Linguist, biologist and poet are UVic’s newest Royal Fellows

By Patty Pitts

John Esling, a linguist and phonetician whose ground-breaking work has advanced understanding of how we speak, Ben Koop, a biologist whose genetic research includes uncovering the genetic secrets of the notorious sea louse and Lorna Crozier, one of the country’s most honoured poets, are the University of Victoria’s newest fellows of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC). The distinction is considered Canada’s highest academic honour.

While most linguists focus on the words that people speak, Esling also observes how people use their vocal apparatus, and his work has advanced his—and our—knowledge of the building blocks of language acquisition. Through his career, using increasingly smaller endoscopes attached to cameras, Esling has observed the larynx and pharynx in subjects speaking languages that span the globe, clarifying a new model of how the organs work. His research has also determined that during their first few months of life, babies throughout the world make all the sounds they need to acquire their respective languages.

Esling’s work has benefited ear, nose and throat specialists as well as the many students he’s taught and supervised. After graduation, they frequently go on to careers in speech pathology and audiology.

Koop currently co-leads the three-year Genomics in Lice and Salmon project using advanced genomics tools to understand how Pacific sea lice interact with their salmonid hosts. A former winner of the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship, awarded to Canada’s top young scientists, Koop is also the Canada Research Chair in Genomics and Molecular Biology. He was also part of the world-wide team of scientists who mapped the human genome.

Koop’s team is already a world leader in salmonid genomics. Over the past five years it has identified about 90 per cent of salmonid genes and developed a new research tool for studying what each gene does. The tool is now widely used by researchers around the world.

Since winning CBC’s National Writing Competition in 1987, Crozier has continued to collect awards and acclaim for the brilliant imagery in her poetry and the intense honesty of her creative nonfiction. She won the Governor General’s Award for poetry in 1992 for Reventing the Hawk and the Dorothy Livesay Award for best book of poetry by a BC author for Whistlestone in 2005. Her creative nonfiction has been published in major anthologies including Dropped Threads, edited by Carol Shields. She has written 15 books and is in high demand as a guest at literary festivals.

The centre organized a workshop in the United Kingdom last March attended by Britain’s Prime Minister Gordon Brown who led the discussion for the first part of the meeting. Smith will organize a similar event for the Canadian team preparing for the 2010 G8 Summit in Ontario.

“Gordon Smith’s work tackles some of the toughest governance problems facing the world today,” says UVic President David Turpin. “Under his leadership, our Centre for Global Studies has pushed for recognition and inclusion of emerging world powers at the world’s
The development of sophisticated interactive teaching software means Langford’s master’s and diploma students can now access lectures, interviews and even course readings online. Virtually all of his students are mid-career learners.

“We have Canadians in Saudi Arabia, police officers in Nunavut and government workers in Newfoundland all able to access our public administration undergraduate and graduate courses,” says Langford, who now rarely teaches in a traditional classroom at UVic.

“Teaching is not an individual effort any more. It’s become a team sport, since you depend so much on the specialists in distance education who are working with you to develop courses and help students with connectivity problems.”

And Langford continues to work with his team to offer students even more online opportunities. UVic’s Distance Education Services are currently developing a ‘debatathon’ tool so contesting views can be displayed on the screen at the same time.

“Early in his career John understood the enormous benefits to public administration students of distance education, “ says Mary Ellen Purkis, dean of the Faculty of Social and Developmental Studies, which houses the School of Public Administration. “His dedication makes UVic a national leader in providing public administration career development to Canadians.”

The award honours the memory of Professor Pierre De Celles who taught for many years at the École nationale d’administration publique and was its director general.

Langford, working on online course development with Judy Squires (left) and Sue Loo (right) (Distance Education Services) Photograph: Rob Niesler

By Patty Pitts

From hitting the road in the late ’70s to teach public administration courses in the BC Interior to leading the development of Canada’s only fully online MPA program, John Langford has spent his career pushing the boundaries of distance education. This life-long commitment to creative and effective teaching has earned him the University of Victoria professor the 2009 Pierre De Celles Award for excellence in teaching in public administration from the Institute of Public Administration in Canada.

