



Director's REPORT

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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 Enterprise Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan. The university not only houses our offices but provides in-kind contributions from a number of departments and units — Bioresource Policy, Business, and Economics, Management and Marketing, and Sociology, among others — as well as financial assistance with operations and nonsalary expenditures.

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Congratulations to SaskCentral, named one of the seventy-five “Best Workplaces in Canada” for 2010 by the Great Place to Work® Institute Canada. The competition is based on two criteria: an employee survey and an in-depth review of the organization’s culture, which together provide a rigorous analysis of the organization from an employee perspective and an overall portrait of the workplace culture.

Félicitations as well to Federated Co-operatives Limited, which recently won the Saskatoon Achievement in Business Excellence award in the category of Environmental Sustainability. The award goes to a business that demonstrates a strong commitment to environmental sustainability by reducing its environmental footprint, providing innovative products/services with environmental benefits, and promoting environmental sustainability with its customers/members.

▲ Building Community Exhibit Launched!

On 18 May, after sixteen months of intensive and often challenging work, the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives and the Diefenbaker Canada Centre proudly launched the much anticipated exhibition Building Community: Creating Social and Economic Well-Being. His Honour, the Honourable Dr. Gordon Barnhart, lieutenant governor of Saskatchewan, was joined by other dignitaries representing the university, the co-op sector, and the government of Saskatchewan in providing opening remarks.

The exhibition is the centerpiece of the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives’ twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations and also serves to acknowledge twenty-five years of generous support from the co-operative sector, the provincial government, and the University of Saskatchewan. The reception following the launch was attended by about sixty people, many of whom had come from points across Canada, and one from the US, to join the festivities and attend the conference organized around exhibit themes the following day.





The exhibit consists of almost a hundred illustrated panels, numerous artifacts in display cases, and interactive multimedia presentations; it is suitable for all ages.

It has been extraordinarily well received by the Saskatchewan school system, with 57 schools booking tours for May and June alone.

The exhibit will run for six months in Saskatoon and then is intended to travel to regional museums, schools, local co-ops and credit unions, and some of our sponsoring organizations.

▲ Social Economy Project— update on other activities

The annual regional workshop took place in Sault Ste. Marie on 28–29 April. Titled *Government That Works for People: Policy Development and the Social Economy*, it was hosted by the Community Economic and Social Development program of Algoma University and the NORDIK Institute. Conference goals included initiating a dialogue among researchers, communities, and policy makers regarding policies that support the social economy, and sharing knowledge among the same group regarding the process of policy development. There were presentations from the research, small group discussions, and larger plenary sessions where participants worked on developing recommendations to take forward to various levels of government. It was attended by approximately forty-five people from across the region.

On 19 May, the day following the launch of the *Building Community* exhibition, we hosted an extremely well-attended conference based on themes arising from the exhibit. Titled *Building Community: A Conference Reflecting on Co-operative Strategies and Experiences*, it attracted almost a hundred participants. Presenters, which included co-op leaders and academics from Saskatchewan, Ontario, and the US, addressed issues such as sustainability, co-operative identity, the changing financial landscape, engaging Aboriginal communities, multistakeholder co-ops, building healthy communities, and co-operative development. During the lunch break, the Diefenbaker Canada Centre offered tours of the *Building Community* exhibit. All in all, it was an extremely stimulating and inspiring day.

On the research front, we have published three more final reports and have another four awaiting editorial attention.

▲ The New SSHRC Research Grant

Research is already underway under the new CURA headed by CCA that is examining the social, economic, and environmental impact of co-operatives in Canada. There are two projects at the centre. Lou and centre colleague Jessica Gordon Nembhard are “Measuring the Impact of Credit Unions on Wealth Building in Communities,” and Catherine is studying “The Impact of Co-operative Housing on Household Income, Skills, and Social Capital.” The CURA is a five-year, \$1 million project involving CCA, the centre, Saint Mary’s University, the University of Victoria, and Mount Saint Vincent University, plus more than a dozen co-operative associations, co-ops, and credit unions.

▲ Other Research Update

- ▲ Lou’s project on a gender analysis of the research being conducted within the Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships; ongoing
- ▲ Lou, Roger, and Dwayne’s project examining amalgamations and mergers in the retail co-op sector; completed
- ▲ Brett’s SSHRC project “Cognition and Governance in the Social Economy: Innovation in Multistakeholder Organizations”; ongoing
- ▲ Murray’s “Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century”; ongoing
- ▲ Murray’s “Co-ordination, Identity, and Success in a Federated Marketing System: Retail Co-operatives in Western Canada”; ongoing
- ▲ Michael’s work with a variety of partners on “Houses and Communities: Learning from a Case Study of Co-operative Assisted Home Ownership in Saskatchewan”; ongoing
- ▲ Michael’s “Food Sovereignty in the Canadian Context: Issues, Initiatives, and Opportunities”; ongoing
- ▲ Catherine’s work on co-operatives and care services; ongoing
- ▲ Catherine’s comparative analysis of co-op legislation in Canada that enables the development of social co-operatives; ongoing
- ▲ Catherine’s work with CUISR on an evaluation of Crocus Co-op; ongoing
- ▲ Catherine’s research on health services in Duck Lake in partnership with the Saskatoon Health Region and CUISR; ongoing

▲ Conferences and Workshops

- ▲ Government That Works for People: Policy Development and the Social Economy, annual regional conference for the LLL project in Sault Ste. Marie, 28–29 April; Lou, Roger, Heather, Centre Scholar Isobel Findlay, and PhD students Maria Basualdo and Monica Juarez Adeler participated
- ▲ Building Community: A Conference Reflecting on Co-operative Strategies and

Experiences, centre sponsored in Saskatoon, 19 May; all centre personnel participated, plus Centre Scholars Isobel Findlay and Louise Clarke, former Visiting Scholar Jessica Gordon Nembhard, board members Karl Baumgardner and Mary Beckett, former board members Marilyn McKee, Gary Storey, and Bill Turner, and students Mitch Diamantopoulos, Rob Dobrohoczki, Monica Juarez Adeler, and Kama Soles, and former student Dwayne Pattison

- ▲ The 2010 National Summit on a People-Centred Economy, Ottawa, 30 May – 1 June; Lou, Roger, Heather participated
- ▲ Community Building through Co-operative Research: Challenges and Opportunities at Home and Abroad, annual Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation conference, Montreal, 1–4 June; Lou, Roger, Heather, Michael, Catherine, Centre Scholars Isobel Findlay and Ian MacPherson, and students Maria Basualdo, Rob Dobrohoczki, and Kama Soles participated

