

HISTORIANS IN THE NEWS / HISTORIENS À LA UNE

Gérard Bouchard, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi, reçoit la Médaille du Gouverneur général pour son livre intitulé *Genèse des nations et cultures du Nouveau Monde* (Les Éditions du Boréal).

Une étude magistrale sur l'évolution des nouvelles collectivités et aussi sur leurs préoccupations identitaires; une étude dans laquelle l'originalité de la pensée et l'élégance du style n'ont d'égaux que l'ampleur de la recherche et l'actualité du propos. Ce plaidoyer en faveur de l'histoire comparative jette un regard neuf sur la société québécoise et sur son itinéraire de par le monde.

Sara Burke received the Canadian History of Education Association Founders' Prize for best English-language article.

Sean Cadigan is now at Memorial University as the Director of the Public Policy Research Centre.

André Dufour et **Michel Allard** ont reçu le prix Founders' de la Canadian History of Education Association pour le meilleur article de langue française.

David Eltis of Queen's University has won the second annual Frederick Douglass Prize for his book *The Rise of African Slavery in the Americas* (Cambridge University Press). The \$25,000 award – named in honour of a former slave who became a leading American abolitionist – is given by Yale University's Gilder Lehrman Centre for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition. In addition, *The Rise of African Slavery in the Americas* received the John Ben Snow Prize for best book in history and the social sciences before 1800 from the North American Conference on British Studies.

R.D. Gidney received the Canadian History of Education Association Founders' Prize for best English-language book for *From Hope to Harris: The Reshaping of Ontario's Schools*.

José E. Igartua a été invité à faire partie du groupe de travail conjoint des Archives nationales du Canada et de la Bibliothèque nationale du Canada sur la gestion, l'accès et la préservation des données de recherche au Canada. Ce groupe a pour mandat de cerner les besoins de la communauté des chercheurs concernant ces données et, si besoin est, de faire des recommandations à propos de la constitution d'un organisme qui s'occuperait de leur gestion.

Cornelius J. Jaenen, Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa, Honorary Secretary of the Royal Society of Canada, has been named to the Council of the Historica Foundation of Canada, and also to the executive council of the Centre de recherche en histoire religieuse du Canada / Research Centre for the Religious History of Canada at Saint Paul University.

In October 2000 a bronze statue of **C.W. Jefferys**, 1869-1951, was unveiled in York Mills, Toronto, his home for 40 years. An artist and illustrator, Jefferys' depictions of Canadian history continue to be reproduced in textbooks today.

Malaspina University-College history professor **Cheryl Krasnick Warsh** has received a research grant to study the history of cigarette advertising aimed at women. It is one of five research projects announced by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council aimed at helping Canadians quit smoking and reduce the risk of cancer. Dr. Krasnick Warsh will receive \$54,308 over three years to research the marketing of tobacco products to women in North America, 1920-1950.

In addition to being nominated for a Governor General's Award for nonfiction, **Brian McKillop's** *The Spinster and the Prophet: Florence Deeks, H.G. Wells, and the Mystery of the Purloined Past* (Macfarlane, Walter and Ross, 2000) has been nominated for the Drainie-Taylor Award. In November 2000 the Osgoode Society published a separate edition for its members and in February 2001 Aurum Press of London published a British edition entitled *The Spinster and the Prophet: A Tale of H.G. Wells, Plagiarism and the History of the World*. McKillop certainly had a busy fall: there were interviews with OTV, Women's Television Network, Bravo!, Canada AM with Valerie Pringle and This Morning with Shelagh Rogers. Occupying a place on the Best Sellers List for several weeks, *The Spinster and the Prophet* was reviewed in the *Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, the *Toronto Star*, the *Ottawa Citizen*, the *Montreal Gazette* and the *London Free Press*. And it doesn't end here. Already several parties have expressed interest in the film rights to *The Spinster and the Prophet* and negotiations are currently in process. Congratulations!

As of 1 July 2000, **Cynthia Neville** is the Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at Dalhousie University.

Bryan Palmer, Queen's University, was elected to the Royal Society of Canada.

Christopher Petrusic, Carleton University, won the North American Conference on British Studies Huntington Library Fellowship for his doctoral project on "Mapping Gender, Race and Imperialism in the British Empire: Masculinity, Feminity and Victorian Explorers."

Carleton University's **Rod Phillips** will be heading up the new Research Institute for the Culture and History of Food and Drink. This institute will be linked with the University of Adelaide.

Congratulations to **Peter Seixas**, appointed as the Canada Research Chair in Historical Consciousness at UBC. Dr. Seixas is a professor in the Department of Curriculum Studies. As part of the activities associated with this Chair, Dr. Seixas will be developing an International Centre for the Study of Historical Consciousness. The Centre provides an opportunity for UBC and the Faculty of Education to become internationally recognized for the study of history of education, collective memory and historical consciousness. This is the first Canada Research Chair (Century 21 Chair) awarded to the Faculty of Education and is among the first awarded to UBC. Each Chair is part of a cluster of grouping of complementary scholarly activities. The Chair in Historical Consciousness is part of UBC's "Society and Culture" cluster which is directed at fostering research and scholarship that addresses social and cultural issues within Canada and in the world.

Jean-Claude Robert a été élu Secrétaire général du Comité international des sciences historiques (CISH) pour un mandat de cinq ans, renouvelable. Cela signifie que le secrétariat de l'organisme, qui était à Paris, sera déplacé à l'UQAM.

En octobre 2000, des universitaires du Canada, de l'Italie, de la Belgique et de la France se sont réunis à l'Université d'Ottawa pour honorer la mémoire de **Pierre Savard**. Le colloque qui a débuté par une soirée riche en anecdotes et en souvenirs touchants et s'est terminé par un échange sur les nombreuses réalisations du professeur Savard, fut également l'occasion d'aborder des questions complexes d'identité et de société, et ce, en fonction de quatre thèmes : les voyages, la pratique religieuse, la compréhension de l'espace et les conséquences sur l'identité des contacts avec « l'autre ».

In October 2000 scholars from Canada, Italy, Belgium and France gathered at the University of Ottawa to remember **Pierre Savard**. Beginning with an evening of fond memories and anecdotes, and ending with a discussion of this scholar's many achievements, the colloquium examined complex questions of identity and society through a focus on four themes: voyages, religious practice, understandings of space, and the impact on identity of contact with "the other".

OBITUARY / DÉCÈS

Olivier Fillion, membre retraité de la Société historique du Canada depuis 1997 est décédé.

He devoted the last twenty-five years of his life to researching and writing the international history of the Canadian Arctic.

Gordon W. Smith died in October 2000. Gordon spent his earlier career as professor in Canada, the West Indies and Africa.