Early in Langford’s career, teaching a ‘distance education’ course meant, literally, going the distance. ‘I’d suitcases’ courses where I’d go to another town for a weekend and teach public sector management courses,” says Langford, who saw his audience wane in the ’90s when BC’s Knowledge Network provided universities with broadcast satellite capacity.

Tapping into his senior political and public service contacts in Ottawa, Langford and the UVic Extension crew filmed interviews into the national capital and then inserted them into his television lectures. Following each broadcast, he would arrange a teleconference for his distance students to discuss the episode they had just viewed. By the early ’90s, Langford had learned the Internet almost immediately after his first class was limited to emailing each other.

“The course was you, 16 students and a lecturer,” recalls Langford. “It was pretty nice at the time. Our online engagement was hitting the reply all button.”

On top of the usual concerns associated with teaching through his telephone, this fall university administrators are also preparing for an increase in the number of H1N1 (swine flu) cases on campus.

“The virus, which first appeared in a handful of students over the summer, disproportionately targets healthy young people—prompting the university to take special precautions with students who have returned to residences.”

“We’ve installed hand sanitizers in all the residence wings and at the entrances to the residence buildings,” says Jim Mateer, UVic’s associate vice-president student affairs. “There’s sign marking residents of the importance of hand washing posted throughout the buildings. All of the incoming residence students will be provided with personal bottles of hand sanitizer.”

Seven self-contained rooms in the university residence complex have already been set aside for students who become ill and need to be isolated from the rest of the population. Students who have recovered from H1N1 are being recruited as volunteers to deliver food and liquids, if necessary, to these rooms.

“We’re also investigating the possibility of providing public administration classes to meals for students who are ill but capable of caring for themselves in self-isolation,” adds Dunsdon.

The virus has shown an ability to worsen quickly in some cases and cause significant respiratory illness. Individuals who believe they are those living in the community, are urged to identify a ‘flu buddy’ early in the school year. “It’s an idea to identify someone you can call if you feel ill and who can call you to check up on your status. The last thing we want is to have students trying to tough out the disease on their own when they really should be seeking medical assistance.”

An H1N1 planning committee with members from throughout the campus has been meeting regularly throughout the summer to plan the university’s response to the virus. A website (www.uvic.ca/flu-update) was activated in August and is being constantly updated as more information becomes available.

University Health Services, often the first point a student contacts, has extensive signage at its entrance advising students with flu-like symptoms to wait on one side of the waiting room. A separate entrance can be activated if traffic intensifies over the fall. Anyone identified as acutely ill will be taken to a high-ventilation room immediately.

“Many instructors already use course management systems that provide opportunities for online communication, posting of notes and assignments, and opportunities for course delivery and student discussion,” says UVic Associate Vice-President Academic Planning Katy Mateer, “and we’re encouraging instructors to consider using such systems if they aren’t already doing so. They are also asking instructors to think about how best to plan for student absences (for their own classes) due to illness, terms of flexibility around course assignments, exams, etc.”

Students are also being directed to waive physician confirmations of the like illness during the fall term if a student’s absence from class is less than two weeks.

The Public Health Agency of Canada advises people who are ill with H1N1 to limit their movement to mitigate the chance of infecting others. UVic Health Services advises students who come to the clinic for their customary confirmations or to collect other students or staff. “The primary means of mitigating the spread of this virus remains frequent hand washing and self isolation if you are not feeling well,” says Richard Piskor, director of Occupational Health, Safety and Environment. “UVic did acquire additional bottles of hand sanitizer, but, with only limited regular office supplies and staff may want to augment this with their own personal supplies.”

Given that the H1N1 virus can survive on surfaces for several hours or days, the Public Health Agency of Canada advises frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces, washing of hands with soap and water, and computer keyboards and accessories. “Unfortunately, efforts to increase janitorial resources to increase janitorial services regular cleaning schedule to this level,” adds Piskor. “We’re asking staff to clean their own high-touch areas twice daily using regular household cleaner. Frequent cleaning remains the most effective method of destroy the virus.”

