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Highlights from the year in research...

- Total external grant revenue (awarded between May 1, 2011 and April 30, 2012) for the university, students, and faculty was $469,364. $52,500 of this was awarded to three 4th year students to pursue a Masters degree ($17,500 each)

- The Senate Research Committee handed out $87,097 in internal grants to STU faculty for travel and research

- Dr. Susan Machum, CRC in Rural Social Justice, had her Chair renewed for another 5 years (to 2016), and was awarded a $74,997 CFI grant to upgrade her lab

- SSHRC-funded Global and International Studies Initiative group actively awarded internal grants for STU-based research and facilitated workshops and partnerships relating to their areas

- Office of Research Services hosted/co-hosted 8 book launches, 1 visiting scholar (through the GSI group), and 14 workshops and events
Message from the Assistant Vice-President (Research)

The newly re-named Office of Research Services (ORS) here at St. Thomas has had a fairly successful year, given the cutbacks in research funding across the board, in both provincial and federal capacities. We now have a lovely new location in BMH 312, a little out of the way for some, but well worth the trip. We have been welcomed by both the Schools of Education and Social Work, whose facilities we now share.

We are pleased to announce the renewal of the Canada Research Chair second five-year term for Dr. Susan Machum in Rural Social Justice (Tier II). Dr. Machum’s continued success in scholarship and research funding for her work serves as an inspiration to us all. Susan has also been awarded another Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI grant) for her laboratory. Congratulations, Susan!

Partnerships appear to be the new paradigm for research projects; partly fuelled by restructuring by the Tri-Councils and partly fuelled by decreasing resources for research projects, accompanied by the realization that community involvement can truly enhance our best research efforts in some disciplines. We are particularly excited by Dr. Tremblay’s leadership of the Atlantic wing of a pan-Canadian SSHRC Partnership Grant (LOI application stage) headed by the University of Alberta. The project is on “Rural Sustainability: Complexity, Informality and Partnerships in Planning, Policy and Governance”. Another SSHRC Partnership we have collaborated and partnered on is the Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network, with a team from St. Thomas that includes Josephine Savarese, Craig Proulx, Arielle Dylan and Shaunda Wood. This grant involves the whole of Atlantic Canada, and we are pleased to be part of this initiative.

As of April 30th, our office had submitted a SSHRC Leadership Grant application for $33,940 that involves the participation of 12 universities around the Atlantic on a research scanning exercise that will contribute to research ideas and strategic focus areas for SSHRC over the next 20 years. The Atlantic Regional Panel established from this grant (http://atlanticregionalpanel.wordpress.com/) can be accessed by anyone, should you want to contribute your ideas. I lead the team as Principal Investigator, with Dr. Leah Levac, a newly minted PhD from UNBF, Tricia Morris (STU alumnus and Trent University MA graduate) and a recent BA from STU, Margot Malenfant.

We have been far more successful at smaller provincial grants for hiring students than in the past, with 8 NBIF and 2 NBHRF awards granted to the university and faculty.

It has felt like the year of “responses” here in the ORS this past academic year. Along with our new President Dawn Russell’s welcome initiatives on Strategic Planning and restructuring within the university, the federal councils, notably the Tri-Council and the Secretariat on Research Ethics have required a bit more soul-searching than usual; necessitating a newly revised Memorandum of Understanding between universities and the Councils which is predicated on changes in the need for
universities’ compliance with new ethics procedures. This affects all universities; involving changes to our Research Integrity Policy with forthcoming recommendations from us regarding the MOU. I am working directly with Nicole O’Bryne, a law professor at UNBF and the legal rep on our REB, as well our counterparts at UNBF and Mount Allison University in order to better facilitate some of the changes prescribed in the Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research.

As a result of last year’s restructuring of SSHRC, there are new stages of competitions and a new requirement of Notification of Intent (NOI) is now in place the Insight Grants. The NOI is not complicated, and it will hopefully help SSHRC’s programme officers find adequate matches for adjudication as well as overall programme management.

The new Common CV format for Tri-Councils will be a welcome change for some, not so much for others. In the long run, though, having to fill out only one CV for any Tri-Council competition is welcome news.

A key initiative during the year has been the ongoing Professional Development work that the ORS has been doing with individual faculty. If you want an appointment to start this process, need some mentoring for a new direction in your research, a new life-stage in your research career, or are just trying to make research an efficient part of your everyday academic life, especially given all of the teaching/governance demands that you already have, please make an appointment with me for some guidance.

