

Another season, another semester

Autumn brings burnished leaves to Ottawa's tree-lined streets, plump pumpkins and rosy-cheeked apples to the market and, of course, a full house both on Parliament Hill and a few blocks away at 252 Metcalfe. This semester sees 23 bright and eager students enrolled at the LLC. The program continues to break ground, placing students in new internships placements, including: the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, Association of First Nations, the City of Ottawa, as well as MPs Linda Duncan (NDP), Kirsty Duncan (Liberal) and Brian Jean (Conservative). With all students beginning work within the first two weeks of school, we are enjoying a remarkably smooth start to the semester.

It has also been a very active start to the semester, thanks to the enthusiasm of our new class. Ultimate frisbee and bocce games on the Parliament lawn, the opera, hiking in Gatineau Park, a trip to Kingston and volunteering with the Ottawa Mission are just a few of the events that rounded out the students' calendar during their first month here.



New students and alumni took to the woods to enjoy the beauty of fall in Gatineau Park.

New LLC staff

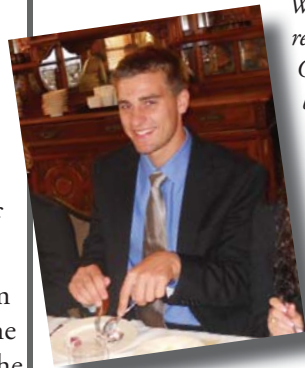
Fall brought two new staff members to the LLC team. Dr. Paul Heidebrecht is now teaching the ethics course and TWU alum Christie (Pederson) Esau moved into the role of administrative assistant and conference coordinator. Dr. Heidebrecht is currently the director of the Ottawa office of the Mennonite Central Committee. He studied at the University of Waterloo, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Marquette University.

Christie comes to the LLC from BC where she finished her English and Education degree at TWU. She married LLC alum Graeme Esau

(FA 08) in August and the couple have moved to Ottawa in order for Graeme to pursue a Masters in Public and International Affairs at the U of O. Please contact Christie at Christie.Esau@twu.ca with any alumni updates or to book our guest suite.



Graeme and Christie Esau were married by Cal Townsend on August 22, 2010.



We all remember Catherine Bell, but do we remember how to hold our forks? Jonathan Woof demonstrates fine form during O-week.

Alumni News

Ranelle (Massie) Sholter (SP 03) and husband Doug welcomed son Treyden into their family on September 27 following their move to Strathmore, AB.

Michael Kaiser and Sarah (Maxwell) Kaiser (FA 03) are living in Seattle where Michael is in a Master of Architecture program at the University of Washington and Sarah is a Donor Relations Manager for the National MS Society and a student in Seattle University's Executive Master of Non-Profit Leadership program.

Amy (Felton) Orbeck (FA 06) married Paul on September 5, 2010.

Chris Posehn (FA 06) married Denise Rude on July 10, 2010.

Kyle Bandy (FA 07) is interning with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation in Ottawa. He also serves on the electoral district associations for both the federal Conservative party and the Ontario Progressive Conservatives of Sarnia-Lambton.

Jesse Dunning (SP 08) moved back to BC this summer and began law school at UBC this fall.

Connor Hildahl (FA 08) married Renee Grootenboer on September 5, 2010. They

Alumni profile: Erin Haarsma on human rights in Morocco



Erin Haarsma (SP 09) with fiancé and current LLCer Sam VanderVeer.

Finding myself with some time between graduation and my wedding in February, I made an uncharacteristically impulsive choice and moved to Morocco for three months. Anticipating the start of law school in the fall of 2011, I wanted to do volunteer work in the area of law and human rights. I am very excited to be interning with the Moroccan section of Amnesty International, where I will be engaging Moroccan youth through media, activities and events, and Amnesty International campaigns, with the hope of motivating them to take up the cause of human rights in Morocco and world-wide.

In only a short time, I have had the opportunity to discuss religion, politics, and human rights with several young Moroccan women who, like the country itself, feel the pull of western influences and prevailing Muslim traditions. Living with a Moroccan couple in

the old Medina in Rabat, the capital of Morocco, has given me a snapshot of urban life in Morocco and the challenges it presents, while visiting the nomadic Berber people in the Sahara desert illustrated the diversity and disparity that can exist in one country. The history and location of Morocco place it at the intersection of European, Middle Eastern, and African ways of life; thus, I have found Moroccan culture is rich, the architecture beautiful, the food delicious, and the people gracious and friendly. I enjoy hearing an assortment of languages on the street, and I can't complain about the French pastry shops either!

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We'd love to hear from you!

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Thanks to our community

Restoration continued on the Booth Mansion this summer thanks to the timely response of the LLC family. Faced with a big need and a small time frame this spring, we asked you to donate to the building restoration fund and in a few short months we were able to raise \$10,000, which, when matched by the federal government, allowed us to finish repairing the brick work on the north wall of the building and to restore our cracked and crumbling steps. Thank you to everyone who gave.

The new gentlemen of 252 Metcalfe Street demonstrate that the newly restored stairs are functional and stylish.



This summer the LLC experienced the kindness of a good neighbour. Alumni will remember the Chelsea Club that met in the beautiful mansion next door to the LLC. The club disbanded in recent years, selling the building to Brian Lahey and Jules Sigler of the Properties Group. The new owners completely renovated the building, but were left with baby grand piano that was more of a hassle than an asset. Fortunately our path crossed with theirs and they agreed to donate the piano to the LLC. The 80-year-old instrument now graces the drawing room and the music it brings is an uplifting blessing to our community.

Suzanne Cailliau, current LLC student, plays a tune on the LLC's new baby grand piano.



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are living in the lower mainland where Connor works for UGM.

Joel Reinhardt (SP 09) began law school at the University of Ottawa this fall.

John Vanderveen (FA 09) married Jordyn Brandsma in Alberta this August. The couple live in Ottawa where John continues to work for the PMO and Jordyn is employed at the NRC.

Melody Holmes (SP 10) moved to China where she is teaching ESL in Zhengzhou in central eastern China for one year.

Alexandra Chandler (SP 10) began working as an administrative assistant to Senator Don Plett in September.