Currently, there are no special directives to individuals who are considered at a higher risk to develop complications from H1N1 such as pregnant women or those with compromised immune systems. UVic is working closely with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to ensure the university’s response is consistent with the region’s.”

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UVic prepares for H1N1

Langford, University of Victoria professor the 2009 Pierre De Celles Award for Excellence in Teaching in Public Administration from the Institute of Public Administration in Canada. Langford is working on online course development with Judy Squires (left) and Sue Loo (right) (Distance Education Services). Photograph: Rob Niesler
Proposals sought for rabbit-control pilot project

The University of Victoria is looking for community assistance in reducing the growing feral rabbit population on campus. UVic has issued a request for proposals (RFP) for a pilot project to trap, sterilize and adopt a minimum of 150 rabbits in a set period of time from a designated area that includes the athletic fields.

“Despite our public awareness campus campaign asking people not to feed, harass or abandon pet rabbits on campus, the population continues to grow,” says Richard Piskor, Director of Occupational Health, Safety and Environment. “The rabbits constitute a health and safety hazard on the athletic fields and are responsible for unsightly damage to campus vegetation.”

UVic is willing to assist interested community groups and organizations in carrying out this pilot project to test the feasibility of the approach and the capacity for adoptive homes in the community.

“Given that rabbit abandonment is a community-wide situation, we feel it’s appropriate to ask the community to help us address this issue,” says Piskor, who adds that the pilot project is another step towards a long-term strategy to reduce the rabbit population on campus to sustainable levels.

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“We accept that there will always be some rabbits on campus, but we want to establish rabbit-free zones in the athletic fields, the Garry Oak meadows adjacent to Cedar Hill Road and Finnerty Gardens,” says Piskor. “We will only consider lethal means of controlling the rabbits of other reasonable options have been explored and found to be ineffective.”

Groups interested in learning more about and responding to the RFP can access information at http://web.uvic.ca/pur/sourcing/rfp.php or by calling John Braybrook at 250-721-8332.

The deadline for proposal submission is 2 p.m. Sept. 18 so that the pilot project can take place this fall. For more information about rabbits at UVic visit www.uvic.ca/rabbits.

Call for nominations

Wanted: great teachers

The UVic Alumni Association encourages faculty, staff and students to submit a nomination for the prestigious Gillian Sherwin Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching. Sessional and lab instructors are eligible for the award, which includes a $2,000 cash prize and a UVicExceptional Employees Award. Nomination forms are available online at alumni.uvic.ca. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 30.

Honour your co-workers

Mark your calendars and don’t forget to nominate your fellow employees for the President’s Distinguished Service Awards. The nomination deadline is Oct. 15 and this year’s winners will be announced at the president’s reception in December. This year, in addition to the team award, there are two categories for the three individual awards: “Excellence in Service and/or Leadership” and “The First Five Years—Outstanding Contribution on campus to sustainable levels.”

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Even though UVic’s distinguished former chancellor Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan quipped modestly, “Don’t choose someone like me,” for the new $1-million professorship in his name, that’s just what the search committee fortunately found in Dr. Brian Starzomski.

Since the Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan Professorship was announced in 2005, UVic has been scouting for a leading environmental scholar to uphold the legacy of one of Canada’s foremost wildlife biologists. At 99 years of age, McTaggart-Cowan has left an indelible impression on our country, devoting his life to studying, teaching and conserving the natural resources of British Columbia. A doctor many times over with degrees in science, law and environmental studies, he taught for 35 years at the University of British Columbia, Starzomski has hit the UVic School of Environmental Studies running with his three-pronged lab research in community ecology, restoration ecology and conservation biology and his focus on the determinants of local diversity in light of climate change.

Brian is an excellent and broad-reaching scientist and a great fit for the school and the professorship,” says Dr. Eric Biggs, director of the school. This fall and winter, Starzomski is teaching Ecological Restoration (ES 341) and Climate Change and Biodiversity (ES 490). This professorship is funded by the Ministry of Environment, Habitat Conservation Trust and BC Hydro. The school has also received a new $25,000 endowed scholarship in the names of Dr. Ian and Joyce McTaggart-Cowan funded by the BC Conservation Foundation and the Nature Trust of BC.

