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Membership has its privileges

UWinnipeg Religious Studies Professor Joins Prestigious Colloquium

by Annette Elvers, (in)edition Editor

Becoming a member of the prestigious Biblical Colloquium isn't easy.

To be selected, a potential member must present a three-hour paper to a group of more than 20 of the most acclaimed religious studies scholars in the field. Membership is by invitation only, so a successful presentation is crucial.

UWinnipeg professor Peggy Day had an especially tough crowd – her presentation happened to coincide with the Colloquium's 50th anniversary.

"Not only did I have to give this paper to the active membership, but some of the original and founding members of the group were there for the anniversary. Even my PhD thesis advisor was there," said Day. "Before I went on stage I remember going out into the garden and trying to collect myself. I was absolutely scared to death."

Despite her nerves, Day was a success.

Day's paper, "The Bitch Had It Coming To Her: Metaphor And Social Reality In Ezekiel 16," explores how a woman-turned-prostitute is used as a metaphor for the people of Jerusalem.

The "woman" in this passage is brutally punished by God for prostituting herself. Other scholars have used the description of that violent punishment to suggest that this was standard practice in ancient Israel. Day's paper disputes the validity of this kind of reconstruction.

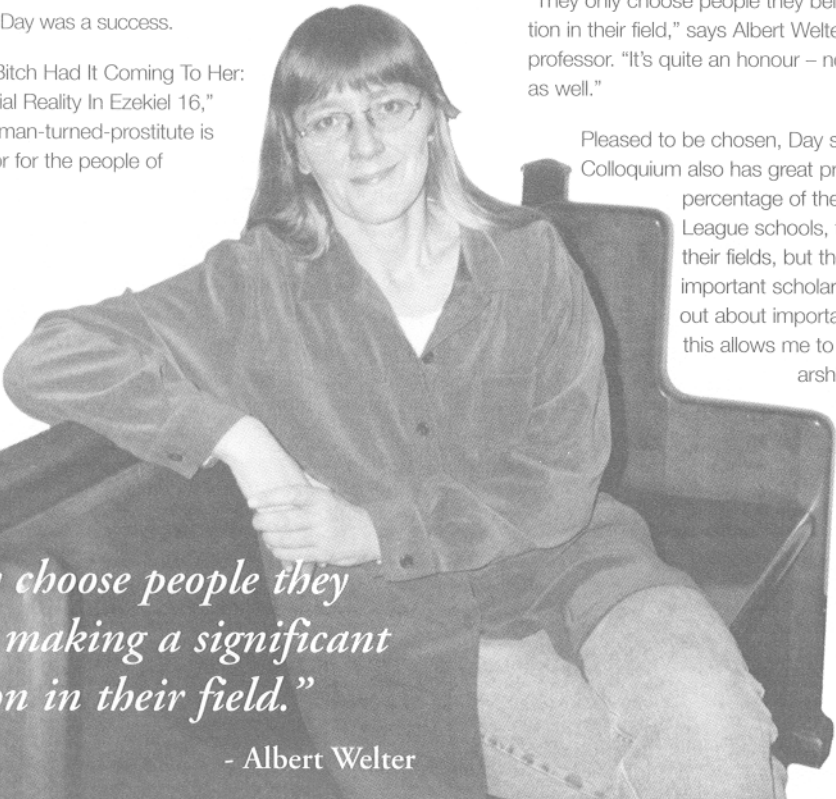
"One of the challenges of doing this particular paper in front of this audience was that they are certainly not used to the word 'bitch' in an academic paper," said Day. "But they did select me on the basis of my scholarship." Day explains that her philosophy was, "If you want me, you should know who I am."

Selection of members is by consensus, so even one "no" vote means a candidate is rejected. Well aware of the depth and calibre of Day's scholarship, the group was not fazed by the paper's title.

"They only choose people they believe are making a significant contribution in their field," says Albert Welter, UWinnipeg Religious Studies professor. "It's quite an honour – not just for her, but for the University as well."

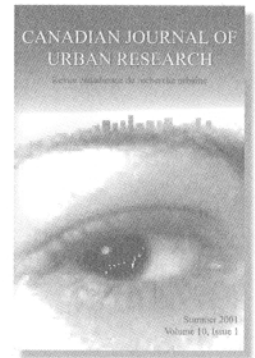
Pleased to be chosen, Day says that membership in the Colloquium also has great practical advantages. "Because a large percentage of the members are senior scholars at Ivy League schools, they're not only at the forefront of their fields, but they're in constant contact with other important scholars," says Day. "They're the first to find out about important new archeological discoveries – this allows me to stay in touch with up-to-date scholarship in my area."

Gathering annually, the group hears five unpublished papers at each meeting. "One of the benefits is being able to incorporate suggestions and all the feedback you get. It's an invaluable feature of the Colloquium," says Day.



