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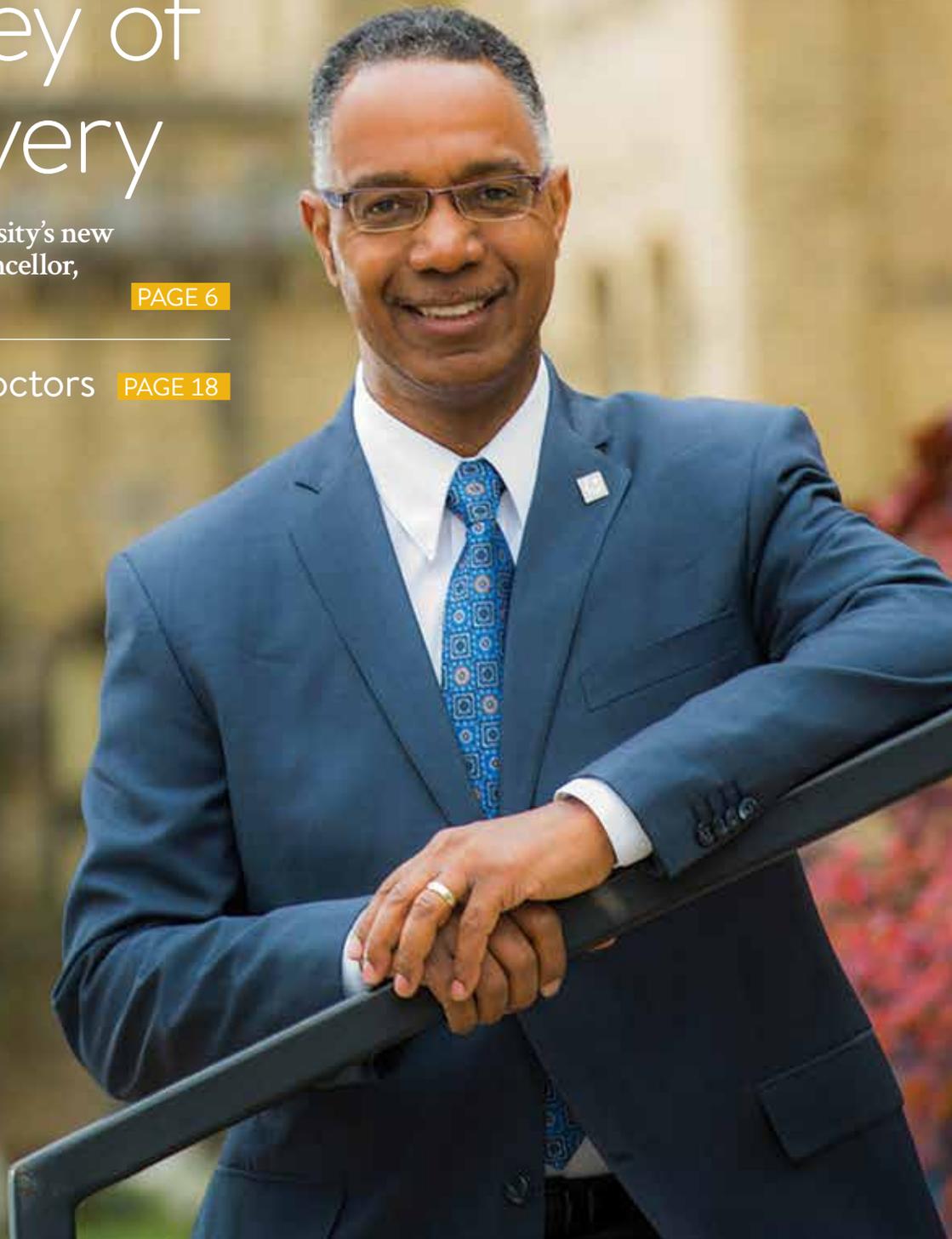
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Meet Brandon University's new
President & Vice-Chancellor,
Dr. Gervan Fearon

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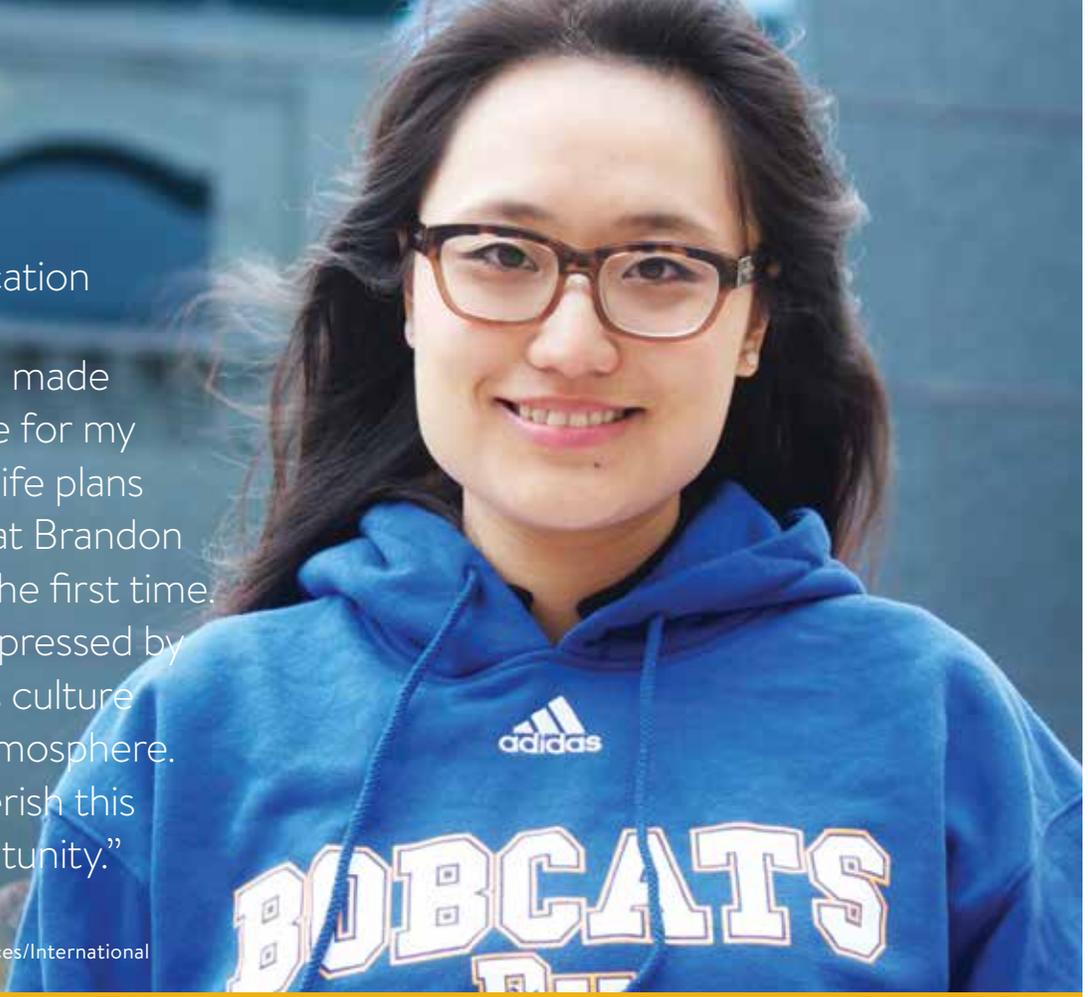


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Master of Education

“I realized that I made the right choice for my education and life plans when I arrived at Brandon University for the first time. I was deeply impressed by the University’s culture and learning atmosphere. I will always cherish this precious opportunity.”

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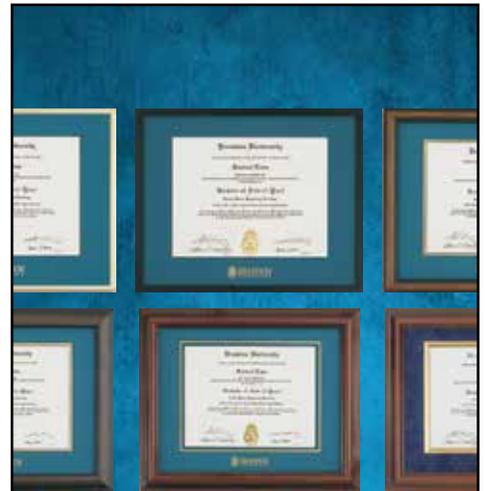
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Heart of Gold

Stewart Hobbs '55 (shown at left) gives back to the school that helped launch his career.



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Eliminating barriers and kick-starting gender role dialogue at BU.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Universities have the power to shape lives, forever.

I think of Dick and Verda McDonald, BU alumni who first met on campus in the 1950s, married, and raised three sons in Brandon. Over the next six decades, the McDonalds continuously and generously supported student success at Brandon University by donating money for bursaries and countless volunteer hours.

Both Dick and Verda received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Service in 2010 and the Sports Wall of Fame was named in their honour. Last year, Dick received the Foundation's Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award. I am happy that we were able to celebrate these lovely individuals who have given so much before Dick's passing earlier this year.

For the McDonalds, and so many others, Brandon University has remained a constant through their lives. The annual Homecoming

Weekend speaks to that, drawing alumni from all ages and all parts of the nation to revel in the camaraderie and companionship forged during those unforgettable, formative years at university.

Global entrepreneur Andreas Souvaliotis shared his experiences at this year's Homecoming, calling the University a refuge where he could be adventuresome and safe while earning his science degree in the 1980s.

There are outstanding developments happening at the University. The Dr. Viola Lobodowsky Art Collection was recently displayed at the Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art at Brandon University. This collection included works from international artists from the 1700s and 1800s. Dr. Yvonne Boyer joined the University as the Canadian Research Chair in Aboriginal Health and Law. Senate approved a new Academic Plan for the University. These new developments will help to

shape the experience and lives of a new generation of students and partners.