▲ Publications

- ▲ with Greg Marchildon, School of Public Policy (Regina), Catherine is working on a revised and expanded edition of Stan Rands’s *Privilege and Policy: A History of the Community Clinics in Saskatchewan*, forthcoming
- ▲ *Self-Determination in Action: The Entrepreneurship of the Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative*, Social Economy report by Dwayne Pattison and Isobel Findlay; printed and posted
- ▲ *Eat Where You Live: Building a Social Economy of Local Food in Western Canada*, Social Economy report by Joel Novek and Cara Nichols, printed and posted
- ▲ *Adult Education and the Social Economy: Re-thinking the Communitarian Pedagogy of Watson Thomson*, MA thesis prepared under the auspices of the Social Economy project by Michael Chartier; printed and posted
- ▲ *Co-operative Marketing Options for Organic Agriculture*, Social Economy report by Jason Heit and Michael Gertler; edited and designed, with Michael for approval
- ▲ “Cypress Hills Ability Centres, Inc.: Exploring Alternatives,” Social Economy report by Maria Basualdo and Chip Kangayi, edited, feedback received from community partner; awaiting Nora’s attention for formatting and printing
- ▲ “Enhancing and Linking Ethnocultural Organizations and Communities in Rural Manitoba: A Focus on Brandon and Steinbach,” Social Economy report; awaiting Nora’s editorial attention
- ▲ “Community Resilience, Adaptation, and Innovation: The Case of the Social Economy in La Ronge,” Social Economy report; awaiting Nora’s editorial attention
- ▲ “Inuit Harvesting, the Social Economy and Political Participation,” Social Economy report; awaiting Nora’s editorial attention
- ▲ “A Co-operative Dilemma: Converting Organizational Form,” by Roger and Jorge Sousa; centre book, in process
- ▲ “Community Survival: Co-operative Solutions for Local Economies” (formerly “The Self-Help Solution: Co-operative Renewal in Canadian Communities”),

centre book based on Social Cohesion research edited by Brett and Nora; Brett has prepared submission proposal; Nora is in process of preparing manuscript for submission to UBC Press

▲ Faculty/Staff/Student News

- ▲ Catherine Leviten-Reid, a postdoctoral fellow at the centre for eighteen months before being appointed an assistant professor in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, will be leaving us in August for Cape Breton University, where she has accepted a position in the Shannon School of Business; despite being with the School of Public Policy for the past year, Catherine's research interests remained firmly rooted in the centre, where she has had an office; she and her family will be greatly missed
- ▲ our librarian and SSHRC-project co-ordinator Heather Acton is back with us full time, after many months on medical leave; we are thrilled to have her back
- ▲ Ann Hoyt, a professor in the Department of Consumer Science at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, spent two weeks at the centre in March/April as a Visiting Professor
- ▲ Lou and Murray received long-service awards on 17 June in recognition of their twenty-five years at the University of Saskatchewan; congratulations, Lou and Murray!
- ▲ Murray has been awarded a SSHRC standard research grant for a study on executive compensation in the public and co-op sectors
- ▲ Rochelle Smith successfully defended her PhD dissertation titled “The Relationship of Saskatchewan’s Co-operative Community Clinics with the Government of Saskatchewan: Towards a New Understanding” on 31 March
- ▲ Zhao Jun, who began his PhD studies at the centre, successfully defended his dissertation titled “The Political Economy of Farmer Co-operative Development in China” on 15 May
- ▲ PhD candidate Mitch Diamantopoulos published his first book this spring, an edited collection titled *-30-: Thirty years of Journalism and Democracy in Canada, The Minifie Lectures, 1981–2010*
- ▲ PhD student Maria Basualdo has accepted a year's contract to work for the Canadian International Development Agency in Peru, where she will pursue field work for her dissertation titled “Indigenous Women's Community Development: A Comparison of Canada and Latin America”
- ▲ last year's summer research student Norma Brunanski, who assisted in preparing materials for the Building Community exhibit, returned to the centre for two weeks following her exams to help gather artifacts for the exhibit; it was great to have her cheerful presence back among us

▲ Seminars

- ▲ “Can Worker Co-operatives Reduce Recidivism? Italian Worker Co-operatives and Offender Rehabilitation,” presented by Visiting Scholar Dr. Ann Hoyt, 7 April 2010

▲ Scholars Update

Morris Altman

- ▲ co-investigator with the Social Economy project

Louise Clarke

- ▲ attended the Ontario Region Workshop for the Social Economy project in Sault Ste Marie, 28–29 April 2010
- ▲ “Evaluating Collaborative Processes: The Case of Saskatoon Intersectoral Committee,” presentation to Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) conference, Montreal, 2 June 2010
- ▲ committee chair for one Co-op Concentration PhD candidate and committee member for three additional PhD students and one MA student
- ▲ committee member for a student in Community Health and Epidemiology whose thesis was a co-op topic
- ▲ member of Saskatchewan Social Economy team; regular participant in meetings and project adjudication

Isobel Findlay

Teaching

- ▲ Interdisciplinary Studies 898.3: Organizations, Communities, and Social Change — co-taught with Michael Gertler
- ▲ Commerce 300: Business Communication II — includes co-operative cases

Graduate Supervision

- ▲ supervisor of five PhDs
- ▲ advisory committee member on one PhD

Social Economy Project

- ▲ University co-director and principal investigator for ten Social Economy research projects at CUISR

Presentations

- ▲ with Maria Basualdo, “Building Sustainable Livelihoods: Engaging At-Risk Youth in the Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative,” CASC conference, Montreal, 2 June
- ▲ with Maria Basualdo, “South Bay Park Rangers Employment Project for Persons Living with a Disability: A Case Study of Individual Empowerment and Community Interdependence,” ANSER conference, Montreal, 2 June

Publications

- ▲ with Dwayne Pattison, *Self-Determination in Action: The Entrepreneurship of the Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative* (Saskatoon: Community-University Institute for Social Research and Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, 2010)

Other

- ▲ Isobel was elected to the executive of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation at the conference in Montreal, June 2010

Len Findlay

- ▲ on committees for two Co-op Concentration PhD students

Ian MacPherson

Presentations

- ▲ Le Sfide della Cooperazione, a series of twenty lectures on the international co-operative, movement, past, present, and future, delivered at the University of Trento, Italy, April 2009
- ▲ “Historic Gifts, a Heritage of Unease,” keynote address at Celebrating a Century of Co-operation: Honouring the Past, Building the Future, CCA Congress, Ottawa, June 2009
- ▲ “Knowledge, Research, and the People-Centred Economy,” 2010 National Summit on a People-Centred Economy, Ottawa, 30–31 May 2010
- ▲ chair, Research on the Social Economy: Learning from Community-University Partnerships session, ANSER conference, Montreal, 2 June 2010
- ▲ “Examining the History of Caisses Populaires and Credit Unions: The Drivers of Change,” CASC conference, Montreal, 2 June 2010
- ▲ “*Co-operatives in the Year 2000: An Evaluation Thirty Years On*,” CASC conference, Montreal, 2 June 2010
- ▲ with Jennifer Alsop, “On-line Database of Arctic Co-ops and Communities,” CASC conference, Montreal, 2 June 2010

