

Director's Report
to the
Management Advisory Board



Centre
for the Study
of Co-operatives



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The Centre for the Study of Co-operatives is an interdisciplinary teaching and research institution located on the University of Saskatchewan campus in Saskatoon. Contract partners in the co-operative sector include Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan, Federated Co-operatives Ltd., Concentra Financial, and The Co-operators.

The centre is also supported by Saskatchewan Regional Economic and Co-operative Development and the University of Saskatchewan, with the CUMIS Group making an additional contribution.

The university not only houses our offices but provides in-kind contributions from a number of departments and units—Agricultural Economics, History, Management and Marketing, Political Studies, and Sociology, among others—as well as financial assistance with operations and nonsalary expenditures.

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Much time has been spent putting all the administrative processes in order to get the regional node up and running following a highly successful symposium to kick-start the project in Saskatoon in late January. Since then, we have obtained ethics approval, signed sub-transfer agreements with the partner universities, and transferred funds. In northern Ontario, Gayle Broad organized a symposium with thirty participants in late April to begin building a research network of academics and community partners. Research projects will be initiated during the summer. In Saskatchewan and Manitoba, research internships have been advertised and filled. The Winnipeg Inner-City Research Alliance has filled two, twelve-month, masters-level internships, while the Community-University Institute for Social Research in Saskatoon has filled three, four-month, doctoral-level internships, and with matching funds, has also filled a fifteen-month internship partnered with the Co-operatives Secretariat. The management board for the node met in late May to begin developing an integrated research plan for the region.

▲ Social Cohesion Project Update

Research is in its final stages for all clusters, with most participants hoping to wind things up over the summer. Researchers have been making use of their findings in conference presentations and workshops, and many of the results have found their way into the second book to come out of the project — “Imagination, Identity, and Cohesion: Co-operative Community Responses to Globalization in Canada” — begun at the fall writers’ workshop. Drafts are in for all chapters and we are extremely pleased to note that they are currently out for review with the University of Québec Press, which is considering a French version of the book.

▲ Other Research Update

The centre is involved in several other research activities:

- ▲ the National Co-operative Data Centre overseen by Cris and Carol; editorial and production work on the comprehensive review of co-op and other business statistics collected by SSHRC student Angela Wagner complete; it will be published as an occasional paper in July
- ▲ the Small Farmers Adapting to Global Markets Project, involving Murray, Gary Storey, Bill Turner, Centre Scholar Dan Ish, Roger, and grad student Zhao Jun; editing and layout for the curriculum training materials prepared by Roger and Murray complete; they will be posted to the centre's website
- ▲ Murray's SSHRC project "Co-operative Structure, Corporate Governance, and the Failure of Agricultural Co-operatives"
- ▲ Murray's new SSHRC project titled "Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century"; Lou, Brett, and Michael are co-applicants
- ▲ two contracts with the Co-operatives Secretariat
 - Murray, Kim Sanderson, and Bill Brown are working on "A Co-operative Business Assessment Guide," the objective of which is to provide a detailed description of the co-operative as a business entity, including how it is formed and operated
 - Murray, Rose Olfert, Mark Partridge, and intern Chipso Kangyi are examining Co-ops Secretariat data to identify the impact of co-ops and credit unions on communities

▲ Student Awards

- ▲ Mitch Diamantopoulos, an interdisciplinary PhD student at the centre, was awarded an Interdisciplinary Program Scholarship as well as one of the Lemaire Co-operative Studies Awards
- ▲ Kim Brown, one of our SSHRC scholarship winners, also received a Lemaire award
- ▲ Lampros Lamprinakis, a student of Murray's, received the Amy and Tim Dauphinée Scholarship
- ▲ Rob Dobrohoczki received a university graduate scholarship

▲ Student Internships

Two of our SSHRC-funded graduate students have been selected for Canadian Co-operative Association internships abroad. Angela Wagner is going to Ghana in a position as a reproductive health officer; she will be collecting baseline data on rural male and female artisans. Kim Brown is going to Kenya, where she will work with the Swedish Co-operative Centre on a project titled “Community Empowerment and Enterprise Development through Co-operatives.” They will both be serving six-month terms.

▲ Conferences

- ▲ International Co-operative Youth Conference, Manchester, UK; SSHRC students Karla Radloff, Angela Wagner, and Dwayne Pattison participate
- ▲ Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation, York University, ON; participants included centre personnel Brett, Lou, Michael, Cris, Roger, and Lorraine; centre grad students Jason Heit, Monica Juarez Adeler, Rob Dobrohoczki, and Dwayne Pattison; and Centre Scholars Ian MacPherson and Ellen Goddard

▲ Publications/Communications

- ▲ Roger and Murray’s *Farmers’ Association Training Materials*, the centre’s major contribution to the China Canada Agriculture Development Program (the China Project), sponsored by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on behalf of the Canadian International Development Agency; editing and layout complete; posted to the centre’s website
- ▲ Centre Scholar Dan Ish’s *Legislation for Farmer Co-operatives in China*, a booklet and companion piece to the training materials from the China Project; forthcoming
- ▲ Angie and Cris’s *The Status of Data Collection in the Co-operative Sector and Other Business Statistics in Canada and the United States*; editing and production work complete; pub date July; **Note:** this publication has already been put to good use by researchers at the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives applying for funding for a project to determine the economic impact of co-operatives in the US
- ▲ centre book based on Social Cohesion research, *Imagination, Identity, and Cohesion: Co-operative Community Responses to Globalization in Canada*; first drafts are in for all chapters; a number have been accepted for French translation for publication in Québec

- ▲ grad student Rob Dobrohoczki's *Social Cohesion through Market Democratization: Alleviating Legitimation Deficits through Co-operation*; editing of this occasion paper is complete; with author for revisions; expected pub date September
- ▲ Daniel Côté's book on co-op management, a co-publication with the BC Institute for Co-op Studies and St. Mary's University; forthcoming
- ▲ Roger and Jorge Sousa's book on co-op conversions; forthcoming
- ▲ Karl Baumgardner's booklet on credit union mergers; forthcoming
- ▲ Michael's booklet on the strategic advantages offered by co-ops; forthcoming

▲ Staff News

We are very sad to note that we are losing Cris, who has accepted a position at the University of Western Ontario in London and will be leaving in July with her family. Cris has made wonderful contributions to the life of the centre and its teaching, research, publication, and extension activities. She also got married and gave birth to her first child while with us, and the passing of these significant milestones added a special dimension to her presence. We'll miss you, Cris, and the frequent visits from Peter and Colin, and wish you all the best in your new adventures in Ontario.