Finally, we will truly miss our ever-cheerful and efficient Office Assistant Danielle Connell as of November 2, as she will be on maternity leave for a year. We are in the process of hiring her temporary replacement.

I wish all St. Thomas faculty the very best in their research projects and achievements.

Sincerely,

Gayle M. MacDonald, Ph.D
Tri-Council Success Stories

Applicants
Susan Machum, CRC
Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
Leaders Opportunity Fund
November 2011
Awarded $74,847 for 3 years

Susan Machum, CRC
Canada Research Chairs
Renewal for 5 year term
April 2012
Awarded $500,000 for 5 years

St. Thomas University Office of Research Services
SSHRC Connection Grant
STU/UNB Panel on Research Ethics Conference
Awardees – Danielle Connell and Renee Audet-Martel (UNB)
April 2012
Awarded $16,000

Co-Applicants
Josephine Savarese, Craig Proulx, Arielle Dylan, Shaunda Wood
SSHRC Partnership Grants
Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network, UAKN
March 2012
Principal Investigator awarded $2,500,000 for 7 years
Provincial Success Stories

September 2011
St. Thomas University Office of Research Services
New Brunswick Innovation Foundation (NBIF)
Research Assistantships Initiative
Awardees – Clive Baldwin, Marc Gionet, Bill Randall and Michael Houlihan
Total Awarded $25,000 for five Student Assistantships

February – March 2012
Clive Baldwin (CRC)
New Brunswick Health Research Foundation (NBHRF)
2 Summer Studentships
Awarded $10,400 for Summer 2012

Grant Williams
New Brunswick Innovation Foundation (NBIF)
Research Assistantships Initiative
Awarded $5,000 for 1 year

Susan Reid
New Brunswick Innovation Foundation (NBIF)
Research Assistantships Initiative
Awarded $5,000 for 1 year

Ray Williams
New Brunswick Innovation Foundation (NBIF)
Research Assistantships Initiative
Awarded $5,000 for 1 year
Senate Research Committee

Membership during 2011-12

- Mary Lou Babineau (2012-2014)
- Claire Goggin (2012-2015)
- Dr. Gayle MacDonald, Chair, ex officio
- Dr. Mikhail Molchanov (2010-2013)
- Dr. Craig Proulx (2011-2014)
- Dr. Jean-Philippe Ranger (2010-2013)
- Dr. Karen Robert (2008-2011)
- Dr. Jean Sauvageau (2009-2012)
- Monika Stelzl (January to June 2012)
- Dr. Peter Toner (2008-2011)
- Dr. Deborah van den Hoonoord (2009-2012)
- Grant Williams (2012-2015)

The Senate Research Committee met ten times this year and awarded $87,097 worth of internal grants.

The overall mandate of the Senate Research Committee (SRC) is to make recommendations to the Senate regarding the policies and regulations governing research. It allocates internal research and travel funds for faculty after evaluating the merits of the research proposals received. In addition, it reviews requests for research grants in lieu of salary and makes recommendations to the President (via the Office of Human Resources).

Completed Projects:

- Senate passed the SRC’s “Research Award” policy in October 2011
- Senate passed the SRC’s “Research Centres” policy in January 2012
- New grant opportunities: $500 Publication Grant and $500 Research Assistantship Grant
- Moved Masters adjudication to newly formed Student Scholarship Committee

Current Projects

- Processing of Research and Conference Travel Grants
- Continual review of rules and guidelines for internal grants
- Updating and posting relevant Senate Research Committee information on the Office of Research Services website (deadlines, application forms, announcing award recipients, etc.)
- Implementing the “Research Awards” and “Research Centres” policies
- Continual work with FAUST and the University regarding part-time faculty research funding
- Discussing and developing a “Research Space” policy and a “Research and Teaching Institute” policy with Upper Management
Early Career Research Award

The Senate Research Committee decided to grant the Inaugural Early Career Research award to one of its three applicants, Dr. Michael Dawson, Associate Professor of History. This award, presented to Dr. Dawson at Spring Convocation, was based on his range of productivity, including books, book chapters, articles, book reviews; over the past six (6) years here at St. Thomas, the mentoring of both graduate and undergraduate students’ work, and his public scholarship (media and other interviews). Dr. Dawson’s letters of reference for his nomination point to his work as “defining historiography”, representing the work of “a leader in the area” and that he is considered “highly influential in his (sic) field”.