Publications

- ▲ “Co-operatives and the Social Economy in English Canada: Circles of Influence and Experience,” in *Living Economics: Canadian Perspectives on the Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Community Economic Development*, ed. J.J. McMurtry (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2009)
- ▲ “Sharing Values and Building Local Economies: Why the Northern Co-operative Experience Needs to Be Considered More Seriously,” *Northern Review* (Spring 2009): 57–82
- ▲ *A Century of Co-operation* (Ottawa: the Canadian Co-operative Association, 2009)

Other

- ▲ co-applicant, Social Economy project
- ▲ PI, Canadian Social Economy Hub

Ellen Goddard

- ▲ Co-operative Chair in Agricultural Marketing and Business, Department of Rural Economy, University of Alberta

- ▲ co-applicant, Social Economy project

Teaching

- ▲ Agricultural and Resource Economics 482: Co-operative and Alternate Business Institutions

Publications

- ▲ with Getu Hailu, “Sustainable Growth and Capital Constraints: The Demutualization of Lilydale Co-operative Limited,” *Journal of Cooperatives* 23 (2009): 116–29
- ▲ with Getu Hailu and Freida Glover, “Lilydale Poultry Co-operative: A Case Study,” in “A Co-operative Dilemma: Converting Organizational Form,” ed. Jorge Sousa and Roger Herman, forthcoming from the Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, University of Saskatchewan

Sheryl Mills

- ▲ conference presentation on co-operative learning, fall 2009

Brian Oleson

- ▲ University of Manitoba Agribusiness Chair in Co-operatives and Marketing
- ▲ co-investigator, “The Viability of a Producer-Controlled Saskatoon Marketing Association: An Integrated Approach,” completion date, fall 2010
- ▲ co-investigator, case study of Granny’s Poultry Ltd., completion date, fall 2010
- ▲ attended Farmers Cooperative Conference, Minneapolis, November 2009
- ▲ attended NCERA–210 cooperatives collaboration group meeting, Minneapolis, November 2009
- ▲ co-applicant, Social Economy project

Jorge Sousa

Research

- ▲ working on a history of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation
- ▲ co-investigator with the southern Ontario and BC-Alberta regional nodes of the Social Economy project

Publications

- ▲ “Educating for the Social Economy,” in *Living Economics: Canadian Perspectives on the Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Community Economic Development*, ed. J.J. McMurtry (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2009)
- ▲ “Analytical Framework for CED and Social Economy Policy,” commissioned by the B.C.- Alberta Research Alliance on the Social Economy, forthcoming
- ▲ “Financing Options and Alternative Models for Inner-City Non-Market Housing: A Review of Canadian Options,” commissioned by the Strategies for transformation in inner-city and Aboriginal communities at the University of Manitoba, forthcoming

- ▲ book in progress with Roger Herman — “A Co-operative Dilemma: Converting Organizational Form”

Presentations

- ▲ session co-chair and presenter, “Opportunities and Challenges in Adopting Community Service-Learning to support the Social Economy,” ANSER conference, Montreal, 2 June
- ▲ session chair and co-presenter, “Public Policy for the Social Economy,” ANSER conference, Montreal, 2 June
- ▲ “Exploring the Rewards and Challenges of Formalizing and Institutionalizing Community-University Partnerships,” ANSER conference, Montreal, 3 June
- ▲ co-presenter, “CED and Social Economy Policy Inventory in B.C. and Alberta,” ANSER conference, Montreal, 3 June
- ▲ roundtable participant, Roundtable on Policy Research Findings of the Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships, ANSER conference, Montreal, 3 June
- ▲ “Supporting Local Communities through Community-Based School Feeding and Nutrition Programs,” ANSER conference, Montreal, 4 June
- ▲ chair, “Social Economy: Differing Perspectives” session and co-presenter, “Developing a New Discourse for Evaluating the Impact of the Social Economy: Strengthening the Legacy Potential of Partnership Research,” ANSER conference, Montreal, 4 June

Outreach

- ▲ working with a student group at the University of Alberta to build student co-op housing

▲ Partners and Developments

SaskCentral (gleaned from the website)

SaskCentral has been named one of the 75 “Best Workplaces in Canada” for 2010 by the Great Place to Work® Institute Canada.

At year end 2009, Saskatchewan credit unions had net income of more than \$54 million, returned \$12.6 million to their members in the form of patronage equity contributions and dividends, and contributed to their communities through charitable donations and sponsorships totalling more than \$7.8 million.

SaskCentral itself will donate more than \$125,000 to local programs, events, and organizations. Benefiting organizations include the Adult Learning Centre; the Art Gallery of Regina; the Canadian Red Cross; Canadian Western Agribition; the Credit Union Eventplex; the Queen City Marathon; Easter Seals Saskatchewan; Regina’s Junior Achievement program; the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association awards program; the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League; the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association’s Co-operative Youth Seminars; the

Western Canadian Crop Production Show; and the Western Canadian Farm Progress Show.

As of 1 January 2010, there were 64 credit unions in Saskatchewan providing services through 310 outlets and employing more than 3,500 people.

Mary Beckett, Karl Baumgardner, and Herb Carlson will present verbal reports on the relevant activities of their organizations.

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

Lou Hammond Ketilson

▲ Graduate Supervision

Three of Lou's graduate students successfully defended their PhD dissertations: Rochelle Smith on 31 March, Zhao Jun on 15 May, and Nicoleta Uzea on 11 June. Lou was supervisor for Rochelle, committee chair for Zhao, and a committee member for Nicoleta.

Fortunate Mavenga successfully defended her MA thesis this spring only weeks after giving birth. Lou was a committee member for Fortunate.

Lou is a committee member for Monica Juarez Adeler, Wu Haotao, and Douglas Akhimienmhonan, PhD students. She is committee chair for Kama Soles (InterD MA), as well as Rob Dobrohoczki, Patricia Elliot, Mitch Diamantopoulos, Michael Chartier, Maria Basualdo, and Annette Johnson, all InterD PhD students.

