



GREBEL NOW

Defining Words

"We want the words of our mission statement to come alive this year, and we want our various and individual names to come alive with the uniqueness and distinctiveness that characterizes each of us." With this bold statement, President Henry Paetkau has set the tone for the entire school year.

During Grebel's commencement ceremony, students were asked to reflect on the individual words in the mission statement. Henry highlighted the verbs that call to action and the nouns that define the purpose, content, and meaning of that action. "What do those words, and combinations of words, actually mean? What gives them meaning? And how do they move from mere letters on a page to life and action?" In an effort to answer these huge questions, Henry postulated that "in our life together they begin to have content and meaning. They begin to carry us to new places and define us in new ways, even as we define them in new and unique ways."

Students, faculty, and staff were invited to sign a stylized mission statement - a symbol for the Grebel community this year. It hangs in the Atrium as "a collection of names and words that will be arranged and rearranged in many and diverse ways to give our time together meaning and purpose, to bring us joy and beauty, sometimes challenge and often comfort us, conjuring up our deepest hopes and fondest dreams," noted Henry.



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MTS Grad Heads for South Africa

Andrew Suderman has found himself sailing through life, ultimately landing in South Africa as a volunteer. He graduated with a Master of Theological Studies (MTS) degree from Grebel this spring and, with his wife Karen, quickly signed on with Mennonite Church Canada to explore the possibility of establishing an Anabaptist Network and Resource Centre.

Likening his life journey so far to a sailboat tacking back and forth through the water, Andrew has deliberately attempted to "tack" from experience to education. Although he did not initially focus his energy on education, Andrew now embraces its importance. "Education is not only the pursuit of what information we can retrieve when asking a particular

question, but it teaches and challenges us to think about what kind of questions we should be asking in the first place."

Throughout his life, Andrew has deliberately tried to work in areas and in jobs that he has been passionate about. He has "attempted to live out and witness the hope that the church embodies within our society." This self-given mandate has also led Andrew to work with offenders and ex-offenders in and around the Winnipeg area and to manage a homeless shelter in Kitchener.

When reflecting on his time spent studying at Grebel, Andrew says he was "pushed, challenged, and encouraged by the other students and professors as to what it

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Peace is a Journey by Sara Brubacher

The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations as an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and nations to commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace on a shared date. This year, Conrad Grebel University College welcomed Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish MD, MPH as a guest for the day. As a man who has devoted his life to medicine, treating both Palestinian and Israeli patients, Dr. Abuelaish is a committed advocate of forgiveness and healing in the search for reconciliation in the Middle East.



His painful story made international headlines during the attacks on Gaza last winter as Dr. Abuelaish tragically lost three of his daughters and a niece when Israeli tank shells shattered his house in the Jabala camp. The drama was broadcast live on Israeli television, capturing for the first time the lethal toll that the battle was taking on Gaza's civilian population and conveying it right into the living rooms of Israelis and others around the world.

"Nothing is bad from God, what is bad is from human hands." This is a phrase I heard over and over as we celebrated Peace Day at Grebel this year with Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish. We were honoured to have him join us for the day as we heard his story in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. From high school groups to senior Peace and Conflict Studies students, to the larger student body, faculty, and community, Dr. Abuelaish touched all of our minds and hearts with his story of suffering and yet ultimate forgiveness and work for reconciliation.



While Dr. Abuelaish's tragedy is not unique, his position to make a response is. His work as a doctor has brought him into relationships with both Palestinians and Israelis, and he is highly respected in both communities. This face to face contact means that he knows the "other" and cannot hate them. He has seen both Israelis and Palestinians in birth and in death, and knows that there is no difference between them. A man of peace, he taught his children to follow in his footsteps, and the tragedy is made even greater in that the world has lost some brilliant and beautiful women who were dedicated to changing it for the better.

While the death of his daughters hurts terribly, he knows that it is impossible to bring them back. So, instead Dr. Abuelaish is working for what he believes is possible: reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis. He is a living example of this possibility. He knows and loves both people, and believes that they can live together in peace, for "a small house can hold many friends."