At Starzomski settles into his new role at UVic, he acknowledges with admiration, “Ian McTaggart-Cowan is a wonderful researcher, teacher, mentor and conservationist and it’s my hope to follow in his footsteps.”
Ministries, grad students benefit from research practica

BY VIVIAN KEREKI

UVic graduate students now have more opportunities to enrich their programs with real-world learning, thanks to a series of unique interdisciplinary research practicum courses.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies has collaborated with the provincial government to offer students a chance to tackle pertinent issues facing British Columbia. Since January 2007, four courses have run: the first two with Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA); the latest two in partnership with the Ministry of Environment (Mof) and Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

The series, spearheaded by Dr. Joaquin Trapero of UVic’s Office of Research Services, blossomed from the Knowledge Mobilization Unit, a joint initiative with York University. “The idea was to share UVic’s research with the community and have UVic learn from the community’s needs,” says Trapero who now coordinates the courses.

“The benefits of this class are multifaceted,” says environmental studies student Yonnee Patterson. Having previously studied grizzly bears near Lilloet, Patterson was drawn to one of 31 projects available throughout the course, applying GPS collar data from the Parsnip Grizzly Bear Project to calculate resource selection functions and as means of supporting the animal’s parallel data collection methods. This was an irresistible chance for Patterson to expand her area of research.

“The course also provided amazing opportunities to interface with senior staff in the ministry, to have candid conversations and to ask pressing questions,” comments Patterson. Other Mof project topics included the impacts of forest fires, mountain pine beetle, climate change and endangered species such as caribou.

Students Emily George and Natasha Mallal worked together on a project around youth engagement put forward by MCFD’s Integrated Development (MCFD). It was absolutely full, “comments Miller. “We had more students than a sit-on-the-shelf document. ”

By Vivian Kere Ki

Other MCFD topics taken on by the students involved improving educational outcomes for children in care, identifying the training and orientation needs for new workers, researching the theories of violence against women in intimate relationships and creating an evaluation framework for a program intended to enhance services for Aboriginal children. MCFD reports that the feedback on the course has been extremely positive and that the model is a great basis for future partnerships between the ministry and the university.

The courses owe much of their development and success to the vast knowledge and experience of instructors Rod Davis (environmental studies) and Dr. Gerd Miller (child and youth care), both of whom have worked at the respective ministries in past years and had well-established connections in place.

Students presented their final reports to their instructor, peers and ministry staff. “The room was absolutely full” comments Miller. “We had such a great response from MCFD staff. ”

MCFD has since shared its experience with the participating NGOs have yet to be selected, the theme for this course will be social services. UVic is currently negotiating with new partners to offer more courses in a variety of topics. Interested students should visit the courses’ website at web.uvic.ca/~uvic or contact Joaquin Trapero at jtrapero@uvic.ca or 250-721-7972.

Most significant meetings while championing an invigorating role for Canada as an influential nation.

Smith says his most personally satisfying achievement was seeing the creation of a G-20 leaders’ level meeting—for which the centre was a lead advocate. Smith is a strong supporter of both the populous and influential countries such as India and China at meetings of world leaders and giving the new members’ representatives a full-fledged status. “If you’re only admitted halfway through a meeting you don’t feel like an equal. You don’t feel part of the action. You have to be involved in the decision-making process from step one.”

He’s been critical of what he sees as Canada’s waning influence and lack of presence at significant global meetings but insists that the country still has an important role to play on the world stage.

“Canada doesn’t come to the table with the baggage of other members,” he says. “It hasn’t been a big colonial power; it’s a bridge-maker and a peace-keeper. Canada has a highly effective, educated public service. We may not have monetary, population or military heft but our country does have a sense of our need for a set of rules for societies to survive. It’s this ability that they bring to the conference table.”

While a long-time proponent of a more inclusive attitude toward global meeting membership, he’s quick to defend the need for Canada to remain at the table.

