

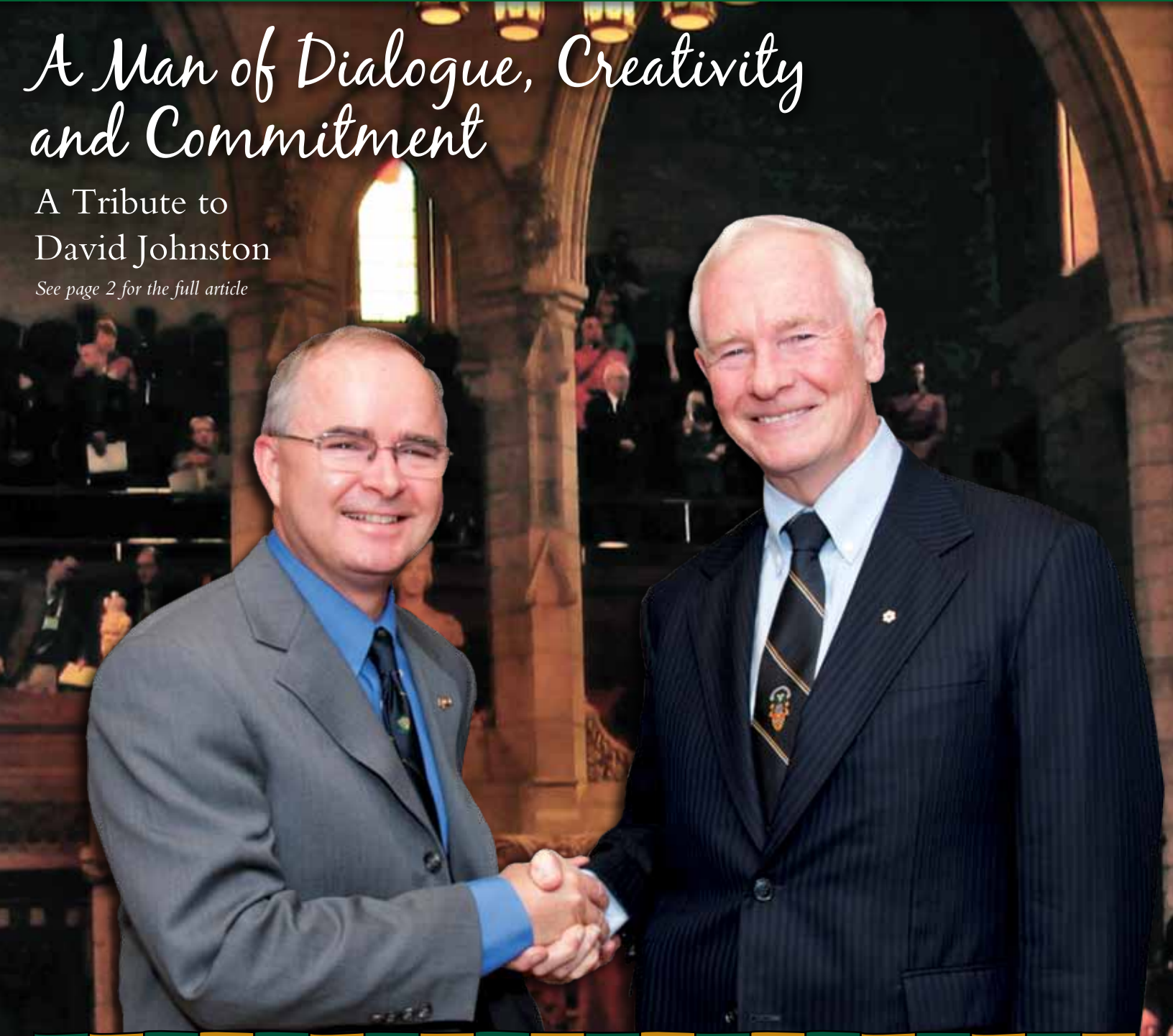
# SJU UPDATE

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David B. Perrin, President & Vice-Chancellor



# *A Man of Dialogue, Creativity and Commitment:*

## *A Tribute to David Johnston*

On October 1, 2010, SJU President David Perrin was seated in the Senate of Canada chamber in Ottawa. Excitement filled the air as the installation of David Johnston as the 28th Governor General of Canada began. “I was full of joy that the individual being installed had been a significant part of the history of St. Jerome’s University for over a decade,” Perrin says. “What a thrill it was to be present for this historic ceremony.”

Perrin remembers the first time he met Johnston. Soon after Perrin’s arrival at St. Jerome’s in 2007, Johnston, then President of the University of Waterloo, set up a lunch for the two of them, and for an hour and a half these university presidents got to know each other. “He was affable, engaged, and interested

in what I was doing,” Perrin says. “He extended intentional support to me on that day and throughout the next three years.”

The two met a couple of times each term. Johnston became a mentor, offering genuine friendship and a listening ear and fostering ongoing reflection amid various challenges at SJU. “There could always be dialogue and discussion,” Perrin says. “David invites new partners into projects as they evolve, opening them to a range of voices. He loves strategic plans, benchmarks and deliverables, which allow results to be measured and evaluated.”