Whether in the fine arts, academics, or athletics, Brandon University connects thousands of fascinating people from around the world, through education and community engagement. My recent trip to China affirmed the value of this institution internationally, with a score of new partnerships which will provide exciting learning and exchange opportunities for both Chinese and Canadian students and faculty.

I invite you to join with me in rediscovering your University and the people—your friends, former classmates and professors—whose lives were shaped by their experiences at this institution.

Dr. Gervan Fearon
President & Vice-Chancellor



A Fresh New Logo and Look Unveiled

In a banquet hall full of proud alumni, Brandon University (BU) officially introduced a new logo and look during this year's Homecoming Weekend.

The new logo, a derivation of BU's ceremonial coat of arms, maintains the rich heritage of its predecessor, but has simplified graphical elements and text that make for a more modern representation. To further establish the brand, a comprehensive suite of templates and standards were also developed.

"The new logo speaks to Brandon University's focus on being a leading, innovative and engaged University. The logo was developed out of extensive consultation across the University community and we are pleased with the feedback. We are confident that

our alumni and members of the BU community will find it inspiring," says BU President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Gervan Fearon.

The final result was arrived upon through consultation and continuous dialogue with students, alumni, faculty, and staff who thoroughly reviewed designs based on over 800 surveys, external consultancy and internal creative direction.

"The update of any brand should be done with care. However, the relationship people have with their university can run particularly deep," says Alex Beshara, project lead. "Our process was extremely thorough and ensured we had buy-in from beginning to end. The collective wisdom of our community, talent of our contracted designer and vision of our institution led us to an outstanding result."

Dr. Michael Kim, Acting Associate Vice-President (External), personally introduced the new logo and look at Homecoming, stating, "the new visual

identity is an exciting revitalization of the Brandon University brand, and will be our masthead as we move forward together as a University. Our alumni are our biggest supporters, and our best ambassadors. That's why we felt it was important to premiere this new look at Homecoming."

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The new visual identity will be rolled out to digital and print marketing collateral over the course of the academic year. Related information is available at BrandonU.ca/Communications

Dr. Gervan Fearon being installed as Brandon University's 15th President and Vice-Chancellor by BU Chancellor, Mr. Michael Decter

A Journey of Discovery

Dr. Gervan Fearon is standing by a floor-to-ceiling bookcase in his sun filled office, pulling book after book from the shelves and emphatically pointing to the covers.

"These are all books published by our Faculty in the past few months," he says, grabbing yet another volume from the tidy row. "Lynn MacKay and Bruce Strang in *History*, Alison Marshall in *Religious Studies*, the *Canadian Journal of Native Studies*..."

He taps the dark blue cover of *Power-Sharing and Political Stability in Deeply Divided Societies*, by Dr. Allison McCulloch, a seminal work in ethnic conflict management, power-sharing, and democracy. "Allison's book talks at

such a global level. The work being done at this University is extraordinary."



Dr. Fearon delivering his Installation Address

Back in his chair, books spread before him, the University President and Vice-Chancellor says, "I have been on a journey of discovery since arriving at Brandon University, finding out about our campus and our city, the amazing people who started their odysseys here, and the span of knowledge and ideas presented by this University to the world. Discovery is a journey, but it is how all adventures begin."

Dr. Gervan Albert Fearon joined BU in July, 2013, as Vice-President (Academic and Provost). His work consisted of developing and promoting academic programming and research advancement, and overseeing the University's Faculties, Student and Registrarial Services, Library Services, and Information Technology Services.

With a PhD in Economics from the University of Western Ontario (now Western University), and degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph, Dr. Fearon had previously served as a Dean at Ryerson University in Toronto, Associate Dean at York University, Senior Analyst at the Ontario Ministry of Finance (Treasury Board), and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. A well-published scholar, he is also the recipient of awards for

teaching excellence and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

In October, Dr. Fearon was installed as the 15th President of Brandon University before an audience of students, staff, provincial and federal politicians, Aboriginal leaders, and academics and university administrators from across Canada. BU Chancellor Michael Decter introduced Dr. Fearon as someone “who can move people in the direction of positive and constructive change”. This theme was repeated by the province’s Minister of Education and Advanced Learning, James Allum, when he stated, “You are the instigator of a renaissance at this University that will flow through the city and the region”.

Back in his office, President Fearon addresses the proverbial question which has faced every President before—what kind of institution do we want to be? “There is no one answer,” he says. “Answers will evolve as we gain new understandings and respond to new and developing needs.”

Discovery will be the constant element, as was the case in the development of the University’s new Academic Mission Statement (please see side-box). Eight town-halls were held to gather input from the campus and community. An online survey engaged more than 400 respondents. The vision realized from that consultation was approved by the University Senate in October.

“The Academic Plan speaks to one direction,” says Dr. Fearon. “Next, we need to develop our institutional direction, to guide the University’s role in building better communities and societies. That will determine the appropriate size and profile of BU over the next five years and beyond.”

Dr. Fearon suggests a larger University makes sense, meaning more students, more faculties and a larger campus footprint. He also suggests increased national and international partnerships, including better engagement with stakeholders like alumni, will make BU an institution that lives up to its mission statement. But it won’t be easy.

“We are in a period of change,” the President says. “Governments are asking where to best allocate limited dollars, students are asking what they can afford, and society is asking who is responsible for covering the full cost of education. Nonetheless, we can’t become so introspective that we lose track of the role played by post-secondary educational institutions in contributing to improving opportunities and the lives of individuals and communities at a local and international level. As a university, we have only a few tools for achieving these goals. They include teaching and learning, research, scholarly and creative activities and service initiatives conducted. Yet, these few tools can be very powerful in making a difference to those we serve and those around the world who look to our knowledge and discoveries for hope. Take any topic—from cancer to climate change to youth employment—our work and effort can help. We must be looking ahead.” Brandon University’s new Academic Plan is entitled *Looking Ahead*.

Dr. Fearon returns to the bookcase, gazing at the familiar names and absorbing titles. “Together, we can build a university of choice, acting as a catalyst for growth and innovation,” he says. “I am discovering, in talking with people, that we have achieved much and are already on our way to creating the future that we want.”

Looking Ahead

BU’s New Academic Mission Statement

The Academic Plan of Brandon University aims to orient faculty, staff, alumni, donors, partners and stakeholders to opportunities for serving and meeting the needs of students and society within the context of the post-secondary education system within Manitoba.

Academic Mission

To be a leading, engaged, innovative university.

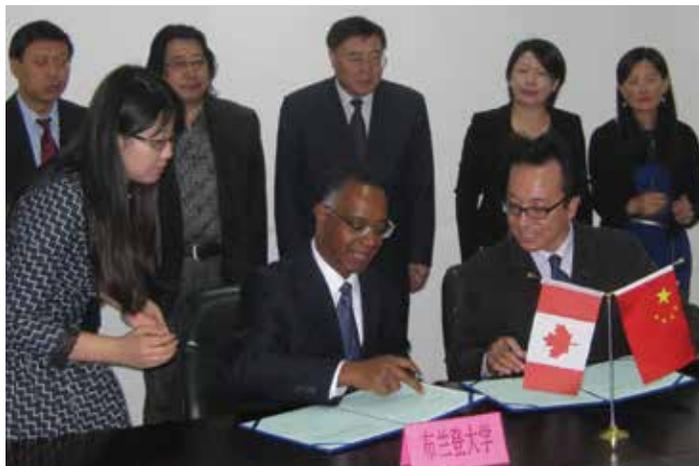
Academic Vision

Brandon University will be a leading university of choice for students, faculty, and staff among its peer post-secondary institutions. By fostering an inclusive, collegial, student-centred culture, the University will engage a diverse population of students in scholarly and research activities and active citizenship. Working with the community, the University will act as a catalyst for growth and innovation.

The Academic Priorities

- ▶ To distinguish Brandon University as a leading student-centred institution of choice for students.
- ▶ To establish and promote Brandon University as an institution engaged in innovative research, scholarly, and creative activity.
- ▶ To conduct community engagement and university services activities.
- ▶ To promote diversity and inclusive post-secondary educational opportunities.
- ▶ To foster academic program excellence, renewal, and development.
- ▶ To foster sustainable growth and development in academic programs and services.

China Trade Mission Yields Partnerships



Dr. Fearon signs Memoranda of Understanding at Dalian University in China.

BU has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with seven Chinese colleges and universities which will provide exciting learning and exchange opportunities for both Chinese and Canadian students and faculty.

Dr. Fearon and Dave Rowland, BU Director of International Activities, took part in a two-week trade mission to China in October, with representatives from the Manitoba government and the province's top learning institutions. Education is a key focus given the provincial and federal initiatives to internationalize the country's universities, and efforts in China to provide more students with experience abroad.

University To Host National Volleyball Championships

The 2016 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Women's Volleyball National Championships will be held at BU, the first CIS championship ever on campus. The hometown Bobcats will receive an automatic berth as hosts.



"The University's Healthy Living Centre is a world-class facility, our women's volleyball team is among the best in the country, and Brandon and the surrounding area are extremely supportive," says BU Athletic Director Russ Paddock.

Annual Cross-Border Rivalry Fun for All



The 3rd annual *Battle on the Border* pitted students from BU against Minot State University (MSU) in an afternoon of friendly dodgeball at the International Peace Gardens this past September.

Both universities fielded teams of 50 players, including Americans from California to New Jersey and international students from places as far away as Norway, Russia and China. Enthusiasm on both sides was unparalleled, but MSU retains bragging rights for another year.

Orientation 2014 Launches New School Year



Students were welcomed to the academic year during Orientation, held the first two weeks of September with live music and food, and spirited, diverse events.

"You have dreamed about this day," said Tom Brophy, Associate Vice-President (Student Services and Enrolment Management) and University Registrar addressing students and their families in the Richardson Gymnasium.