The Committee noted that he has participated on various editorial boards of leading journals in his field. He has been awarded a SSHRC Standard Research Grant, as well as having success in many internal research funding competitions. In addition, Dr. Dawson has managed to produce research in more than one area. We congratulate Dr. Dawson on this accomplishment.

Dr. Michael Dawson and Prof. Dawn Russell, President and Vice-Chancellor
Internal Research Funding

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<td><strong>59</strong></td>
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- Three Research Grants in Lieu of Salary were awarded totalling $26,635 (non-SRC monies)

Internal Grant Funding Sources

- **Full-Time Faculty Collective Agreement Research Grant Funding**
  $35,000 is from the Collective Agreement, annually.
  - $30,000 of this went towards Major Research Grants, General Research Grants, and the remaining $5,000 covered the ten Research Assistantships.

- **Part-Time Faculty Collective Agreement Research Grant Funding**
  $7,000 is from the Collective Agreement, annually.
  - This covers Conference Travel Grants, Major Research Grants, and General Research Grants.

- **Full-Time Faculty SSHRC Internal Research Grant Funding**
  $9,981 is from the annual SSHRC Institutional Grant plus “SRC carry-over” and unspent SSHRC grants from previous years.
  - This covers Conference Travel Grants, Conference Organizer’s Awards, 4A Awards, and Publication Grants.
  - This year, carry-over and unspent monies covered roughly $40,000 worth of internal grant expenditures.
# External Research Funding

*Excludes transfers from previously awarded grants*

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**Total:** $469,634

- Co-Applicants receive funding through transfers or other arrangements rather than allocations of direct awards.
- We received the SSHRC Institutional Grant because we are a small university. It is used to fund our internal grant program.
- Graduate Level tri-Council money is allocated to the University where the student completes their next degree.
Indirect Costs

The Indirect Costs Program helps Canadian postsecondary institutions with the hidden costs of research. By alleviating the financial burden of expenses, such as lighting and heating, the program ultimately helps researchers concentrate on cutting-edge discoveries and scholarship excellence.

Our institution allocates its ICP grant through a consultative process involving the Assistant Vice-President (Research), the Vice-President (Finance), the Vice-President (Academic and Research), and the Comptroller. Together with the President’s Advisory Committee on the Budget, an annual plan is developed according to the overall university budget and also takes into consideration specific needs that arise from year to year.

$135,846 Indirect Costs Grant
St. Thomas University 2011-2012

- Research Facilities $8,673
- Research Resources $1,641
- Management and administration $120,786
- Regulatory requirements and accreditation $4,746

To learn more about the impacts of our 2011-2012 ICP grant, please visit http://w3.stu.ca/stu/research/indirect_cost_of_research.aspx.
Canada Research Chairs

Dr. Clive Baldwin
Canada Research Chair in Narrative Studies

Dr Baldwin’s research interests span a number of areas, and as Canada Research Chair, Clive is exploring the role of narrative in understanding social care institutions, professional education and social and health care ethics. He currently has three primary research projects: storytelling in social and health care institutions, developing narrative literacy in professional education and an evaluation of training in narrative ethics.

He continues to write about allegations of Munchausen syndrome by proxy and narrative ethics but has expanded his interests to include concepts of the Self, the experience of transableism and the promotion of narrative care.

He has recently completed a manuscript on narrative social work, due for publication in March 2013 (Policy Press) and is working on one on narrative analysis for Left Coast Press. Among his selected published works are The ethics of caring, Hypertext as an expression of the rhizomatic self, Narrative rhetoric in expert reports: A case study, and Personhood, personalism and dementia: A journey of becoming.

His talks for this year included “Narrative research as a rhetorical enterprise”, a paper presented at Qualitatives 2012 in Newfoundland, “Narrative ethics for narrative care”, a paper presented at Narrative Matters: Life and narrative in France, “Using autoethnography in social work education” (with Carolyn Hill), a paper presented at Dalhousie Conference on University Teaching and Learning, and “Living narratively” at STU’s John McKendy Annual Memorial Lecture on Narrative.