Johnston brings a wealth of experience to the office of Governor General, along with wisdom, creativity, inclusivity, enthusiasm, energy, and the ability to do things in a new way. In his own words, “When we set our sights together, we can do better and inspire each other to achieve great things.”

His words sum up the dynamic alliance that exists between St. Jerome’s University and uWaterloo. President David Perrin looks forward to building on the strength of that fruitful relationship throughout the years to come.

## **SJU’s 150th Anniversary** *Ideas, Projects, and Events* **for 2011–2015**

What ideas, projects, and events would you like to be considered during the lead-up (2011–2015) to, or as part of, our 150th anniversary celebrations in 2015? David Perrin, President & Vice Chancellor, invites you to contribute to the “wish list” we are compiling. In early 2011, he will form a small group to review the feedback and put together an initial schedule of projects and events. Please forward all ideas to Trenny McGinnis at [tmcginnis@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:tmcginnis@uwaterloo.ca). Thank you!



Mark Greco (MMSc '05, BAsC '04) – Alumni Association Chair

## SJU Alumni Association – *Celebrating Alumni Connections*

When I ask SJU alumni what made their time at St. Jerome’s so great, most people say “the sense of community.” Whether your connection has been spiritual, academic or social, at the heart of our community are the deep relationships we have with one another.

This past year, I attended three weddings where both the bride and groom were St. Jerome’s alumni. (One of these was my own – I’m sure my wife was glad I attended that one.) At one wedding, the bride’s parents were SJU alumni, too.

I guess this shouldn’t surprise us. The relationships we

formed in those years on our beloved campus brought together people with similar values and interests. Still, I’m amazed at how frequently this happens.

SJU’s upcoming 150th anniversary is the perfect opportunity to celebrate these connections. Let us know if you are one of these SJU couples or one of the many multi-generational alumni (someone with family connections to SJU). We want to hear your story! Photos are welcome! Please send it to Nadine Collins at [nacollins@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:nacollins@uwaterloo.ca) or give her a call at 519-884-8111 ext 28255.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Nadine Collins, University Advancement Officer

It has been just over a year since I joined SJU. Meeting you, the alumni and friends of St. Jerome’s University, is definitely the highlight of my job! You are

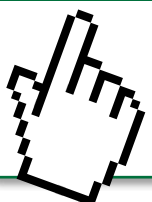
such a vital part of the SJU community. It is because of you that SJU has thrived for almost 150 years, and it is because of you that we will go on for at least 150 more. I want to ensure that it is easy for you to remain connected to the SJU community. The most

environmentally friendly and budget-friendly way is through technology. Please send us your email address so we can keep you up to date on special events, important news, and opportunities for you to be involved. You may also wish to “friend” us on Facebook or connect with us through LinkedIn.

You can reach me at [nacollins@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:nacollins@uwaterloo.ca) or 519-884-8111 ext 28255. I look forward to hearing about your connections to SJU and continuing our conversation as we move towards our 150th anniversary in 2015.

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# St. Jerome's Feast The 10th Anniversary

*Photo by Chris Hughes*

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, St. Jerome's University hosted the 10th anniversary of St. Jerome's Feast, our annual celebration of Catholic university education.

The Honourable Noël A. Kinsella, Speaker of the Senate of Canada, was the featured guest and recipient of the 2010 Chancellor John Sweeney Award for Leadership in Catholic University Education.

This award was created to honour the historical contribution and ongoing commitment of Catholic institutions, leaders and educators to the cause of post-secondary education in Canada. It also recognizes the continuing need for a Catholic presence and voice in shaping future leaders and engaging in the challenging issues facing the world today. The award is named for John Sweeney, who was an exemplary Catholic leader and educator, and the first lay Chancellor of St. Jerome's University.

The Feast was originally scheduled to take place on October 1, but was delayed for one day because of the installation of David Johnston, the former president of the University of Waterloo, as Canada's new Governor General. As Speaker of the Senate, Senator Kinsella, along with the Speaker of the House of Commons,

played a key role in the installation ceremony, witnessing the swearing in of the Governor General as he took the oaths of office.

During The Feast, Senator Kinsella spoke about the importance of Catholic higher education. He reminded us that our namesake, St. Jerome, wrote, "Be ever engaged," and that the education we provide at St. Jerome's prepares our leaders of tomorrow to contribute to the moral or ethical basis of our civilization, "which enables us to properly understand and put into context the ongoing changes in our society."

Senator Kinsella's work as an educator, a scholar and a human rights activist underlines his dedication to Catholic university education for young people today.

The proceeds of this event support first-year entrance scholarships at St. Jerome's University. Among the audience of 115 people were the Hon. Walter McLean and his wife, Barbara; Dr. John English; Dr. Ken McLaughlin; MP Peter Braid; MP Stephen Woodworth; and several other local dignitaries.

Save the date for next year's St. Jerome's Feast: Friday, September 30, 2011.



Fr. Con O'Mahony talking with Myrosław Tataryn, SJU VP and Academic Dean, and Michael Kelly.