▲ Research

- ▲ co-applicant on five-year CURA grant to CCA — Measuring the Social, Environmental, and Economic Impact of Co-operatives in Canada (see more details on page 6)
- ▲ with Jessica Gordon Nembhard and Dwayne Pattison, partnered with Advantage and Affinity credit unions — a project titled “Impacts of Credit Unions on Communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba: Measuring Member

- and Community Benefits and Asset Building from Credit Union Ownership”
- ▲ with the Canadian Women’s CED Council, a gender analysis of the research being conducted within the Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships
- ▲ principal investigator for the centre’s Social Economy project, “Linking, Learning, Leveraging,” 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
- ▲ the centre’s research project examining mergers and amalgamation in the co-operative retail sector undertaken by Lou, Roger, and Dwayne is complete
- ▲ co-applicant in the Atlantic, Southern Ontario, and Northern Social Economy nodes; she is a co-investigator in a project titled “Integrating Social Economy Curriculum into Canada’s Business Schools” with the Southern Ontario node; and a co-investigator with the Northern node in a project titled “The Role of Women in Social Economy Organizations in Canada’s Far North”
- ▲ co-applicant in Murray’s SSHRC-funded “Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century”

▲ Publications

- ▲ with Kim Brown, “A Post-Merger Governance Review,” a study of the impact of amalgamation on the governance structure and effectiveness of Advantage Credit Union; the centre hopes to publish this as an occasional paper
- ▲ “The Role of Co-operatives in Supporting Agriculture and Rural Development in Canada,” in *Farmers’ Co-operatives*, ed. Dr. Yuan Peng, Rural Development Institute, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing; in progress
- ▲ with Gayle Broad, “Mapping the Social Economy in Aboriginal Communities in Canada” chapter in forthcoming working paper to be published by CIRIEC International
- ▲ “First Nations Co-operatives in Canada: (Re)inventing Appropriate Forms of Enterprise,” chapter in forthcoming centre book “Community Survival: Co-operative Solutions for Local Economies”

▲ Presentations

- ▲ “Centre for the Study of Co-operatives: Overview and Accountability Report,” presented to Credit Union Central of Saskatchewan AGM, Saskatoon, 14 April
- ▲ “Linking, Learning, Leveraging: Project Overview and Looking Forward,” presented to Government That Works for People: Policy Development and the Social Economy, annual regional conference for the LLL project, Sault Ste. Marie, 28–29 April
- ▲ as host of the Building Community exhibit launch 18 May, Lou provided welcome, opening remarks, introductions and thanks to guest speakers, and concluding remarks
- ▲ “Putting the Day in a ‘Building Community’ Context,” presented to Building Community: A Conference Reflecting on Co-operative Strategies and Experiences, Saskatoon, 19 May

- ▲ Resource person for Enterprise Development workshop, The 2010 National Summit on a People-Centred Economy,” Ottawa, 30 May
 - ▲ “Building Community: Partnering to Mobilize Knowledge of the Social Economy,” Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) conference, Montreal, 2 June
 - ▲ “If Small Is Beautiful, Big Is Spectacular,” Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) conference, Montreal, 3 June
 - ▲ “Building Inclusive Communities: Social Economy Enterprises and their Role in Community Economic Development,” CASC conference, Montreal, 4 June
 - ▲ Moderator for Co-operatives and Aboriginal Communities session, CASC conference, Montreal, 4 June
- ▲ Annual General Meetings Attended
- ▲ Credit Union Central of Alberta, Edmonton, 9 April
 - ▲ The Co-operators, Regina, 15 April
 - ▲ Credit Union Central of Canada, Winnipeg, 3–4 May
 - ▲ Arctic Co-operatives Limited, Winnipeg, 5–6 May
 - ▲ Canadian Co-operative Association, Vancouver, 14–16 June
 - ▲ Saskatchewan Co-operative Association, Saskatoon, 21 June
- ▲ Outreach and Engagement
- ▲ member of successful application to the IDRC (International Development Research Council) entitled, “Innovative Member-Based Organizations in India,” in partnership with the Coady Institute
- ▲ Administration
- Specific to the Centre*
- ▲ commitment leader for the Issues-Based Interdisciplinary Scholarship priority of the U of S Second Integrated Plan 2008–12; working on analysis of data gathered in workshops held January to March; the resulting position paper will form the basis for further consultation with the campus community
 - ▲ on the board of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association; Lou participated in several conference calls
 - ▲ member of the Government of Saskatchewan’s Co-operative Sector Team; Lou had several meetings with Wayne Thrasher and one meeting with the Sector Team
 - ▲ IMPACT: The Co-operators Youth Conference for Sustainability Leadership; Lou was heavily involved in planning for this fall 2009 conference; she is also a member of the adjudications committee for The Co-operators Impact Fund, which met by conference call in June 2010
 - ▲ prepared for June management advisory board meeting

Specific to the Social Economy Project

- ▲ in collaboration with the Community Economic and Social Development unit at Algoma University, Lou planned and attended the third and final regional forum; the theme was policy recommendations flowing from the many completed projects

As Chair of ICA Committee on Co-operative Research

- ▲ member of the steering committee of the Research and Policy Programme at the Co-operative College, Manchester; the committee last met in conjunction with the ICA Research Forum in Oxford, September 2009

Brett Fairbairn

Most of Brett’s time is devoted to his administrative responsibilities as University Provost and VP Academic, though in a reduced capacity he remains connected to the centre and co-operative studies in a variety of roles.

▲ Graduate Supervision

Brett continues to supervise one PhD student:

- ▲ Mark McCulloch (History) “Women’s Groups and Consumer Co-operatives in East Germany, 1949–71”

He is also on a number of other PhD and MA advisory committees.

▲ Research

- ▲ principal investigator, “Cognition and Governance in the Social Economy: Innovation in Multistakeholder Organizations,” SSHRC funded
- ▲ co-investigator, “Coordination, Identity, and Success in a Federated Marketing System: Retail Co-operatives in Western Canada,” SSHRC funded
- ▲ co-investigator, “Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century,” SSHRC funded
- ▲ co-investigator, “Strategic Research Network on Social Innovation, the Social Economy, and Civil Society,” SSHRC funded

▲ Publications

- ▲ “Community Survival: Co-operative Solutions for Local Economies,” Brett is author or co-author of four chapters; book is in prep for sending to UBC Press
- ▲ with Rob Dobrohoczki, “Credit Unions and the Construction of Locality: The Case of South Interlake Credit Union, Canada,” article submitted to *Journal of Co-operative Studies*, UK
- ▲ “A Shift in Values: Credit Union Expansion by Conversion of Bank Branches,” in *A Co-operative Dilemma: Converting Organizational Form*, ed. Roger Herman and Jorge Sousa, forthcoming centre book

Murray Fulton

▲ Teaching

Public Policy 805.3: Economics for Public Policy Analysis

This class concluded in April.

▲ Graduate Supervision

Murray is supervising three PhD students working on co-operative topics. Zhao Jun successfully defended his dissertation 15 May (topic: “The Political Economy of Farmer Co-operative Development in China”); Nicoleta Uzea successfully defended hers on 11 June (topic: “Co-operation and Co-ordination in the Co-operative Retailing System: Essays on Economic and Identity Strategies”); Wu Haotao’s dissertation on the Canadian credit union system is still in process.

