



GREBEL NOW

Peace and Conflict Studies Celebrates 30 - with Religion and Peace Building Focus

The 30th anniversary of Canada's first peace studies program will focus on the link between religion and peacemaking through the story of Pastor James Wuye and Imam Muhammad Ashafa of Nigeria, co-founders of the Interfaith Mediation Centre and the Muslim-Christian Dialogue Forum of Kaduna, Nigeria.

In the last fifteen years, Nigeria has been plagued with increased violence between its Muslim and Christian communities. In the early 1990s, Pastor Wuye and Imam Ashafa led opposing militia groups in Kaduna, resulting in great personal cost: Wuye lost an arm in 1992, while Ashafa lost his teacher and two sons the same year.

Both men were forever changed by the experience, and were transformed by readings of the Bible and Koran which encouraged peacemaking and solidarity. They staged a public debate in 1995, which developed into an ongoing dialogue through the Muslim-Christian Dialogue Forum. In 1999, they published *The Pastor and the Imam: Responding to*



Imam Ashafa and Pastor Wuye

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Grebel & Fair Trade

People at Grebel have long held values that the rest of the world is only now starting to recognize as important. One of these values is fair trade. In this issue of Grebel NOW, you will meet Grebel students past and present who are working with Ten Thousand Villages, a pioneering fair trade organization. Many credit Grebel with helping them develop awareness and values that translate into action through Ten Thousand Villages.

Jennifer Hoke ('99) who works as the Ten Thousand Villages Company Store communications manager in Akron, PA, says that her experience in the Grebel community validated the Mennonite values she grew up with and helped her "understand how we all need to work together to make a change in the world."

Emily Burgetz ('69) has been the chair of the Mennonite Christmas Festival at Harbourfront in Toronto for the past 18 years while her husband **Bruce** ('66) is the current chair of the Board of Directors for Ten Thousand Villages Canada. Emily says, "In terms of peace and equality, Ten Thousand Villages just makes a lot of sense. It is an incredibly effective way to help people help themselves."

Current student **Cassie Mathies**, coordinator of Grebel's Peace Society, was one of the organizers of the second-annual Make-A-Difference Market in early December, which featured fair trade handicrafts, clothes, jewellery and food products. Grebel students and the wider community responded eagerly to this opportunity to let shopping make a difference. Several of the vendors were Grebel students. The Peace Society was able to

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The Cheese Does Not Stand Alone

During Conrad Grebel's orientation in 1976, students played a game of The Farmer in the Dell and **Rich Willms** was left standing alone as "The Cheese". The nickname stuck throughout Willms' four years at Grebel, where he graduated as one of the first Peace and Conflict Studies students in 1980.

For the last 22 years, Willms has managed a fair-trade store called Ploughsharing in St. Louis, Missouri, a Ten Thousand Villages partner store. The store grew out of Willms' post-graduation placement with Mennonite Voluntary Service in St. Louis, and his desire to create a more visible form of peacemaking.



Rich "Cheese" Willms ('79) "Part of peacemaking is establishing relationships and seeing people as people," he says. "One way to do this is to develop economic ties. "Justice is another important aspect of Ten Thousand Villages: when we pay people fairly and treat them with dignity, as partners, we are less likely to see people as enemies or to consider dealing with others violently."

Willms credits his courses at Grebel for helping him develop the worldview he lives out each day at Ploughsharing. He recalls Conrad Brunk as a "mentor" and remembers developing global awareness and practical ideas for making the world a better place in courses that examined real life conflict situations and solutions. He also found a deep and abiding interest in mediation and restorative justice at Grebel and Project Ploughshares.

Today, the Cheese does not stand alone, but rather with people around the world in a belief that peace can begin with a cup of coffee.

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send \$550 from this event to La Casa Grande, a children's home for orphans in Benin, West Africa. Student **Mimi Hollinger-Janzen**, who started the Make-a-Difference Market last year, is originally from Benin and spent a summer working at La Casa Grande. The Peace Society hopes this market will become an annual event at Grebel. Read on to hear the stories of other Grebel alumni and current students and to find out how your purchases can make a difference in the world.



Emily Burgetz at the annual Harbourfront Mennonite Christmas Festival.



Shaimaa El Gazzar of She Craftz selling jewellery at the Make-A-Difference Market at Grebel.