*Photo by Chris Hughes*

## Past recipients of The Chancellor John Sweeney Award for Leadership in Catholic University Education:

- 2009 Fr. Bernie Hayes, C.R.
- 2008 The Hon. John Milloy
- 2007 Craig Kielburger
- 2006 Rev. Dr. James McConica, C.S.B.
- 2005 School Sisters of Notre Dame  
(Canadian Province)
- 2004 Margaret Visser
- 2003 The Hon. Allan J. MacEachen
- 2002 Fr. Jacques Monet, s.j.
- 2001 Fr. Lorford Keasey, C.R., Provincial Superior,  
Congregation of the Resurrection  
(Ontario-Kentucky Province)



Anke Naus (BA '75) and Tess Naus.

*Photo by Chris Hughes*



Program for the evening on a table setting.

*Photo by Chris Hughes*



Senator Noël A. Kinsella being congratulated by David Perrin, SJU President & Vice Chancellor.

*Photo by Chris Hughes*

# Being Green

## At St. Jerome's University We Live Our Colours

Green and gold are the colours that represent SJU. Love, Truth and Justice are the gospel values we are committed to. As part of our commitment to justice, we continually strive to “be green”.

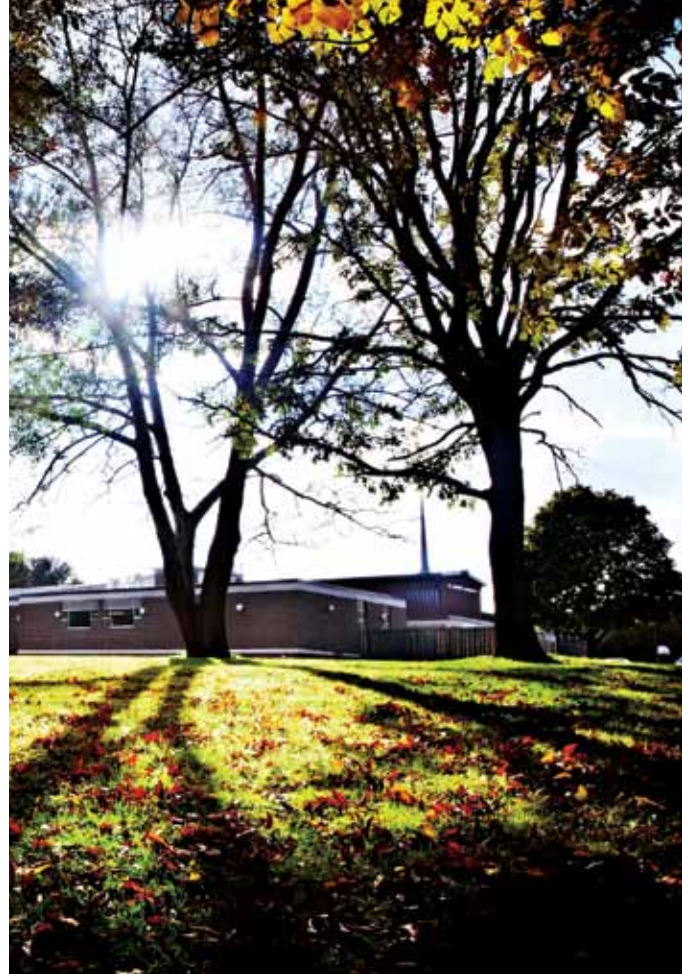
For over 20 years, St. Jerome's University has proactively lived our mission in ways that limit our daily impact on the environment. Jim Robson, Facility Manager, is looking to formalize this commitment by preparing a sustainability program that can be officially adopted by the University.

One of our earliest initiatives was a composting program. The University of Waterloo's WatGreen Office conducted a “Feasibility Study of Composting at St. Jerome's and St. Paul's” in 1992. Implementation of composting increased waste awareness, which has led to better management of food services and diverted 55 tons of food waste from the landfill stream in 2009.

Three years ago, the conventional cafeteria-style trays were removed from our main cafeteria and replaced with special plateware. As a result, 14,000 gallons of hot water have been saved due to the decreased demand on dishwashing.

Even menu items are chosen so that food requiring similar preparation is grouped together as much as possible. That allows us to take advantage of hot ovens.

The SJU Residence offers students a number of educational programs focused on global warming and personal environmental accountability. The jewel of this program is the “SJU in Peru” service learning opportunity. Each year, arrangements are made for a team of students to visit a fair-trade coffee plantation in Peru, where they are enlightened as to the global impact of their consumer choices. As part of SJU's mandate to promote leadership, this is an exciting opportunity to educate our leaders of tomorrow (read more about this year's trip on page 7).

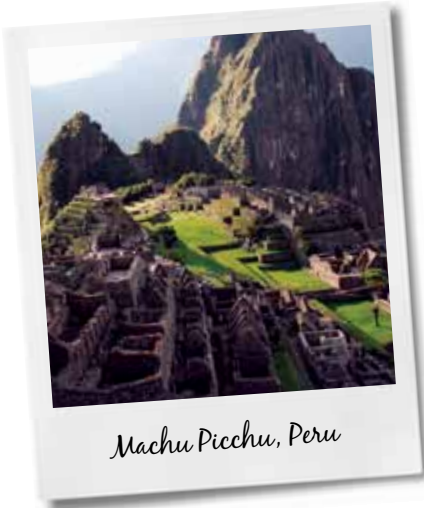


*Photo by Bryn Gladding*

The SJU Students' Union is optimizing electronic communication such as e-mail and Facebook and centralizing messaging, which has resulted in discontinuing paper posters.