Special thanks to alumni Kerry Auriat, Neil Cristall, and Jeff Fawcett for sponsoring the Welcome Back Barbeque.

Students to Benefit from New Partnership



L-R: ACC President Mr. Mark Frison, Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, and BU President Dr. Gervan Fearon at MOU Signing

Student success is at the heart of a new collaborative agreement signed in August between BU and Assiniboine Community College (ACC), which will enhance both programming and accessibility for more than 9,500 students enrolled each year at BU and ACC.

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger said at the signing, “I commend these two institutions for collaborating to build capacity and meet the needs of students in Brandon and the surrounding regions.”

Brandon College and the Great War



Suyoko Tsukamoto prepares “Brandon College and the Great War” exhibit at Tommy McLeod Curve Gallery.

The untold stories of the 500 men and women from Brandon College (now Brandon University) who took part in World War I were chronicled this fall in



Standing (L-R): Michael Malazdrewicz, Glen Gross, and Michelle Magnusson. Seated (L-R): Dr. Cam Symons, Diane Novak, and Dr. Dean Care

New Resources to Help Professors Develop

A newly created Centre for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (CTLT) is providing opportunities for BU professors to develop into better teachers, by providing resources and faculty development activities. Diane Novak has been hired as CTLT Director and will participate in drafting a Teaching and Learning Plan for BU.

a public exhibition on campus—*Brandon College and the Great War*.

Exhibition creator and BU alumna Suyoko Tsukamoto started the project in 2012 in preparation for archeological research at Camp Hughes, the WWI training base east of Brandon.

University Hosts Prairie Geographers

About 100 delegates from three provinces and one state attended the annual conference of the Prairie Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (PCAG) in September, at Riding Mountain National Park, hosted by Brandon University.



Dr. Derek Eberts

“We made it a point to hold the conference in smaller communities because it’s a great opportunity for us as geographers to experience new regions, and create positive spinoff

for the communities,” says Dr. Derrek Eberts, Department of Geography and PCAG President.

Outstanding Scholar Joins University as Dean

A passionate writer, consummate educator and lifelong soccer devotee is joining Brandon University on January 1, 2015, as the new Dean of Arts and Dean of Graduate Studies.



Dr. Demetrios Tryphonopoulos

Dr. Demetrios Tryphonopoulos was Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of English at the University of New Brunswick (UNB), the oldest English language university in Canada and one of the oldest public universities in North America. He holds a PhD in English from the University of Western Ontario and has written, edited or co-edited 12 books.



Untitled (Mother and Child), painted by Bernard de Hoog, from the Dr. Viola Lobodowsky Collection, Brandon University

Treasured Art Collection Displayed

An eclectic mix of paintings and prints, including works from international artists who flourished in the 1700s and 1800s, was displayed in October at the University's Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art, to commemorate the person who donated these works.



Dr. Viola Lobodowsky

The Dr. Viola Lobodowsky Art Collection contains 19 pieces with an appraised value of more than \$100,000, and was given to BU by Dr. Lobodowsky, a retired Toronto dentist and native of Sandy Lake, MB.

Enbridge Dakota Language Scholarship Luncheon



Student recipients of the Enbridge Dakota Language Scholarship for 2013 and 2014, Jillian Chalmers, Shannen Wombdiska, and Matthew Pratt, were recognized at a luncheon in November hosted by Enbridge Pipelines Inc. and BU.

The Scholarship, awarded yearly to two first-year students enrolled in Introduction to Dakota Language I, is part of a three-year, \$60,000 funding commitment from Enbridge in support of Native Languages programming.

Science Students Shine at Provincial Conference



BU science students presented research on heady topics during an annual symposium in August, supporting theoretical physics research in Manitoba, including faster-than-light communications and the evolution of the universe.

The event was sponsored by the Winnipeg Institute for Theoretical Physics (WITP) and featured presentations by students from BU, University and Winnipeg, and University of Manitoba.

International Cello Festival



Dr. Leanne Zacharias

A "Cello Intervention" hit more than 30 coffee shops and public spaces across the province in June, the brainchild of Dr. Leanne Zacharias, School of Music.

The flash mob musical project, called *CityWide*, was a kickoff to the International Cello Festival of Canada, held in Winnipeg, and is based on an open, democratic sharing of music.

Administrative Appointments

Dr. Heather Duncan will be Acting Vice-President (Academic & Provost) from August 1, 2014 to July 30, 2015, in addition to her duties as Dean of Education.

Dr. Andrew Egan, Dean of Science, will serve as Acting Associate Vice-President (Research) from August 1, 2014 to July 30, 2015.

Dr. W. Dean Care, Dean of Health Studies, will serve as Acting Dean of Graduate Studies from August 31 to December 31, 2014.

Dr. Michael Kim, Dean of the School of Music, will also serve as Acting Associate Vice-President (External) until August 30, 2015.

Q & A with Mr. Gerald Butler BSc'63

BU alumnus Mr. Gerald Butler, Senior Relationship Manager at Cardinal Capital Management, Inc., is spearheading a special project to put one Apple® iPad® in the hands of each northern Manitoba-based student currently enrolled in Brandon University's Program for the Education of Native Teachers (PENT). Gerald is leading fundraising efforts for this project, dubbed the PENT iPad Initiative.

As a proud alumnus, why have you remained so involved at Brandon University?

I am a proud alumnus because I am an appreciative alumnus! I have been very fortunate for many reasons, but one of the most obvious is my ongoing relationship with the many people I've met during my years at Brandon College, and now, Brandon University. These people had a lasting influence on me, and therefore our family. I love the people at BU—the faculty, administration, staff and especially the students.

What makes you want to give back to Brandon University?

Brandon University is a small university with a big heart, just as it was in 1958 when I first registered as a student. I want to do my part to ensure that caring about our end product—the student—is always the aim of my *alma mater*. Mahatma Gandhi said, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow; learn as if you were to live forever." The people at BU helped me to learn how to learn. For these reasons, BU has remained close to my heart.

Why do you think philanthropy is an important aspect of University culture?

Earlier in my career, I adopted my personal and business mission statement: "Helping people to help themselves to a happy, healthy, abundant life". The two operative words are "people" and "help." I think there is a positive relationship between happiness, well-being and education. My family and I agree that it's



Gerald Butler at Homecoming Weekend 2014

time to pay it forward by helping others to increase their learning skills. I wish I had started 20 years ago!

In your opinion, why has PENT been so successful at BU?

The Program for the Education of Native Teachers (PENT) is a valuable effort in support of educators from northern Manitoba Aboriginal communities. Its strength lies in its connections to these communities. PENT's impact is so strong in this province! There are over 600 PENT grads currently teaching in Manitoba schools and in other provinces.

PENT is a positive initiative, but needs help to meet developing needs within the classroom as educational technology becomes more prominent. School-age students are often better equipped,

technologically, than the PENT students who are studying to teach them. Support is needed if PENT is going to continue meeting the needs of northern communities as it has since it was established in 1971.

What inspired you to help develop the PENT iPad Initiative?

Thanks to an initiative by Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC), in partnership with Apple, school-age students in the north are receiving iPads for classroom use. Wisely, BU is partnering with MFNERC, Apple, and other stakeholders to help provide iPads to each PENT student at no cost to them.

Simply put, the iPads offer a classroom with no walls for both school-age and PENT students. This also offers a level playing field. The free apps are amazing! It gives me goose bumps!

How can Brandon University alumni and friends help?

Supporting the PENT iPad Initiative is a clear way for alumni to give back by paying forward. The time is now for those of us who have benefited so much from our education to return the favour.

Three hundred dollars equals one iPad for a PENT student. The Brandon University Foundation will issue a tax receipt for the full value, and one more BU student will be better equipped to lead their classroom in a northern community. Thank you to the Cardinal Foundation for a generous gift to kick-start this program. Join us by making a difference today, for the future!

To support the PENT iPad Initiative, see page 27 of this magazine, or contact the Department of Institutional Advancement at 204.727.7374.

Jinsung Kim practising at
BU School of Music



Cultivating Natural Talent

Exceptional ability is given the opportunity to soar at Brandon University's School of Music

Great things can happen when you draw inspiration from those around you. Jinsung Kim's story shows how natural talent, coaxed forward and cared for by teachers and mentors, can blossom into a promising future for the young musician.

The celebrated piano student is currently in his final year of a Masters Degree program at Brandon University's School of Music, under the tutelage of Dr. Kyung Kim. Jinsung modestly recalls the early days of his musical education in Seoul, South Korea. "I didn't think I was anything special," he says, "but I kept practicing." At the age of 13, he emigrated with his family from Seoul to Winnipeg, and then to St. Claude, MB.

"I didn't take a music lesson for three years," he recalls. "I didn't know the language or the local music scene." Despite the lull in formal training following his move to Canada, Jinsung kept up his technique by practicing on an aging upright piano the family had brought from Korea, until a chance conversation sparked his interest in Brandon University.

"A friend, and a former music student at BU, raved to me about the education she received at Brandon University," he says, "so I began taking a class once a week at the University's Eckhardt-Gramatté Conservatory." It was at the Conservatory that Jinsung came under the wing of Dr. Lawrence Jones, BU Professor Emeritus and former Dean of the School of Music.

"He is among the top five pianists that I have taught in the last 50 years," says Jones. "He is a talented young man with very fast fingers and a remarkable work ethic."

After a year of lessons with Dr. Jones, Jinsung was winning competitions and scholarships. The family purchased a grand piano and Jinsung entered the BU School of Music in 2010 to pursue a piano performance major, where he has studied with Dr. Kyung Kim for the past six years.

"I am very proud of all that Jinsung has accomplished," says Kim. "He is a very hard worker and does not take his talent or accomplishments for granted. Jinsung is very sincere in his passion and love for music, and is yet another example of how our Conservatory program and Brandon University supports and brings out the best in our students."