▲ Research

- ▲ Murray has been awarded a new SSHRC standard research grant for a study on executive compensation in the public and co-op sectors, which has recently become a major public issue; an examination of compensation in these organizations is essential since they play significant roles in the economy and society and are expected to advance public values and public interests; in addition, compensation arrangements send powerful symbolic messages that bear on public trust; this study will undertake an analysis of executive compensation in co-ops, Crowns, universities, and government executive offices
- ▲ principal investigator, “Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century”
- ▲ principal investigator, “Co-ordination, Identity, and Success in a Federated Marketing System: Retail Co-operatives in Western Canada”
- ▲ co-investigator, “Cognition and Governance in the Social Economy: Innovation in Multistakeholder Organizations”
- ▲ co-applicant, centre’s SSHRC project on the Social Economy; academic co-lead of the Governance Cluster
- ▲ “Evaluation of Market Opportunities and Supply Chain Structure for Bio-control Products in Canada” examining the role of co-ops in this supply chain
- ▲ the role of producer associations in innovation activity, part of the Canadian Agricultural Innovation Research Network
- ▲ “Transformative Change in Biosphere Greenhouse Gas Management”

▲ Administration

- ▲ graduate chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy
- ▲ member of the College of Graduate Studies and Research executive committee

Michael Gertler

▲ Teaching

Sociology 206.3: The Community

Sociology 386.3: Selected Topics in Caribbean Sociology: Cuba, Revolution, and Social Change (a study abroad summer class in Cuba co-instructed with Rodolfo Pino)

INTD 898.3: Organizations, Communities, and Social Change (co-instructed with Isobel Findlay)

These classes concluded in April.

▲ Graduate Supervision

Michael was member and chair of Rochelle Smith's advisory committee; as noted elsewhere, Rochelle successfully defended her dissertation on 31 March. Michael has on-going supervisory duties for one MA student in sociology, one PhD student in the School of Environment and Sustainability, and one PhD student in the Co-op Concentration of Interdisciplinary Studies; he is also on advisory committees for one InterD MA student (co-operative studies), five InterD PhD students (four in co-op studies), and one PhD in sociology.

▲ Research

- ▲ principal investigator, "Food Sovereignty in the Canadian Context: Issues, Initiatives and Opportunities"
- ▲ principal investigator, "Houses and Communities: Learning from a Case Study of Co-operative Assisted Home Ownership in Saskatchewan"
- ▲ co-applicant on the centre's SSHRC project on the Social Economy and a collaborator on the National Hub being run by the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies
- ▲ co-applicant in Murray's SSHRC-funded "Adapting to New Environments: Agriculture and Rural Economies in the 21st Century"
- ▲ co-applicant (Isobel Findlay, applicant), "Learning Local Governance: Reimagining Sustainable Communities," SSHRC Community–University Research Alliance Program; letter of intent successful; team awarded \$20,000 to prepare full application

▲ Presentations

- ▲ co-moderator, "Building Community: A Conference Reflecting on Co-operative Strategies and Experiences," Saskatoon, 19 May 2010
- ▲ "Co-operative Knowledge: Research as a Co-op and Community Development Strategy," CASC conference, Montreal, 1–4 June 2010

▲ Administration/Professional/Outreach and Engagement

- ▲ associate member, School of Environment and Sustainability, 1 July 2008–
- ▲ associate member, International Studies Program, 2007–
- ▲ management board member, Community-University Institute for Social Research, U of S
- ▲ member, Social Economy project administrative committee for CUISR
- ▲ member, College of Graduate Studies and Research Interdisciplinary Committee, 2008–11
- ▲ member, Regional and Urban Planning Administrative Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
- ▲ member, College of Arts and Sciences Employment Equity Committee, 2009–10
- ▲ member, four Department of Sociology committees: Seminar, Graduate Studies, Library, and Equity
- ▲ Member, Department of Sociology SOC 990 Seminar sub-committee (co-organizer of Graduate Studies Annual 990 Conference “Sociological Realities: Graduate Studies and Beyond,” 26 March 2010)
- ▲ member, editorial board, *Journal of Cooperatives*, January 07–
- ▲ member, Canadian Co-operative Association Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- ▲ invited by deputy administrator of USDA — Cooperative Programs to participate in “Cooperative Research Needs” discussion group
- ▲ member, editorial board, Rural Studies Series, Rural Sociological Society and Penn State University Press, July 2008–11
- ▲ member, Rural Sociological Society Membership Committee, 2007 to present

Catherine Leviten-Reid

Catherine has been with us for two years as a postdoctoral fellow and has immersed herself fully in the life of the centre, the community, and co-operative studies in general, serving on the board of the Saskatoon Community Clinic and as president of CASC in addition to her teaching and research activities. She recently obtained a position with the Shannon School of Business at Cape Breton University in Nova Scotia and will be leaving the centre in August to take up her new responsibilities there. While we congratulate her on this achievement, she, her husband, Eric, and their little Adlie will be terribly missed. Bonne chance, Catherine!

▲ Teaching

- Public Policy 810.3: Qualitative Method and Research Design
- Public Policy 806.3: Public Policy Analysis (co-instructed with Peter Phillips)

These classes concluded in April.

▲ Research

- ▲ completed a second round of revisions and resubmitted an article on child care co-ops to the *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*
- ▲ working with Brett and Murray on the Social Economy project “Cognition and Governance in the Social Economy: Innovation in Multistakeholder Organizations”; conducted twenty-five in-depth interviews for two case studies; data analysis underway
- ▲ working with CUISR on a program evaluation of Crocus Co-op; presented a logic model to members in March; had one meeting with the community
- ▲ in partnership with the Saskatoon Health Region, Duck Lake’s Primary Health Team, and CUISR, conducting an analysis of health services in the Duck Lake area; since March, one meeting with the community and one with the student assisting with the research
- ▲ work on the comparative analysis of co-op legislation in Canada that enables the development of social co-operatives is ongoing

▲ Presentations

- ▲ “Multistakeholder Co-ops: When Theory and Practice Collide,” Building Community: A Conference Reflecting on Co-operative Strategies and Experiences, Saskatoon, 19 May
- ▲ “Welcoming Remarks,” CASC conference, Montreal, 1 June
- ▲ “High Transaction Costs or Successful Co-ordinating Mechanisms: A Look at Multistakeholder Co-operatives,” presentation, CASC conference, Montreal, 2 June
- ▲ chair, “Opportunities and Future Directions” session at the ANSER conference, Montreal, 3 June
- ▲ moderator, Nonprofit and Social Co-operatives session, CASC conference, Montreal, 4 June
- ▲ chair, AGM, CASC conference, Montreal, 4 June