Twenty years ago, St. Jerome's initiated a lighting retrofit which took advantage of the latest lighting science. Working it into our regular maintenance program reduced upfront costs and is directly responsible for a 25 per cent reduction in lighting expenses. Being “green” – being environmentally aware and engaged – is “gold”: it's good for the environment and it's good for our bottom line.

# Student Life



*Machu Picchu, Peru*

## Experiential Learning in Residence

SJU's mission is to foster leaders who are ready to serve society in a multitude of ways. The residence community at SJU takes this mission to heart by helping to build learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

One of the greatest examples is the SJU in Peru Initiative, which attempts to connect students' actions in residence with the reality of life outside of Canada.

This past June, eight students and two staff travelled to Peru as part of this new program. While there, students spent most of their time with a cooperative of female fair trade coffee growers called Café Feminino. The coffee grown by the cooperative is the same coffee served in the cafeteria at SJU.

By offering residence students the opportunity to travel, work and live in a developing country for two weeks, this program allows students to experience a reality that is not their own—a reality that changes them forever and that they bring back to the residence community in their subsequent years.

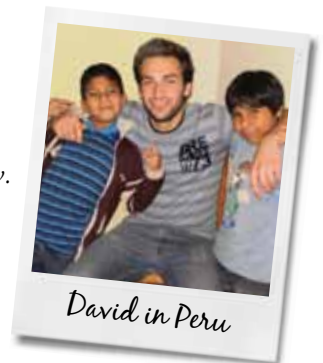
“My outlook on life has certainly undergone some significant changes since coming home. I think the most important of these has been my appreciation for being a young woman in Canada.” Erika Toffelmire

To read the blog entries of the participants, visit [www.sjuinperu.blogspot.com](http://www.sjuinperu.blogspot.com). For more information about the June 2011 trip, visit [www.sju.ca/residence/sjuinperu.pdf](http://www.sju.ca/residence/sjuinperu.pdf).

## Penny Pinchers

St. Jerome's residents raised over \$5,200 during the Penny Pinchers event held as part of St. Jerome's Residence Floor Competition festivities taking place throughout the week of September 27– October 1, 2010. All proceeds will be donated to the Pura Vida Foundation, an organization that the residences have partnered with on the SJU in Peru Initiative. For more

information about the work of Pura Vida, please visit their website at [www.puravidafoundation.ca](http://www.puravidafoundation.ca).



*David in Peru*

## SJU Reaches Beyond Borders

Beyond Borders is a program in SJU's Centre for Responsible Citizenship. This three-credit program, which is open to all University of Waterloo students, is designed to help students develop leadership skills for a changing global society, become aware of and concerned about social justice, and gain valuable experience volunteering with development organizations at home and abroad. The program consists of two terms of on-campus course work and one field studies credit.

Beyond Borders started in 2005 in collaboration with Intercordia Canada's international experience program. In 2007–2008, Beyond Borders engaged World University Service of Canada (WUSC) to provide more technical field placements for students who wished to apply their academic training during their placement. In 2009, SJU began a focused effort to create direct relationships with non-profit organizations in the global South that are engaged in any activity related to the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

In 2010, 11 students participated in this program and had the experience of a lifetime with our established relations partners in Ukraine, India, Peru, Argentina, Uganda, and Kenya. Visit [http://www.sju.ca/courses/beyond\\_borders/BBstudents.html](http://www.sju.ca/courses/beyond_borders/BBstudents.html) to read about their experiences.

## Student Leadership Tree Planting

SJU Student Leaders representing the Students' Union, Students' Catholic Community, Residence Life and Student Life pose with President David Perrin at the annual tree planting in September 2010.



# NEWS

## “The Arctic Is a Here, Not a There”: Whitney Lackenbauer Keeps Canada’s North Centre Stage



SJU History Professor and alumnus Whitney Lackenbauer (BA '98) never stops. He has given more than a dozen presentations on Arctic issues and published two books in 2010: *A Commemorative History of Aboriginal People in the Canadian Military* and *The Canadian Forces and Arctic Sovereignty: Debating Roles, Interests, and Requirements, 1968–1974*. A third book, *Canada and Arctic Sovereignty and Security: Historical Perspectives*, is appearing in November.

While most of us were enjoying the August heat, he was braving fierce winds and freezing temperatures in the high Arctic. His research on Canadian sovereignty and security regularly takes him north, where works with the Canadian Forces and local communities to better understand Canada’s sovereignty, security, and stewardship priorities. For northerners, “the Arctic is a here, not a there,” Whitney reminds us. Encouraging this mindset nationally, he insists, is pivotal to constructive action that reflects northerners’ priorities.