Be careful what you study:

It could change your life. **Karl Vizvary**, a fourth year Peace and Conflict Studies major at Grebel, is evidence to this. Two years ago, Karl took Lowell Ewert's PACS 202 course on conflict resolution. Ewert, whose wife Jeanette, a Grebel alumna, works at Ten Thousand Villages and who believes "business is increasingly a force that can be harnessed to advance the cause of peace and human rights," invited a fair trade artisan to speak to the class and at a brown bag lunch. Vizvary was intrigued and wrote an enrichment report about fair trade coffee after the lunch. Last year, fair trade resurfaced as an issue in a course on Religion and Peace Building. Vizvary took with Nathan Funk. He jumped at the opportunity to do a service learning option, where he volunteered at the Waterloo Ten Thousand Villages store and wrote a report on the experience. "I loved the store and the concept and I worked more than the required thirty hours." In fact, Vizvary became a regular volunteer and is currently working as the store's temporary assistant manager.



Waterloo store manager Isabel Chocantas is delighted to have Vizvary as part of the volunteer staff at the store and sees a strong connection between Conrad Grebel and Ten Thousand Villages. "The Grebel students really understand the mission of our stores," she says. "The first thing they want to know about is fair trade and justice. They are really compassionate towards our artisans."

Vizvary makes a strong connection between what he is learning at Grebel and his work at Ten Thousand Villages.

"PACS has to do with resolving conflict and Ten Thousand Villages is about helping people in developing countries where their lives are adversely affected by conflict – whether it is economic injustice, poor governance, or lack of education. My program has raised my awareness about people in developing countries and what the developed world can do to help, not only on an individual level but on a global level."

Vizvary is optimistic about the difference fair trade makes in the world, "My research on coffee producers in Mexico showed that fair trade producers can send their children to school and end the cycle of poverty. Ten Thousand Villages helps kids, communities and families. Even what might seem like a small thing – mothers who are able to work from home – this is crucial. It's idealistic but I think it does work. Not so that it will end poverty forever, but moving toward that goal."

Grebel and Ten Thousand Villages has changed Vizvary, too. "I think more about the products I buy and where they're coming from. All my Christmas presents this year were fair trade goods and I got to explain to people what fair trade is, what it means, what it's doing."

FAIR TRADE Q & A

with Donna Stoltzfus, assistant designer,
Ten Thousand Villages, Lancaster, PA

Why is fair trade important?

Fair trade brings much more than regular work and fair pay. Artisans begin to see hope for the future, gain respect in their community and are able to provide for their families. They also enjoy making crafts unique to their culture. In turn, people who shop at Ten Thousand Villages feel positive about buying products of good quality that are handcrafted with care, produced by people whose lives are being dramatically improved.

What is the global impact of Fair Trade?

One of the principles of fair trade is environmental sustainability. Artisans often use natural materials such as grasses or bamboo, and recycled materials such as soda cans or flip flops. Fair trade items are made ethically (e.g. no child labour, fair wages) and have to meet high standards of quality.

What would you say to Grebelites who may not know about Ten Thousand Villages, or who might like to get involved?

I would encourage them to visit the Ten Thousand Villages Web site: tentousandvillages.ca to understand what we're about, where stores are located, and to shop online. I also encourage people to visit the Fair Trade Federation web site to learn more about Fair Trade and how their personal purchasing habits can make a difference. fairtradefederation.org



Fair trade means producers are given access to the international market, are paid a fair wage for their products, and work in decent social and environmental conditions. Between 2005 and 2006, fair trade sales increased by 41% to approximately \$2.3 billion worldwide.

The world's first fair trade supply chain was started in 1946 by Mennonite Central Committee worker Edna Ruth Byler who brought crafts home to sell to friends. The project flourished and became SELFHELP Crafts. In 1996, the organization was renamed Ten Thousand Villages, which in 2007 was working with more than 120 artisan groups in 35 countries in the developing world. Retail sales for Ten Thousand Villages Canada in 2006-07 were \$15.4 million.



The Bottom Line: Making a Difference

Len Rempel ('84) worked in the corporate retail world where the ultimate goal was to increase shareholder profit. Having studied Math and Accounting while living at Grebel, Rempel was looking for a job "with more meaning, a job that matched my values." Today, Rempel works as Ten Thousand Villages' Operations Manager/CFO.