As an undergraduate student, Jinsung was a top award winner in many prestigious music events—the BU Concerto Competition, Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg Scholarship Competition, MRMTA Western Canadian Tour Competition, Canadian Music Competition, and the FCMF National Music Festival. As a top award winner at the American Protege International Music Talent Competition in New York City, he performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City in December 2013.

Jinsung has high praise for his professor at the School of Music, Dr. Kyung Kim. "I want to teach and perform, like Dr.

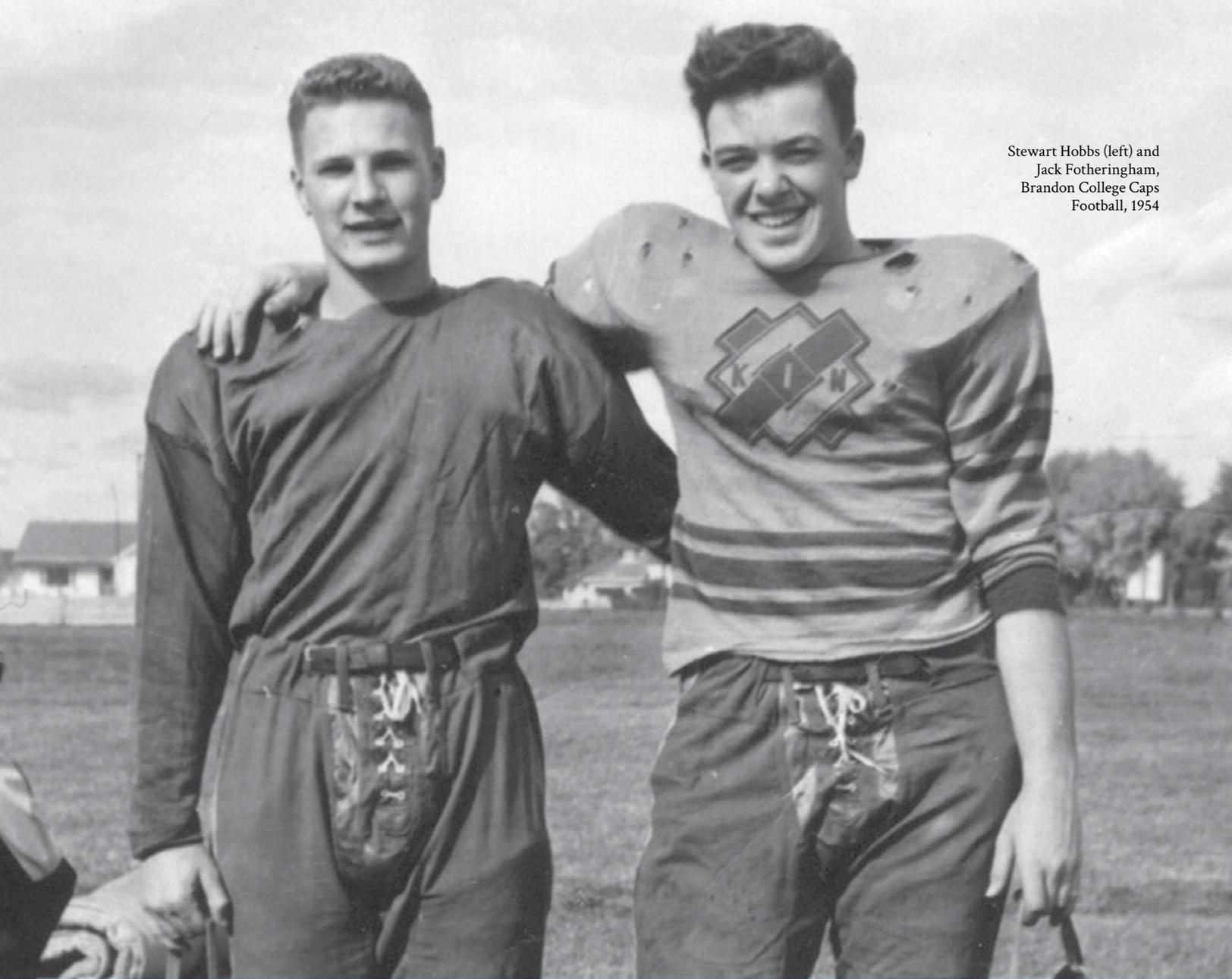
Kim," says Jinsung. "I see how she works, and how she cares for her students." When plagued with tendonitis as a result of practicing 10 to 12 hours every day, Jinsung says Dr. Kim and her husband, Dr. Michael Kim, Dean of the BU School of Music, took care of him. "I'm not just a music student to them; I feel like a son. They inspire me, and are models for pianists as performers and teachers."



Dr. Kyung Kim (L) and Jinsung Kim (R) at Carnegie Hall following Jinsung's performance and awards ceremony

In the summer of 2014, Jinsung was selected as the lone Canadian student to attend the prestigious Bowdoin Summer Festival of the Arts in Maine. There, he studied with piano faculty from the Juilliard School, which is widely regarded as one of the world's leading music conservatories.

Jinsung plans to continue his passion for piano following his graduation from Brandon University. "I want to make music my life, and BU is an exceptional place for music students," he says.



Stewart Hobbs (left) and
Jack Fotheringham,
Brandon College Caps
Football, 1954

Heart of Gold

Chance, luck and hard work enables retired geologist Stewart Hobbs to give back to the school that helped launch his career.

It's amazing how chance and luck can impact a life and a career. Just ask Stewart Hobbs.

"I spent my childhood on a farm in Deloraine, Manitoba, and had no plans to attend university," says Stewart. "One day, out of the blue, a mathematics professor and a psychology professor from Brandon College showed up on the farm to recruit me. They offered me a scholarship to come to Brandon—and that changed all my plans pretty quickly!"

Stewart remembers Brandon College as a tightly knit community, and fondly recalls his time on the football team. While he admits that he owes his Bachelor of Science degree, class of 1955, to luck and chance, Stewart is quick to point out that his road to success at Brandon College was also the result of hard work, and a good dose of maternal influence.

"My mother was the driving force keeping me in school [laughs]. I had a good mother. She was the core of the family; I have her to thank for my success and where I am today."

After graduating from Brandon College in 1955, Stewart's career path took him to Regina first where he worked for Sun Oil for six years, and on to Calgary in 1958 to begin work at Murphy Oil. Calgary is still home for Stewart today.

"I got into the geology field largely by accident," Stewart recalls. "Being accustomed to hard work on the farm, I spent my summers off from Brandon College working the oil rigs around Virden and Estevan, and developed an interest in geology and searching for oil and gas."

Over the course of his career, and until his retirement in 1988, Stewart worked for several oil and gas companies, and was a key player in building two



Stewart at Sun Oil Co., Regina, SK (1958)

companies—Quasar, with partners in Fort Worth, Texas, and Passburg, based in Calgary.

"I turned into a bit of a work-a-holic, I think. My partners and I used to say that the good Lord put twenty-four hours in a day, and it didn't matter which ones you used!" laughs Stewart. "But I learned a lot about business, and how much work and dedication it takes to build a company from the ground up. I was lucky."



Stewart with his wife Diane (left), stepdaughter Traci (centre) and their grandchildren (L-R) Ava, Sydney, and Nicholas

In November, 2013, Stewart donated more than \$100,000 to support equipment and program needs in the Geology Department at Brandon University. A portion of his gift was used recently to help fund a new Core Facility and Lab. This facility stores drill cores that Geology Department faculty and students have collected in past research projects, as well as other cores donated to Brandon University by the oil, gas and mining industry in recent years. The new facility offers students direct, hands-on experience working with drill cores that mirrors what they will encounter in the oil and gas industry.

"It's important for me to support education," says Stewart. "So I thought supporting Brandon University would be a great way to give back to the school that helped me start my career."

When he's not escaping the Alberta winter in Maui with his wife Diane, Stewart can usually be found at his local archery club honing his aim, reading, wine-making, keeping active by walking and weight lifting each day, or out on the hunt in the prairies and foothills around Calgary.

Homecoming 2014

This year's Homecoming was held October 17 – 19, celebrating alumni achievements and recognizing the anniversary class years of 1954, 1964, 1974 and 1984. Thank you to our Homecoming Weekend sponsors: Industrial Alliance and Kuiper's Bakery. To view more Homecoming photos, please visit our website at BrandonU.ca/Homecoming. **Mark your calendars for Homecoming 2015 – October 16 – 18.**

Class of 1954 members celebrating 60 years



L-R: John Blackwood, Joy (Barton) Finlay, Albert Gogol

Class of 1974 members celebrating 40 years



L-R: John Scott, Clarence Pettersen, Barry Verbiwski, Terri Verbiwski, (standing-Dave Green, Mel Ham), Heather Hawryluk, Randy Hawryluk, Milo Spooner-Craig, Judy (Hanson) Pettersen, Nadine Fort

Classmates from the 1980s Reunite

Front Row (L-R):
Doug Adams (BE'd'87),
Andreas Souvaliotis
(BSc'84), Patty Goranson
(BE'd'87)

Back Row (L-R):
Don Muir (BSc'85),
Todd Goranson (BSc'85),
Kim Stovel (BSc'85),
Perry Stovel (BSc'85)



BUAA Awards

Congratulations to the 2014 Alumni Award winners (clockwise from top left):

Dr. Ed Whitcomb (BA'64), recipient of the Wall of Fame Award

Lana Myers (BA'68, BE'd'91), recipient of the Exceptional Service Award

Bruce Macdonald (BSc'70, BE'd'71), recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Service

Dr. Jeffrey Tompkins (BSc'09), recipient of the Distinguished Young Alumni Award

Mr. Don Thomson (BGS'84, BE'd'88), recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Career Achievement



2014 Sports Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame welcomed eight new individual members—four athletes, three builders, and one community leader—as well as three teams at a special ceremony during Homecoming Weekend. For a list of all inductees go to GoBobcats.ca/HoF.