This fall, Whitney has taken his research from the tundra to the corridors of power in Washington, DC, where he is a Fulbright scholar at the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins

University. There he is researching *Sovereignities, Security and Stewardship: Canadian–American Relations and the Arctic*. “Receiving a Fulbright to support international research during my sabbatical year is a tremendous honour that allows me to explore opportunities for Canadian–American partnership in the region,” Whitney explains. He has no shortage of opportunities to share his findings across Canada and abroad. The national media frequently interviews him on Arctic issues, and he will deliver keynote addresses this fall to the Northern Economic and Sovereignty Infrastructure Conference in Iqaluit, the Canadian Council for International Law in Ottawa, and the NWT Tourism Conference in Inuvik.

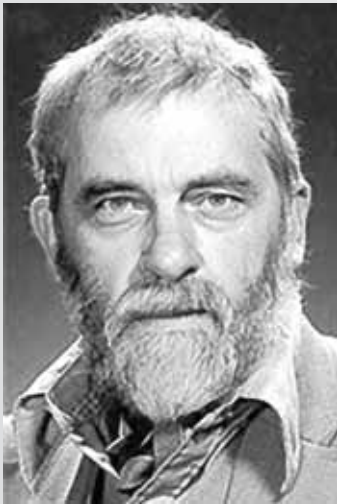
Whitney also acts as an unpaid adviser to the Gwich’in Council International, an indigenous permanent participant at the Arctic Council. He was recently awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Research Development Grant to initiate a project on *Cambridge Bay/Ikaluktutiak: A Community-Based History* with the Kitikmeot Heritage Society in Nunavut. He is also co-investigator on a new ArcticNet Research grant examining *The Emerging Arctic Security Environment: External and Internal Dimensions*.

Whitney was in town on November 9 to participate in a community event at the Centre for International Governance Innovation: “True North Strong and Free: What Is Canada’s Role in the Arctic?” with Brigadier-General Collin J.C., OMM, CD and Serge Bertrand, Captain (Navy).

Whitney hopes his research will give St. Jerome’s students who are interested in the north an opportunity to experience the region firsthand. “The beauty of the Arctic does not just lie in the spectacular landscapes, but in the resourceful and fun-loving people,” Whitney notes. “I hope that students find the Arctic and their fellow Canadians who live there as inspiring as I do. We have a lot to learn from one another.”

# NEWS CONT'D

## Pioneer Faculty Member of St. Jerome's Mourned



Laurence Anthony David Cummings, age 84, died peacefully at home on June 24, 2010, in Houston, Texas, after a valiant struggle with illness. He is survived by his three children, Ann, Elisabeth, and William; his daughter-in-law, Maria; seven grandchildren and their four spouses; and three great-grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his wife of 59 years,

Jeanne (Duffy), in 2005, and by his grandson Patrick Fleury in 2006.

Larry was drafted out of high school and served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. He attended college on the G.I. Bill at Washington University, receiving his B.A. in British and American Literature (1949), M.A. in Renaissance Literature (1952), and Ph.D. in Medieval, Renaissance and American Literature (1960).

In 1961, Larry started teaching at St. Jerome's College, where he stayed for 10 years, serving as English department chair for seven years. From 1962 to 1969, he led St. Aethelwold's Players, an undergraduate group he founded. The players performed medieval plays that he translated, produced, and directed. From 1971 to 1995, he taught at the University of Waterloo in the Department of English and at the School of Architecture.

He received the 1979 Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) Teaching Award, "Ontario's highest honour for excellence in university teaching", on nominations by students of English and Architecture from the previous 25 years. He is the author of many research articles, books, reviews, essays, plays, poems, stories, and librettos. He founded, co-founded or was instrumental in the founding of an English department, a provincial faculty association, undergraduate and graduate programs in English, Drama, and Medieval Studies, the School of Architecture at the University of Waterloo, and thereafter its programs

in Cultural History. Upon his retirement in 1995, he received the title of "Distinguished Professor Emeritus".

Dr. Cummings is remembered at St. Jerome's with the Laurence A. Cummings Lecture in Cultural History, which was established by some of his former students. It will be held as part of the SJU Lecture Series in Catholic Experience. This first of these annual lectures will take place in 2011. To support this Lecture or to get more information, please contact Nadine Collins at [nacollins@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:nacollins@uwaterloo.ca) or 519-884-8111, ext. 28255.

## SJU Professor Recognized for Research in Co-operative Education

Dr. Maureen Drysdale, Professor of Psychology and Sexuality, Marriage & Family Studies, was named the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education's 2009–2010 recipient of the Dr. Graham Branton Research Award. The Award was established to recognize research in Co-operative Education and to encourage such research.



The Award recognizes Dr. Drysdale's significant personal impact in this field and the global work she has encouraged through her active involvement in her research.

Dr. Drysdale was the principal author of the *Research in Co-operative Education and Internships* handbook, which she presented at four different work-integrated learning conferences in 2006 and 2007. In 2007, she published *The Role of Co-op in the Transition from High School to Post-secondary Education*. This publication initiated research involving over 10,000 co-op students. The result concluded that co-op students enjoy better relationships with teachers, have a strong work ethic, and score higher grades and earn more money upon graduation than their non-co-op peers.

Dr. Drysdale has also supervised a student's honour's thesis about co-op education. She has been a reviewer for the *Journal of Cooperative Education and Internships* since 2005, and a member of the editorial board since 2008.

