



New Sessional Elizabeth Bachinsky Joins FCCS January 2010!



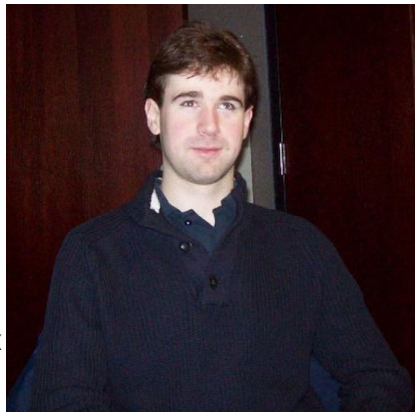
Elizabeth Bachinsky started teaching Creative Writing for FCCS in January 2010. Elizabeth was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, and raised in Prince George and Maple Ridge, BC. She is the author of three collections of poetry, *Curio* (BookThug, 2005), *Home of Sudden Service* (Nightwood Editions, 2006), and *God of Missed Connections* (Nightwood Editions, 2009). Her work has been nominated for many awards including the Kobzar Literary Award (2009), the Governor General’s Award for Poetry (2006), the Bronwen Wallace Award (2004), and a Pushcart Prize (2009) and has appeared in literary journals, anthologies, and on film in Canada, the United States, France, Ireland, England, and China. It has been said that she is a poet whose work “[straddles] both sides: formal and experimental, personal and mathematical, with

with a keen ear for the erotically ridiculous” (Globe & Mail); and George Elliott Clarke calls her work “full of guts and verve, spunk and nerve... straight-shooting, straight-talking” while the *Quill and Quire* simply finds her poems “enviously good.” This summer she’ll be teaching at the Summer Literary Seminars (Montreal) and the Sage Hill Writing Experience (Saskatchewan). She is also a singer, presswoman, and curator and her site-specific installation *Blackout at the Candahar* will appear at the Playwright’s Centre Theatre on Granville Island this February, 2010. Elizabeth commutes once a week to UBCO from East Vancouver where she is an instructor of creative writing at Douglas College and Poetry Editor for *Event* magazine.

Max Dickeson Wins the HMA Architects Award in Critical Studies

The winner of the \$2500 HMA Architects Award in Critical Studies is **Max Dickeson**, undergraduate student in the English Honours program in the Department of Critical Studies at UBC Okanagan. This award is given on completion of 2nd or 3rd year for outstanding academic achievement and leadership in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.

Max is in his 4th year of studies, writing his Honours thesis under the supervision of Dr. Margaret Reeves. Max is working on melancholy in modern fantasy novels. Some texts he is considering include *Lord of the Rings*, the Harry Potter series and possibly *The Last Unicorn*. He is investigating and interpreting these novels as adult texts. Reading was a big part of Max’s childhood, and his current work reflects this interest. Max identifies taking English



232 as a turning point for him because this course illustrated how he could apply a critical approach to his personal preferences. Max also notes that discovering linkages between courses has been satisfying and rewarding as his studies have progressed and that studying historical periods through different subjects has enriched his approach. Max is a native of the Okanagan and went to Summerland High School before beginning his post-secondary education at UBC Okanagan. He anticipates doing a Master’s degree but is going to take some time to consider carefully what he wants to do after graduating this year. Max uses a Braille reader and receives e-texts from the Crane Library in Vancouver.

The Department of Critical Studies would like to heartily congratulate Max on winning this award!

Edmond Rivère Climbs Mt. Aconcagua for Prostate Cancer



FCCS instructor, **Edmond Rivère** and 12 other men aged 47 to 60 left their families just before Christmas 2009 to climb Mt. Aconcagua (elevation 22 841ft.) in Argentina to raise awareness about and funding for the Vancouver Prostate Centre. Members of Team Prostate, or the Prostate Boys as they call themselves, come from the Fraser and Okanagan Valleys. All have spent time talking to groups and individuals about the need for men to be more aware of the high risk of Prostate Cancer and the benefits of early detection. All have spent the last year preparing mentally and physically for the demands of climbing the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere. The team tackled Mt. Rainier, elevation 4,392 meters, twice in the summer of 2009 in preparation. Perhaps most significantly, Team Prostate worked tirelessly to raise a total of almost \$200,000 for the Vancouver Prostate Centre. Battling wind and altitude sickness, Team Prostate managed to get six of its members onto Aconcagua's peak. You can read about their adventure and challenges on the blog they kept throughout the trip at <http://climbforprostate.blogspot.com/>. Although the climb is over, their website, climbforprostate.com will continue to accept donations for the Vancouver Prostate Centre until February 28, 2010. Please help Edmond and Team Prostate reach a final total of \$200,000!

FCCS Events for February 2010

Visiting Artist Heather Passmore- Feb. 4th

Art on the Line- Feb. 6th

Author Michael MacLennan- Feb. 10

Culture/ Power Speaker Allison Hargreaves- Feb. 11

Spanish Film: *Átame*- Feb. 18

German Film: *Berlin is in Germany*- Feb. 22

Author Lee Henderson- Feb. 25

Visiting Artist Roja Aslani- Feb. 25

Ongoing FCCS Events this Winter/ Spring

Culture/ Power Speaker Series

FCCS Visiting Artist Speaker Series

Author Readings

Writer in Residence: Laisha Rasua

Minds and Movies Series

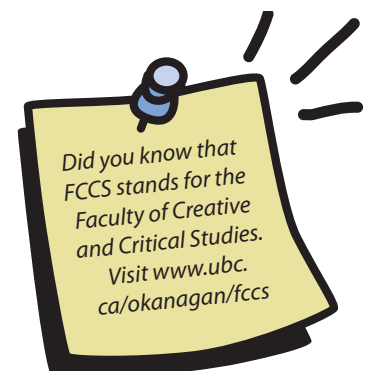
Spanish Film Series

German Film Series

For more info on FCCS events, visit:

<http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/creativeandcritical/welcome.html>

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