Inductees (L-R): Mike Steeves (representing his father the late Doug Steeves), Jerry Hemmings, Shannon Larkins, Brian Pallister (guest speaker), Sandra Hamilton, Dr. George Birger, Larry Rodenbush, Bob Simmons

Class of '64 Keeps History Alive at BU

by Dr. Dennis Anderson, BSc'64

Homecoming and history go together: recognizing voices, seeing faces, sharing stories and touring old campus haunts. Of course, at their 50th Anniversary, members of the Class of '64 did all these things. And they decided to go a few steps further to add to BU's history.

When planning their 50th Anniversary, they learned that the '64 Class Flag was missing from the S.J. McKee Archives and they commissioned a new one. This project was artfully led by classmate Elaine (Hutton) Gibson who had taken responsibility to have the original flag made in 1964. The new flag, with all Class of '64 grads' names emblazoned on it, was prominently displayed at Homecoming 2014 and now fills a gap in history at the S.J. McKee Archives.

Back in 1964, it was traditional for graduating classes to make a gift to Brandon College (University). Jim Parrott, our extroverted Class of '64 President, tapped all classmates for funds and bought

a lectern as the gift, and it has served as the podium for speakers for 50 years!

It didn't take Jim Parrott and '64 Lady Stick Poppy Cumming long to decide that a bench made from wood that

served at the heart of BU's 115-year old campus would be a great item to add to BU history. Rick Lair, a master craftsman from Gimli, MB, built the bench. May the bench long serve BU!



Class of 1964 with their recreated Class Flag

Front Row (L-R): Norman Peterson, Dick Prawdick, Jim Parrott, Dennis Anderson. Second Row (L-R): Evelyn (Woods) Kidd, John Sushelnitsky, Jeanette (Whyte) Dawes, Elaine (Hutton) Gibson, Glen Kidd, Clarice Gilchrist. Third Row (L-R): Bob Raeburn, Eleanor (McDowell) Tilton, Audrey (Graham) Myers, Carole (Paintin) Dence, Lorraine Adam, Victor Leogeot, Poppy Cumming, Don Lawrence, Valerie Greig, Victoria (Patmore) Johnson, Tony Chow. Back Row (L-R): Clark Brownlee, Jim Bomford, David McAuley, Gary Atchison, Ed Whitcomb, Carl Cunningham, Gary Mills



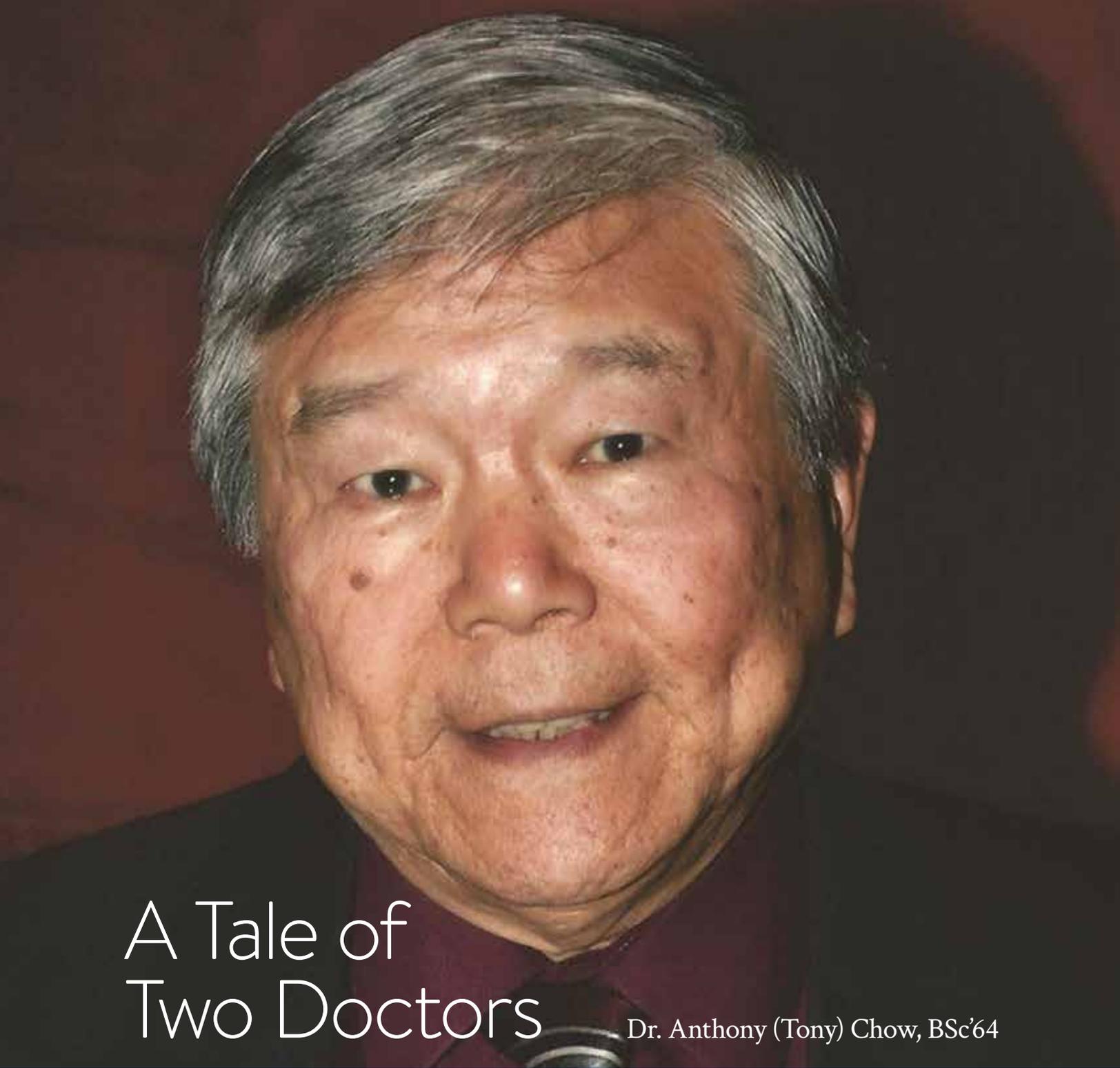
Dr. Dennis Anderson presents the Class of 1964 gift to Dr. Gervan Fearon and his wife Kathy Moscou at the Homecoming Banquet.

The plaque reads: *This bench, built from fir beams salvaged in 1997 during reconstruction of Original Building (1899) and Clark Hall (1906), was presented to Brandon University by the Class of 1964 on its 50th Anniversary (October 2014).*



Class of '64 – Teacher Training Certificate (TTC)

Front Row (L-R): Larry Zawadsky, Geraldine (Boychuk) Charette, June (Cosgrove) Sprott, Joan (Day) Adams, Marion (Humphreys) Speers, Don Mochnac. Back Row (L-R): Lorna (Toews) Clark, Jean (Stovin) Mckay, Marg (Halstead) Speers, Gloria (Toth) McAuley, Joan (McMechan) Veselovsky



A Tale of Two Doctors

Dr. Anthony (Tony) Chow, BSc'64

From the west coast to the east coast, Brandon University alumni have been making remarkable contributions to our lives.

Drs. Tony Chow and Jim Parrott, their stories told on these pages, rose to distinction in their respective medical fields, one in Vancouver and one in New Brunswick, after starting their studies in Brandon.

"I met Jim Parrott in College residence," says Dr. Chow. "He was 'the hockey player' and I would have never expected him to go into medicine because he was having too much fun!"



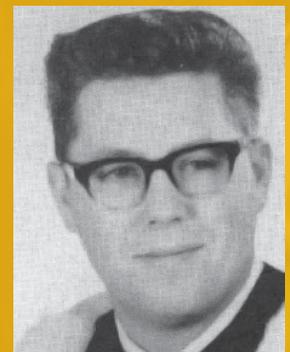
Tony Chow in BU Men's Residence, 1961



Dr. Jim Parrott, BSc'64

“Tony was one of the reasons that I went into medicine,” answers Dr. Parrott. “He was in the pre-med track and I befriended him. A serious student and a great ping pong player. We were a contrast, no doubt about that!”

In 1964, Dr. Parrott went to speak with Dr. Chow, at that time enrolled in the School of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, about becoming a doctor himself. The two would cross paths again when Dr. Parrott interned under Dr. Chow. The doctors reunited in Brandon in October, at the annual Homecoming.



The Sickle

Jim Parrott, grad photo, 1964

Dr. Tony Chow

No Boundaries for Disease or Education

It's 1961. JFK becomes US President. The Beatles debut in London. The Russians put the first human into space. Tony Chow arrives at Brandon College—the first World University Service (WUS) Scholarship student on campus.

“I arrived in jeans and boots,” he laughs, with crisp memories of the steam ship trip from his home in Hong Kong to Vancouver, and the train ride west. “I didn't really know what Brandon was all about, but I expected cowboy country from the literature that I had been reading.”

Dr. Chow had travelled halfway around the world to Brandon College to start his pre-medical studies. He would become one of North America's top experts in infectious diseases, establishing one of the first accredited Infectious Disease Training Programs in Canada and creating the first Hospital Infection Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship programs in North America.

“It was always my dream to go into medicine,” says Dr. Chow, honoured in 2013 with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada, for his work as “an exemplary researcher, teacher, mentor, and leader”.

Born in Hong Kong, and educated by Irish Jesuits in a Catholic School, Dr. Chow's family had been forced from mainland China during the Second World War. “As war refugees, we were not well off,” he says. Fortunately, Dr. Chow won the right



Dr. Tony Chow (right) is presented with the 2012 Distinguished Service Award from AMMI Canada by Dr. Mark Joffe, President.

to apply for the WUS Scholarship because of his remarkable grades.