He says, "I believe that faith should play a role in all our choices, including the economic ones. Where we shop or which bag of coffee we buy has an impact on others and we need to make these choices carefully."

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Rempel recalls his time at Grebel as formative in shaping these values. "The most significant value that I have from my Grebel days is the importance of community. Since my time there, my definition of community has grown to have a more global reach. Grebel also showed me that community means solidarity with others, working for justice and a way to make a difference in the lives of individuals. In some ways, these values were with me from my childhood, but they took on new meaning at Grebel."

"Since joining Ten Thousand Villages, place names are not just some obscure reference – stories in the news or my children's school projects become more personal. My children now have global dreams for the future." Rempel's family now buys only fair trade coffee, tea and sugar.

When asked whether fair trade necessarily means more expensive, Rempel disagrees, "Fair trade provides a different perspective for the trading model. It is more than just "price" that is important -- long-term commitment to producers, treating them with respect and dignity.

"Having said this, the price paid to the producer is where it begins. We do not begin with a price in mind and then source a producer that can meet that price. We begin with the producers, work with the products they produce and the cost it takes for them to produce it. We also look at what a fair or reasonable price is in their local context. This translates into the price we need to charge in order to cover our costs. In



Len Rempel visits an artisan in Cameroon. Rempel lives with his wife Kathleen (Boutet) ('85) and their children Emily, Greg and Kim in New Hamburg, ON.

some cases, this may mean that a product sells for more than it would elsewhere but this is not always the case."

"In my office I have various products and pictures of artisans with whom we work, people whose lives are better for their involvement with Ten Thousand Villages. As I look at these things and think about the people behind the products and pictures, I know that I am making a difference and that motivates me."

Pursuing Peace



Kara Klassen and Leah Reesor are the organizers of the Inter-Collegiate Peace Fellowship conference to be held at the Grebel February 29-March 2 on the theme, "Building Bridges, Breaking Down Barriers: Religion's Role in Reconciliation." More than 60 students from across Canada and the United States are already registered for the conference, which will feature keynote speakers Pastor James Wuye and Imam Muhammad Ashafa of Nigeria, as well as many noted workshop leaders.

Since 1958, the Inter-Collegiate Peace Fellowship (ICPF) student conference has been hosted at Mennonite and Mennonite-affiliated universities and colleges throughout the United States and Canada. The aims of the ICPF are to promote and inform students on peace issues and to provide a forum for students to build networks and create linkages with other students who share their interest in peacebuilding across North America.

Reesor, who is taking a joint major in Peace and Conflict Studies and Political Science, and who spent an internship term working in Jamaica, had been to an ICPF conference in 2005. She was excited to bring the conference to Conrad Grebel because of Grebel's unique culture among Mennonite schools, in part because of its affiliation with the larger university and also because of its location in a diverse, multicultural community.

Klassen is a final year student in Peace and Conflict Studies and Social Development Studies who has lived in Nigeria and Uganda. She was drawn to the theme of the conference and believes it will be eye-opening for both students from other Mennonite colleges and for those who take multiculturalism for granted. Klassen's own studies of religion and peace-building introduced her to the work of Pastor Wuye and Imam Ashafa, and their creative ways of pursuing peace.

Alumni Award

The Conrad Grebel University College Distinguished Alumni Service Award for 2008 will be presented to award-winning journalist **Ruth Teichroeb** ('80) during the celebrations of Grebel's Peace and



Ruth Teichroeb ('80)

Conflict Studies 30th anniversary on February 29, 2008. Teichroeb, a 1980 graduate of the University of Waterloo, was one of the first students to take a minor in the Peace and Conflict Studies program. The purpose of the award is to honour significant service and contributions of Grebel alumni while inspiring other alumni and current students.

"The PACS courses I took at Grebel helped me develop tools to analyze why conflicts between individuals and communities sometimes deteriorate into violence," said Teichroeb. "At Grebel, I learned to dig deeper and look for links between individual struggles and systemic injustices, something that has been invaluable in my journalism career."

The focus on Teichroeb's journalism career has been social change and justice. She has written extensively on children including issues of abuse of deaf children, protection for unaccompanied children, and fatal neglect of children in the child welfare system. She has also written on mad cow disease, justice for interned immigrants, abusive police officers, domestic violence, and DNA test problems in crime labs.