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Dr. Susan Machum
Canada Research Chair in Rural Social Justice

Over the first phase of her CRC term, Dr. Machum had drawn attention to sustainability and the value of locally produced goods. She developed strong relationships with diverse stakeholders, supported grass-root initiatives promoting sustainability and socially-just economic practices, and established partnerships with community leaders and activists.

St. Thomas University President Dawn Russell noted that Machum had launched a number of research projects and delivered papers on agriculture and sustainability and the production-consumptions cycle.
“Dr. Machum has represented St. Thomas University at conferences and forums, served on a task force and contributed to several policy development initiatives. She has also significantly increased media attention and public awareness on rural issues. Her work has been successful in instilling public confidence in the value of local food production, ensuring women’s contributions to rural life are recognized and fostering interest in rural-urban collaboration. This research is timely and important as the means to sustain local food production and distribution systems is gaining critical importance. Increased research and informed critical thinking in this area will have implications for New Brunswick and Canada.”

Dr. Machum said that over the second phase of her now ongoing work, *How Social Processes and Food Policies Affect Rural Areas*, she will expand her research on how underlying social processes and food agricultural policies and practices affect rural New Brunswick. As part of that analysis, she will address how local populations have responded to global economic and political processes. She will investigate how agricultural policy helps and hinders family farming, examine the roots of current agricultural policy directions and study rural activism.

This research will serve an agenda of conference papers and book projects, as well as a greater profile for the Rural Social Justice Centre for Research.

**Dr. Tony Tremblay**  
Canada Research Chair in New Brunswick Studies

This has been an extremely busy year for Tony. He supervised, mentored, and advised six Graduate students, he advised two SSHRC-related projects at UNB, he wrote *Fred Cogswell: The Many-Dimensioned Self* (currently under review) to be published jointly by the Electronic Text Centre (UNB) and the New Brunswick Studies Centre (STU), was editor of *The Journal of New Brunswick Studies/Revue d’études sur le Nouveau-Brunswick (JNBS/RÉNB)*, wrote three book chapters, essays and introductions, and reviewed two other publications.

In the spring of 2012 Tony screened and lectured about his documentary *Last Shift*, and delivered a conference paper at the 19th Atlantic Canada Studies Conference. He also was interviewed for the documentary film “Why Is Art and Culture Important for New Brunswick?” directed by Adam Hodnett, produced by the New Brunswick Foundation for the Arts.

Tony is a co-applicant on a SSHRC Partnership Grant (LOI stage, Phase 1) titled “Rural Sustainability: Complexity, Informality and Partnerships in
Planning, Policy and Governance.” The Principal Investigator is based at the University of Alberta and if successful, Phase 2 of the grant is valued at $4.1 million.

His service to the profession (both research and New Brunswick-related) has also been very broad. He organized the New Brunswick Literature Panel for Atlantic Canada Studies Conference: “Identity Politics as Resistance in the Literatures of New Brunswick”, organized the Third Annual New Brunswick Distinguished Lecture “Putting a Face on the Past: Exploring the Popularization of History”, was a Panel Chair for “McLuhan’s Influences” McLuhan’s Philosophy of Media Centennial Conference in Belgium, was an essays and articles editor of The Antigonish Review, served on the Advisory Board of the Studies in Canadian Literature, and was an Adjudicator of a Tier 1 CRC Renewal Application.

Dr. Deborah van den Hoonaard
Canada Research Chair in Qualitative Analysis

Dr. Deborah van den Hoonaard, professor in the Gerontology Department and Canada Research Chair in Qualitative Research and Analysis started the second term of her renewed Canada Research Chair tier II award. During the year she began an ethnography of the Red Hat Society, initiated an international collaborative research with Dr Kate Bennett (UK) to look at interdisciplinary comparisons of experiences of older widows. She is an ardent member of the New Brunswick Social Policy Research Network and is very actively involved in their consultations with senior researchers and institutions within the province.

In the line of knowledge mobilization she gave presentations in various forums and organized events including a qualitative workshop; a workshop with volunteers for Hospice New Brunswick to share insights regarding the experience of widowhood that they can bring to their volunteer work with dying patients and their family members; and presentations on the denial of education to the Baha’is in Iran. Through the academic year her ACQRA Research Centre hosted regular Qualitative Lunches on Friday afternoons, where both faculty and students were invited to participate in discussions and share their ideas.