“I placed in the top three among all students in Hong Kong at the end of my high school matriculation,” he says. “Winning that Scholarship was like winning a lottery. It really was my one chance to get into college.”

In Brandon, Chow quickly proved he was no ordinary student and was bumped to second-year courses shortly after his arrival. “Yes, I was under a microscope,” he shares. “I had been given money to attend school and I wanted to do well.”

Dr. Chow served as editor of *The Quill* student newspaper and absorbed local culture, courtesy of his residence roommate, Clark Brownlee. “Clark would take me to his family farm at Souris, Manitoba, and I would see the cows and chickens and drive the tractor. It was my first rural experience and I loved it. The Brownlees became my second family.”

Dr. Chow spent two years at Brandon College before entering medical school at the University of Manitoba (U of M). “I made very close friends at BU. It was a very close-knit community, in striking

contrast to medical school in a large university, where you realize that you're just a number.”

With his wife Katherine, whom he had met at the U of M, Dr. Chow moved to southern California in the early 70s to train at UCLA in the relatively new specialty of Infectious Diseases. In 1979, he jumped at the opportunity to return to Canada, accepting a position to establish a new Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and Vancouver General Hospital—a first of its kind in Canada.

“I know it sounds corny, but I wanted to pay Canada back for what it had given me,” says Dr. Chow.

On the frontlines for more than 30 years, Dr. Chow has witnessed the onslaught of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases and outbreaks, including HIV/AIDS, SARS, superbugs, Avian Flu, antibiotic drug resistance, and Ebola Fever.

“I combined research with clinical practice, taking real live problems within the population into the lab to find solutions. I am very proud that I spent my career training future clinician-scientists.”

Dr. Chow retired from clinical practice and administrative responsibilities in 2007, yet remains engaged in the development of practice guidelines for both the AMMI and the Infectious Disease Society of America. He is Professor Emeritus at UBC and active on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

“I can't say enough about the role that Brandon University played in getting me into my chosen career.”

Dr. Jim Parrott

Do What's Necessary – A Life in Medicine

In 1989, on a plane high above the Canadian Shield, Dr. Jim Parrott wrestled with his future.

An esteemed heart surgeon in Winnipeg, he had just toured a brand-new cardiac care facility set to open in St. John, NB—the first heart centre in that province—and he had been asked to run it.

“Was I ready to go to the Maritimes? Not really,” he recalls. “I had family in Winnipeg and Brandon and was running the cardiac program at the province’s largest hospital. But on the flight back I could hear them saying, over and over in my mind, ‘Dr. Parrott, you can do this any way you want.’”

Dr. Jim Parrott grew up in Oak Lake, Manitoba, knowing hardship in the years following World War II. Raised by a single mother on social assistance, he persevered to graduate from Brandon College in 1964 and to enjoy success and respect as a surgeon, medical teacher and politician.

“I didn’t have the money for my second year of tuition after using my summer earnings to repay my step-father for financing my first year. Fortunately, the Science Dean, Dr. Henry Stewart Perdue, heard about my situation and pulled together the cash.” Dr. Parrott adds, “I became the first in my family to get a University degree.”

After graduating from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba in 1968, Dr. Parrott attended Stanford University—one of the world’s most prestigious institutions—on a research fellowship in cardiac surgery. In 1974, he became associate professor of surgery at



Dr. Parrott at the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly Building in Fredericton, NB

Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS.

Dr. Parrott seized an opportunity to return to Manitoba in 1981, as acting head of the cardiovascular and thoracic section at the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) in Winnipeg where he had spent his residency years. Regarded as a fun-loving, dedicated man of medicine, Dr. Parrott’s mission at HSC was to revitalize the hospital’s cardiac surgery program.

“I was very busy,” he says, “on-call 24-7, performing about a third of all the heart cases in Manitoba. I learned to be tough. My personal motto is ‘do what’s necessary.’”

Through the next decade, Dr. Parrott would single-handedly develop a thriving cardiac surgical program, according to colleague Dr. Brian Corbett, who worked (and played) with Parrott during their residency and practicing years at HSC.

“There were wild rides in the countryside in his Corvette,” said Dr. Corbett, in a previous written tribute to Dr. Parrott. “Canoe trips through snow banks, hunting trips and more. Despite the hijinks, we never lost sight of our patients or the program.”

All this swirled in Dr. Parrott’s mind in 1989 on the flight back from St. John. “I had learned from starting the heart program in Winnipeg what to do and what not to do, so I talked with the family and took the job in New Brunswick.”

Dr. Parrott arrived at the New Brunswick Heart Centre in December, 1990, and the first cardiac surgery was performed four short months later.

“I was fortunate to recruit some really good people who continued to make the program stronger and stronger. It’s the best community-based cardiac program in the country. I am very proud of what we accomplished.”

Politics called in 2010 and Dr. Parrott was elected to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick as a Conservative, although he sat as an independent MLA for most of his term after being removed from caucus for criticizing the government’s health care policies.

“I tell it like it is,” says Dr. Parrott. “I saw things happened within government and I spoke out.” He laughs, adding, “My old Brandon classmate, Gerald Butler, used to say to me that it’s better to own a politician than to be one.”

Today, Dr. Parrott is retired and living on 150 acres along the St. John River with his wife, Theresa, raising and showing horses, growing grapes and making wine. Enduring quadruple bypass heart surgery in 2012 and the removal of part of one leg in 2014 have not slowed him down.

“I’m stubborn about things,” says Dr. Parrott. “If I decide to do something, I bring it to fruition. If you don’t try, you’ll never be successful.”

In Touch

Stay connected with University friends and classmates.



Holly (McKenzie) Adams, BMus'96

– After graduation, Holly moved to Winnipeg and worked for Sony. She later moved to Hamburg

and studied German. Returning to Winnipeg, she joined a telecoms company and eventually became a manager. In 2000, she moved to England where she worked for the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge. While on summer vacation, she took what was supposed to be a temporary position in local government, and met her future husband. She spent the past 12 years in Cambridgeshire and more recently in London working in governance. She was deputy returning officer for the London and European elections in spring 2014. She has recently accepted the position of General Secretary of Newnham College, University of Cambridge. Holly and her husband Patrick have two young daughters, Cate and Jennie.

Bryan Fuhr, BSc'67 – Bryan retired in 2009 having spent 27 years at Alberta Research Council conducting oil sands and pulp and paper research. He and his wife, Arlene Davies-Fuhr, have since moved from Edmonton to Guelph. Arlene retired this year as pastor at First Mennonite Church in Edmonton. They are both enjoying being closer to their four grandchildren who live in the Waterloo area.



Kevin Blais, BSc'13

– Kevin is currently a first-year medical student at University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Patrick Moseley-Williams, BScPN'10

– Patrick is currently a registered Psychiatric Nurse working at a primary

health care centre in The Pas, MB, in community mental health (adults).

Lisa Wolanski-McGirr, BEd'93

– Lisa graduated in 1993 from the Brandon University Northern Teacher Education Program (BUNTEP) and has been working in Thompson, MB, at Keewatin Community College/University College of the North since 1996.

Nominate a Fellow Graduate

The Brandon University Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the following awards:

- ▶ *Distinguished Alumni Award for Career Achievement*
- ▶ *Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Service*
- ▶ *Award for Exceptional Service*
- ▶ *Distinguished Young Alumni Award*
- ▶ *Wall of Fame*

Deadline for the above awards is May 31, 2015.

- ▶ *Excellence in Teaching Award*

Deadline for this award is April 1, 2015.

Alumni Opportunities

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Brandon University Alumni Association (BUAA)?

The BUAA would like to establish a Brandon Alumni Chapter to serve the Westman area. The chapter will provide opportunities for alumni to participate in social, recreational and educational programs.

For information, please go to BrandonU.ca/Alumni or call 204.727.9697.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Genevieve Babulic, Assoc. '65, October 4, 2014

Alfred R. Brooks, Cert. of Ed '60, BA'59, September 3, 2014

Dorothy E. Campbell, BT'76, BEd'85, January 6, 2014

Lawrence J. Craddock, BA'56, July 27, 2014

Juann M. DeBin, BGS'84, August 5, 2012

Olga Didyk, BT'71, BEd'74, August 15, 2011

Shirley E. Finch, BA'53, May 13, 2014

Homer W. Gill, BEd'70, January 10, 2014

Janice C. Greig, BA'91, BEd(AD)'93, July 24, 2014

Elizabeth J. Hannaford, BGS'76, BEd'77, March 11, 2012

Eleanor Lockhart, TTC'63, March 14, 2014

Richard G. McDonald, Assoc.'55, BA'60, BEd'67, September 16, 2014

Kerry D. McGill, BA'94, July 8, 2014

Randall G. McGunigal, BA'68, BEd(AD)'73, August 26, 2014

Elizabeth A. McNeill, BSc (Spec.)'00, October 10, 2014

Wayne S. Miller, BSc'72, December 29, 2013

Arnold G. Minish, BEd'58, BSc'58, May 15, 2014

Larry V. Moldowan, TTC'64, BSc'70, BEd'71, April 27, 2013

Doreen Smillie, Assoc. '51, May 4, 2014

Donald S. Sumner, BA'50, October 15, 2014

STAFF / FACULTY

Donald Eastman, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Math/Science 1969 – 2008, June 29, 2014

Y.L. Jack Lam, Professor, Faculty of Education 1973 – 2001, May 30, 2014

Maureen Medland, Administrative Clerk, Dept. of Education & Student Services 1983 – 1995, July 27, 2014

Rose Nieradka, Food Services 1980 – 1998, June 24, 2014

Ralph R. Pippert, Dean/Professor, Dept. of Education 1971 – 1988, August 31, 2014

Douglas Steeves, Director/Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Athletics 1966 – 1994, May 19, 2014

In Memory of Dick McDonald

December 13, 1933 –
September 16, 2014



On September 16, 2014, Brandon University lost a steadfast friend and supporter, Mr. Dick McDonald. Dick's involvement and contributions to the University span 60 years as a student, alumnus, and dedicated volunteer.