▲ Publications

- ▲ with the assistance of Philippe Leclerc, wrote a book review of “Les arrangements institutionnels entre l’État québécois et les entreprises d’économie sociale en aide domestique : Une analyse sociopolitique de l’économie sociale dans les services de soutien à domicile” by Yves Vaillancourt and Christian Jetté for *The Philanthropist*, forthcoming August 2010
- ▲ with Greg Marchildon, completed a first round of updates/edits of Stan Rands’s book *Privilege and Policy: A History of the Community Clinics in Saskatchewan*, forthcoming in partnership with Canadian Plains Research Centre

▲ Outreach

- ▲ serves on the board of the Saskatoon Community Clinic; term ended mid-June
- ▲ president of the board of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation for past two years; duties included adjudicating the CASC awards; chairing board meetings; fundraising; co-ordinating the production of the CASC newsletter; communicating with members; organizing the CASC conference, including co-ordinating the call for papers and review of conference abstracts and organizing the final program; term ended with CASC conference in June

Ann Hoyt

A professor in the Department of Consumer Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ann joined us for a couple of weeks this spring as a Visiting Scholar. While here, she worked with Lou, Michael, and Catherine in developing a new course focused on consumer co-operatives. She was particularly interested in the centre's courses on co-operative business as well as our graduate seminar on co-operatives and sustainable development.

At her home university, Ann is involved in research measuring the direct, indirect, and induced economic impacts of US co-operatives. This is an excellent fit with the centre's new research headed by CCA studying the economic, social, and environmental impact of co-operatives in Canada. Lou and Ann plan to collaborate in the future on developing measures of wealth creation by consumer co-operatives and credit unions. Her visit was a starting point for this work.

Nora Russell

▲ Writing, Editing, Design, etc.

- ▲ large amounts of time devoted to preparations for the Building Community exhibit and accompanying conference during March and April, including
 - photo research and permissions, proofreading, print supervision
 - design and layout assistance with Diefenbaker Centre's promotional flier
 - design and layout for launch invitation, conference poster and registration form, conference agenda, and poster advertising the exhibit for the website
 - preparation of "roadmap" of exhibit for installation purposes
 - wrote article for CCA newsletter on the exhibit
 - prepared sample panels of exhibit for website
 - prepared media kit for launch of exhibit, including writing the press release and a background piece on the Social Economy project
 - wrote illustrated promotional piece for the exhibit and sent out to 22 media outlets, co-operatives and related organizations, and government departments

- ▲ writing, design, and print supervision for centre newsletter
 - ▲ writing, design, and print supervision for Social Economy newsletter
 - ▲ writing, design, and print supervision for accountability report to government
 - ▲ *Self-Determination in Action: The Entrepreneurship of the Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative*, Social Economy project final report; final formatting, printed and posted to website
 - ▲ *Eat Where You Live: Building a Social Economy of Local Food in Western Canada*, Social Economy project final report; final formatting, printed and posted to website
 - ▲ *Adult Education and the Social Economy: Re-thinking the Communitarian Pedagogy of Watson Thomson*, MA thesis prepared under the auspices of the Social Economy project by Michael Chartier; printed and posted
 - ▲ “Cypress Hills Abilities Centres, Inc.: Exploring Alternatives,” Social Economy project final report; editing complete; input from authors and community partner received; awaiting Nora’s attention to enter changes and do formatting
 - ▲ “Co-operative Marketing Options for Organic Agriculture” Social Economy project final report; editing and layout complete, with Michael for approval
 - ▲ assisted Karen with preparation of bibliography for the centre’s 898 class, Co-operatives and Sustainable Development
 - ▲ prepared materials on the centre for the university’s progress report on the Second Integrated Plan
 - ▲ editing and layout for the French and English versions of the spring CASC newsletter
 - ▲ layout and design of CASC program
 - ▲ prepared announcement for Ann Hoyt’s seminar
 - ▲ *Re-Thinking Social Enterprise: Co-operative Renewal in Canadian Communities*, centre book; formal proposal to UBC press with Brett for his contribution
 - ▲ editing the minutes of the last advisory board meeting
 - ▲ co-ordination, writing, and layout for this director’s report
- ▲ Professional, Outreach, and Other

Like others at the centre, Nora attended the launch and reception for the Building Community exhibit as well as the conference the following day. She is a member of EAC Saskatchewan, a branch of the Editors’ Association of Canada; she attended a grammar workshop organized by the branch in late March. She is also a member of the Saskatchewan Publishers Group, which connects the centre to other publishing organizations throughout the province, and she is the centre’s representative to the Saskatoon Co-op Network.

Roger Herman

Roger was the centre’s project manager for Building Community: Creating Social and Economic Well-Being. Like Nora, he spent countless hours working on preparations for the exhibit during the weeks leading up to the launch on 18 May,

which he co-ordinated with the Diefenbaker Canada Centre. The launch included presentations by the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and representatives from the university, the Government of Saskatchewan, and the co-operative sector. The event was also an opportunity to formally recognize and celebrate the centre's twenty-fifth anniversary and acknowledge the generous support provided by our sponsors during that time.

In connection with the exhibit, Roger also co-ordinated a day-long conference titled *Building Community: A Conference Reflecting on Co-operative Strategies and Experiences* at the University of Saskatchewan on 19 May. The event, which featured presentations by senior leaders from the co-operative sector, attracted a hundred participants. Roger is working with a graduate student to prepare a publication of the conference proceedings as well as a video of the presentations. Both of these will be made publicly available in the near future.

Roger has been invited to join the design team for the next IMPACT — Co-operators Youth Conference on Sustainability Leadership. Scheduled for October 2011, the event will build on the success of the inaugural event held in 2009.

Other activities this quarter include the following:

- ▲ with Lou, attended a meeting with the Saskatchewan Economic Developers Association to discuss opportunities for collaboration on projects of mutual interest and relevance
- ▲ continues his term on the board of directors of the Association of Co-operative Educators (ACE); will attend board meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, in conjunction with the annual ACE Institute 27–30 July
- ▲ working on final revisions to his book co-edited with Jorge Sousa (University of Alberta), “A Co-operative Dilemma: Converting Organizational Form”
- ▲ attended a Policy Forum on Co-operatives on March 23–24 in Ottawa co-ordinated by the Rural and Co-operatives Secretariat, the first step in a process to develop federal policies that will contribute to the overall environment in which co-operatives can develop and grow; regional meetings will follow
- ▲ attended a CUISR Brown Bag Luncheon 13 April during which PhD student Mitch Diamantopoulos presented findings of his research on Social Economy organizations in Saskatchewan
- ▲ member of the Finance Cluster of the Social Economy project; participates in the Social Economy project management advisory board meetings; attended a policy development symposium 28–29 April in Sault Ste Marie hosted by our research partners from Algoma University
- ▲ participated in a tele-learning event that explored the development of policy favouring the procurement of government from social economy organizations; part of a series of discussions leading up to the National Summit on a People-Centred Economy; participated in a meeting of representatives from community organizations to review preliminary recommendations going forward to the National Summit; attended the Summit in Ottawa, 30 May–1 June; the

event was co-coordinated by the Canadian Community Economic Development Network and the Canadian Co-operative Association