▲ Centre Scholars Annual Update

Isobel Findlay participated in the Waskesiu writing workshop last fall and was part of the team that taught the centre's Interdisciplinary Studies 898 class that semester, *Co-operatives and Sustainable Development: Comparisons between Mongolia and Canada*. She was a guest lecturer on Aboriginal co-operatives in Commerce 345, Business and Public Policy, in March. She continued her duties as supervisor of three PhDs in the Co-op Concentration and is a member of one PhD and two MA committees on co-op topics. With Kitty O. Locker, she is the author of the new textbook titled *Business and Administrative Communication: Canadian Edition* (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 2006), which features a number of co-op examples. She gave a presentation titled "Putting Co-operative Principles into Practice: Lessons Learned from Canada's North" to the ICA Research Conference in Cork, Ireland, in August 05; and presented with Lou at Arctic Co-operatives Limited's AGM in Winnipeg in May 2006. She remains heavily involved in the centre's Social Cohesion project and is also a co-applicant in the new

Social Economy project as well as a collaborator on the national hub for the same work. Finally, Isobel is a regular participant in centre social events.

Morris Altman is involved with cluster one of the Social Cohesion project.

Ian MacPherson and **Ellen Goddard** participated in this year's CASC conference, with Ellen being acclaimed president for the coming year.

Dan Ish is heavily involved with the China Project and has a centre booklet coming out; he also participates regularly in centre social events.

Sheryl Mills teaches a class in co-operative learning through the College of Education. She is also working with Dr. Rani Kanthan in the Department of Pathology on introducing a variety of active learning strategies, including co-operative learning, to dental and medical students taking pathology. They presented their materials at a national conference and are working on an article for submission to a medical journal.

Louise Clarke participated in the development of the Social Economy proposal and is a member of the cluster studying social enterprise development. She is chair of Monica's PhD committee and a member of Rochelle's. She also participates regularly in centre social events.

Marj Benson is working on another of her mammoth casebooks, this time the result of interviews with senior legal practitioners in Regina, Saskatoon, and Calgary on negotiating ethics, most of which are based on the concept of co-operation. The project is funded by the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan and the College of Law.

▲ Partners and Developments

This section highlights relevant issues and developments among centre sponsors. See attached newsletters and news releases for more information.

Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan (Karl Baumgardner reporting)

The last report, 22 March, contained the 2005 financial results, a year after the restructuring of SaskCentral and Co-op Trust that led to the formation of Concentra Financial. SaskCentral continues as a trade association for Saskatchewan credit unions and also provides strategic investment management. As of 31 March 2006, SaskCentral's assets were \$1.3 million, equity was

\$184.6 million, and earnings were \$1.65 million. Investee earnings/equity pick-up (in millions) were as follows: CUETS: \$2.076; CUPS: \$0.123; CELERO: (\$0.092); CUCC: \$0.092; CUMIS: \$0.122; Co-operators: \$0.138; Concentra: \$2.34.

In terms of initiatives, the Entrepreneurial Foundation and Fund are functioning and the Aboriginal Business Strategy is serving credit unions.

Board reorganization for 2006–07 includes Gordon Lightfoot (Southwest Credit Union) as president, Dennis Anderson (Conexus Credit Union) as first vice-president, and Vern Buck (Spectra Credit Union) as second vice-president.

Credit Union Central of Canada (Karl Baumgardner reporting)

Credit Union Central of Canada and Concentra Financial held their AGMs in Vancouver in conjunction with the annual national conference of Canadian credit unions this spring. President Mike Tarr (BC) reported the highlights as follows:

- ▲ 2005 was a good year
- ▲ the Small-to-Medium-Size-Enterprise initiative is moving forward
- ▲ the chip card technology is a high priority, with a launch in Kitchener-Waterloo in 2007 and anticipated compliance for all financial institutions by 2015
- ▲ the federal government indicated that bank mergers are not imminent
- ▲ the twelve largest credit unions are leading two other initiatives — 1) the creation of a single credit union central for all provinces; and 2) an examination of the merits of legislation to allow co-operative banks

Interim CEO David Phillips reported a follows:

- ▲ system assets grew by 10.8% to \$87 billion; deposit growth was 10.7%; and loans 12.7%
- ▲ membership increased to 4.9 million, up from 4.7 million
- ▲ the number of credit unions stands at 526, a reduction of 40

Achievements for 2005 include the restoring of Acculink service, active lobbying of the federal government, and the growing success of CUSOURCE[®] as a national learning centre. A Members' Forum enabled all participants to contribute their ideas about issues facing Canadian credit unions. The results will be shared and provide guidance for CUC Canada's board.

The CUMIS Group (Bob Effa reporting)

- ▲ announcement of CUMIS bursaries and scholarships deadlines
- ▲ announcement of project on operational excellence; objectives include examining what processes and information are required to deliver products and services effectively, designing processes and organizational structures to enable people's work, and creating operational capacity to support new products and business growth; a key component is customer input and involvement
- ▲ CUMIS makes use of new technology to conduct successful video-conference seminar with credit unions across Canada in April; CUMIS Retirement Services, together with Robertson Eadie & Associates, organized and presented the seminar to groups from Halifax to Vernon; CUMIS plays a critical role in helping credit unions design and manage their pension plans
- ▲ president and CEO Michael Porter resigns
- ▲ Kenneth Lalonde announced as new president and CEO

Teaching, Research, Publications, Presentations, Administration, Outreach and Engagement

Please note: At the request of the incoming board chair, the following section contains some changes in reporting categories that are intended to clarify how the centre goes about achieving the goals it sets for itself. In the past the director's report has been organized to reflect the fulfilment of the centre's original mandate. This time, Brett, Murray, and Cris's sections have been organized to reflect how their activities fulfil the goals outlined in the centre's Strategic Plan 2003–2008. These are intended as samples for the board's perusal and comment.