As I spent the day with Dr. Abuelaish, his personal testimony challenged me to examine my own biases. How can I struggle with forgiveness, when I have not suffered as he has? I watched him throughout the day: hearing him speak two times, once to the 11th grade high school students here for Peace Day activities and another time at the public evening lecture; breaking bread with him and talking further over a wonderful Arab meal; laughing together on stage when he mistakenly thought I spoke Hebrew and greeted me in that language as a gesture of peace when I was presenting the thank you at the end of his evening lecture. I learned so much that I will carry with me and remember as I struggle over the unfairness of situations and want to blame one side or the other.

According to Dr. Abuelaish, peace is a journey: a journey which we were privileged to share with him that day and which we are called to continue. His response to violence with an overwhelming message of forgiveness and reconciliation is powerful and inspiring. I hope and pray that we can carry his words in our hearts, and act with courage on our own journey of peace.

Sara Brubacher is no stranger to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. She was born in Jerusalem and as a small child lived literally on the border between Israel and Palestine. Most recently, this summer she went to Jordan to participate in an East/West Dialogue and Peacebuilding workshop, then on to Israel and Palestine to visit different peace organizations while staying with Palestinian families. She is a second year Peace and Conflict Studies and Religious Studies student.



New Year at Grebel

With a record 243 students connected with Grebel's residential program, this year's group represents a good blend of faculties, geographic origins, and faith backgrounds. Especially exciting is Grebel's participation in the University of Waterloo Student Refugee Program which is enabling two African refugees to live at Grebel while studying at UW. Already, many activities and clubs have been generated this term with high student involvement.

As always, Frosh Week events were imaginative and inclusive, silly and useful. With the game of "Clue" as this year's theme, first year students participated in the annual penny event, Monte Carlo night, wide games, and the first ever "Pie the FOC Leaders" event. In a twist on the now forbidden but always remembered "Frosh Wash", the frosh "washed" the leaders with a unique combination of water, flour, and whipped cream. Upper year students attended a meet & greet with Grebel faculty and staff, and hosted a successful car wash that raised almost \$300 for the House of Friendship's emergency food hamper program.

While it didn't give students a moment to rest, the all-college retreat at Camp Trillium was again an exercise in intense group bonding. Teams with names centred around vegetables cheered randomly, games of ultimate football, floor hockey, and canoe tipping erupted, all mixed in with camp songs, student reflections, and a group worship service.

Bring on the 2009-2010 school year!



The Naked Truth about Chapel

This term's Chapel theme of "Naked Truth" captured energy and imagination in the early stages of planning. Chaplain Ed Janzen says that "our hope is to be challenged past the concern in our society to manage appearances. We are in pursuit of the profound joy which comes from an abiding commitment to the Gospel of Christ in our life together. We pray that Truth will fill and direct us."

The Chapel Committee continues to be incredibly popular with 19 students signed up this year. Each week a small group works at planning worship for the coming week. Other leaders pick up responsibilities for other aspects of the Chapel program. "The energy and enthusiasm of the group is a treat to work with," says Ed. "The diverse perspectives ensure both good balance and good discussion as we work through our understanding."

In addition to weekly Chapel, Praise and Worship nights and Morning Prayers, a group is reading through the Gospels and another group is reading the Prophets.

MTS Grad in South Africa

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means to follow Jesus in the different contexts that we found ourselves in, from a range of church ministries to secular professions. The time spent wrestling with different biblical and theological themes will continue to help in this new context."

Practically speaking, Andrew expects that his MTS degree will help in South Africa where he will have different opportunities to teach classes on theological themes from an Anabaptist perspective. He and Karen have been meeting different people, churches, and institutions who are interested in Mennonite and Anabaptist thought, especially in how it relates to peace and justice.

While Andrew admits to feeling occasionally overwhelmed by their project goals, he is far more excited by the

opportunity to connect those who have been influenced by different Mennonite and Anabaptist groups with one another and to help provide resources for the different ministries, churches, and institutions. He is "grateful to have the opportunity to be in South Africa to learn how God has been at work in this beautiful land and through such wonderful people." Andrew and Karen have already met "some amazing people who have experienced and suffered so much through apartheid, but who are hopeful in what the future holds."

