tech University), Speech Acts and Conversation in the Series
Bradley J. Peppers (Georgia State University), Restless Hoccleve: A Study of Language and Consciousness in The Regement of Princes

3:45-4:15–Break

4:15-5:30–Keynote:
Amy Appleford (Boston University), Extraordinary Bodies

6:00-8:00–Conference Dinner
Once again this year, the Institute has looked at ways to promote outreach and community engagement. We focused our efforts on developing partnerships with others and on The Arts of Conversation series as an opportunity for outreach.

One of the highlights of the year was the Canadian premiere of *El Buen Cristiano* (*The Good Christian*) at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. This event was open to the public and featured a presentation and Q and A from the film’s Director, Izabel Acevedo. It was part of the “Revisiting the Guatemalan Revolution” conference, and we are grateful to Dr. Julie Gibbings and Dr. Heather Vrana for organizing it.

The conference to be held this coming summer, “The Making of Thomas Hoccleve,” will also feature public lectures and the opening of a new exhibit of manuscripts and rare books held in the Archives & Special Collections at the U of M.

We have been developing our relationship with Winnipeg Public Library and explored several different options for holding events around town. We held a very well-attended panel discussion called “Growing up with Harry Potter, 1997-2017” at the Millenium Library on Sunday, November 19. The panelists included Skye Carrette, Gretchen Derige, Katie Leitch, Jennifer Watt, and David Watt. We look forward to working with Brenda Giesbrecht, Adult Programming Librarian at the Millenium Library, to develop more programs in the future.

In December we hosted “Übering the City: Understanding the Changes to Transportation in Winnipeg.” This timely public discussion brought together academics and policy makers, as well as people from the taxi industry and the non-profit sector, to discuss Uber’s bid to operate within in Winnipeg, share their expertise, and consider the future of transportation in the city (see above “Collaborations and Co-Sponsorships” for the list of participants). The layered social,
political, and economic implications associated with granting Über permission to operate in Winnipeg were the subject of fierce debate in mid-December, 2017, and helped to make this event extraordinarily topical. After allowing only abbreviated debate on the matter, the Winnipeg City Council held a snap vote and approved Uber’s request to operate in the city on 13 December, one day before this event. Because of the event’s timing and the expertise of those involved, many in attendance considered the discussion facilitated by this event to be the best, most thorough, and most judicious to have taken place in the city. In the future the UMIH hopes to facilitate more productive academic-community engagement and exchange of this type.

David Watt met with representatives from the CanU program and plans to work with them at some point in his role as a faculty member.

Paul Jenkins worked on developing a formal relationship between the Institute and the Spur Festival, but the festival has been put on hold for the time being.

Both Paul Jenkins and David Watt have been working with Ifeoluwapo Adeniyi to produce episodes of a new podcast series based on the recording of live events as part of the Arts of Conversation. We have over a dozen events recorded and are currently moving through the later stages of production to ensure they can be released on a regular schedule.

These podcasts and events are also linked to the UM-Humanities Blog, which Paul Jenkins has also been writing. We hope to expand the blog program to include other contributors who wish to write on current topics.

We invite anyone interested in these opportunities for outreach or others to get in touch with the Institute.
the Power and Resistance in Latin America Research Cluster. We also allocated $1,750 to the Alternate Histories Cluster, which had been extended from the previous year due to a medical emergency. Each cluster spent almost exactly their allotted amounts.

One of the other major budget items this year was the visit of Dr. Jennifer Polk and Dr. Maren Wood, who put on a series of workshops for graduate students making the transition to the workforce. Paul Jenkins successfully applied for money from the Arts Endowment Fund in support of their visit. He also worked closely with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, who provided additional funding in order to ensure we could serve as many students. Because FGS was generous and some costs associated with the event were lower than expected, we spent less on this visit from UMIH funds than initially expected.

As we did last year, we kept aside savings or money unspent in other areas to be used in support of a SSHRC connections grant proposal (rather than seeking other ways to reallocate the funds. This amounted to $1,500 this year, which we have now allocated to a conference called “The Making of Thomas Hoccleve,” which will be held from July 6 to 8, 2018. The SSHRC Connections grant program offers an important opportunity for the UMIH to support scholars in Arts while also demonstrating to the Senate Committee on Research that it is capable of attracting external funding. Last year, the Institute contributed $2,500 together with a further $3,500 of in-kind contributions to a conference that won a SSHRC Connections Grant of $25,000 and a grant from Research Manitoba for $4,500. This year, the Institute contributed $1,500 plus $4,500 of in-kind contributions (the conference has more participants and is longer, so time spent booking accommodation and costs for rooms are higher) for a conference that won a SSHRC Connections Grant of $24,999 and a grant from Research Manitoba for $5,000. It is sensible to devote a line in the budget to this kind of activity and develop a competitive process for judging which applications to support rather than funding them on the basis of money that happens to be available. We are therefore proposing a new budget line for “Conferences and Partnerships” of $3,000 to support up to two SSHRC Connections or Partnership grant applications through a competitive peer-review process. This line will be specifically aimed to leverage funds, not to run the smaller conferences that UMIH runs regularly through its current budget.

As is the case every year, the fiscal year-end falls in the middle of the Research Affiliateship appointments (July 1-June 30) and just before some of the larger Humanities conferences, summer language institutes, research trips, and related activities are scheduled. Therefore, some of the Research Affiliates expenses from 2016-17 were taken from the 2017-18 budget and some of the 2017-18 Affiliate expenses will be taken from the 2018-19 budget.