Lou Hammond Ketilson

▲ Teaching

- ▲ co-supervising one PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies
- ▲ committee member for one MA in Political Studies and two PhDs in Interdisciplinary Studies
- ▲ committee chair for three PhDs and two MAs in Interdisciplinary Studies

▲ Research

- ▲ principal investigator for the Social Economy project, jointly undertaken by the Centre and the Community-University Institute for Social Research in partnership with academics and community partners in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and northern Ontario
- ▲ member of the CIRIEC-International-sponsored Scientific Commission on the Social and Co-operative Economy working group for a project titled “Methods and Indicators for Evaluating the Social and Co-operative Economy”
- ▲ co-co-ordinator of the Aboriginal cluster of the Social Cohesion project
- ▲ co-applicant with Denis Harrison at CRISES in a successful application to SSHRC’s Strategic Research Clusters program to create a national strategic research network on social innovation; first meeting will be in Montreal in the fall of 06; the second in Saskatoon sometime in 07
- ▲ co-applicant, with Jean Marc Fontan, director of ARUC en économie sociale et réseau québécois de recherche partenariale, Université du Québec à Montréal, in an application to SSHRC’s Fund for International Initiatives to host a seminar that would take place in Montréal in November 06 within the framework of the summit on the social economy and solidarity organized by the Chantier de l’économie sociale
- ▲ co-applicant in Murray’s SSHRC-funded “Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century”
- ▲ continued involvement with the Saskatchewan First Nations Wholesale Co-operative, writing a case study and overseeing the production of a tool-kit for Aboriginal co-op development; she is a partner in this Co-operative Development Initiative (CDI) project
- ▲ also working with the FSIN’s First Nations Agriculture Council to develop agricultural co-ops in Saskatchewan First Nations communities, and overseeing the production of a tool-kit to support First Nations agricultural co-op development; she is a partner in their second CDI application

▲ Publications

- ▲ with Isobel Findlay, co-editing a special edition of *Économie et Solidarités*, the CIRIEC-Canada Journal, forthcoming 2006
- ▲ in process: three case studies — on the two CDI projects mentioned above, and the Pond Inlet study for the Social Cohesion project

- ▲ “First Nations Co-operatives in Canada: (Re)inventing Appropriate Forms of Enterprise,” in process for forthcoming centre book “Imagination and Cohesion”
- ▲ “Aboriginal CED: Past Successes and New Forms of Co-operative Enterprise,” in process for the proposed publication based on the recent policy conference in Ottawa

▲ Presentations

- ▲ “Exploring Canada’s Social Economy: Entrepreneurship with a Social Purpose,” to the College of Commerce Research Seminar Series, April 06
- ▲ “Introducing the Northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan Social Economy Node: Who We Are and What We Plan to Do,” presented to the Northern Ontario Social Economy Subnode Symposium, Sault Ste. Marie, April 06
- ▲ “Preliminary Findings of a Study on the Impact of Co-operatives and Co-operative Membership on Arctic Communities,” presented to Arctic Co-operatives Limited’s AGM, Winnipeg, May 06
- ▲ “Linking, Learning, Leveraging: Social Enterprises, Knowledgeable Economies, and Sustainable Communities — A Research Agenda for the Northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan Social Economy Node,” to the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation, Toronto, May 06
- ▲ Discussant for four papers in the “Race and Gender (In)Equity and (In)Equality in Canada” session at the annual meetings of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada, Banff, June 06
- ▲ “The Role of Co-operatives in the Northern Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan Social Economy Node,” to session titled Social Economy – What Is It and Why Should We Care? at the Canadian Co-operative Association’s AGM and National Congress in London, ON, June 06

▲ Conferences/AGMs

- ▲ attended Arctic Co-operatives Limited’s AGM in Winnipeg, 2 May, to present preliminary findings of social cohesion research in the Arctic
- ▲ attended Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan’s AGM in April

▲ Administration/Outreach and Engagement

- ▲ director of the centre
- ▲ member of the university's Advisory Committee on Areas of Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Pre-eminence, which is drafting a foundational document for the university
- ▲ vice-chair of the ICA Research Committee, which will be holding an International Researchers' Forum in Saskatoon in May 07 in conjunction with the hundredth anniversary of the university and the annual meetings of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences
- ▲ member of the university's Task Force on the Management of Centres, which is considering all matters related to the management of research centres and institutes on campus and preparing draft recommendations to be approved by University Council
- ▲ member of CASC scholarship committee; reviewed all of the many applications that came in; notable that three centre graduate students were chosen for awards
- ▲ reviewed applications and recommended two more students for admission to the Concentration in Co-operative Studies: an MA student whose thesis would examine co-operative housing models for the disabled community and a PhD student whose topic would examine governance models for co-operative health clinics

There is a great deal of research administration associated with the Social Economy project. Keeping on top of what is happening in our region, plus participating in the conference calls and meetings organized by the national hub and other associated committees and adhoc groups is very time consuming. Since April 1 Lou has

- ▲ participated in a national facilitating committee conference call on Mapping the Social Economy and monthly conference calls for the national hub
- ▲ met with Social Economy partners at the Rural Development Institute in Brandon to discuss possible projects, March 06
- ▲ attended and presented to a symposium organized by Gayle Broad of the northern Ontario sub-node, 20–21 April 06 at Algoma University College in Sault Ste. Marie. The thirty people in attendance represented social economy organizations across northern Ontario.
- ▲ held the first in-person meeting of the management board for our node in Toronto in late May

Brett Fairbairn

▲ Graduate-Level Education about Co-operatives

- ▲ helped evaluate student projects in the Co-op Studies 898 course
- ▲ currently supervising two interdisciplinary PhD students and one MA student in history; will have two new PhD students in September 06, one interdisciplinary and one in history
- ▲ committee member for Angie Wagner, who is defending a geography MA thesis on 21 June 06 concerning attitudes of members of Calgary Co-operative Association (research is part of and was funded by the Social Cohesion project)
- ▲ also serving on five other graduate student advisory committees
- ▲ employed a recent MA graduate in history, Dan Macfarlane, to do research on the history and theory of democracy; as a result, Dan became involved with the centre and has now been hired on a summer project to video-record interviews with Saskatchewan co-operative leaders

▲ Major Co-operative Research Grants

- ▲ with Nora, working on a concluding publication from the Social Cohesion project, a scholarly book based on papers from the Waskesiu workshop last fall
- ▲ also working with the Policy Research Initiative (PRI) of the Government of Canada, who are producing a report on the 3 March 06 Ottawa conference on policy concerning co-operatives and the social economy; publication will be suited to the needs and interests of policy officials in government and will be distributed by the PRI; the Social Cohesion project will fund its production

The following conference presentation also comes from the Social Cohesion research:

- ▲ “The Cultivation of Civility: The Role of Co-operatives in Building Social Cohesion,” to Co-operatives and the Pursuit of Peace conference, University of Victoria, 19 June 06

Brett presented on behalf of the Governance Cluster, of which he is co-ordinator, in the Social Economy project, as follows:

- ▲ “Action Research: Democratic Character in Organizations,” to the

Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC), York University, Toronto, 31 May 06

He also participated in a meeting of the Social Economy project management advisory board in Toronto on 29 May 06.