“In a world in which there are rule-makers and rule-takers, it’s better to be in the former group.”

His focus on global matters has not detracted from Smith’s success at the helm of the centre. Under its administration and support, both the Canadian Institute for Climate Studies (now the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium) and the International Institute for Children’s Rights and Development have flourished and expanded their influence.

Smith will receive the Vanier Medal, first presented in 1962 and named for then-Governor General Georges P. Vanier, at a ceremony in Ottawa later this year.
Homecoming: Honorary doctorate for Victoria’s Steve Nash

As a kid, he was a self-described McKinnon Gym rat. He soaked up the expertise of Vikes basketball coaches Ken Shields and Kathy Shields and studied the moves of Vikes great Eli Pasquale, BA ’83.

On Sept. 18, just a jump shot across Ring Road from the gym, Steve Nash, Canada’s most accomplished basketball player, will walk across the stage of the Farquhar Auditorium to accept an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the university that he says not only influenced his athleticism but shaped his whole outlook on life.

“Growing up in a university town gave me access to a whole new realm of experience—fine arts, different cultures—that enriched a global sense of myself and broadened my view,” says Nash. “UVic (stands for) the idea of higher education as something to pursue, something possible, and I credit the university with giving me that inspiration and confidence.”

Nash is a two-time recipient of the NBA’s Most Valuable Player Award, six-time NBA All-Star and creator of the Steve Nash Foundation for underserved children.

A member of the Phoenix Suns, Nash is known for his exceptional playmaking, ball-handling and shooting skills. In a New York Times feature interview, the word he used to describe his on-court mindset was “unhittable.”

Nash is widely considered to be among the best to have ever played the game and ESPN named him the ninth best point guard of all time in a poll of basketball experts.

Off the court, Nash is noted for consistently demonstrating the finer qualities of a role model and community leader: integrity, character and humility.

He established the Steve Nash Foundation, a private charity dedicated to assisting underserved children in their health, personal development, education and enjoyment of life in BC, Arizona and Paraguay (the birthplace of his wife, Alejandra Nash).

Since 2005, the foundation’s BC Grants initiative has provided annual funding to youth-focused non-profit organizations across the province. On Sept. 19, the foundation’s “Showdown in Downtown” will bring together basketball and soccer stars for a fundraising soccer game in Vancouver.


Among his other honours, Nash earned the Lou Marsh Award as Canada’s Athlete of the Year in 2005. In 2007, he received the NBA’s J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award for outstanding service and dedication to the community. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and has been selected to the Order of British Columbia.

Honorary degrees are conferred by the University of Victoria Senate based on nominations received from members of the university community. Recipients are selected for their exceptional records of distinction and achievement in scholarship, research, teaching, the creative arts, public service or other outstanding personal qualities.

The special convocation was scheduled in September because spring and fall convocation ceremonies conflict with the NBA season. Steve Nash’s honorary degree presentation will be webcast live at www.uvic.ca/visitors/event on Sept. 18, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Harry Foster of the Department of Geography passed away on August 15, succumbing to one of the diseases that he had done so much to add understanding of—cancer. It was an enormous shock to the department, who had so recently and exuberantly toasted Harry on his retirement just a few short months earlier. A further celebration of Harry’s life will be held at the University Club on October 27 at 3:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Harold Douglas Foster was born in Yorkshire, something that might account for his direct manner and well-known sense of humour. He attended University College, London, where he obtained his PhD in 1968, and was appointed to the Department of Geography at the University of Victoria in that same year.

Last year he received his 40-year service commendation from the university. Harry was ostensibly a geographer, but soon expanded his interests into a wide variety of applied topics, often working in concert with W.R.D. (Dickem) Sewell. Harry went on to author early books on solar power, climate change, resilience, water management, disaster planning and many other areas that are now looked on as much more mainstream than in the years that he wrote them. Over 30 years ago he was writing books on renewable energy and 25 years ago warning of water shortages in Canada, seemingly impossible in those days.