When asked about what he is most looking forward to in the next 3 years of his volunteer term, Andrew is excited to work with passionate people who are witnesses in a land that has suffered so much. "In a world



that is so intent in trying to solve their problems through the use of violence," he writes, "it is inspiring to see, learn, and walk with those who are witnessing to the world what it means to embody the Good News in their different contexts—creating communities that embody peace, hope, and reconciliation in the way they interact with their neighbours and their enemies."

STUDENT LIFE

Canoes and Memories



Fall Fair Day 2009

Fall Fair Day is an annual event when families are invited to Grebel to experience a taste of student life. This year, amid the carnival atmosphere of popcorn, cotton candy, and midway games, parents and siblings attended a mini-lecture, a short chapel service, and a brief talent show. Associates submitted about 20 pies of all flavours and designs in the 10th annual pie baking contest. Despite the rain, there was a huge family turnout and Grebel's hallways and gathering spaces were packed!



Thanksgiving at Grebel

This 22 pound perfectly cooked turkey was the main dish in a full Thanksgiving meal at Grebel over the Thanksgiving holiday. All students who were left at the College feasted



photo by Kate Findlay

A highlight of the summer for Chaplain Ed Janzen was a canoe trip to Algonquin Park with eight Grebel students. The group spent four days at Rain Lake, enjoying the sun, rain, and nature. According to Ed, some of the best moments of the trip included fabulous meals, swimming in water that was "absolutely fantastic - warm and fresh - just great!" and stargazing and comet watching in the middle of the night. Ed recounts when the group "pulled our canoes together in a little pool of water and spread out a great lunch, even with the biggest raindrops that you've ever seen coming down on us." This trip has happened four times in recent years and continues to create amazing memories.

Grebel Gardeners

Student Council chooses one or two Environmental Reps each term. Jen Van Overbeeke and Jonathan Van Egmond took their job to a whole new level this past summer when they began a community garden at the front of the Grebel residence building. While a group of 5 or 6 students took responsibility for the majority of the gardening, extra helping hands were easy to find on heavy work days. Diligent tending led to a harvest of tomatoes, onions, carrots, green peppers, and eggplants, all distributed throughout the apartments. There are hopes that in the future, the vegetables can be sold to the apartments and the proceeds donated to a local food charity.

One of this term's Environmental Reps, Andrew Stroud, has begun a vermicomposting project in the Grebel apartments. At the moment, the worms live in his closet, but he plans to expand the worm population so every apartment unit can have a bin. Andrew felt compelled to start this project, hoping to apply it to the problem of green waste in the Grebel kitchen.



photo by Joshua Enns



Solar Grebel

In September 2008, a group of students led by Julia Cherneshevich, got together and decided that solar thermal technology was an efficient, cost-effective project that would reduce Grebel's use of natural gas. Over the past year, there have been about 20 enthusiastic students contributing to "Solar Grebel", all excited for Grebel to reduce its impact on the environment. Their goal is to contract, fund, and initiate the installation of a solar thermal water heating system at Conrad Grebel University College.

This group is serious about its efforts. In the last year they have:

- received approval from the CGUC Administrative Executive
- secured \$6500 of funding from the CGUC Student Council and the College
- completed a Request for Proposals for suppliers
- applied for \$20,000 of additional funding (so far)

Jonathan Van Egmond, who is currently co-leading the project, explained that "projects of this type require an initial investment, and then, as natural gas use is reduced, the project pays off. An estimated payback period for projects of this type is around 10-15 years."

Solar Grebel hopes to raise \$30,000 for the system and plans are underway to install the thermal array in the spring of 2010. As any student who has lived in residence over the summer knows, Grebel's peaked roofs are ideal for collecting and storing the sun's energy!



DEVELOPMENTS

2009-10

Annual Fund Update

This year we require donations of **\$365,000** to ensure that Grebel remains a special place for our students. These donations help to provide funding for a variety of aspects of our programs that are not fully financed by tuition or residence revenue.