▲ Other Research Projects

- ▲ co-investigator, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Knowledge Impact in Society program, “Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century,” (\$300,000); principal investigator is Murray Fulton
- ▲ co-investigator, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Strategic Research Network program, “Strategic Research Network on Social Innovation, the Social Economy, and Civil Society,” (\$25,000); principal investigator is Denis Harrison of UQAM.

Next year Brett is taking a one-year administrative leave from his duties as head of the Department of History. During his leave, he will be working primarily on co-operative research projects, notably final products of the Social Cohesion project and initial research on the Social Economy project.

▲ Connections with the Co-operative Sector

Brett led the following workshop at the Canadian Co-operative Association’s (CCA) Congress in London, ON, 10 June 06:

- ▲ Democracy without Voting — How does membership contribute to social cohesion? How are locally based identities affected in an age of globalization? How are co-operatives and credit unions engaging with their members and stakeholders as they face a range of new social and economic pressures?

▲ Connections with the University Community

- ▲ finishing a term as member and vice-chair of the Planning Committee of the University of Saskatchewan
- ▲ on steering committee for a proposed School for International Studies; committee has tentatively approved several areas of concentration for the future school’s work, one of which is co-operatives in the context of small producers and globalization; Murray and Michael are also involved
- ▲ Institute for Aboriginal and Indigenous Graduate Studies and Research,

a project co-developed by Brett and Roger Maaka, head of Native Studies, officially approved by university council in May 06; first activities for interdisciplinary graduate students planned for September 06

▲ Innovative Dissemination of Research

Brett's CASC session and his CCA workshop, mentioned above, which both used an action-research model, are examples of innovative dissemination of early thinking in the Social Economy governance cluster.

▲ Undergraduate Study of Co-operatives

- ▲ in April, finished teaching an extremely successful offering of History 288, Co-operatives in the World, to about forty students from many programs, but chiefly students of history and international studies

▲ Other Activities

- ▲ Review of Robert Arsenschek, *Der Kampf um die Wahlfreiheit im Kaiserreich: Zur parlamentarischen Wahlprüfung und politischen Realität der Reichstagswahlen 1871–1914* (Düsseldorf: Droste, 2003), *German History*, forthcoming
- ▲ Review of Uwe Puschner, *Die völkische Bewegung im wilhelminischen Kaiserreich: Sprache, Rasse, Religion* (Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 2001), *German Studies Review*, forthcoming
- ▲ “Interdisciplinary Research on Globalization and Autonomy in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Challenges and Opportunities I,” panel member for session Globalization and Autonomy, Congress 2006, York University, Toronto, 2 June 06

Murray Fulton

▲ Graduate-Level Education about Co-operatives

- ▲ supervising six MA and PhD students working on co-operative topics, three of whom made presentations at the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society conference, 25–27 May 06 in Montreal
- ▲ committee member for a number of other students working on co-op topics

- ▲ in April, finished teaching Agricultural Economics 842, the Industrial Organization of Agriculture, which contains a section examining the role of co-operatives in the agricultural marketing system

- ▲ Major Co-operative Research Grants
 - ▲ “Co-operative Structure, Corporate Governance, and the Failure of Agricultural Co-operatives,” funded by SSHRC
 - ▲ cluster co-ordinator on the SSHRC-funded Social Cohesion project
 - ▲ with Kim Sanderson and Bill Brown, “Co-operative Business Assessment Guide,” funded by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada; objective of the work is to provide a detailed description of the co-operative as a business entity, including how it is formed and operated
 - ▲ with Rose Olfert and Mark Partridge, examining the role of co-operatives in Canada as a factor in population growth; funding from the Co-operatives Secretariat; research is part of the Social Economy project

- ▲ Other Research Projects
 - ▲ “Evaluation of Market Opportunities and Supply Chain Structure for Biocontrol Products in Canada,” examining the role of co-operatives in providing co-ordination in this particular supply chain
 - ▲ project examining the role of producer associations in innovation activity as part of the Canadian Agricultural Innovation Research Network
 - ▲ “Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century,” funding by SSHRC’s Knowledge Impact in Society program; project will include the dissemination of research work that has been undertaken on co-ops to people with an interest in agriculture and rural communities
 - ▲ “Transformative Change in Biosphere Greenhouse Gas Management,” SSHRC funded
 - ▲ The China Project, CIDA funded

- ▲ Connections with the University Community
 - ▲ member of the Interdisciplinary Committee of the College of Graduate Studies and Research, the program under which the graduate students at the centre are involved
 - ▲ lead person in the working group examining the formation of the School of Public Policy on campus

▲ Innovative Dissemination of Research

- ▲ development of the *Farmers' Association Training Materials* in connection with the China Project, posted to the centre's website

▲ Undergraduate Study of Co-operatives

- ▲ teach Economics 231, Co-operatives, every year

▲ Other Activities

- ▲ With with Philippe Bontems, Université Toulouse, an article titled "Organizational Structure and the Endogeneity of Cost: Cooperatives, For-Profit Firms, and the Cost of Procurement" under review at the *Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organization*

Michael Gertler

▲ Teaching

Sociology 206.3: The Community (concluded in April)

- ▲ supervising five MA students, four in sociology and one in co-op studies
- ▲ committee member for four interdisciplinary PhDs, three in co-op studies

▲ Research

- ▲ co-investigator for the centre's SSHRC-funded "Co-operative Membership and Globalization"; continues to analyse the field research in connection with cluster two, Co-operative Membership and Changing Boundaries of Community
- ▲ co-investigator with sector partner the Saskatoon Co-operative Association on SSHRC-funded "Thought for Food: Essential Skills and Food System Performance"
- ▲ co-applicant on the centre's new SSHRC project on the Social Economy and a collaborator on the national hub of this project being run out of the British Columbia Institute for Co-operative Studies
- ▲ co-applicant in Murray's SSHRC-funded "Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century"

▲ Publications

- ▲ With JoAnn Jaffe, “Victual Vicissitudes: Consumer Deskillling and the (Gendered) Transformation of Food Systems,” *Agriculture and Human Values*, forthcoming
- ▲ With JoAnn Jaffe, “Sustainable Development in the New Economy: Risk, Vulnerability and Eco-Social Justice,” in *To the Digital Divide and Back: Social Welfare, Technology and the New Economy*, edited by Steven Hick, Marion E. Jones, and John R. Graham (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, forthcoming)
- ▲ “Production Co-operatives and Co-operative Production: Legacy and Promise,” in *The Agrarian Movement in Western Canada*, edited by Murray Knuttila and Robert Stirling (Regina: Canadian Plains Research Centre, forthcoming)
- ▲ With Roger Herman and Dwayne Pattison, “Revealing Relationships: Co-operatives, Communities, and Sustainable Development in a Northern Prairie Region,” in process for forthcoming centre book “Imagination and Cohesion”

