



## Hiring a CLC

It's the news many of you have been waiting for; we have hired a new Community Life Coordinator! Our new CLC will be Ryan Long, who we expect will be starting on August 1. Ryan was a student at the LLC in SP 07. Since then, he got married, graduated from TWU, and moved to Hungary to teach English. Ryan and his wife, Erin, have a baby girl, Audrey, so we look forward to having a family living at the LLC.



**Ryan Long** (SP 07), his wife Erin and their daughter Audrey pose for a family photo.

## Great things happen at LLC galas!

At the first LLC gala, held in April of last year, Kate Fraher sat next to Simon Ferguson. On Saturday, July 9, they re-enacted that evening, holding their wedding reception at the LLC. "We even had the same jazz band," says Kate.

Truly, great things happen at LLC galas. However, the galas are more than just a great opportunity to dress up and have a nice dinner. The second annual gala was held

on Friday, May 6 and raised over \$3,000 for LLC building restoration.

The restoration work has already been completed -- tuck pointing chimneys and fixing the join between the balustrade on the façade of the building. This work was made more necessary by last year's 5.0 earthquake in Ottawa. It has been made clear that Ottawa is on a fault line and we can expect more earthquakes in the future.

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We'd love to hear from you!

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## Alumni News

**Jared Kuehl** (FA 02) is now based in Calgary as Manager of Public Affairs and Policy Strategy for Enbridge.

**Matt Senft** (SP 06) has returned to Ottawa, and has accepted the position of Policy Analyst in Minster Finley's office.

**Jay Dorey** (FA 06) has accepted the position of Director of Public Relations for World Vision Canada.

**Carl and Tamara** (FA 07) **Isaak** welcomed the newest member of their family, Cara Marie on June 22, 2011.

**Brendan Kooy** (FA 07) has accepted the position of Eastern Ontario regional director with the Christian Labour Association of Canada and will be moving to Ottawa in the near future.

**Evan Bartel** (SP 08) is attending medical school at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia.

**Cassia Craig** (SP 09) is working overseas in Afghanistan for two years.

**Erin Haarsma** (SP 09) and **Sam VanderVeer** (FA 10) were married in February and they now reside in Ottawa.

**Gloria Schmidt** (SP 10) married Andrew Thiessen on February 12, 2011.

**Melinda Steenbergen** (FA 10) returned to Edmonton after her semester at the LLC and is now trying her hand at provincial politics as an administrative services coordinator for the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

**David van Hemmen** (FA 10) married TWU alum Amy Tedder in March. David works for Transport Canada.

**Jason Tamming** (SP 11) has accepted the position of Special Assistant with Roxanne James, MP for Scarborough Centre.

## Senator Don Meredith addresses LLC class

Senator Don Meredith, a recently appointed member of Canada's upper chamber, visited the LLC on March 21 to talk about his experience working to combat youth violence, eradicate racial discrimination and improve community and police relations in the Toronto area. An entrepreneur and pastor by occupation and training, Senator Meredith has been active in the Toronto neighbourhood of Jane and Finch, infamous for gang-related violence in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Senator Meredith started an inter-faith group committed to providing downtown youth with access to education and resources so that they can escape the entrapment of gang life.

Recalling one encounter he had with a gang leader in Toronto, Senator Meredith told the audience that he

asked the man why teenagers were joining gangs.

"He told me, 'Because I'm here and you're not.'" This response was a crystal clear affirmation to his growing belief that Christians and their churches need to be in the middle of our country's most difficult neighbourhoods, not tucked away on safer streets.

He is committed to working with whoever will join in the cause to make Canadian cities more hopeful places.

"You'll always find people who don't want to work with someone because he's

black or Muslim. Let those people go squabble in their corner," says Senator Meredith. "But you have to take this one Muslim, this one Hindu, and whoever else will work with you to be a part of the solution, not just part of the complaints."



Don Meredith was appointed to the Senate in December 2010 and spoke to the LLC class.

## Alum follow the campaign trail

LLC alumni campaigned coast to coast during this spring's general election. From Vancouver Island to Newfoundland they spread out to spread the word for various candidates and political parties. Following the election, many alumni returned to Ottawa, many changed jobs and a few "fresh" alumni settled into new positions.



Austin Jean (FA 08) and a co-worker on the campaign for Conservative MP Pierre Poilievre.

## Human trafficking documentary screened at the LLC

Last semester, LLC student Joel Pierik organized a screening of *Hope for the Sold*, a documentary that lifts the veil on the realities of human trafficking in Canada and abroad. After the documentary, LLC students and community members listened as Constable Carl DeJong of the Ottawa Police Services and Natasha Burton, who worked with International Justice Mission in Rwanda, spoke about their first-hand experience with the victims, perpetrators and cultural structures that surround human trafficking.

As Cst. DeJong pointed out, there are solid laws in the Canadian Criminal Code to prosecute human trafficking, but there is little understanding amongst law enforcement officers on the nature of the crime and those who commit it.

He is educating his fellow officers on the signs of human traffick-

ing and advocating for the launch of a vice-squad in Ottawa to deal specifically with this issue. Joel describes the event:

"This event was a chance for us to talk to people who apply the theories that we debate in university. Carl explained how the policies that we have studied are put into action in law enforcement. Carl is championing a particular approach to prostitution in Canada because it is not a theoretical problem to him—he deals with it every week."

Back on TWU's main campus, Tanya Myge and Callie Cochrane (both FA 10) raised awareness about human trafficking during Freedom Week. The week-long series of events included a rally, a prayer gathering and dramatic presentations that depicted the terror of human trafficking.