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Celebrating a Decade of Scholarship

The Canadian Journal of Urban Research

by Annette Elvers, (in)edition Editor

Now celebrating its tenth year of publication, the Canadian Journal of Urban Research (CJUR) is dedicated to examining the dynamics, history, and quality of urban life in Canada.

"Urban Studies is an important field in both the United States and Europe," says Dan Chekki, UWinnipeg sociology professor and principal editor of the journal. "But in Canada, it's been badly neglected. CJUR was perhaps the first serious move toward overcoming that neglect."

Despite the vast expanse of Canada's terrain, most Canadians choose to live in close proximity to one another. In fact, nearly 80 per cent of our population lives in an urban setting. This makes Urban Studies a natural field of research for Canadian scholars from disciplines as diverse as politics, geography, economics, and architecture—to name only a few.

UWinnipeg politics professor Christopher Leo has been involved with the journal in numerous capacities since its inception in 1992. "It's the only interdisciplinary urban studies journal that's published in Canada and it concentrates on Canadian material," says Leo. "[Other journals] specialize in the concerns of a particular discipline. But to not have an urban studies journal that is interdisciplinary is a serious gap." CJUR was created at UWinnipeg's Institute of Urban Studies to close that gap, and to create a forum for discussion amongst all scholars with an interest in Urban Studies.

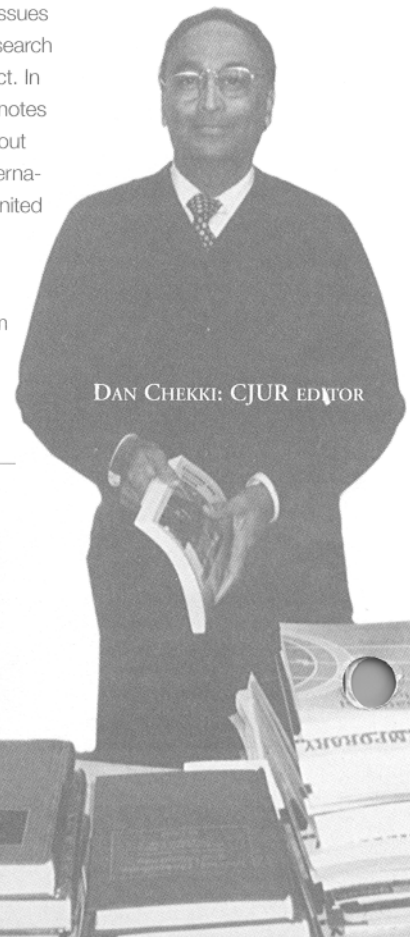
Tom Carter, director of the Institute of Urban Studies, points out that the journal is a valuable asset not just to academics, but also for students.

"[It's] used extensively by students seeking information for assignments," says Carter. "It provides students with a knowledge of the urban research being undertaken on a national and international level."

Right from the start, Chekki says the journal has upheld a high standard, which has created a solid reputation amongst Urban Studies scholars. "We have published many articles that have been often cited," says Chekki.

The list of topics covered by the wide-ranging journal is a long one, from urban policy and planning to housing, immigration, and urban culture. Upcoming special issues will feature Urban Quality of Life scholarship and research findings of the cross-national Culture of Cities project. In addition to the articles, book reviews and research notes are also included in each issue. Distributed throughout Canada, CJUR also has a significant readership internationally, with subscribers in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Europe.

For more information about CJUR, please visit their website at: www.uwinnipeg.ca/~ius/cdn_journal.htm



DAN CHEKKI: CJUR EDITOR

If You've Got Mail...

UWinnipeg now has a new, full-service Canada Post outlet on campus. Visit the Canada Post outlet at the Info Booth (1C19) for products and services like stamps, Xpress Post, courier packages, money orders, and student loan processing.

Challenges & Choices

A Forum of First and Second Generation Immigrant Youth

by Uma Parameswaran, UWinnipeg English Professor

The Immigrant Women's Association of Manitoba is pleased to present: Challenges and Choices: A Forum of First and Second Generation Immigrant Youth.

This forum will provide the opportunity for first and second-generation immigrant youths (those born outside Canada or who have at least one parent born outside Canada) to identify and address a variety of issues. This includes:

- experiences of childhood
- parental expectations and cultural baggage
- discrimination, if any, in the social circuit at school
- advantages of having immigrant parents
- a future with more interracial unions and interracial children
- the immense potential of opportunities that wait to be tapped as immigrants strike roots in Canada

We are pleased to have as home base an educational and socially diverse environment such as the University of Winnipeg. We particularly welcome the participation of our neighbours in and around the

downtown district, and of high school students and counsellors who can hear and talk to university students and young professionals who have already gone through the experience.