## Spring Convocation 2010: A Momentous Occasion



**Dr. Toni Serafini (left) and Dr. Tracy Penny Light (right) with SMF graduates.**

At SJU's convocation liturgy, our first-ever Honorary Doctorate of Theology was conferred on Deborah Pecoskie, former Chair of the Board of Governors of St. Jerome's University. As well, the inaugural graduates of the St. Jerome's Master of Catholic Thought program and the Honours program in Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies were recognized.

We congratulate those who won an SJU award: Nora Catherine Sleeth, Grace Anne Dawson, Steven Rempel, Lindsay Weir, Alice Soeder, Ryan Phillip Kevin Rutledge, Nora Catherine Sleeth and Zhe Zhu.

We also congratulate the SJU students listed on the Dean's Honours List: Kelly Jayne Aarts, Nathan Ayres, Grace Anne Dawson, Kimberly Gillis, William Kalynowysch, Dante Paolo Labriola, Mang Pui Lau, Thomas Mayberry, Caley McCarthy, Christina Pawliszyn, Emily Petersen, Colleen Reinhart, Steven Rempel, Miriam Magali Romero Alvarez, Marc Rowley, Ryan Phillip Kevin Rutledge, Nora Catherine Sleeth

SJU faculty were also honoured: Dr. Tristanne Connolly, English, received a Distinguished Teacher Award and Dr. Scott Vanstone was recognized as Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

Congratulations to all of our graduating students and our distinguished faculty!

## St. Jerome's/Resurrection Reunion



Thanks to the organizing efforts of John Mudd, John Devine and Tom Sexton, 75 men who attended St. Jerome's in the 1950s and 1960s returned to celebrate their connection with each other and with the University this summer. From July 13-16, 2010, our campus

enjoyed the lively presence of these men and their wives who travelled back to Waterloo, primarily from their homes in the United States, to attend this reunion.

Most of the attendees were seminary students at Resurrection College who studied at St. Jerome's when it was situated on the

Kingsdale campus in Kitchener.

They fondly remembered the four years of classes they took together, especially Latin.

The reunion offered a wonderful opportunity to celebrate SJU's 145-year history and connection with the Congregation of the Resurrection.

This group of alumni are wonderful living embodiments of the mission of St. Jerome's University. Many went into the priesthood, while others chose a secular path, but all were bursting with excitement to be together again. The fond memories of each other and of the time they spent at St. Jerome's remain vivid after 50 years.



*John Devine, Tom Sexton and John Mudd*



## SJU Hosts Bishops' BBQ

On August 25, St. Jerome's University hosted the annual Bishops' BBQ in honour of our Episcopal leaders, Most Reverend Anthony Tonnos, DD and Most Reverend Gerard Bergie,

DD. This was a special celebration as we were able to celebrate Bishop Tonnos on his 26 years of service and wish him well on his retirement. St. Jerome's welcomes and looks forward to working with Hamilton Diocese's new bishop, Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI in the years to come.

## Class of 2010 – Forever Remembered in Alumni Court



An impressive 30% of the graduating class of 2010 made a donation to support an Upper Year Scholarship at St. Jerome's University as part of the Grad Class Challenge. At Homecoming on Saturday, September 25, the Class of 2010 stone was laid in Alumni Court by Michelle Bondy, one of the Grad Class Chairs and undergraduate representative, and Dianne Moser, Master of Catholic Thought representative. The stone serves as a permanent reminder of this wonderful class of students and the impact they have made on SJU.



## SJU Alumni Association Golf Classic

Homecoming also offered the opportunity to host the SJU Alumni Association Golf

Classic. Eight foursomes teed off at Merry-Hill Golf Club for a wet but fun day on the course. Players were treated to lunch, contests, and the chance to play "Golf Poker". The day was capped with a dinner back on campus, where prizes were awarded. The lowest-scoring team engraved on the Cup was Andrew Lessard, Paul Larsen, and Larry Grierson. Volunteers are being recruited to help plan next year's event. If you are interested, please contact Nadine Collins at [nacollins@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:nacollins@uwaterloo.ca).



## "Across the Creek" Alumni Event

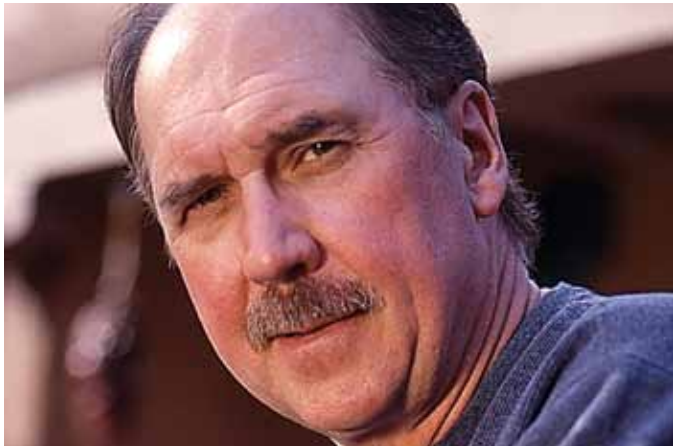
On October 6, alumni from St. Jerome's University and the three affiliated colleges – Conrad Grebel, Renison, and St. Paul's – gathered at the Waterloo Region Museum to hear architect Brian Rudy talk about the design of the new building and to enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour with the Museum's Education Coordinator, David Neufeld. Thanks to the success of this event, which was sold out, plans are in the works to provide SJU alumni with another opportunity to mingle with alumni from the other colleges in the near future.