▲ Presentations

- ▲ “Cashmere, Cash, and Communities: Studying Co-operatives and Sustainable Regional Development in Mongolia,” to the Co-op Network Luncheon Series, Saskatoon, April 06
- ▲ “Co-operation in a Global Economy,” president’s remarks at the annual meetings of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC), Toronto, May-June 06
- ▲ “Intervention and Adaptation: Co-operatives and Sustainable Rural Development in Mongolia,” chair and session organizer CASC meetings
- ▲ “Thought for Food: Essential Skills and Food System Performance,” Essential Skills Workshop at the Université de Québec à Montréal, June 06
- ▲ With JoAnn Jaffe, Timothy Zagozewski, Lori Evert, and Adrian Blunt, “Investigating Knowledge and Essential Skills in Food Sector Commercial and Community Settings,” at the annual meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Boston, June 06

▲ Administration/Outreach and Engagement

- ▲ academic co-lead of the Community Economic Development Module, Community-University Institute for Social Research (CUISR), U of S, and also a CUISR board member

- ▲ member of the Administrative Committee, Regional and Urban Development, College of Arts and Science
- ▲ member of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology
- ▲ term as president of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation concluded at the May-June meetings this year

Cristine de Clercy

During the last term Cris helped to contribute toward securing the Centre's strategic objectives mainly through continuing to work on research associated with the Social Cohesion project and the new Social Economy grant, as well as continuing to supervise two MA students studying topics related to the co-op sector. In addition, her application for promotion to associate professor was approved by the college and the university, which reflects well on the centre as evidence of its stimulating and professional academic environment.

Note from Cris: The end of the current reporting period marks the end of my five-year contract with the centre as a Research Fellow. As well, because I have accepted employment at the University of Western Ontario, I will no longer be resident at the U of S. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the centre's staff, students, and board members for six very enjoyable and productive years.

▲ Graduate-Level Education about Co-operatives

- ▲ supervising two MAs in Political Studies
- ▲ teaching team member for Interdisciplinary Studies 898, Co-operatives and Sustainable Development: Comparisons between Mongolia and Canada," fall 05

▲ Major Co-operative Research Grants

- ▲ collaborator, British Columbia Institute for Co-operative Studies's SSHRC Social Economy Suite National Hub, 2005-09
- ▲ co-applicant, SSHRC Strategic Programs and Joint Initiatives Project Funding for "Linking, Learning and Leveraging: Social Enterprise, Knowledgeable Economics and Sustainable Communities," Social Economy Regional Node, 2005-09

- ▲ co-investigator, SSHRC Strategic Programs and Joint Initiatives Project Funding for “Co-operative Membership and Globalization: Creating Social Cohesion Through Market Relations,” 2002–06

- ▲ Connections with the Co-operative Sector
 - ▲ “Public Attitudes to Co-operation and Community,” presentation to the Policy Research Initiative seminar titled *Communities under Pressure: The Role of Co-operatives and the Social Economy*, March 06

- ▲ Connections with the University Community
 - ▲ application for promotion to associate professor approved, effective 1 July 06
 - ▲ served on Graduate Council, the governing body of the College of Graduate Studies

- ▲ Innovative Dissemination of Research
 - ▲ *Leadership and Representational Diversity*, centre booklet, 06

- ▲ Other Activities
 - ▲ continued to explore the establishment of a social economy data centre at the centre, along with Lorraine, Carol, and other interested parties
 - ▲ “Declining Political Survival Among Parliamentary Party Leaders, 1867–2005,” in *Elections, Representation, and Leadership: Essays in Honour of John C. Courtney*, edited by Hans Michelmann, D.C. Story, and Jeffrey Steeves (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, forthcoming)
 - ▲ “Women, Public Policy, and the Public Sphere in Saskatchewan, 1905–2005,” *Prairie Forum*, forthcoming
 - ▲ “The Presidency and Public Uncertainty: Ford, Carter, and the 1976 Campaign,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, under review
 - ▲ « Les chefs des partis canadiens négligent-ils d’exercer leur leadership? Une analyse chronologique des taux de survie politique » *Politiques et sociétés*, under review
 - ▲ “Women’s Legislative and Political Participation in Saskatchewan, 1905–2005,” in *Perspectives of Saskatchewan, 1905–2005*, edited by Jene Porter (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, forthcoming)

- ▲ “Female Legislative Leadership and the CCF–NDP in Saskatchewan,” presentation to the annual meetings of the Western Social Science Association, Phoenix, April 06
- ▲ taught Political Studies 111.3: Democracy in North America (101 students)
- ▲ taught Political Studies 404.3: Issues in Canadian Federalism (16 students in seminar format)
- ▲ committee member for two MAs in Political Studies and one in History

Nora Russell

Nora has a number of large publication projects in process:

- ▲ *Data Collection in the Co-operative Sector and Other Business Statistics in Canada and the United States* (200 pp.), an occasional paper compiled by SSHRC student Angie Wagner under Cris’s direction as part of the Social Economy/Co-op Data Centre research; editorial and production work complete; publication date July 06
- ▲ *Farmers’ Association Training Materials* (134 pp.), the curriculum materials prepared by Roger and Murray in connection with the China Project for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on behalf of the Canadian International Development Agency; editing and layout complete; with Lorraine for posting to the website
- ▲ *Co-operative Development Guide: Creating Small Businesses on Reserve* (40 pp.), the second tool-kit addressing co-op development for the First Nations Agricultural Council of Saskatchewan; preliminary edit complete and with the authors for revision
- ▲ *Social Cohesion through Market Democratization: Alleviating Legitimation Deficits through Co-operation* (65 pp.), occasional paper by grad student Rob Dobrohoczki; editing complete and with author for approval; expected pub date September
- ▲ writing and layout for this director’s report

Smaller projects include:

- ▲ reviewing all documents relating to the InterD Concentration in Co-op Studies in preparation for posting to centre website
- ▲ preparing materials for the Association of Cooperative Educators June newsletter on the Social Cohesion project
- ▲ reviewing scholarship ads in preparation for sending them out
- ▲ reviewing and editing job reconsideration documents for Patty and Karen
- ▲ editing advisory board minutes for Patty

Reprints forthcoming:

- ▲ *Co-operatives and Development: Towards a Social Movement Perspective*, by Patrick Develtere
- ▲ “Canada’s Co-operative Province”: *Individualism and Mutualism in a Settler Society 1905–2005*, by Brett Fairbairn
- ▲ *Co-operative Membership as Complex and Dynamic Social Process*, by Michael Gertler
- ▲ *Co-operatives and Their Employees: Towards a Harmonious Relationship*, by Christopher Axworthy

Nora has a number of projects awaiting her attention:

- ▲ editing and layout for materials from the Co-operative Research Inventory completed for the Co-operatives Secretariat
- ▲ Dan Ish’s *Legislation for Farmer Co-operatives in China*, a centre booklet based on an international seminar he gave in Beijing; a companion piece to the training materials from the China Project
- ▲ editing and layout of the translation from CRISES, *The Case of the Saint-Camille Care and Services Solidarity Co-operative and Its Impact on Social Cohesion*, which will be an occasional paper
- ▲ editing and layout for a number of research reports prepared by summer researchers in connection with the SSHRC project

Nora is on the executive of the local branch of the Editors’ Association of Canada and takes part in the meetings and regular professional development activities of both this organization and the Saskatchewan Publisher’s Group, whose monthly newsletter continues to supply useful industry information and offers an opportunity for the centre to advertise new developments in its own publishing program. She is also part of the task force considering the feasibility of establishing a University of Saskatchewan Press, which has taken up quite a bit of her time over the past few weeks.

Roger Herman

Summary Reflecting the Centre’s Strategic Plans

Roger has assumed new responsibility in the areas of co-ordinating visiting scholars at the centre, managing the centre’s seminar series, and in a liaison role with the centre’s graduate students. His research time has focused on the Social Cohesion project, the Social Economy project, and on the Co-operative Conversions project sponsored by the Co-operatives Secretariat. He has also been exploring additional funding opportunities to enhance specific

undertakings within the larger Social Economy project. Roger continues to act as a liaison with the co-operative sector and other community based groups. This is illustrated by his involvement in co-operative sector meetings and events and his recent participation in discussions regarding a Saskatchewan chapter of the Canadian Community Economic Development Network. Likewise, his membership on the boards of directors of both the Association of Cooperative Educators and the Saskatoon Community Clinic provide him with an insider's perspective at national, international, and local levels.

▲ Research and Other Activities

- ▲ member of the Finance Cluster of the Social Economy and conducting research on the social economy in this area
- ▲ with Jorge Sousa (University of Toronto), conducting research on co-operative conversions; intended for academics, policy makers, and co-op practitioners, book will include case studies of organizations that have either converted from co-ops or converted into co-operatives; research is funded by the Co-operatives Secretariat; Roger delivered a presentation on the preliminary findings of this research at the CASC conference at York University in Toronto at the end of May
- ▲ continues to devote a portion of his time to research activities for cluster two of the Social Cohesion project
- ▲ with Michael and SSHRC student Dwayne Pattison, preparing a chapter for the forthcoming book "Imagination and Cohesion"
- ▲ continues to respond to inquiries regarding New Generation Co-operatives as well as co-ops in general
- ▲ with Lorraine, interviewed and hired two summer student researchers under the USTEP program; Dan Macfarlane is conducting interviews with co-op pioneers while Juanita Bacsu is collecting and reviewing information related to policy on the social economy
- ▲ co-ordinated the participation of three graduate students at the 2006 Building Co-operative Futures youth conference in Manchester, UK, in May
- ▲ board member for the Saskatoon Community Clinic, sitting on the Operations Committee and chairing an ad hoc committee developing policy to deal with complaints against clinic physicians
- ▲ board member for the Association of Co-operative Educators (ACE); also on the program committee for the August 2006 ACE Institute in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in August

- ▲ centre's representative on a number of organizations:
 - an advisory committee of the Community Development Society of Saskatchewan planning an international community development conference for Saskatoon in 2008
 - a committee of community economic development organizations developing a Saskatchewan regional CED umbrella organization
 - a national Social Economy discussion group facilitated by the Canadian Co-operative Association
 - the Saskatchewan Council for Community Development

Lorraine Salt

Summary Reflecting the Centre's Strategic Plans

Through collection development and the provision of resources, Lorraine has contributed to strengthening graduate-level education and research around co-operatives. The centre's library is considered the best co-operative research library in Anglophone Canada. As well, Lorraine favours a service-oriented approach to dealings with students at all levels, providing assistance in research and materials searching that is relevant to the needs of the students. This applies to the centre's own graduate students, to those in other programs across campus, and also to students who make requests from other institutions.

As a part of the application process and now project administrator for two, multi-year, multi-partner SSHRC grants, Lorraine contributes significantly to strengthening the centre's Canadian and international academic profile. With several of our Social Cohesion research partners, she also helped organize the Ottawa policy conference in March, which was targeted at government policy makers. In addition, it is clear from the inquiries we receive that the centre's main website and the two project sites reach an international audience.

Through a new outreach initiative — addressing students in co-operative courses and speaking at future meetings of the Saskatoon Co-op Network, as well as seeking new ways of inviting constituents into our library — Lorraine is contributing to the cultivation of connections with both the university community and the co-op sector.

As a member of the Social Economy/Co-op Data Centre team, an initiative to collect and database raw research materials, Lorraine is involved in generating new ways to disseminate data on research about co-operatives and the social economy. Our centre website, as well as the two project-related sites, are also useful for sharing research. Lorraine created an on-line discussion

forum for the Social Economy project to facilitate sharing of research among cluster members, and parts of the site are accessible to the general public.

In speaking to Brett's undergraduate course, and making plans for future similar outreach, Lorraine is helping to develop undergraduate university education about co-operatives.