The Research Affiliates program has made vital contributions to the Institute’s community and research culture in recent years, and this year we supported four outstanding Research Affiliates (rather two or three as in years past). This was accommodated because one of our Affiliates was returning from parental leave and had already spent most of the amount allotted to her and another affiliate had access to an office elsewhere on campus.

In keeping with the Institute’s increasing commitment to students, we spent most of the $2,000 allocated to pay Ifeoluwa Adeniyi to produce the Arts of Conversation Podcast. She has edited over a dozen recorded events for sound and brought two podcasts through final production on this funding. She has also established a plan for the podcasts and for future recordings. We also paid $200 for a student project in translation.

In order to provide adequate technical support for the podcast, we needed to upgrade our web host and acquire a subscription to sound editing software. This meant that we spent a total of $836 for software this year, which was slightly higher than we budgeted. However, most of the other supplies were lower than expected. We exceeded the Schedule A budget by $85, which led us to exceed our overall budget by $27 (0.1%).

We are pleased to report that we awarded $3,000 to Sardana Nikolaeva, the fourth recipient of UMIH’s Graduate Fellowship. This Fellowship is awarded annually and is funded directly from the Institute’s endowment, so it has no effect on the Institute’s overall budget.

The Institute is pleased to have completed another successful and busy year of programs. We are especially pleased to have supported four outstanding Research
ASKING BUDGET, 2018-19

The Programs budget is $29,780, which is an increase of $5,700 from last year’s asking budget. This year, we plan to support three research clusters once again. We also plan to fund three affiliates. We have successfully found additional office space in the past, and our support for this many affiliates is contingent on our continued ability so to do. We are shifting $300 from the programs budget (Schedule B) to the supplies budget (Schedule A) and asking for an increase of $6,000 for money specifically targeted to leverage external support and provide allied administrative responsibilities.

We are re-naming the Institute Travel line on Schedule B to “Institute Travel and Courses” and eliminating the courses line from Schedule A. We have budgeted $2,000 for Institute Travel and Course this year in order to ensure that the Director or Assistant can attend any relevant humanities related conference. For instance, in two of the past three years someone from UMIH has attended conferences devoted to the “Future of the Humanities PhD.”

This year we plan to support three affiliates. We have successfully found additional office space in the past, and our support for this many affiliates is contingent on our continued ability so to do. Two of our four Research Affiliates spent their research funds during the academic year. Since affiliateships run most often from July through June each year (while year-end for the Institute is in March), some of our 2018-19 budget will be allocated to affiliates from 2017-18. This normally occurs, since most affiliates plan to attend conferences in May and June, often with the support of UMIH. This year, the amount remaining to be spent by our 2017-18 affiliates is $750.

This year, we plan to support three research clusters. Our Research Clusters appreciated the fact they received sufficient funds to organize a substantial number of events. Several of the Clusters raised additional funds or worked in concert with departments in order to support specific or larger-scale events. Overall, the level of funding was substantial enough that the clusters did not need to spend a great deal of time looking elsewhere to support their events.

Two conference projects, Julie Gibbings’ “Revisiting the Guatemalan Revolution” and David Watt’s “The Making of Thomas Hoccleve,” have demonstrated what is possible when the Institute’s support is used to attract outside funds. Rather than diverting money from the cluster or affiliates programs, which are crucial to grass-roots work in the humanities at the U of M, we propose creating a new budget line for “Connections and Sponsorships” aimed at leveraging support from external funding agencies, especially SSHRC. The figure of $6000 ($3000 in financial support, and $3000 for administrative support) will allow us to provide fairly substantial financial and administrative support for up to two conferences. It would bring the total level of cash and in-kind support the Institute can offer to applicants to approximately $6000, which is roughly half of what they would need to apply for the full $25,000 from the SSHRC Connections program, while also covering the accompanying administrative costs.

In keeping with the Institute’s commitment to students, $2,000 has been designated to pay a student or students to do research either for the Director. Some of this money will be used to pay our current Research Assistant, Ifeoluwa Adeniyi, to continue producing The Arts of Conversation Podcast.

Finally, our Supplies & Equipment budget has been increased to $4,220 this year. We have increased the budget for software this year by $300 in order to maintain subscriptions to our web host (with podcast capability) and sound editing software. While are shifting this money from the program’s budget we believe this investment will support our programs by extending their reach. We are eliminating the Courses budget line and including it in the Institute Travel line on Schedule B. Last year, we acquired an older computer from Arts because it meets our current needs, but we anticipate having to upgrade computer very soon. We will continue to work with Arts to ensure we have adequate equipment.

**Supplies & Equipment $4,220**

**Programs: $29,780**

**TOTAL: $34,000**
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### Asking Budget 2017-2018

#### Schedule A

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The talk will outline how street traders and their support, with their governance and enforcement, shaped the development of urban areas. The talk will also explore how colonial ideas about race and ethnicity were translated into policies and practices that further marginalized and oppressed indigenous peoples. The discussion will conclude with a consideration of the ongoing legacies of colonialism in the region, particularly in relation to issues of land tenure, resource extraction, and human rights.
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The Institute addresses the needs and interests of researchers in a broad range of subjects including literature and languages, philosophy, history and religion, and also the literary, philosophical, theological and historical aspects of the social and physical sciences, mathematics, the arts, and professional studies.

The UMIH is located within the Faculty of Arts, but is intended to serve the entire Humanities constituency in the University and the general community. The Institute is, accordingly, committed to community outreach through programs and lecture series for the general public.

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