"At Grebel, I learned that societies can't afford to ignore those on the fringes. And I have spent much of the last two decades writing about those who are most vulnerable and telling stories that could make a difference," says Teichroeb.

The PACS 30th Anniversary Multimedia DVD is available with a donation of \$500 or more to the Frank H. Epp Memorial Fund. Proceeds will support the PACS program at Grebel.

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Conflict, a guide for peaceful management of conflict and reconciliation based on passages from the Bible and the Qur'an.

One of the most significant achievements of the center has been the "Kaduna Peace Declaration," which sets the stage for building and sustaining peaceful co-existence of the two communities, and which was signed in August 2002 by twenty senior religious leaders. Pastor Wuye and Imam Ashafa have successfully facilitated dozens of conflict resolution activities and interventions, in increasingly wider circles within Nigeria and around the world.

Pastor Wuye and Imam Ashafa will speak at the February 29 Celebration, which is also the opening event of the 2008 Inter-Collegiate Peace Fellowship conference. They will also speak at the Frank H. Epp Memorial Fund Fundraising Dinner on March 1, along with Conrad Brunk, founding director of Peace and Conflict Studies.

Glimpses of the iPACS Certificate Program

Carol Seglins was seeking new ways to build consensus-building techniques in her work as mayor. Certificate programs in peace and conflict resolution helped "build new directions and inclusive planning models." In her work today as a judge, Seglins is using the skills she learned to help individuals in crisis build life skills and coping tools. "I have incorporated these very valuable principles into my work but also into my consideration of issues at national and international levels."

Marty Klein had been a Family Law lawyer for 23 years and was "desperately searching" for a way to bring peace in the midst of brokenness, to resolve disputes in which "there are no losers". The IPACS Certificate courses he has taken provided that alternative, and have also enriched Marty's own life.



Rose Ong'ech arrived from Kenya in January to study peace and conflict studies as a recipient of the Global Conflict Management Transformation Award.

Chapel Retreat



Grebel students made a "resurrection mural" at the winter chapel retreat in January. The theme of the weekend was "Reflections on Jesus' Resurrection."

Environmental Challenge

Grebel students are responding to a call to reduce energy with the Residence Reduction Challenge. Residence students are trying to reduce their use of energy and water and minimize their creation of waste.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Energy, this challenge encourages Ontario university residences to reduce energy consumption. While the real winner will be the environment, the winning college or university will receive a solar panel and a cash prize.

Grebel environmental representative **Leila Willoughby-Oakes** says, "The hope is to create sustainable behaviours, not only during but after the challenge. This will reduce expenditures at Grebel and create a respect for natural resources."

Grebel students are among the organizers of a Green Bomber Party where students from all four UW colleges will learn about how their actions can contribute to reducing energy consumption. Waste audits and energy and water bills will determine the winner at the end of February.

Chapel Choir 2008 TOUR

- March 16 Hillcrest Mennonite
- April 13 Grebel Convocation
- April 25 MCEC Gathering, Leamington
- April 26 Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart IN
- April 27 Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen IN
- April 28 Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen IN

Term End Music Recitals

12:30 pm Chapel
Free Admission
Tuesday, March 25
Thursday, March 27
Monday, March 31
Wednesday, April 2
grebel.uwaterloo.ca/music

Bananas and Peace

Second-year Peace and Conflict Studies student **John Wray** has won second place in the bi-national C. Henry Smith Oratorical Contest with his speech "Banana Workers and Involving Anger in the Christian Peace Position." Wray, who won a \$300 award at Conrad Grebel for his speech, was presented with a cash award of \$225 and a scholarship to attend a peace-related conference or seminar of his choice.



Rhubarb Launch



Todd Schiedel ('03) reads his work.

Appreciative listeners gathered in Conrad Grebel's Chapel on the evening of Saturday December 8 to hear readings from established and new writers whose work was included in the special Ontario edition of Rhubarb magazine. Contributors to this edition, subtitled "Words and Images from Ontario" include Grebel alumni and student writers Kristen Mathies, Todd Schiedel, Aleda Klassen, Melanie Cameron, Dylan Siebert and Carrie Snyder, as well as artists Chris Tiessen and Matthew Tiessen. Guest editors were Hildi Froese Tiessen and Margaret Loewen Reimer. Copies of the magazine can be ordered for \$7 (or \$25/year's subscription) by contacting www.mennolit.com

Conrad Grebel's Student Council
presents

Children of Eden

a musical by Stephen Schwartz
March 13 7:00 pm
March 14 7:00 pm
March 15 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm
Humanities Theatre, UW
\$10 students/seniors
\$12 adults
Call 519-888-4908



Carol Ann Weaver and Rebecca Campbell.