March 15, 2002

University of Winnipeg (Bulman Centre)
Noon – 2 p.m.: Open forum led by speakers between the ages of 16 – 30, followed by audience participation

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Group sessions

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.: General session

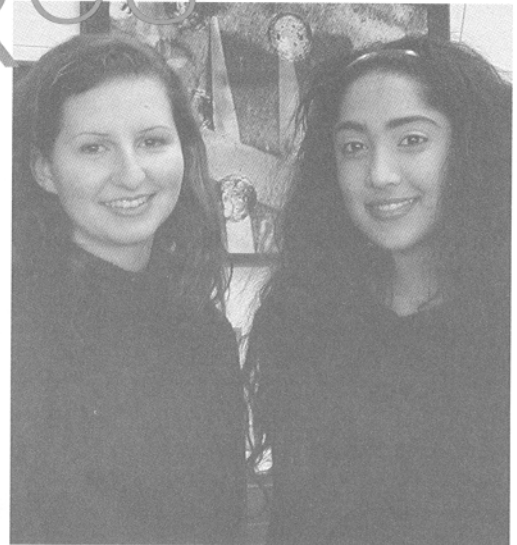
Registration: \$10.00 (the fee will be waived for IWAM members, high school and university students on the completion of the registration form)

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MELANIE HASENHEIT AND PRIYA SHARMA - IMMIGRANT YOUTH SPARK DIALOGUE

UWinnipeg: Smoke-Free

In compliance with City of Winnipeg bylaw #780/2001, smoking is not permitted on the University campus, effective immediately. Please note: as a private club, the Faculty and Staff Club is exempt from the no-smoking bylaw. Smoking will continue to be permitted in designated areas in the Club as per usual. Thanks you for your cooperation.



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- UWinnipeg degree programs
- admissions and awards
- career counselling
- course selection

Information sessions and department tours are planned throughout the day – be sure to check them out!

TUESDAY, FEB. 12, 2002
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
For further information, call 786-9064.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG



(coming events)

For a more detailed listing visit the events calendar at www.uwinnipeg.ca

Skywalk Concerts and Lectures

presents Murray Evans and his lecture entitled, "Medieval Studies 2002: Is the Period Over Yet?" 02/06/2002, Centennial Library, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Uptown Grass

The University of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Public Library are proud to present "Uptown Grass" at the Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series. 02/07/2002, Centennial Library, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Writing and Editing

Basics Workshop

Facilitated by John Baillie, this workshop will offer the basic skills writers need for effective writing and editing. 02/09/2002, room 1C21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \$15 for Writers' Collective members, \$25 for non-members. Special members offer: attend any two workshops for \$25. To register, call 204.772.7753 or email writerscollective@uwinnipeg.ca

Reading Week

No classes will take place during this week. 02/11/2002 - 02/15/2002

UWinnipeg Open House,

02/12/2002. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Skywalk Concert and Lecture Series

UWinnipeg's Sociology professor Thibault Martin presents his lecture "Coping With Globalization: An Inuit Lesson for All Canadians." February 13, 2002

at the Centennial Library, 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Centring Prayer Schedule Change

Daily Centring Prayer, Monday - Thursday, noon - 12:30 p.m.

Meditation on Sacred Writings, Fridays, 11:30 a.m. - noon.

Monthly Retreats, first Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. - noon (October through April)

UWWin *Edge Update*

by Joan Duesterdiek, Administrative Assistant, Technology Solutions Centre and Dawn Romanowich, Lead Project Manager, Technology Solutions Centre

The UWWin Edge program is much more than a PC replacement project. It has expanded beyond its initial concept, which was "to provide faculty with an environment from which to access digital information resources." More than just bringing in a new computer for each faculty member, the UWWin Edge program delivers an interactive desktop, with stable and supportable hardware and software. Faculty now have access to unlimited computer resources that they can use for research, teaching, and learning.

The project started by providing Dell PCs to faculty, and to those staff members who have the direct responsibility of supporting faculty. To date, TSC has implemented 195 PCs out of a maximum of 275 workstations, including the Collegiate and 10 smart classrooms. The balance of the first group will be upgraded by March 25, 2002.

With the installation of the new Dell PCs the University is now moving to Windows 2000 Pro. That comes with a wealth of software, including Microsoft Office,

GroupWise, Fireworks, McAfee, FrontPage, SPSS, Maple, and Adobe Acrobat 4. Faculty will also be provided with the SIS application Student History.

When it comes to setup, everyone has different needs and requirements. TSC's goal is to ensure that the transition to the new Dell computers is as simple as possible. To that end, those who are receiving new computers should prepare to spend some time with TSC technicians when their computer arrives. This will enable the technicians to be certain that important files and emails are transferred to the new workstations. It will also ensure that each user's computer is set up according to his or her own preferences.

The first year of the three-year plan is almost complete, and TSC is looking forward to starting a second year of progress. Once new Dell desktops have been distributed to all faculty, TSC will launch plans to upgrade computers for staff and laboratory use.

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