An associate alumnus of Brandon College, 1955, Dick returned to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1960, and his Bachelor of

Education in 1967. Athletics played a huge part in academic life for both Dick and his wife Verda, and they maintained a strong connection to BU Athletics. Together they established the Dick and Verda McDonald Bursaries in Men's and Women's Basketball and Volleyball in 2003. In 2006 they were both inducted into the Brandon University Sports Wall of Fame. In 2013, in recognition of their dedication to BU, and to BU Athletics, the Sports Wall of Fame was named in their honour.

Dick served as a member of the BU Foundation since 2009, and as volunteer fundraiser during the BU & YOU Campaign from 2004 to 2007 and the BUILD Campaign in support of the Healthy Living Centre. In recognition of his outstanding commitment, Dick received the BU Foundation's Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award in 2013.

As highly respected members of the Brandon community, both Dick and Verda were presented with the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from the Brandon University Alumni Association for outstanding community service, not only to BU but to many other organizations as well.

BU will be forever grateful for his dedication and support and the legacy he has left behind.

BU Authors

Moving Portrayal of Chinese Canadians



Cultivating Connections: The Making of Chinese Prairie Canada, is the result of nearly a decade of research and more than three hundred interviews by Dr. Alison Marshall, Department of Religion.

Her book chronicles the Chinese families who settled the Canadian Prairies in the late 1800s. "These stories reveal the importance of networks," says Dr. Marshall, "of belonging within these communities, in coping with experiences of racism, and ultimately establishing a successful life on the Prairies."

Landmark Book on Democracy



Dr. Allison McCulloch has published a ground-breaking book, and a go-to guide for politicians and policy-makers trying to bring peace to conflict-ravaged regions. *Power-Sharing and Political Stability in Deeply Divided Societies*, is the first major comparison of the two most common power-sharing models used in peace accords over the last 20 years.

"Many societies are deeply divided along ethnic and religious lines," says the political scientist, "and it's important to know what forms of democracy have worked elsewhere."

Exploring Aboriginal Health and the Law



BU's Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Health and Wellness, Dr. Yvonne Boyer, has written a historical examination of Canadian legal regimes and their negative impacts on the health of Aboriginal peoples.

Dr. Boyer, a member of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, former nurse, and practicing lawyer, says "*Moving Aboriginal Health Forward: Discarding Canada's Legal Barriers* demonstrates a clear connection between the health of individuals and the legal regime under which they live."



Feminism Without Borders

How Dr. Corinne Mason is eliminating barriers and kick-starting gender role dialogue at Brandon University.



Corinne Mason is at her office desk, relating a story about playing hockey in a faculty versus students match—a game in which she was the lone woman.

“I’m playing defence,” she says to a colleague in the Department of Sociology, “and getting roughed up in front of the net, trying to keep the crease clear. When all of the sudden the other player stops and says ‘sorry, I didn’t know you were a girl.’”

They both laugh at the irony. Dr. Mason joined BU in the fall of 2013 as Assistant Professor of Gender and Women’s Studies and Sociology. Originally from Ontario, this is her first full-time, tenure-track teaching job since earning her PhD at the University of Ottawa.

“My job in the classroom is to bring people closer to feminism,” she offers, “and in my research, I’m concerned with the circulation of talk, images, and text and the cultural work they do. I ask questions about how power and gender politics work at the transnational level, focusing specifically on representations of violence against women, reproductive justice, LGBTQ rights, and foreign aid.”

Mason recently completed a book chapter about news media reporting on sex-selective abortions in Canada, a topic which she feels communicates a great deal about how we, as a nation, engage with racialized and immigrant communities.

Given such serious research, visitors to Dr. Mason’s office are surprised to see Hollywood heart-throb Ryan Gosling peering from a cover on her bookshelf. “I pay a lot of attention to popular culture,” she explains, and the book *Feminist Ryan Gosling* pairs feminist theories with, according to the Amazon.com website, “swoon-worthy photos of the steamy actor”.

“People are learning within the spaces of popular culture and social media,” says Dr. Mason. “I try to bring complex theory to bear in these everyday spaces. In class, we talk about Beyoncé, Miley Cyrus, Taylor Swift and hip hop—serious areas of study, reflecting spaces of power and privilege in our lives.”

This past fall, Dr. Mason spearheaded a new initiative called Positive Space with the goal of making all people on campus feel respected and supported, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Positive Space has proven successful at other universities across Canada in raising the visibility and awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two-spirit, queer and questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQQIA) issues and concerns, while also establishing safer and more welcoming spaces for students, staff, and faculty.

“We are taking the first steps in a long journey,” says Dr. Mason, “towards inclusivity and affirmation by asking ourselves questions about the current ‘climate’ for individuals of all genders and sexualities at Brandon University, and how we can do better.”

Rainbow Resource Center (Winnipeg) and The Sexuality Education Centre (Brandon) provided an introductory workshop attended by more than 40 faculty, staff, and administration to broaden their understandings of gender and sexuality. Participants learned how to identify and resist homophobia, lesbophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and heterosexism from a personal, social, cultural, and systemic framework. More Positive Space training is planned in the coming months at Brandon University.

“I hope Positive Space encourages new University policies,” says Dr. Mason, “including reformulating registration and counselling forms for students, creating more equitable and inclusive hiring practices, moving towards gender neutral and affirming language, and creating

safer spaces across campus, including gender-neutral single-stall washrooms.”

Mason is currently working on *Queering Development*, a book-length project reflecting the current state of transnational feminism and queer theory. She is investigating the ways in which Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) rights are beginning to be included in international development policies and campaigns, including the United Nation’s “Free and Equal” campaign.

“I try to bring complex theory to bear in these everyday spaces. In class, we talk about Beyoncé, Miley Cyrus, Taylor Swift and hip hop—serious areas of study, reflecting spaces of power and privilege in our lives.”

In addition to her research and advocacy work, Dr. Mason remains dedicated to her students. “I have this dream,” she says, smiling at her vision for the future. “I see my students reciting feminist and queer theories on their farms. I see young feminists standing under a big open sky in a sprawling field, reading Jessica Valenti’s *Full Frontal Feminism*.”

Dr. Mason turns back to the work on her desk, a young academic with ideas and energy. “People outside of the discipline don’t often get it,” she says, unflagging. “They figure it’s folks who take pop culture way too seriously. But my job is to deconstruct the stereotypes of feminism and show students that this movement looks a lot different than what they may expect.”



Tom and Janie Breneman next to their seats in the HLC

December 2014

Dear Friends,

As BUILD Campaign Chair, I am pleased to share a report on the outstanding success of Brandon University's Score a Seat Campaign.

This Campaign is essentially a "seat sale", where the University is selling the naming rights to the spectator seating at the Healthy Living Centre (HLC). Seats are being sold for \$500, \$750, and \$1,000, depending on their location, and all funds raised from the seats go directly to the Healthy Living Centre. These funds will complete the capital portion funding required for the HLC, and will provide support to the health and wellness of Brandon University students and our Westman community.

Thanks to the donors listed here, I am happy to announce that we have sold approximately 170 seats to date, and that this Campaign has raised almost \$150,000!

The Score a Seat Campaign has been a grand success, and we aren't done yet! There are still hundreds of seats available, and I encourage you, the friends and alumni of Brandon University, to consider supporting our students, our athletes, and our community by purchasing a seat of your own. You can take up to two years to pay for your seat, and you will receive a tax receipt for the full value of your gift! Consider placing your own name on a seat to leave your legacy, or dedicate it to a friend, family member, or someone who has been inspirational to you.

Wishing you and your family health and wellness,

Tom Breneman
BUILD Campaign Chair

THANK YOU to the generous supporters of the **Brandon University Score a Seat Campaign**. By purchasing a seat (or seats) at the Healthy Living Centre, these individuals, businesses and groups have contributed to the health and well-being of our Westman community.

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Lisa Hodgins, 4th-year Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science student (centre), recipient of the Joy and Cam Finlay Scholarship-Bursary in Environmental Science, with donors Joy '54 and Cam '52 Finlay

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New Project to Increase Rural and Urban Dialogue



L-R: Brandon Mayor Shari Decter Hirst, BU President Dr. Gervan Fearon, Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire, BU adjunct professor and RPLC project director Dr. William Reimer, Minister of State (Science and Technology) Honourable Ed Holder, RDI Director Dr. Bill Ashton, and project coordinator Zoe St. Aubin

The Honourable Ed Holder, Minister of State (Science and Technology), visited the campus in August to announce a \$2.5 million Partnership Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) towards BU's new \$5.2 million international partnership to strengthen the voices of rural and northern communities.

The Rural Policy Learning Commons (RPLC) will network scholars, politicians and citizens in a variety of ways including conferences, webinars and publications, to ensure that policy-makers are cognizant of the characteristics, unique benefits and challenges associated with rural and northern places.

BU Researcher Will Study Subatomic Particles with Federal Award

Dr. Sarah Plosker has been awarded a \$60,000 Discovery Grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) to help fund her five year study into the mathematical foundations for physical realizations in quantum mechanics.

"The principle of quantum superposition suggests that subatomic particles can be literally two places at one time," says Dr. Plosker, Department of Math and Computer Science. "A better understanding of quantum information can lead to new technology, including faster computers."

Prestigious Appointment for Gender Researcher



Dr. Jonathan A. Allan

Dr. Jonathan A. Allan has been named Tier II Canada Research Chair in Queer Theory by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Over the next five years he will research the troubling ways in which bullying, phobias, and social anxieties impact and affect individuals and society.

The prestigious national appointment includes \$500,000 to continue his ground-breaking research into masculinity. Dr. Allan says, "Our genders and sexualities affect and influence our daily lives, from the colour of shirt we might wear, to which bathroom we feel most comfortable using, to talking about bullying on the playground or in the boardroom."