Every Three Children

Grebel professor Carol Ann Weaver's latest CD -- Every Three Children -- was released at a concert on January 26 in Grebel's Chapel. Images and sounds from Weaver's trips to South Africa were shown in a multi-media presentation to the capacity audience, before the concert, which featured vocalist Rebecca Campbell, flautist Emma Elkinson, cellist Ben Bolt-

Martin, drummer Jonathan Sauder and the Grebel Chapel Choir under the direction of Len Enns. Proceeds from this concert and CD sales will be directed to AIDS relief in Africa through the Mennonite Central Committee and the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Copies of Every Three Children can be purchased by calling 519-885-0220 ext.24226 or by email at caweaver@uwaterloo.ca

Who is a Mennonite?



Canadian Mennonite historian Dr. Royden Loewen addressed this question in his Rodney & Lorna Sawatsky Lecture at Conrad Grebel on November 8, 2007, examining the "creative tension" between faith and ethnicity.

People

Clayton Grassick ('96) writes: On August 25, 2007 I married Catherine-Anne Miller at Church of the Redeemer in Toronto. We are going to live in Kathmandu, Nepal for five months starting early January. While I'm there I'll continue to do contract work for the United Bible Societies in the area of computational linguistics. I'm still reachable at clayton@claytronics.org



Nathan Paul Krueger Wiebe, son of **Jennie (Krueger)** ('99) and **Colin Wiebe** ('01), brother to Naomi and Joshua, was born on Wednesday, December 19 at 2:04 p.m. at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton, weighing 6 lbs., measuring 19 inches. He lived for two hours surrounded by much love, and passed away peacefully in his parents' arms.

Gerald Neufeld ('92) who spent 7 years in Tokyo and 4 years in Miyazaki as a Mission Worker with Mennonite Church Canada, plans to move back to Canada with his wife and their three children. Rena is 6, Jay is 5, and Irene is 1 year-old. Gerald says, "I was surprised to discover there were a number of Japanese choirs that sang 'black gospel' music! (They sing in English)."

Vaughn Climenhaga ('05) is in his third year in the PhD program in Math at Penn State University. He blogs at <http://va-gogan.blogspot.com>

Rick Cober Bauman ('85) has been appointed Executive Director of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Ontario. Rick has been part of the MCC community for 19 years and has served as Program Director for the last nine years.



Maeghan Ray ('05) has begun studies in international health with a focus on gender, health and HIV-AIDS at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh, Scotland. She hopes to conduct thesis studies in Africa this summer.

Noel ('85) and **Crystal (Siemens) Erhardt** ('85) and their children Braden, Brianna, Lucas and Karissa were part of a missions trip last summer to Arequipa, Peru where they worked in an eye clinic and tested 5000 people in two weeks and performed 332 surgeries.



Jennifer (Hamm) ('00) and Scott Konkle are having a lot of fun with their newest addition, **Jared Theodore**, born November 28, 2007. Big brother Eben has been showing him the joy of playing and the art of wrapping grandparents around fingers. Jen is currently on maternity leave from her position as com-



munication coordinator at Grebel and Scott works as a computer programmer at Stantec in Kitchener.

Rebecca (Gingerich) ('02 and '03) and **Josh Gibbins** ('04), Senior Residents, are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Caleb Andrew on January 25, 2008.

Grebel professor **Carol Ann Weaver's** composition *Water* had its world premiere on November 29, 2007 as part of the University of Waterloo's 50th anniversary.

Nate Gundy ('04) and **Jessica Witmer** ('06) are enjoying life after moving back to Ohio. Nate is teaching high school English at Central Christian (Mennonite) High School in Kidron and helping to coach soccer. Jessica is working at a local hospital in the ER department as a nurse while also taking classes towards a nurse practitioner degree.