However Harry will be best remembered for his contributions to medical geography, where he developed many early concepts regarding the spatial distribution of diseases and environmental causality behind certain diseases long before such relationships were recognized. He wrote books on schizophrenia, Alzheimer’s, AIDS and cancer, to name a few. He was enormously productive with some 400 articles and over 16 books published. He was also the series editor for the department’s well known Western Geographical Series of book publications.

Harry also developed and sponsored programs that implemented some of the measures that he suggested to “make things better,” such as AIDS initiatives in Africa. Nothing can sum up my recollection of Harry better than of the measures that he suggested to “make things better,” such as AIDS initiatives in Africa.
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University of Victoria
day in the life

BY MARIA LIRONI

A typical day in the life of Phoenix Theatre’s Audience Services Manager Sandra Guerreiro isn’t—typical that is.

Everything is in flux: from her constantly changing staff comprised of work study students, to the content of the plays and the expectations and needs of the audience. But she juggles it with style, grace and passion.

The content of her days varies from show to show, and her hours are long. Along with running the box office, Guerreiro’s job is to deal with any crises during performances and ensure that the audience members enjoy themselves. Plus, she teaches classes in ‘audience services,’ which includes customer service, house management, special events and marketing.

‘Other theatre professionals—those outside the university—get jaded,’ says Guerreiro. ‘But I’m always surrounded by people who are excited about the arts. I’m still passionate about theatre, and I pass that on to the students. I also like the fact that the job is never the same from day to day. I love the excitement of it. I get such a rush when a show is sold out.’

Sold-out performances are nothing new at the Phoenix, and Guerreiro has come up with a unique way of dealing with them.

‘I developed a “stand-by” list for patrons,’ says Guerreiro. ‘I travel a lot and got the idea from flying. Have people pay for their tickets ahead of time and then at 8 p.m., if there’s space, I let them in. It’s very exciting. Of course then you hope the real people don’t show up but that’s never been a problem.”

Guerreiro was a UVic student in 1986 when she started working at the Phoenix. A short-term contract turned into something more and brought with it a few surprises, like her marriage to coworker Charles Procure in 1989.

The mother of three boys—ages 8, 10 and 14—she often works six days a week, where she is at the theatre from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and back at work from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Add to that the fact that her husband works long hours at the theatre too and you have a life that even she describes as “frazzled.”

It’s a busy life working at the Phoenix but one that Guerreiro continues to find rewarding.

‘There are special moments in my job that have to do with the relationship I have with my students and what I get from the heart from my graduates. I am making a difference and I work with some fabulous people—that’s what keeps me here.’

submitted by former colleagues in the UVic Libraries

Lucía Williams, who passed away on Aug. 9, had a very special bond with UVic as alumsna, teacher, employee and retiree. She received her BA (honors) in Germanic languages and literature, taught in the German department for many years. Following her retirement in 1992, she became a proud-founding member of the UVic Retirees Association. Among her many contributions to the UVRA over the years, she was events coordinator, vice-president and president and, in 2006, she was appointed an honorary life member of the executive board in recognition of her extraordinary service.

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Morgan Baker of the Department of Sociology passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on Aug. 19 after a brief battle with cancer. Morgan had a long history at UVic, first as an undergrad where he obtained his BA (honours) in sociology in 1973. Later, after earning his PhD at the University of Minnesota in 1977 and working for a year as a research officer in Ottawa at the Department of National Defence, he returned to UVic in 1978 where he enjoyed a successful career researching, teaching and contributing to his department until just weeks before his death. Morgan’s early research focused on social psychology and small-group dynamics. He then expanded his research scope to include social genetology. In more recent years, he returned his attention to social psychology, particularly attitudes toward money. His latest project was a sociological theory textbook on which he had been working for several years. Morgan’s passion was teaching, and his courses were extremely popular. During more than 30 years at UVic, he taught courses on theory, statistics, social psychology, small groups, social genetology and death and dying. Morgan also contributed to the department and larger university. He was chair of the department from 1989 to 1991 and served as an acting director of the Centre on Aging in 1991. One of his final projects was to compile a history of sociology at UVic. He will be dearly missed by his colleagues, students, friends, and family.

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