

**HISTORIANS IN THE NEWS/
HISTORIENS DANS LES NOUVELLES**

Bob Grogin of the University of Saskatchewan received the Master Teacher Award in recognition of his years of distinguished instruction. This is the University's highest award for teaching.

Professeur d'histoire à McGill, **Yvan Lamonde**, qui s'est mérité le Prix du Gouverneur général (essai, en français) pour sa biographie *Louis-Antoine Dessaulles, un seigneur libéral et anticlérical* (Fides, 1994), vient de se voir octroyer une bourse de recherche KILLAM, qui lui permettra de rédiger une «Histoire sociale des idées au Québec (1760-1960)».

A.B. McKillop, Department of History, Carleton University received the 1996 Research Award from the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education.

The Canada Council announced on 13 March 1996 that the recipient of the 1996 John G. Diefenbaker Award is **Dr. Dirk Hoerder**, Professor of History at the Universität Bremen in Germany. Under the terms of the Award, Dr. Hoerder will spend up to a year in Canada, during which he proposes to conduct research examining immigration issues using unique multidisciplinary approaches.

Donald Akenson, Professor of History at Queen's University, has been awarded the 1995 Canada Council Molson Prize in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Considered the world's foremost authority on the Irish diaspora, Professor Akenson also serves as editor of the McGill-Queen's University Press, which he helped build into one of North America's most respected scholarly publishers. As well as teaching at Queen's, he operates a sheep farm near Kingston, Ontario.

Michael Bliss of the University of Toronto has been awarded a Killam Research Fellowship. He will be working on "Osler: A Biography."

Chalk another one up for the University of Ottawa. Doctoral candidate **Jo-Anne McCutcheon** has been appointed to SSHRC Council. She is the first graduate student to have a position on Council.

Athabasca University professor **Jeremy Mouat** has been awarded the 1996 Jules and Gabrielle Léger Fellowship by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The \$50,000 Léger Fellowship is awarded for research and writing on the historical and contemporary contribution of the Crown and its representatives, federal and provincial, to the political, constitutional, cultural, intellectual and social life of Canada, including comparisons with other Commonwealth countries.

BACK TO BAFFIN

Just south of the Arctic Circle, on the remote tundra of Baffin Island, the northernmost part of North America, is a strange, extensive cliff-like formation reminiscent of the American southwest.

It is almost certainly the only wilderness area on earth named for an American publisher.

The Putnam Highland was first discovered and explored, insofar as can be documented by Anglo-European geographers, by a 1927 expedition led by the then future husband of Amelia Earhart, the New York publisher George Palmer Putnam.

Putnam named a deep canyon in this stark formation in honor of the great Arctic mariner, Captain Bob Bartlett of Brigus, Newfoundland. Other landmarks were named for such celebrated explorers of the 1920s as Roy Chapman Andrews, the "Indiana Jones" of the American Museum of Natural History, and the daring naturalist William Beebe, a pioneer of underwater exploration and environmentalism a quarter of a century in advance of Jacques-Yves Cousteau.

It was a grand salute to the extraordinary people who played a leading role in a remarkable era of adventure and accomplishment.

Those features have never been mapped, the place-names have never been made official, the history has been all but forgotten.

This summer, a new expedition will return to the Putnam Highland.

Our objective is to put those "lost" features on the map and pick up the geographical and geological research where the Putnam Baffin Island Expedition left off.

We're a team of four Americans and two Canadians, led by an American writer who conceived the project in the course of extensive research on the era of exploration between the world wars.

Sponsorship and financial support are actively being sought. Contributions may be sent to the

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