



A full house for fall



For the first time since opening in 2002, the LLC is full to capacity. With every bed in use, the 23 students who arrived at the mansion on Labour Day are quickly learning about the joys and challenges of living in community. Orientation week included the ever-popular “Food Fun with Dr. Don” cooking class, as well as the personal image session with Catherine Graham Bell, who turned out to be far less

intimidating than some students expected. Visits to Laurier House and Rideau Hall, tickets to the opera, and a day trip to Kingston rounded out the first month of life in Ottawa.

The semester began with everyone holding their breath, expecting politicians to plunge Canadians into another campaign. Despite some blustery speeches during Question Period, an election has been averted and students in political internships won't have to deal with the exciting, but tumultuous experience of being reassigned to campaigns or NGOs – at least for the time being.

New internships this semester include the War Museum, the Canadian Agricultural Review Tribunal, and several NGOs, including World Hope, World University Service of Canada and Results Canada.



All dressed up with some place to go. The requisite “family photo” before heading off to the opera.

Thank You!

Due to the generosity of the LLC alumni we were able to raise \$5000 towards the restoration of the brick work on the mansion. Combined with \$5000 from the City of Ottawa and \$10,000 in matching funds from the federal government, these donations allowed us to restore part of the north wall. Another \$15,000 in restoration money is available to us through the Parks Canada cost-sharing program. If you would like help us raise the matching \$15,000 please go to the TWU donations page <https://www1.twu.ca/Development/donate/single-donation.aspx>. For the donation type, on the drop-down menu, choose “Other”. In the Comments box, write “LLC building fund.”

Alumni News

Hannah Podlich (FA 07) married Adam Poush June 2009.

Raechel Healey (SP 09) and **Tyler Chamberlain** (SP 08) were married 29 August, 2009. They are living and working in Ottawa.

Jennifer Dagg (SP 08) is working as a writer in the office of Peter Goldring, MP.

Jesse Dunning (SP 08) has moved to Ottawa and is working in the PMO.

Kerala Levitt (FA 08) and **Mark Wall** (SP 06) were married 27 September, 2009.

Irene Cadrin (FA 07) has been accepted to a master's program in clinical psychology in Virginia.

Joel Giebelhaus (FA 02) has moved to Ottawa and taken a position as senior special assistant for policy to the minister of Western Economic Diversification.

Matt Triemstra (SP 04) and wife Shayla welcomed daughter Izabella Christine into their family on September 10.



Matt Triemstra with baby Izabella.

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Alumni profile: Miriam Booy, FA '05

During my internship at LLC I interned for Hon. MP David Kilgour, spending much of my time on international issues. After graduating in 2006 I embarked on a 6 month internship that turned into a two year job based in the Nuba Mountains, working for the Canadian NGO, FAR Sudan, (www.farsudan.org). My job was to provide program support in writing donor reports, new proposals for funding, and assisting with overall program implementation. Our programs focused on improving the livelihoods of returnees and host populations, following the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement between North and South Sudan.



Miriam Booy (centre) with colleagues from FAR. The women are wearing traditional Sudanese dress.

Living and working in a small village in such a remote location was challenging at times, but it was great to experience field level development. In no other job can you visit a women's vegetable garden, drive cement to a clinic under construction, and attend a community planning meeting, all in a days work. I learned the importance of community participation, ownership and project sustainability. The Sudanese I met were extraordinarily hospitable and generous people, and I learned much from them.

My interest in post-conflict reconstruction has continued as I am pursuing my Masters degree at the University of Guelph. I have just returned from Aceh, Indonesia where I conducted my research in reconstruction following the 2005 tsunami and the subsequent end to a 30 year conflict. I hope to continue working in the development field either overseas or in Canada.

Summer 2009 re-cap

Incredibly busy is the best way to describe the past summer at the LLC. From May 27 to June 7 works by seven of TWU's senior art students graced the tapestried walls of the mansion. The opening of the exhibit, entitled *Lingua Franca*, coincided with a visit from President Jonathan Raymond, who was on hand to raise banners commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Booth Mansion. The last weekend of the art show was also the weekend of Doors Open Ottawa. Four hundred visitors walked through the Booth Mansion giving plenty of exposure to both TWU's artists and to the LLC. Thank you to Sandi Dyxhoorn, Kristen VanderHoek, Anna Wong, Evan Bartel, Adrian Reimer and Michele Phillips for acting as hosts during Doors Open.



TWU President Dr. Jonathan Raymond, unfurls commemorative banners at the LLC. Dr. Raymond will be at the LLC again on October 27th for a 7pm reception with LLC alumni. Mark your calendars and watch your email for a reminder.

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Matt Pasiuk (FA 07) is living in Denver, CO, where he holds an executive position in a Denver-based investment company.

Tanja Johnson (FA 07) was accepted to the Scholars' Semester in Oxford program and is studying in England this fall.

Ben Doubroff (SP 08) is living in North Queensland, Australia where he hosts a radio show.

Lauren Ware (FA 06) is in the first year of her PhD in political philosophy at the University of Edinburgh.

Todd Foley (FA 08) is the communications coordinator for Canadian Food for the Hungry in Abbotsford.

Celene Montgomery (SP 08) began her law degree at the University of Alberta this fall.



Join us in December as we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Booth Mansion. Watch your email for more details.