▲ SSHRC Project Administration

- ▲ arranged the processing of sub-transfer agreements to research partners in northern Ontario and Manitoba
- ▲ arranged sub-transfer to CUISR to facilitate their activities on behalf of the Social Economy project and to enable the summer research internship program; involved detailed communications with the U of S Research Services and Financial Services offices
- ▲ organized a meeting of the regional node Management Board held in Toronto prior to CASC meetings at York University in May; to assist in discussions, Lorraine collated the identified research goals of the five project clusters based on the January symposium meetings
- ▲ Social Cohesion project continuing to wind down; research complete and analysis and writing well underway
- ▲ checking balance sheets and verifying in-kind commitments in preparation for the SSHRC reporting requirements
- ▲ conference proceedings expected shortly from the Policy Research Initiative conference held in Ottawa in March

▲ The Website(s)

- ▲ responsible for updating three centre websites: www.usaskstudies.coop, www.socialcohesion.coop, and the newly created Social Economy website, www.usaskstudies.coop/socialeconomy
- ▲ key element of the latter is the built-in discussion forum to enable project participants to communicate within and among clusters, research groups, etc.; site will also be a place to post news about the project and include links to project documents

▲ Other Research

- ▲ attended the Canadian Association for Studies in Cooperation meetings in Toronto at the end of May

- ▲ answered numerous reference questions from centre faculty, scholars, staff, students, and outside parties
 - ▲ member of the Social Economy Data Centre committee creating a prototype database to demonstrate the value of collecting and storing raw data from previous research for further use
- ▲ The Library
- ▲ library assistant Karen Neufeldt working on an inventory of the collection; Lorraine and Karen correcting data entry errors, finding mislabeled books, relocating misshelved items, and performing a much-needed shelf reading
 - ▲ address to Brett's History 288 course, Co-operatives in the World, significantly increased traffic in the library, with more than 150 students passing through by term end
- ▲ Professional
- ▲ centre representative on the Co-operative Network of Saskatoon
 - ▲ participant in the local Special Libraries Network
 - ▲ involved with the Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA); member of the Library Advocacy Committee; attended the annual conference in May
 - ▲ member of the Canadian Library Association
 - ▲ member of the North American Special Libraries Association; attended the Special Library Association annual conference in Baltimore in June.

Patty Scheidl

As office manager, Patty is responsible for the centre's day-to-day operations and undertakes many additional duties as they arise. Much of her time is spent maintaining the centre's monthly financial statements as well as the two SSHRC project accounts and other research accounts. Other financial activities include helping Karen with publication purchases; preparing the monthly credit card statements; dealing with quarterly invoices and deposits for centre sponsors; processing all other invoices and cheques that come into the centre for purchases and payments; and investigating errors.

Special financial responsibilities this quarter have included:

- ▲ arranging funding for Chipu Kangyi, hired in connection with the Social Economy project

- ▲ investigating and preparing payroll forms for summer researchers
- ▲ chasing down missing documentation and processing many Journal Vouchers for incorrect entries in financial accounts in preparation for the university's year-end deadline
- ▲ preparing financial statements for Lou outlining projected expenditures for the centre's year-end
- ▲ preparing all the paperwork for sub-transfer agreements with Algoma University, the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, and CUISR in connection with the Social Economy project
- ▲ dealing with many issues around contract and payroll arrangements for Maria Basualdo at CUISR in connection with the Social Economy project

Patty spends endless hours setting up meetings. These arrangements always involve many e-mails and phone calls to determine dates, preparing and sending out invitations, booking rooms, ordering refreshments, printing and distributing materials, and organizing conference calls. On an ongoing basis, she makes all the arrangements for the Management Advisory Board meetings. This includes co-ordinating a suitable date, preparing the minutes, assembling the board packages and couriering them out ahead of time, getting parking passes, booking rooms, and ordering lunch. This past few months she set up several additional events:

- ▲ the dinner in honour of Gary Storey, Herb Carlson, and Lynne Pearson
- ▲ the centre staff meeting
- ▲ meeting with Lou and Laurence Thompson to discuss the School of Public Policy Initiative
- ▲ meeting with Louise Clarke, Michael Gertler, Lou, and Len Usiskin to discuss the internship applications submitted through CUISR

Patty looks after conference registrations and travel and accommodation arrangements for centre personnel and others. Activities this quarter include:

- ▲ three graduate students attending the International Co-operative Youth conference in Manchester, UK
- ▲ SSHRC student Kim Brown's research trip to Vancouver
- ▲ several centre personnel attending the CASC meetings in Toronto
- ▲ Isobel Findlay and Wanda Wuttunee's research trip Pelly Bay, Nunavut, and Deline, NWT
- ▲ Isobel Findlay's trip to attend Arctic Co-op's AGM in Winnipeg.

Patty is also responsible for processing all invoices, travel claims, and professional fees, as appropriate, once people have returned or visitors have left.

On an ongoing basis Patty assists the centre's students with whatever needs they happen to have. This quarter involved settling our summer researchers Dan Macfarlane and Juanita Bacsu into their positions.

Both Patty and Karen spend a great deal of time assisting both Lou and Lorraine with various administrative tasks associated with the Social Cohesion and Social Economy projects.

Karen Neufeldt

Karen's duties include reception, paperwork, cash reports, filing, xeroxing and printing, invoicing and mailing publication orders, keeping track of stock for reprints, as well as invoicing telephone, fax, and xerox bills. She is also responsible for sending out the seminar series announcements and periodic newsletters, updating various databases, whatever other mailouts are required, and helping to prepare packages for the advisory board meeting.

Karen devoted a great deal of time this quarter to travel arrangements:

- ▲ for Lou to meet with Gayle Broad in Sault Ste Marie as part of the Social Economy project
- ▲ for Lou to attend the Arctic Co-operatives Annual Meeting in Winnipeg
- ▲ for staff and grad students to attend Congress 2006 and CASC conference in Toronto
- ▲ for Lou to attend the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada conference in Banff
- ▲ hotel arrangements for Wanda Wuttunee and Isobel Findlay's research trip to Pelly Bay, Nunavut, and Deline, NWT
- ▲ for Lou to attend the CCA National Congress in London, ON
- ▲ for SSHRC student Jason Heit to attend a conference in Helsinki
- ▲ and then processed many travel expense claims

Other special activities this quarter include:

- ▲ sending out transcripts and reminder letters to interviewees for Brett's Social Cohesion research
- ▲ transcribing minutes of the March 29th advisory board meeting
- ▲ making changes to the numerous list serves for the Social Economy project

- ▲ setting up conference call for the Social Economy board meeting in Toronto
- ▲ assisting with co-ordinating applications for the InterD program and the CUISR internships
- ▲ distributing applications to university departments across Canada, to the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association, and Sask Central for the Norm Bromberger scholarship
- ▲ assisting Patty in processing personnel related forms, professional development claims, and numerous other forms
- ▲ helping Lorraine do an inventory of the library collection, helping catalogue new books, shelving, routing journals, ordering books for the Social Economy project, and assisting library patrons while Lorraine is away

Karen also undertakes many incidental tasks for faculty, staff, and scholars.

The Students

Angie Wagner is defending her MA thesis titled “Membership Identity and Consumer Behaviour: The Case of Consumer Co-operatives” on 21 June. Her work on co-op and other business statistics compiled under Cris’s supervision will be published in July as an addition to our occasional papers series. She attended the 2006 International Co-operative Youth Conference in Manchester, UK, in May, and will be staffing the Co-op Youth Camp later this summer. In September she will be going to Ghana on a CCA internship as a reproductive health officer, collecting baseline data on rural male and female artisans.

