

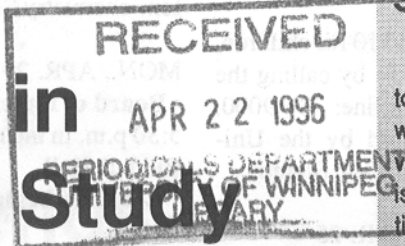
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University Participates in Cooperative Study on Immigration



The migration of people around the globe, driven by social, economic and political forces, is a powerful agent of social change. Immigration and its impact on societies is one of the most crucial and often controversial issues of our time. Now, a consortium of six universities spanning the three prairie provinces is pooling resources and expertise to better understand the process of becoming Canadian, and to examine the contributions made by immigrants to Canadian society. The University of Winnipeg will play a key role in this \$2.04 million, six-year study.

According to University of Winnipeg team leader Tom Carter, professor of geography and director of the Institute of Urban Studies, more than 100 researchers from the universities of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Regina, Alberta and Calgary will participate in the Prairie Centre. This cooperative study brings together researchers from across many disciplines who will examine various facets of this complex phenomenon.

Carter says The University of Winnipeg's research team is likely to include Hugh Grant and Michael Benarroch from Economics; Rais Khan from Political Science; Angie Sauer, chair of German-Canadian Studies; and Mary Ann Beavis from the Institute of Urban Studies.



Hosted by the University of Alberta and led by Baha Abu-Laban, a sociologist there, this centre is one of four Centres of Excellence recently established by the federal government. The others are located in Vancouver

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Students to Gain Study Tool

This fall, students will have a new study tool that will give them an indication of what to expect on their exams. The University of Winnipeg Students' Association is compiling a registry of past exam questions.

"The exam registry is a study tool, an aid that's going to help students," explains Kanga Kalisa, UWSA vice-president (student services). He says that currently, students who want to get a feel for the type and style of exam questions they can expect must approach each professor individually. That can take a lot of time for both students and faculty. "We know there is a demand for this, because students frequently do go to their professors to ask for old exams," he notes.

Kalisa says other universities with similar registries, specifically the Universities of Alberta and Saskatchewan, report these registries are used extensively.

While a similar collection exists in the library now, the UWSA feels it is not accessible enough. "The new registry will be centralized in one place, easily accessed by students, and available on a full-time basis." The registry will be located in the Info Booth in the new student centre.

Soon, each faculty member will be asked to provide old exams, whether on paper or on disk. The UWSA intends to have the registry available for students by September.

Soprano Wendy Nielsen will dazzle the Virtuosi Concert audience with her "vocal colours... like an emerald in the moonlight!" (*Edmonton Sun*). Last season, Nielsen made her debut at the New York City Opera as the Countess Almaviva in "The Marriage of Figaro," prompting *New York Newsday* to praise her "ample, burnished soprano voice." Nielsen will be accompanied on piano by David Moroz, acclaimed as one of Canada's finest collaborative artists. This splendid duo will perform the Virtuosi season finale on Fri., Apr. 19. See **Coming Events** for details.

COMING EVENTS

"Coming Events" is compiled by University Relations. Planning a campus event? Please let us know. Send written information to Lois Cherney, University Relations, 10 days in advance of the event. Basic details are required: what, when, where, sponsor, price of admission (if any) and the name of a contact person.

WED. APR. 16

• **Women's Auxiliary Coffee Party** at St. Stephen's Broadway United Church from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Marilyn Lockwood for information at 786-9174.

FRI., APR. 19

• **Virtuosi Concerts presents soprano Wendy Nielsen with David Moroz on piano.** The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Winnipeg Art Gallery's Muriel Richardson Auditorium. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for students/

seniors and \$10 for children, and available by calling the Virtuosi Hotline: 786-9000. Co-sponsored by the University and CBC Stereo.

THURS., APR. 25

• **Course add/drop day** for those who have registered for Spring Term, but want to make a change.

FRI., APR. 26 - SUN., APR. 28

• **Science Symposium** in Duckworth Centre. Questions regarding entries

should be directed to Carol Advice and the Department of Education, Science Division, at 661-0567 (FAX 661-5507). Other queries should be directed to Harold Hutton, chemistry, 786-9733.

MON., APR. 29

• **Board of Regents** meets at 5:30 p.m. in the north half of Riddell Hall.

• **Lectures begin in Spring Term.**

FRI., MAY 3

• **Tribute Roast to Carl Ridd**, hosted by University of Winnipeg Alumni Association—Friends, colleagues and former students will gather to honour retired Religious Studies professor, former basketball star, and social

activist "King Carl" Ridd. The event will be held in Riddell Cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through the University Relations Office, 4th floor Wesley Hall. For information or tickets, call 786-9122.

We Need Ideas!

Convocation is fast approaching. If you know of any members of this spring's graduating class who might make an interesting feature article in the *Convocation Bulletin*, please let us know. Contact the editor, Lois Cherney, at 786-9134.

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ver, Toronto and Montreal.

"The Prairie Centre's mandate is quite distinct from the others," explains Carter. "Our research will look specifically at medium-sized urban centres, where we know the immigrant experience, as well as the impact of immigration, can be very different from that in larger centres."

The goal of the four centres of excellence is to improve the overall understanding of immigration—how it affects our social, economic and cultural life, as well as education, housing and health care needs. International, comparative studies will form a key part of the centres' research programs.

Their findings will enable governments at all levels to work together in identifying the best ways to promote successful integration.

The Centres of Excellence are major components of Canada's participation in the Metropolis Project, an international initiative bringing together researchers from around the world to examine the impact of immigration on cities. The project aims to provide policy makers in government, as well as community and business leaders, with solid information on which to base policies and services. It will also permit the development of an inventory of practices from

around the globe that provide the best solutions to the challenges arising from immigration.

Carter notes that this critical research provides another link between universities and community and government partners. "The University of Winnipeg's involvement reflects our commitment to playing a role in the community-at-large."

The universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba will co-host the Prairie Centre's first meeting at the end of April, when researchers will formulate specific strategies and objectives.

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