- ▲ attended and gave a paper on the Art and Science of Knowledge Mobilization at the CASC conference in Montreal, 1–4 June; his paper reflected on the learnings resulting from the development of the museum exhibit
- ▲ with Lou and Dwayne, co-ordinating the centre’s research project examining mergers and amalgamation in the co-operative retail sector
- ▲ responds to inquiries regarding New Generation Co-operatives and co-ops in general
- ▲ co-ordinates the activities of visitors to the centre; is the liaison with the centre’s graduate students; and manages the centre’s seminar series

Roger is the centre’s representative to a number of organizations

- ▲ represented the Centre at a U of S workshop on 16 June on developing performance indicators used in the Institutional Planning process
- ▲ centre rep on Rural Team Saskatchewan, a group comprised of reps from various government departments as well as community-based organizations with an interest in rural issues, co-ordinated by the Rural Secretariat of Agriculture and Agrifood Canada
- ▲ alternate centre representative at the University of Saskatchewan Centre’s Forum, which explores common issues and ensures that the respective centres’ concerns are heard
- ▲ alternate centre representative to the Saskatchewan Co-operative Association; attended the AGM in Saskatoon on 21 June

Heather Acton

Heather is now back with us full time and busy catching up in the library and with Social Economy project administration. Since March most of her time has been spent updating the Linking, Learning, Leveraging website and collecting updated data about the nearly ninety projects going on within the Social Economy project.

▲ The Library

Materials signed out: 69

Materials returned: 34

Reference and research requests responded to: 41

New Borrowers Registered: 11

Online Catalogue Accesses: 187

▲ Events Attended

- ▲ Government That Works for People: Policy Development and the Social Economy, annual regional conference for the LLL project in Sault Ste. Marie, 28–29 April

- ▲ Building Communities Exhibit Launch and Reception, Saskatoon, 18 May
- ▲ Building Communities conference, Saskatoon, 19 May
- ▲ National Summit on a People-Centred Economy, Ottawa, 31 May–1 June
- ▲ CASC conference, Montreal, 1–4 June

▲ Other

- ▲ assisted with preparations for the Building Communities exhibit and the conference that followed
- ▲ regularly monitor, blog, tweet, and email information of interest to the co-op and social economy communities
- ▲ currently reviewing library subscriptions and undertaking overdue library house-keeping

Patty Scheidl

As office manager, Patty is responsible for the centre's day-to-day operations and undertakes many additional duties as they arise. Regular duties include:

- ▲ updating and recording the revenues/expenditures associated with the centre's monthly financial statements; preparing the spreadsheet for reporting to the management advisory board
- ▲ maintaining the SSHRC project account and all other research accounts, including monitoring these accounts to ensure that the funds are expended in accordance with the specified requirements
- ▲ investigating errors and processing journal vouchers for incorrect charges to particular accounts
- ▲ ensuring that all the supporting documentation is in the files; obtaining any missing documentation from Central Registry
- ▲ updating the externally-funded research report provided at each board meeting
- ▲ helping Karen with publication purchases
- ▲ processing the transactions on the university credit card and ensuring that expenses are charged to the appropriate account
- ▲ processing all other invoices and cheques that come into the centre

Special financial responsibilities this quarter included:

- ▲ closing out several accounts for completed projects that had residual funds and processing journal vouchers to move the funds into the centre's continuous research account
- ▲ reviewing the standing purchase order for the centre's Treo cell phone and calculating the amount for the 2010–11 financial year
- ▲ preparing financial information for Lou outlining the centre's projected expenditures to year-end on 30 June; keeping an itemized list for each category and sub-account showing the amount to be expended by the end of June; estimating expenditures for upcoming conferences that would be processed before the

- end of June; preparing a spreadsheet showing total expenses to date, total projected expenses, and the balance available until year-end
- ▲ contacting all vendors the centre deals with to inform them of the new expiry date on the centre's university credit card
 - ▲ calculating dues and issuing invoices for each of our sponsor organizations for fourth quarter dues; processing journal vouchers for each sponsor's funds; completing the cash report forms and making deposits upon receipt of the dues
 - ▲ co-ordinating the transfer of the final instalment of funds to all clusters in the Social Economy project; preparing letters of agreement, obtaining signatures, preparing cheque requisitions for each institution
 - ▲ preparing payroll forms for Lindsey Bruce and Paul Spriggs, students hired to do some work for CASC; ensuring that work hours were submitted prior to deadline
 - ▲ preparing payroll forms for Norma Brunanski, hired for two weeks to assist with the final preparations for the Building Community exhibit launch
 - ▲ preparing scholarship payroll forms for Kama Soles and Mark McCulloch, who are receiving funds through Brett's "Cognition and Governance in the Social Economy" project
 - ▲ monitoring and processing the changes associated with Heather's gradual return to full-time work; this involved a great deal of contact with the Department of Health and Wellness on campus and the submission of appropriate payroll forms on a bi-monthly basis
 - ▲ creating a purchase order for Eric Leviten-Reid's consultancy work for the Housing and Communities project
 - ▲ gathering information re: centre sponsors' funding contributions over the past 25 years for Lou to use in her opening remarks at the exhibit launch
 - ▲ ensuring that expenses for Michael's Housing and Communities project were processed on time; also worked with CUISR to determine which expenditures needed to be processed via journal voucher through Michael's fund at the centre
 - ▲ processing many expenditures associated with the Building Community exhibit launch and conference 18–19 May

Other responsibilities this quarter include:

- ▲ developing invitee list and co-ordinating sending out invitations to exhibit launch and conference; keeping track of attendees for both events for logistical purposes
- ▲ assisting Roger and Karen in the final preparations for the exhibit launch and conference (printing handouts, ordering food and refreshments, emailing a notice regarding procedures to all attendees for both events)
- ▲ renewing several centre memberships for 2010–11
- ▲ ensuring the paperwork for the ASPA merit process was submitted on time
- ▲ co-ordinating a number of meetings, which involved the usual many phone calls and emails, booking rooms, and arranging for refreshments
- ▲ co-ordinating the ordering and delivery of Heather's ergonomic workstation

- ▲ assisting with the scheduling of meetings and making arrangements for rooms, facilities, refreshments, etc.

On an ongoing basis, Patty is responsible for organizing the Management Advisory Board meetings. This includes the many hours that go into co-ordinating a suitable date, preparing the minutes and other agenda materials, arranging for printing, assembling the board packages and couriering them out ahead of time, getting parking passes, booking rooms, and ordering lunch.