Jason Heit is working on his MA thesis, which is examining how co-operative organizations are identified and selected from competing organizational forms. With Murray and Brett, he has submitted a chapter titled “Autonomy and Organizational Identity in Western Canada’s Co-operative Retailing System” for the centre’s proposed book *Imagination, Identity, and Cohesion*. He participated in the presentation of two papers at the recent CASC conference: “The Darkhan Wool Co-operative,” with Dwayne Pattison, and “A Case Study of Mongolian Co-operatives: The DMTI Co-operative,” with Zhao Jun. He is going to a co-op conference in Helsinki in August to present a paper based on some of his research results. And the paper he wrote on website design and quality in selected co-operative organizations awaits

Nora's attention for editing as a research paper in the collection gathering around the Social Cohesion project.

Kim Brown recently returned from a research trip to Vancouver and is working full time this summer on her MA thesis on co-operative democracy and board diversity. She is a recipient of one of the Lemaire Co-operative Studies Awards and was also selected to participate in the CCA's co-op internship program. In September she will be going to Kenya to work for the Swedish Co-operative Centre on a project entitled "Community Empowerment and Enterprise Development through Co-operatives," which targets agricultural co-operatives and producer groups in rural Kenya with the goal of addressing issues of poverty and social injustice.

Monica Juarez Adeler has finished the second year of the course work for her interdisciplinary PhD and is preparing for her comprehensive exams in July. She presented a paper titled "Patenting of Business Methods and Tools: Issues and Implications for E-Commerce" at the Stepping Stones 2006 conference organized by the U of S and the College of Grad Studies in May. She made two presentations at the CASC conference in Toronto: "ODKR Multipurpose Co-operative: Overcoming Economic Adversity through Co-op Development in Rural Communities," with Rob Dobrohoczki, and "The Ansondor Savings and Credit Co-operative: Micro-Credit in Rural Mongolia," with Dwayne Pattison. She went from the CASC conference to Argentina to interview members of co-ops created since the economic crash in 2002 and other members of the co-op movement.

Rob Dobrohoczki has finished the course work for his PhD and is studying for his comprehensives. He is also working this summer on a CUISR internship supported by the Social Economy project and is happy to announce that he received a university graduate scholarship for next year. Rob has a number of recent conference presentations:

- ▲ "Net Entanglement: The Commodification of Virtual Space and Meaning in the Modern Identity," to the Stepping Stones 2006 conference at the U of S
- ▲ three presentations at the CASC meetings in Toronto:
 - "Building the Social Economy: A Co-operative Commonwealth for the 21st Century?" with Zhao Jun
 - "Two Worlds — One Challenge: A Case Study of Darkhan Itgelt (Trust) Savings and Credit Co-operative"
 - "ODKR Multipurpose Co-op: Overcoming Economic Adversity through Co-op Development in Rural Communities" with Monica

- ▲ “Co-operatives as Spaces of Resistance and Transformation,” at the CUBA SIGLO XXI 3rd International Conference in Havana

He also has a number of forthcoming publications:

- ▲ “Growing from the Roots: Credit-Union Identities in a Changing Rural Region” for the new Social Cohesion book, *Imagination, Identity, and Cohesion*, with Brett
- ▲ “Co-operatives as Social Policy Means for Creating Social Cohesion in Communities,” *Journal of Rural Co-operation* (Jerusalem: International Research Centre on Rural Cooperative Communities)
- ▲ *Social Cohesion through Market Democratisation: Alleviating Legitimation Deficits through Co-operation*, a centre occasional paper

Zhao Jun has finished the second year of his PhD studies and is working towards his comprehensive exams. He contributed to two presentations at the CASC conference in Toronto: “Two Worlds — One Challenge: A Case Study of Darkhan Itgelt (Trust) Savings and Credit Co-operative,” with Rob Dobrohoczki, and “A Case Study of Mongolian Co-operatives: The DMTI Co-operative,” with Jason Heit. Jun is doing contract work in China for the summer.

Dwayne Pattison has finished the first year of his MA and is taking a methodologies class in intersession, which will be the last class of required coursework. Beginning in September he will be focusing on collecting data and writing his thesis, which will examine the regionalization of co-operatives in northern Saskatchewan. During the summer he will be assisting Michael in wrapping up his research for the Social Cohesion project. With Angie, he attended the Co-op Youth Conference in Manchester, a highlight of which was visiting the original store of the Rochdale Pioneers in Toad Lane. From there he went to the CASC conference in Toronto and participated in the presentation of two case studies: “The Darkhan Wool Co-operative,” with Jason, and “The Ansondor Savings and Credit Co-operative: Micro-Credit in Rural Mongolia,” with Monica. Later this summer, with Angie, he will be staffing the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association Youth Camp, which he attended as a camper, little suspecting he would one day return as a supervisor.

Rochelle Smith continues to work on her PhD dissertation, preparing case studies of three community clinics in Saskatchewan, one each in Saskatoon, Regina, and Prince Albert. She is in the process of conducting and analysing key informant interviews with clinic board and administration representatives, corresponding representatives of their respective health regions, current

and former MLAs, Saskatchewan Health officials, and several health-care experts. The title of her dissertation is “The Relationship of Saskatchewan’s Co-operative Community Clinics with the Government of Saskatchewan: Toward a New Understanding.”

Mitch Diamantopoulos has finished the first year of course work for his PhD program and is working for the summer on a CUISR internship carrying out reconnaissance research in three social economy milieux — inner-city Saskatoon, LaRonge, and a rural community to be determined. And to the four awards he received this past year, he has now added another two — one of the Lemaire Co-operative Studies Awards and an Interdisciplinary Studies Scholarship.

Juanita Bacsu, a former summer student, has rejoined us to work on research for the Social Economy. She has recently finished the course requirements for her MA program in Political Studies. Her thesis is examining citizen attitudes toward globalization, which is based on the Social Cohesion project.

Dan Macfarlane, a former MA student of Brett’s, has joined us this summer to produce an oral/video history through interviews with individuals who have made significant contributions to the co-operative community in Saskatchewan. The interviewees are drawn from a diverse range of backgrounds, including some from major organizations such as the Wheat Pool, FCL, and Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan, and others from locally based, independent co-operatives in both urban and rural locations. The collection of interviews will be housed in the centre’s library and will comprise a valuable resource for future researchers. Selected highlights, complemented by written biographical and organizational history, will be edited into documentary programs for use in university courses.