Sarah McGrath ('06) the first PACS Honours major grad has been accepted to the faculty of Law at the University of Western Ontario and will begin classes in September 2008.

Let us know

Tell us about address and job changes, general updates, retirement adventures, new additions, marriages or deaths. Send your name, address, year graduated, email, photo and news to Susan Fish, greblweb@uwaterloo.ca

Grebel Alumni in Ottawa



Peter Harder ('75), one of Canada's longest-serving deputy ministers and former Grebel student council president, spoke at a UW Alumni reception at the Canada Aviation Museum in Ottawa on January 31. He is pictured here with (from left) Glen Wurster ('03), Darren Krahn ('01), Adam Feiner ('05), Adam Schlegel ('03), Alta McFie ('70), Henry Paetkau ('76, '77), Eric Friesen ('67) and Peter Harder ('75). (Photo: Fred Martin)

Grebel is looking for a married couple for the position of Campus Hosts (formerly Senior Residents), beginning approx. June 1, 2008. The role involves living in an apartment in the College's residence building and supervising the College during non-business hours. Rent and utilities are free in exchange for performance of duties. Applicants should be mature, responsible and able to relate to a broad range of people, especially students in residence. If interested contact E. Paul Penner, CGUC Operations Manager, at (519) 885-0220, ext. 24231 or eppenner@uwaterloo.ca. If interested, please apply immediately.

Congratulations 2007-08 Winners

Grebel proudly congratulates these scholarship and award winners. Thank you to all those who have set up memorial scholarships and awards to honour family members, as well as friends who have given freely to these funds over the years.

Agnes Giesbrecht Choral Music Scholarship - Sarah Heyer

A. James Reimer TMTC Award Rene Baergen

Alice Eisen Leadership Award Khuong Truong, Lynn Thomas

Becky Frey Student Scholarship John Wray

Clemens Scholarships in Music Sarah Heyer, Leanne Hill

David Regier Student Award Kara Gossen, Kristen Ollies, Amanda Zehr

Dean's Residence Award Tierney Smith, Miriam Stewart-Kroeker

George E. and Louise Schroeder Residence Award - Leah Harder, Erik Streufert

Global Conflict Management and Transformation Award - Rose Ong'ech

Good Foundation Scholarship Lauren Clark-Gallant, Cassie Mathies, David Metcalfe, David Schultz

GTS Tuition Scholarship Award Zohreh Abdekhodaie, Sarah Johnson, Steve Park, Katryn de Salaberry, Lori Reesor, Keith Regehr, Sarah Whyte

Grebel Student Award - Alecia Bauman, Jason Booy, Reuben Eby, Laura Farlow

Hildebrand Family Award - Sarah Good **Jacob Andres Scholarship** Ryan Hildebrandt

Jean Caya Music Award

Cecile Michniewicz,
Mary-Catherine McNinch-Pazzano

Joan Weber Award - Jessica Cober, David Smith, Faith-Anne Wagler,

Lucinda Robertson Scholarship

Laura Wadsworth, August Griffin

Lina Wohlgenut Bursary - Leah Reesor, Kara Klassen, Rose Ong'ech

MCC Peace Award & PACS

Internships - Kathryn Deckert, Nicole
Heaney, Tamara Lewis, Jessica Reesor,
Steven Rempel

Music and Culture Award - Nova Scripnick, Sarah Hall, Brook Hancock

Peter C. and Elisabeth Williams

Memorial Fund Scholarship

Kathryn Deckert, Tobin Reimer

Robin Coupland Jutzi Scholarship Pamela Christie, Leah Reesor

Rudolph & Helwig Rempel Award Jillian Ferguson, Lindsay Minaker

Sauer Family Award

Becky Klassen, Sarah Connors, Aaron
Heerema

Shantz Travel Award - Lauren Faber, Jenna Goodhand, Ibrahim Hany, Joseph Lance, Cassie Mathies, Denise Whaley, John Wray

Stauffer Entrance Award

Alina Balzer-Peters, Maya Ewert,

Rebecca Steiner, Stephanie Yantzi

Student Council Award

Kelsey Bowman, Kathleen Mahoney

Upper Year Residence Award

Stephanie Gedcke, Joel Gundy, Angie
Hostetler, Rosabeth Koehn, Kevin Martin,
Maria Steinman, Raymond Taylor

Vic and Rita Krueger Family PACS

Award - Rudi Oballa'ker Okot

William Dick PACS Field Study Award

Jessica Reesor

Women of MCEC Theological Studies

Award - Jean Lehn Epp, Katryn de Salaberry



The Regier family meets one of the students who received the David Regier Student Award. L. to r. Ron Regier, Kristen Ollies, Hilda Regier.