Dr. Sarah Plosker, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science

Students Honoured for Cutting-edge Research



Seven BU Students spent their summers in research, after capturing Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA) given annually to high achievers by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

The students shared \$31,500 from USRA, plus almost \$8,000 in awards from Brandon University. Research projects included understanding drug resistance and creating new synthetic materials to build better computers and medical diagnostic equipment.

The students, supervisors, and 2014 USRA projects are as follows:

- ▶ Ryan Bergen supervised by Dr. Margaret Carrington (Physics) – “Classifying Feynman Diagrams”
- ▶ Katrina Cristall supervised by Dr. Bernadette Ardelli (Biology) – “Vsg genes and antigenic variation in *Cryptobia salmositica*”
- ▶ Danielle Dinsdale supervised by Dr. Martin Lemaire (Chemistry) – “New hybrid conducting spin-crossover metallopolymers”
- ▶ Lyndon Duff supervised by Dr. Wendy Untereiner (Biology) – “Diversity of fungi associated with the western thatching ant”
- ▶ Danielle Sharanowski supervised by Dr. Bernadette Ardelli (Biology) – “Functional analysis of RNAi in *Cryptobia salmositica*”
- ▶ Tara Steliga supervised by Dr. Martin Lemaire (Chemistry) – “Preparation and solid state NMR properties of spin crossover metallopolymers”
- ▶ Theresa Urichuk supervised by Dr. Wendy Untereiner (Biology) – “Molecular characterization of fungi isolated from children’s sandboxes”

Organic Farming Study Underway

Biology professor Dr. Terence McGonigle is studying an organic farm in southern Manitoba to better understand the owners’ success, and pass along that knowledge to other organic growers.



Dr. Terence McGonigle

“The owners have devised a system that works, not through science but through farming experience and trial-and-error,” says Dr. McGonigle.

Funding of \$140,500 has been committed over four years from Organic Science Cluster II, an industry-supported research and development endeavor initiated by the Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada in collaboration with the Organic Federation of Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.



Linda and Ian Grossart with organic cattle on Howepark Farms south of Brandon, the focus of a study by BU biology professor, Dr. Terence McGonigle.

Students Awarded Graduate Scholarships



Four BU students have been awarded Brandon University Manitoba Graduate Scholarships (BU-MGS), valued at \$15,000 each. Funded by the Province of Manitoba and managed by Brandon University, the purpose of the BU-MGS is to ensure that Manitoba’s best students continue their education at home, foster research that will lead to economic growth, and attract excellent students to study in Manitoba.

Shown above are this year’s awardees (L-R): Audrey Cook (Rural Development), Mark Hamilton (Environmental and Life Sciences), Michelle Lemoine (Rural Development), and Noordin Omar (Rural Development).

University Helps Endangered Lizards



Northern prairie skink

Manitoba's only lizard, the endangered northern prairie skink, will receive new protection thanks to efforts by Dr. Pam Rutherford, Associate Professor in the Department of Biology.

Through her work the Canadian Herpetological Society has designated Spruce Woods Provincial Park as an Important Amphibian & Reptile Area. The park, an hour's drive southeast of Brandon, is the only place in Canada where the lizards have been found.

National Award for History Professor

Dr. Rhonda Hinthér has been given a prestigious national award for her career efforts in women's history, which include films, books, and work with the Canadian Human Rights Museum and the Canadian Museum of History.

The *Marion Dewar Prize* is presented by the National Capital Committee on the Scholarship, Preservation and Dissemination of Women's History.



Professor Discovers Two New Prehistoric Animals



Tapir and Hedgehog (Artwork by Julius Csotonyi)

"A real career highlight" is how Dr. David Greenwood, Department of Biology, describes his pivotal role in discovering two new prehistoric mammals which roamed North America 52 million years ago, published as the cover story in the July 2014 edition of the US-based *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*.

Dr. Greenwood made the discoveries while leading fossil digs in Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park, near Smithers, BC, in 2010 and 2011.

Professor Featured as Hologram in Human Rights Museum

Dr. Yvonne Boyer, Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Health and Wellness, is one of a handful of Canadians selected to be holographic narrators in the new Canadian Museum of Human Rights.

"What a remarkable experience," says Dr. Boyer. "As a hologram, I introduce Museum visitors to the theme of Indigenous Rights and invite them to learn more through short videos."



2015 Brandon University Bobcats Schedule

 Home games

 Away games

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Date	Women's Basketball	Men's Basketball	Women's Volleyball	Men's Volleyball
Canada West Conference Schedule				
Friday, Jan. 9	Saskatchewan (6:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (8:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (6:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (8:00 pm)
Saturday, Jan. 10	Saskatchewan (5:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (7:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (5:00 pm)	Saskatchewan (7:00 pm)
Friday, Jan. 16	UBC (6:00 pm)	UBC (8:00 pm)	UBC (6:00 pm)	UBC (7:45 pm)
Saturday, Jan. 17	UBC (5:00 pm)	UBC (7:00 pm)	UBC (5:00 pm)	UBC (6:45 pm)
Wednesday, Jan. 21			Winnipeg (6:00 pm)*	Winnipeg (7:30 pm)*
Thursday, Jan. 22	Winnipeg (6:00 pm)	Winnipeg (8:00 pm)		
Friday, Jan. 23			Winnipeg (6:00 pm)	Winnipeg (7:45 pm)
Saturday, Jan. 24	Winnipeg (2:00 pm)	Winnipeg (4:00 pm)		
Friday, Jan. 30	Alberta (6:00 pm)	Alberta (8:00 pm)	Alberta (6:00 pm)	Alberta (7:45 pm)
Saturday, Jan. 31	Alberta (5:00 pm)	Alberta (7:00 pm)	Alberta (5:00 pm)	Alberta (6:45 pm)
Friday, Feb. 6	Victoria (6:00 pm)	Victoria (8:00 pm)	UBC-Okanagan (6:00 pm)	UBC-Okanagan (8:00 pm)
Saturday, Feb. 7	Victoria (5:00 pm)	Victoria (7:00 pm)	UBC-Okanagan (5:00 pm)	UBC-Okanagan (7:00 pm)
Canada West and CIS Playoffs TBA				

ALUMNI EVENT

* The **Winnipeg & Area Alumni Chapter** invites you to join fellow BU alumni for a night out to cheer on the BU Bobcats volleyball teams as they take on the University of Winnipeg's Wesmen in Winnipeg on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Call 1.877.282.4483 or email Alumni@BrandonU.ca.

School of Music: the pro series

Sunday, January 11, 2015 – 3 p.m.

The Faculty Concert

Aural Feast: An afternoon of memorable music-making not to be missed! The BU School of Music enjoys a solid reputation across the country thanks to its talented instructors. These first-rate musicians always present a varied programme of collaborative groupings in this annual *pro series* favourite.

Thursday, January 22, 2015 – 8 p.m.

Ensemble Caprice Baroque Quintet

Matthias Maute – recorder, traverso
Sophie Larivière – recorder, traverso
David Jacques – baroque guitar
Susie Napper – baroque cello
Ziya Tabassian – percussion

The programme presents 16th- and 17th-century works by de Araujou, Locatelli and Falconieri.

Salsa Baroque: Under the auspices of Prairie Debut, Ensemble Caprice stops for a performance in Brandon. This Montreal-based group presents a unique blend of European polyphony and traditional Latin American music. Hear Bolivian villancicos and lively guarachas as well as some of the sonatas they inspired.

January 29 & 30, 2015 – 8 p.m.

The Brandon University New Music Festival

EIPHANY - Music and Poetry

Brandon University New Music Ensembles
Megumi Masaki, Artistic Director and piano

The programme includes three world premieres and one Canadian premiere of new pieces by Carrabré, Bates, Haas, Ramirez and Eno.

Hot Pairings: The 2015 edition of the BUNMF weaves music, visuals and poetry by Margaret Atwood and Di Brandt as well as introduces interactive movement to this annual celebration of fresh works.

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – 8 p.m.

Kang-Mercer-Park Trio

Judy Kang, violin
Rachel Mercer, cello
Angela Park, piano

The programme includes trios by Mendelssohn and Beethoven, as well as solo and duo works.

Beauty of Sound: Since her debut with the National Arts Centre Orchestra when she was ten years old, Judy Kang has been a busy solo and chamber musician who has collaborated with artists like Pierre Boulez and Lady Gaga. The grand prize winner of the 2001 Vriendenkrans Competition, Rachel Mercer

embraces opportunities as a soloist and a chamber musician, while Angela Park, a Visiting Assistant Professor at Indiana University, is a busy soloist and collaborative pianist. This recital is another Prairie Debut presentation.

Monday, March 23, 2015 – 8 p.m.

Charles Castleman, violin
Kerry DuWors, violin

The programme includes Bach's Chaconne, Spohr's Grand Duo Op. 67 No. 2, Ysaye's Ballade and Obsession Solo Sonatas, and Piazzolla's Tango Études.

Superb Mastery: American violinist and renowned professor, Charles Castleman is celebrating his 40th anniversary at the Eastman School of Music. He has wowed audiences and given masterclasses around the world, and has founded a quartet program in the United States. DuWors, one of his doctoral students, will join him for one work.

Saturday, April 11, 2015 – 8 p.m.

Ji Lu and Ning Lu, piano duo

The programme includes Rachmaninoff's Suite No.1, Gershwin's Porgy and Bess Fantasy, and a few Chinese works.

Complementary Choices: Another husband-and-wife team, this time Ji and Ning Lu, who are originally from China and are currently teaching in Utah, impart their style of pianism to Brandon audiences.

All performances are held at the Lorne Watson Recital Hall, School of Music. *Pro series* tickets and subscriptions can be purchased at the door or in advance at the School of Music. Seating is limited. For more information please call 204.727.9631. BrandonU.ca/Music/Pro-series



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