David Perrin with Distinguished Professor Emeritus Ken McLaughlin.

# Upcoming Events

## An Evening with David Morrell



Dr. Morrell (BA '66) is a St. Jerome's University English graduate and award-winning author of more than thirty books, including *First Blood*, the novel that introduced *Rambo*, and high-action thrillers such as *The Naked Edge*, *Creepers*, and *The Spy Who Came for Christmas*. We are pleased to present Dr. Morrell with the St. Jerome's University Distinguished Alumni Award during this celebration.

**Thursday, January 27, 2011,**

**7:00 p.m.** Dr. Morrell talks about his work and books, Q&A session, Alumni Award presentation

**8:30 p.m.** Reception with book signing  
Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University, 290  
Westmount Rd. N., Waterloo, ON

Cost is **\$10** per person and includes hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket (cash bar will also be available). Please register for this event by visiting [www.sju.ca/graduates/events.html](http://www.sju.ca/graduates/events.html) or contacting Nadine Collins at [nacollins@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:nacollins@uwaterloo.ca) or 519-884-8111 ext 28255 for more details.

## Alumni-Student Career Mixer

Are you a recent SJU grad just starting out on your career path? Are you looking for advice about making a career change? Just want a chance to mingle with successful SJU alumni and meet some current students? Join us for the Alumni-Student Career Mixer!

**When:** 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2011

**Where:** Room 2017, Classroom & Administration Building

You will have the opportunity to meet a lawyer, a teacher, and some SJU alumni entrepreneurs! For more information or to register, please contact Nadine Collins at [nacollins@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:nacollins@uwaterloo.ca) or 519-884-8111 ext. 28255.

The wedding of Becky McDowell and Eric Soehner was practically an SJU Residence Reunion!

Kneeling L-R: Tim Jennison (Fall-Winter Don '06-'07), Kyle Nash (Fall-Winter Don '05-'06), Ted Fleming (Summer Don '08), Erin Kooistra (Fall-Winter Don '09-'10), Glen Lombard (Residence Manager, '07-present)  
Standing L-R: Nikki Bakes (Fall-Winter Don '05-'06),



Mark Greco (Fall-Winter Don '03-'04), Janna Brubacher (Fall-Winter Don '05-'06), Dave Devlin (Fall-Winter Don, '78-'81), Laura Klaponski (Fall-Winter Don '05-'06), Stef Oskerby (Fall-Winter Don '03-'04), Michael Plesko (Fall-Winter Don, '06-'07), Shannon Teahen (Fall-Winter Don, '05-'06), Mike Nartey (Fall-Winter Don '08-'09), Angela Van Bakel (Fall-Winter Don '08-'09), Brandon Landriault (Fall-Winter Don '07-'08), Becky McDowell (Fall-Winter Don '08-'09), Eric Soehner (Fall-Winter Don '06-'07), Tom Hayes (Fall-Winter Don '08-'09), Stefania Tirone (Fall-Winter Don '09-'10), Dante Labriola (Fall-Winter Don '08-'09), Marla Turner (Fall-Winter Don '08-'09), Will Hayes (Fall-Winter Don '09-'10), Darren Becks (Fall-Winter Don '92-'94, Director of Residences '94-'09). Top Row L-R: Joel Wilcox (Fall-Winter Don '04-'05), Humphrey Nartey (Fall-Winter Don '06-'07)

# Catching up with Alumni CONT'D

**Miriam M. Romero Alvarez** (BA '10) is starting a new job as Coordinator of Youth Ministry at Merciful Redeemer Parish in Mississauga. She'll be running several youth programs and organizing events, such as the trip to Spain for next year's World Youth Days event. She is also doing Spanish translations and hoping to get some tutoring hours on the side.



**Nioura Foad-Ghanzi** (BA '08) is working on her JD/MBA at Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco. She is profiled on their website at [http://www.ggu.edu/school\\_of\\_law/law\\_student\\_services/student\\_spotlight/nioura\\_foad\\_ghazni\\_jd\\_mba\\_2011](http://www.ggu.edu/school_of_law/law_student_services/student_spotlight/nioura_foad_ghazni_jd_mba_2011)

**Rebecca (née Nisbet) Lepp** (BA '06) graduates with a SMF 4-year General Major degree. She married Eric Lepp in her final year at St. Jerome's; after graduation, they moved to Taiwan to teach English for three years. They returned to Canada so Rebecca could do her Bachelor of Education at the University of Ottawa. They are now living in South Bend, Indiana, where Eric is completing an MA in Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

**Melissa Latour Hammell** (BA '05) and her husband, Jonathan Hammell, are expecting a new addition to their family in the spring. While waiting for "Baby H," Melissa is running an after-school program at the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health.