A. James Reimer TMTC Award
recipient for 2007-08 **Rene Baergen** has a Bachelor of Theology from Canadian Mennonite Bible College, a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Wilfrid Laurier, and an MA (Theology) from University of St Michael's College. He is in his fifth year of doctoral studies at Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology, majoring in New Testament, and expects to graduate in 2009.



Currently, Rene is resident at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, conducting research for his doctoral dissertation. His thesis research focuses on understanding the significance of the Gospel's portrayal of Jesus in Galilee, "by the sea", as an expression of the incarnation in time and place.

Rene says, "I am very honoured to be recognized with the Reimer Award. The award is an expression of the spirit of mutual support and collaboration which characterizes the TMTC community. As a biblical scholar, I also acknowledge Jim Reimer's commitment to enlivening the church's engagement with Scripture. I hope to reflect the ideals of this award in my scholarship."

What An Award Means

by **Erik Streufert**, recipient of the George E. and Louise Schroeder Residence Award

This award has allowed me to return to live in the Grebel apartments. Without it, I would have lived off campus. The apartments have a strong sense of community in which we have had lots of potlucks and baking parties. Without this scholarship I would not be having these experiences, coming over for community supper and meeting new people

Grebel respects its upper year students. This is important for the whole community. Instead of each year reinventing the wheel, I can use the knowledge I have to give support and answer questions.

Grebel has allowed me to find a group of

friends I have grown very close to. Even when my family was out of the country for Thanksgiving, I was still with family -- my Grebel family. Grebel has also allowed me to meet people who are not in my program or who do not have similar beliefs to

mine. This has challenged me to understand other people's opinions and has allowed me to look at the world through their eyes.

Grebel has also helped me to grow spiritually. Grebel is a Christian community and this has allowed me to understand my views on Christianity more. Grebel has allowed me to become a better rounded person

I would like to thank George and Louise Schroeder, who have generously made my scholarship possible and have allowed me to continue to be a part of Grebel.



Calendar of Events

Friday February 29 - March 2, 2008
Conrad Grebel
Inter-Collegiate Peace Fellowship
Conference

Friday February 29, 2008
7:30 pm, Atrium, Centre for International
Governance Innovation
PACS 30th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday March 1, 2008
6:30 pm, Dining Room, Conrad Grebel
Fundraising Dinner - Frank Epp Memorial
Fund

Thursday & Friday March 13 & 14, 2008
7:30 pm, Great Hall, Conrad Grebel
Bechtel Lectures with Alfred Neufeld

Thursday - Saturday March 13-15, 2008
Humanities Theatre, UW
Garden of Eden - student musical

Friday April 11, 2008
7:30 pm, Great Hall, Conrad Grebel
Eby Lectures with A. James Reimer

Sunday April 13th, 2008
2:00 pm, ML Theatre of the Arts, UW
Conrad Grebel Convocation

Tuesday June 3, 2008
6:30 pm, Dining Room, Conrad Grebel
Lebold Endowment Fundraising Banquet

Grebel Reunion 1985-90

Alumni from the 1985-90 era,
save this date for your
alumni gathering:
Saturday, September 27, 2008
This is one event you can't miss!

Contact Wendy Cressman-Zehr ('89)
dwzehr@golden.net or Fred W.
Martin ('87) 519-885-0220 x24381 or
fwmartin@uwaterloo.ca



Grebel Summer Accommodations

Planning a wedding, a retreat, a
family reunion, a conference, or
seminar? Looking for a place to
stay while visiting K-W?

This summer, have your event at
Grebel! Single or double rooms,
4-person apartments, classrooms,
meeting rooms, and the dining
room are all available for use!

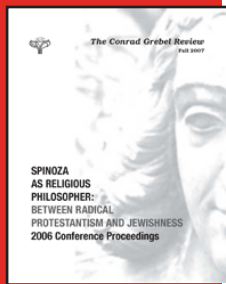
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