Debbie’s research interests are varied. She carried out a study of the media coverage of the purported plans of the American IRS to track down and penalize Americans who live abroad and have not been filing tax returns which could affect up to 1 million people living in Canada including many dual nationals.

Over the year, Debbie served on various committees including the Banting Fellowships review committee and provides the supervision of Rose McCloskey, a CIHR funded Post-Doctoral fellow to STU.
Research Ethics Board

Membership during 2011-2012

- Brian Carty (July 2010 – June 2013)
- Matthew Hayes (March 2012 – February 2015)
- Michelle Lafrance, Chair (March 2008 - July 2011), Member (July 2011 – December 2011)
- Sharon Murray (July 2010 – June 2013)
- Alanna Palmer (October 2011 – February 2015)
- Thom Parkhill, Chair (July 2011 – June 2014)
- Mihailo Perunovic (July 2011 – June 2014)
- Josephine Savarese (term ended June 2011)
- Nicole O’Byrne, Legal Alternate (October 2009 – September 2012)
- Doug Vipond, Alternate (July 2011 – June 2014)

During the last year, the REB reviewed 22 new submissions. Currently the REB is managing 53 active research projects. In addition to the processing of applications and having regular monthly meetings during the academic year, the focus of the work this year was the implementation of the revised REB Policy passed by Senate in June 2011. As a result of this work, the STU REB continues to operate in a manner that is consistent with national standards.

Highlights from 2011-2012 include:

- Our new REB Chair, Dr. Thomas Parkhill, Religious Studies department, assumed his duties in July 2011, for a three year term. Thom brings a wealth of knowledge in various fields, and has been active on several key co-governance committees within the University, including CAPT.

- The REB was happy to welcome Nicole O’Byrne, Assistant Professor at UNB Law School, as our permanent legal rep halfway through her term and also Matthew Hayes, Assistant Professor of Sociology as a new member.

- Our Chair attended the CAREB 2012 Conference in Toronto, where theme of the conference was “Knowledge Translation of Research Ethics”. Topics of interest included; crowd sourcing, technology, changes to the TCPS 2 online tutorial, and education of REB members and researchers.

- Ongoing projects include the creation of an Orientation Guide for new REB members, drafting and implementing a Multi-jurisdictional Research Policy, and working with STU’s departmental research ethics committees.

- In November 2011, our office volunteered to host a Panel on Research Ethics Workshop and with the support of the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Research) we were awarded $16,000 to cover all costs. The event was held on May 14th, 2012 with over 70 participants attending from the Atlantic region. Sessions focused on four key areas: Working Through Research Ethics Issues: Health Sciences, Working Through Research Ethics Issues: Social Sciences, Humanities & Engineering, TCPS 2: Research with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples, and TCPS 2 for REBs: Putting it into Practice.
Global and International Studies Initiative Activity Report

The Global and International Studies Initiative is a cross disciplinary effort designed to increase cooperation between academics working with global and international issues. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the traditional boundaries in academia miss the nuance of this subject matter. GISI instead works towards bringing together and organizing academics by subject matter and research goals. To accomplish these goals GISI has directly funded several ongoing research projects, financed five scholars’ travel expenses, hosted a visiting expert at the local campus, and plans to continue all of this in the upcoming year.

The GISI was established by Dr. Gayle MacDonald, Assistant Vice-President (Research), Dr. Dev Gupta (Economics), Dr. Mikhail Molchanov (Political Science), Dr. Shaun Narine (Political Science), and Dr. Robin Vose (History). More than 30 faculty are involved in the initiative and the Executive Committee of GISI is Drs. Gupta, Molchanov, Narine and Vose, with Dr. Narine as the Acting Director.

GISI grants awarded in 2011-2012:

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<td>Robin Vose</td>
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<td>Dr. Vose’s project is titled “Inquisitio: A Global Survey of Sources for Inquisition History” and contributes both to the development of more global inquisition studies and to a range of other historical specialty areas by systematically surveying, categorizing and analyzing the contents of key inquisition archives worldwide.</td>
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<td>Dr. Cross’ project “After the Bauxite is Gone: A History of Land Rehabilitation in Transnational Perspective” is one piece of a larger comparative and international history that examines some of the environmental and social experiences of people using, living on or living near former bauxite mines.</td>
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<td>Swaran Singh</td>
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<td>This project, G ISI’s first visiting scholar, brought Dr. Swaran Singh from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi to Fredericton NB. Dr. Singh, esteemed in his field, delivered a talk to a receptive audience on the local campus. The talk laid bare the historical relationship between India and China politically, historically, culturally, and militarily. Dr. Singh then made good use of his expertise and shared with the audience some of his insights into this relationship and what it holds for the future. Dr. Singh has worked for over 20 years on issues of arms control and disarmament; war and peace; security and nuclear affairs; and East Asian studies, notably China’s foreign and security policies and India-China relations. Dr. Singh has: authored three books and eight monographs; contributed 45 chapters to books; published 75 research articles in academic journals, 130 articles in other periodicals, and more than 150 articles in newspapers and websites.</td>
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GISI launched a website in the spring of 2012. To learn more please visit [http://wp.stu.ca/gisi/](http://wp.stu.ca/gisi/)
Graduate Studies

The ORS continues to give workshops on applications to Graduate School, as well as information on Tri-Council funding, normally in the fall semester. These workshops are in response to a growing need to have information on graduate school entry available to our impending graduates. This past year, the Tri-Council granted STU three Masters SSHRCs to adjudicate, one CIHR and one NSERC. The Senate Scholarship Committee, chaired by the AVP Research, adjudicated the files. The three Masters SSHRCs were approved.

The work on Graduate Studies programmes this past year has consisted of the following initiatives:

1. As of April 30th, the Masters of Social Work programme plans to go before Senate in June. The programme is an applied, part/time model. The programme is then required to go to the MPHEC for approval. The AVP Research met with Dr. John Coates, Director of Social Work as well as the external assessor for the programme, Dr. Colleen Lundy. With over 700 graduates of our BSW programme in the province, the pool for graduate students is fairly obvious.

2. The online Masters in Irish and Scottish Studies programme with the U of Ulster, a partnership in development, is ready to be offered with a trial course by Dr. Peter Toner, to happen January 2013. Dr. MacDonald had been in regular communication with the University of Ulster on this programme, as well as a development committee here at St. Thomas U. The Provincial Archives, the Irish Association of New Brunswick and other community members have shown interest in this programme.

3. The third initiative, the development of a Graduate School of New Brunswick, came from the Research and Graduate Studies Committee of New Brunswick. It is at the approval stage of Senates at each respective university (Mt. Allison, UNBF and SJ, U de Moncton). The Deans of Graduate Studies from each university worked a skeletal structure out last fall; Dr. MacDonald represented St. Thomas at these meetings. This model would allow faculty who apply to be members of the Graduate Academic Unit of the Grad School of New Brunswick would have the ability to supervise, sit on thesis committees or teach graduate students at any of the four universities. The model has yet to be approved by St. Thomas.

The Graduate Studies portfolio is now under the auspices of the Vice-President (Academic and Research) as of April 2012. Any/all questions of the development of these programmes should now be addressed to Dr. Barry Craig, vpacademic@stu.ca.
## Faculty Book and Journal Launches

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Office of Research Services Workshops & Events

**Fostering Scholarship and Research: Learn what the Research Office can do for you**
May 9th, 2011
Presented by Josephine Adda, Proposal Support Officer, this gave STU Faculty the chance to learn about research funding opportunities and how the ORS can help.

**STU & UNB Faculty Information Session: Presented by the New Brunswick Social Policy Research Network**
May 20th, 2011
This event focused on new developments within NBSPRN & details on the new Statistics Canada license and how it works. NBSPRN purchased a license under an agreement with the Research Data Centres that allows members of the network (STU and UNB) to use the data without charge, effective 1st April 2011. The Research Data Centres (RDC) are part of an initiative by Statistics Canada, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and university consortia to help strengthen Canada’s social research capacity and to support the policy research community.

**New Faculty Orientation Workshop**
August 24th, 2011
Every year, the Assistant Vice-President (Research) is invited to give a presentation to new faculty at STU at the start of the academic year. Dr. MacDonald enjoys discussing the role of the Office of Research Services, what the ORS has to offer to new faculty, as well as giving an outline of both internal and external funding opportunities.

**Research Day Workshops**
August 25th, 2011
This workshop included two sessions: Mentoring Student Research Assistants and Teaching Assistants presented by Dr. Gayle MacDonald, Assistant Vice-President (Research), and SSHRC Insight Grants-Funding Workshop presented by Josephine Adda, Proposal Support Officer.