**Robyn Cowper** (BA '04) works as a counsellor at Child Abuse Treatment Services in the Yukon. She has almost completed her Master's in Counselling Psychology and has two boys, ages 4 and 2.

**Katherine Wood** (BA '02) has finished her MSc! She is busy with three part-time jobs and four kids, and is "enjoying the heck out of it."

**Nadia Ursacki** (BMATH '01) married Josh Hoey on June 10, 2006. They added a daughter, Drew Vanessa Ursacki, to their family on March 24, 2009.

**Adam Lee** (BA '94) is now HR business partner & senior counsel for SABIC in Saudi Arabia. He will be based in Riyadh but working in France, the

Netherlands, London, Canada, Australia, and Africa, designing all Human Resources infrastructures and formulating the international HR Business Partners role, handbook and legal HR practice guide. He has been wandering the world non-stop since graduation. Thanks to his St Jerome's branded clothing, he meets fellow classmates and students from all over the world.

**Dr. Michael J. Dennis** (BA '90) is associate professor of history at Acadia University. He has just released his newest book: *The Memorial Day Massacre and the Movement for Industrial Democracy*. His two previous works are *New Economy and the Modern South* and *Luther P. Jackson and a Life for Civil Rights*.

**Susan Dunkley** (BA '83) has just been hired to run the Queen's University Family Medicine Residency Program Kawartha Site. She continues to enjoy life in Peterborough with her two rapidly growing teens, singing with a professional ensemble and supporting charity work in the local community. She can be reached at [susan.mcknight@queensuniversity.ca](mailto:susan.mcknight@queensuniversity.ca).

**Most Rev. Gerard Bergie** (BA '80) was appointed Bishop of St. Catharines by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in September 2010. Bishop Bergie was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 1984, for the Diocese of Hamilton, and was named Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton in July 2005, where he also served as Vicar General. He is currently



a member of the English Sector Episcopal Commission for Catechesis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) and is also a member of the Catholic-United Church of Canada Theological Dialogue.

**Jon McKallor** attended the seminary at SJU for two years after graduating from high school in Minnesota in 1953. He then returned to the States, teaching in Arizona from 1959 until this past May, when he retired from Arizona State University, where he worked with student teachers. Jon is hoping to reconnect with others from the classes of '53 and '54. Please contact him at [jonmckallor@asu.edu](mailto:jonmckallor@asu.edu) or 6707 E. Cypress St., Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

# Alumni Profiles

The Fr. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award is presented by the SJU Alumni Association to alumni who have distinguished themselves in professional or community life. SJU Alumni are those who lived in SJU Residence for at least two consecutive terms or who graduated from St. Jerome's. These alumni are the latest three recipients of this award.



**Fr. Brian McCormick** attended St. Jerome's from 1958 to 1962. Because he was in the seminary, he didn't officially graduate from St. Jerome's, but we are proud to count someone whom The New York Times described as "a garrulous locomotive of a man who in his

holy war against poverty and hopelessness lets no one off the hook" as one of our alumni. In 1972, he volunteered to go to one of the poorest sections of Trenton, New Jersey, to repair the social damage caused by the riots. He founded Martin House, which has built 161 units of affordable housing and in doing so provided entrance-level construction employment for inner-city men. Martin House serves over 600 people in its Learning Center, which contains a preschool, an after-school safe haven program, and many other youth and education programs. They also offer a transitional housing program that has served over 340 homeless mothers since it began. McCormick has dedicated his life to fighting racism and poverty and bringing hope to the Wilbur Section of Trenton.



**Jeff Woodrow** (BA '02) is the founder of Joy Apparel, a custom-made T-Shirt company that encourages people to "Wear the World on Your Heart." Jeff has achieved national and international success and recognition for this unique company, which has been described as a model of responsible

corporate citizenship. Jeff says, "Every face on a Joy T-shirt has been inspired by a real person. When you wear your shirt you are encouraged to think about that person and how your everyday actions can affect others

and the world we live in. It is about taking an active stance against racism and discrimination while being an advocate for peace and equality... because in some way or another, we are all connected!" 5% of the net profit from each T-shirt sold is donated to a different charity every month.



**Filomena Tassi** (BA '83) began her career in law. She worked in private practice until 1994. In 2004, she obtained her Master's in Religious Education and was hired as chaplain at Bishop Tonnos High School in Ancaster. As a Trustee with the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District

School Board (HWCDSB) in 1991, Filomena established the D.R.E.A.M.S. project, which sends around 200 students a year to the Dominican Republic to live with the poor and work on specific projects. Upon their return, they fundraise to support Catholic Third World missionaries. Filomena also created and implemented the Catholic Leadership Program, a fully integrated five-credit, full-semester high school program offered by the HWCDSB that is based on justice issues, global poverty and working in the Third World. She has also co-authored two books: *500 Prayers* (2004) and *Greatness In Our Teenagers* (2009).

This award is usually given out annually. Recipients are selected by the SJU Alumni Association from nominations made by the SJU community. To nominate someone for this award, please contact Nadine Collins at [nacollins@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:nacollins@uwaterloo.ca) or 519-884-8111 ext. 28255.

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