



New FCCS Faculty Members

Three new faculty members started this summer in the Department of Critical Studies.

Dr. Anderson Araujo joins us as an Assistant Professor from the American University of Sharjah in the UAE. He has distinguished himself as a scholar of the work of Ezra Pound, Virginia Woolf and Wyndam Lewis. Of particular note is his forthcoming book, *Ezra Pound's Guide to Kulchur: The Annotated Edition*, which, as the first annotated edition of Pound's highly influential work of literary and cultural studies, will have significant impact in the field of Modernist studies. With his extensive transcultural teaching experience, Dr. Araujo will also contribute to initiatives in programming for World Literatures.



Dr. Melissa Jacques, who is taking up the position of English Instructor, brings extensive teaching experience along with a strong commitment to interdisciplinarity and innovation in the classroom. Since earning her Ph.D. at the University of Alberta, she has taught a wide variety of English composition and creative writing courses. Her great success in the classroom is attested to by her having won no fewer than three teaching awards at the University of Alberta. Further, Dr. Jacques' success as a published scholar allows her to speak with authority on the nature of scholarly academic writing.



Dr. Karis Shearer will join us as an Assistant Professor in Canadian Literature. Dr. Shearer has been both a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at Vanderbilt University (2010) and a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow at McGill University (2008-2010). Her recent book, *All These Roads: The Poetry of Louis Dudek* impacts Canadian modernist studies; her second edited book, *Corresponding Modernisms: The Letters of Louis Dudek and Ezra Pound*, will secure that influence internationally. She brings experience teaching from McGill University and Concordia and is fluent in French, which will contribute to our offerings in the French program and add to the Department's interdisciplinary strengths.



FCCS Administration Changes

The summer of 2011 was a time for major administrative changes within the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies. We have now welcomed the following people into their new positions:

Wisdom Tettey- Dean of FCCS

Robert Eggleston- Associate Dean of FCCS

Jennifer Gustar- Department Head of Critical Studies

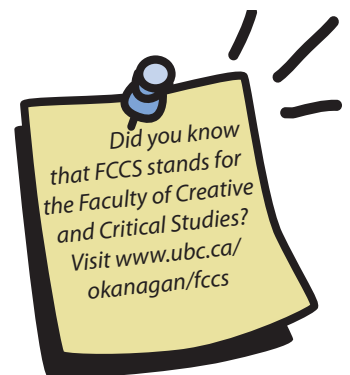
Neil Cadger- Department Head of Creative Studies

Intercultural Exchange in Quintana Roo, Mexico

A group of six students studying Spanish in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at UBC Okanagan joined Professor Grisel García Pérez to visit Universidad de Quintana Roo in Mexico during the month of July as a part of an intercultural program which was started last year by the two Universities. The intensive three week language-culture class included visits to Mahahual, Lake Bacalar, X-Hazil, Tulum, Kohunlich, Playa del Carmen and Cozumel where the students had the opportunity to interact with locals, thus enhancing their Spanish language fluency and intercultural competence. The academic council of the Universidad de Quintana Roo invited Dr. García Pérez to present her research regarding the advantages of intercultural learning programs. Her presentation, *Curriculum Transformation in a short term study abroad program: A functional model*, concluded that with these programs when students learn language “in context”, they can increase their intercultural awareness. When the classroom is extended to an international location, academic international connections are established among students and faculty members, and a rigorous and highly successful learning experience is facilitated. The highlight of the trip was the community service project carried out in the Mayan community of X-Hazil. Along with the Mayans, the students made breakfast, cut the church’s lawn with machetes, visited the milpa, played a four set volleyball game, and had lunch with the Cruz family. Everyone agrees that this was an exceptional learning experience they will never forget.



The group at the Universidad de Quintana Roo in Mexico.



Upcoming Events

Monsters and Significant Others- A free seminar series that explores the nature of beasts and “otherness” across time and cultures, and in fairy tales, classic novels, sacred texts and Hollywood blockbusters. Held monthly until April at the Rotary Centre of the Arts.

www.ubc.ca/okanagan/critical/monsters

FINA Gallery Exhibits- Be sure to check out the FINA Gallery in the Fine Arts Building this year for the many student and faculty exhibits that will be on display. Come by often since the exhibits change weekly and there is always something interesting to see.

Social Justice Week- A celebration of non violent action brought to you by the Cultural Studies Program October 3-7th. For more information, contact david.jefferess@ubc.ca.

Spanish Film Series- Spanish Films (with English subtitles) shown at 6:30pm Nov. 1, Nov. 29th and the Spanish Program and the Latin and Iberian Studies Program. For more information, contact francisco.pena@ubc.ca.

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