Karen Neufeldt

Karen's regular duties include:

- ▲ reception
- ▲ paperwork, including processing cash reports and filing
- ▲ xeroxing and printing
- ▲ invoicing and mailing publication orders; keeping track of stock for reprints
- ▲ invoicing telephone, fax, and xerox bills
- ▲ monitoring office supplies and ordering replacements as required
- ▲ mailouts as required
- ▲ updating the databases
- ▲ assisting with the preparation of packages for the advisory board meetings

Special activities this quarter include:

- ▲ transcribing the minutes of the March advisory board meeting
- ▲ checking in and routing of journals; assisting with circulation for patrons; assisting with research questions; reshelving returns; placing book orders
- ▲ mail-out of centre newsletter
- ▲ email circulation of LLL newsletter
- ▲ mail-out of application forms for the Norm Bromberger bursary to universities across Canada and members of the committee
- ▲ assisting with arrangements for exhibit launch and conference (mailing and emailing invitations, tracking attendees, preparing name tags and gathering materials for conference kits, printing, ordering refreshments, attending the registration desk)
- ▲ posting articles to the centre blog
- ▲ assisting with travel, accommodation, car rental, and conference arrangements for centre personnel and others; processing travel claims upon return:
 - for faculty, staff, students, and several community partners to attend the LLL annual regional conference in Sault Ste Marie, 28–30 April
 - for Lou to attend The Co-operators banquet in Regina, 14 April
 - for Lou to attend Arctic Co-ops AGM and Credit Union Central of Canada's AGM in Winnipeg, 3–5 May
 - for Catherine to conduct interviews in Winnipeg, 3–5 May
 - for Lou, Roger, and Heather to attend the National Summit on a People-

Centred Economy in Ottawa, 30 May – 1 June

- for Lou, Roger, Heather, Michael, Catherine, Kama, and her attendant to attend the CASC conference in Montreal, 1–4 June
- for Lou and Michael to attend CCA’s Congress in Vancouver, 14–16 June

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

The Students and Contract Researchers

Monica Juarez Adeler is working the first draft of her PhD dissertation, due the end of August. She also works as the co-ordinator for our Social Economy partner in Manitoba, the Institute of Urban Studies at the University of Winnipeg. Monica attended the LLL annual regional conference in Sault Ste Marie at the end of April, the Building Community exhibit launch 18 May and the conference the following day, and the CASC conference in Montreal in early June.

Rob Dobrohoczki is studying for his PhD comprehensives. The class he teaches in co-op law concluded in April. He has one publication coming up, the chapter he assisted Brett with in the forthcoming book “Community Survival: Co-operative Solutions for Local Economies.” Rob attended the LLL annual regional conference in Sault Ste Marie at the end of April, as well as the Building Community exhibit launch 18 May and the conference the following day. He made a presentation at the CASC conference in Montreal, 4 June titled “Co-operatives, the Law, and the Pursuit of (Non)Profit in Canada.” And he is president of the Good Food Junction Co-op at Station 20 West in Saskatoon.

As noted in the Highlights section, on 31 March **Rochelle Smith** successfully defended her PhD dissertation titled “The Relationship of Saskatchewan’s Co-operative Community Clinics with the Government of Saskatchewan: Towards a New Understanding.”

Mitch Diamantopoulos has a full-time job as the head of the School of Journalism at the University of Regina. He has submitted a draft of his PhD dissertation on the promise and potential of worker co-operatives in Canada to his committee; he will deal with revisions during the summer and expects to defend sometime in the fall. He conducted a dozen interviews on the state of the worker co-op movement and the provincial development system in Saskatchewan during May. And he has recently made a number of presentations on the media industry crisis, including the option of co-operative alternatives; he has begun work on a research project to tackle co-operative media alternatives.

Publications

- ▲ “Belonging, Comfort, and Home: Globalization, Social Exclusion, and Innovations in Co-operative Housing,” chapter forthcoming in centre book “Community Survival: Co-operative Solutions for Local Economies”

- ▲ “A Co-operative Solution to the Jobs Crisis,” “Early Warning Checklist,” “Steps in the Buy-out Process,” and “Case Studies” — four-part series of worker co-operative buy-out guides edited for Co-op Ventures Worker Co-op; available at Canada’s co-operative development portal, www.coopzone.coop/en/buyout_guides
- ▲ *-30-: Thirty Years of Journalism and Democracy in Canada, The Minifie Lectures, 1981–2010*, edited collection published by Canadian Plains Research Centre; also wrote the introduction: “Extending the Democratic Frontier: Canadian Journalism and the Public Interest, 1981–2010”
- ▲ “Gimme Shelter: Case Study of an Innovative Co-operative Support Organization,” chapter forthcoming in a book from New Rochdale Press at the University of Victoria’s Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy

Mike Chartier has completed his second term as a PhD student in the InterD Co-op Concentration; he continues to work on his required courses. His research topic is “A Whiteheadian Approach to Ethical Decision Making: How Could It Facilitate Effective Co-operative Governance?” Mike was awarded two years of funding through the InterD program, and recently received approval to use his student travel funding from the centre to attend the “Process Metaphysics Summer Institute” in Paris, which focuses on the work of Alfred North Whitehead, whose theories are the subject of his dissertation. The educational foundations course he taught during spring semester concluded in April. Mike continues to sit on the board of the Saskatoon Community Clinic as well as the Community Clinic Foundation.

Kama Soles is almost finished her Interdisciplinary Studies MA thesis, “Empowerment through Co-operation: Disability Inclusion via Multi-stakeholder Co-operative Development,” which investigates the potential of the multi-stakeholder co-operative model for empowering people with disabilities. She attended the 2010 CASC conference in Montréal 1–4 June and presented a paper based on her thesis titled “Advantages of the Multi-stakeholder Co-operative Model for People with Disabilities.” Kama will defend her thesis in August.

Patricia Elliott has completed the second year of course work in the InterD PhD. Her dissertation will study the social economy of community media, looking specifically at the impact of grassroots community radio across a broad range of social networks, points of tension, and ultimately, social change.

Maria Basualdo has completed the second term of her PhD studies in the InterD Co-op Concentration. Her research topic is “Indigenous Women’s Community Development: A Comparison of Canada and Latin America.” Maria worked full time as the CUISR liaison until the end of April, continuing her involvement with the Social Economy research projects. In May, she left for a year’s contract with CIDA in Peru, where she will pursue field work for her dissertation.

Annette Johnson has completed the first term of course work for her PhD in the InterD Co-op Concentration; her dissertation is titled “Finding a Way Out: An Investigation into the Amalgamation of Worker Co-ops and Canadian Unions.