**Welcome Reception for Dr. Clive Baldwin, CRC**
September 9th, 2011
The ORS hosted this event to give all STU faculty and staff the opportunity to meet Dr. Baldwin and learn more about his plans for 2011 and beyond at St. Thomas.

**Graduate School/Masters Funding Workshops**
October 17th & 19th, 2011
The Assistant Vice-President (Research) gave four workshops to interested 4th year students, addressing the various funding opportunities available to them, including STU’s 3 allocations of $17,500 Joseph Armand Bombardier Master’s SSHRC awards, and the 1 Master’s CIHR award, also valued at $17,500. Best practices during the Grad School application process were also reviewed, which was well appreciated by those in attendance.
Research Software Workshop with Clive Baldwin
November 4th 2011
This workshop was intended to help interested faculty use new forms of research software. Attendees were introduced to software programs such as Mind Manager, Personal Brain, Inspiration and Visual Concept. A follow-up workshop is planned for 2012-13 due to the high-level of positive feedback received from this presentation.

Introduction to Community Radio and Research Exposure Information Session
November 18th 2011
The speakers for this event were Bob Ogilvie and Tim Rayne from CHSR. The session featured the new research radio program “Scientific Sandwich” on CHSR 97.9 FM.

Linnet Humble Workshop: An Introduction to the Book Publishing Process
December 9th 2011
This two-part workshop aimed to better prepare faculty for this experience by providing an overview of the monograph publishing process, covering submissions, tips on how best to present a project to a prospective publisher, vetting and peer review, and outlined the factors a UP takes into account when considering a book for publication. Part 2 looked at the production process. Attendees gained a clearer sense of the expectations and responsibilities of the author and the publisher, as well as a greater understanding of how Canadian university presses operate.

Library Showcase: Resources and Services
January 5th 2012
This very successful information session was held in partnership with the Harriet Irving Library and was co-sponsored by the Office of Research Services. Barry Cull, our affable contact person at the HIL organized some 10 different offices and staff to host the first only St Thomas faculty/ staff database session. Attended by many staff and ended with an amazing meal, our first Research showcase was a learning success for faculty. We plan another this coming year.

Gail Taylor Writing Workshop
Academic Faculty Writing Workshop
December 9th and 10th 2011
An experiential writing workshop for faculty that covered a wide range of writing issues from generation and conceptualization to outlines and drafting, elements of syntax, transparency, and flow, and guidelines for respectful peer feedback and editing. The workshop balanced creative and technical approaches with practical strategies to address barriers. This event was geared towards academic writers at all stages of their career, working on everything from peer-reviewed articles to Tri-Council research submissions, book proposals, book reviews-and more.

New Brunswick Innovation Foundation R3 Gala
March 21st 2012
St. Thomas University’s ORS, through the Office of the Vice-President (Academic), helped to sponsor this event. Three of the province’s top researchers were honored with the R3 Innovation Award for Excellence in Applied research and there were three short documentary films shown which demonstrated each researcher’s work and impact on industry and society. The recipients of the R3 Innovation Challenge Prize were also announced at this event.
Gail Taylor Writing Workshop
Getting Started, Sustaining Momentum, and Letting Go
April 12th 2012
Because academics must juggle writing with teaching, research, and administration, writing for externally cued deadlines can be overwhelming. This workshop encouraged hands-on awareness of the writing process that moves from solitary incubation through to an imagined public dialogue with the audience. Tracing this arc of communication equips the writer to break through the resistance to getting underway, clarify intentions, and attain a greater continuity of momentum in an interrupted schedule. This workshop discussed the point at which re-writing can turn back against itself, feeding compulsion and procrastination, and develop strategies to help discharge the text when this occurs.

Gail Taylor Writing Workshop
Creating Sustainable Peer Writing Pods
April 26th 2012
In this workshop, participants defined the range of writing challenges that peer feedback can successfully address, and identified corresponding phases of production. A full repertoire of peer response was explored – always with an emphasis on what the author needs.

The workshop aimed to accomplish formation of an independent pod for university academics by achieving consensus on safe, non-judgmental guidelines; logistics and structure; facilitation; and resources for confidential text-sharing. Diversity of disciplines was also discussed, and time was devoted to anticipating the problems that challenge sustainability of a peer writing pod – and taking collective responsibility for addressing them.

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