- Our Student Services program includes excellent resources in Ed Janzen, our chaplain, and Mary Brubaker-Zehr, our director of student services, who provide support and leadership development programs for our students.
- Marylou Klassen, in our PACS department, spends a lot of time and energy helping to coordinate PACS Field Study placements all around the world.
- Our Music department works hard to offer an excellent Noon Hour concert series that is free to students, and you too!
- Marianne Mellinger provides resources to students pursuing ministry as a career in our Master of Theological Studies programs
- The Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre relies heavily on donors to support the initiatives for doctoral students in theology.
- Laureen Harder-Gissing, our Archivist-Librarian works with limited resources to organize and make accessible a variety of Mennonite treasures in our archives.

These added features to our program need the generous support of our alumni and friends.

We trust you have responded to the Annual Fund appeal letter from Henry Paetkau, or remember to include Grebel when you receive a call from UW's alumni office.

On-line giving is always an option at grebel.uwaterloo.ca/giving

Planned Gifts:

The Ford and Harrison Church Music Award is a wonderful example of legacy giving.

Please consider a planned gift that supports the college's programs and students in your estate plans.

\$25,000 is the minimum donation required to establish a scholarship award endowment.

Questions or comments? Don't hesitate to contact:

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Gift Promotes Youth and Talent in Music

While the closing of a church is never easy, Warden Woods Mennonite Church turned some of their sadness into joy with a unique gift to Conrad Grebel University College.

The church had been the recipient of a bequest from the estate of Winston Harrison and his partner John Ford. As Warden Woods prepared to disband in June 2009, they wanted to find a way for this gift to be passed along to continue to honour Ford and Harrison. Pastor Johanna Wall ('75), herself a Grebel Alumna, contacted Fred W. Martin, Director of Development at Grebel, to inquire about setting up a scholarship. She noted that Ford and Harrison "promoted sacred music through choral conducting, singing, teaching and adjudicating - enriching the lives of many deeply appreciative people."

In May, the College received a gift of \$50,000 to establish the "The John Ford and Winston Harrison Church Music Award." Proceeds from this endowment will be awarded to qualified students for expenses as part of the Church Music and Worship program at the College.

This past year, Ken Hull, chair of the Music Department at Grebel, revitalized the Church Music and Worship program by creating a specialization in this area. "We believe that preparing students to help lead the church's music and worship is an important contribution we can make to the life of the church," remarked Ken. "This award will assist students both with the cost of tuition as well as to enrich their studies beyond the walls of the classroom. We're grateful for this gift given in memory of John Ford and Winston Harrison."

Jim Buchanan ('79) from Warden Woods and a member of Grebel's alumni committee, explained that "John was very active in music education in the Toronto community, and was very involved in directing concerts for high school students." Ford was also involved in the establishment of the Pax Christi Chorale in Toronto.

Harrison's sister, Leona Webb, was pleased with the establishment of this new award. "Our family is thrilled to know that this scholarship has been founded, and will remain a lasting memorial to the work and dedication of my brother and John. Church Music and Worship was such an important part of both their lives and we are so very proud to see their life's work put to such a wonderful promotion of youth and talent in the music field."

The inaugural award will be made to a student in the fall term of 2010. In addition to the gift to Grebel's music department, Warden Woods made gifts to the Ontario Mennonite Music Camp and Silver Lake Mennonite Camp.



This quilted wall hanging once hung in Warden Woods Mennonite church. It now graces the music hallway at Grebel - a physical reminder of the link between the two groups.



Grebel Students added \$10 per term to their residence fees to help support a refugee student living at the College while studying at UW. This year, Grebel welcomed two new faces to the residence - Saido Sheikh (left) from Somalia, who is studying Arts, and Fernand Harugimana (right) from Rwanda who is in Science.

NEWS BRIEFS

We have Lift-off

In the spring of 2009, Student Council was successful in obtaining a grant from the Federation of Students' "Student Life Endowment Fund". The \$16,000 is by far the largest grant that Grebel has ever received from SLEF. This money, plus \$5000 in other donations, purchased an inclined lift for the Great Hall stairs, ensuring that the Great Hall is wheelchair accessible.

Minor Renovations

At the end of the summer, the third floor residence washrooms were completely renovated. Students are loving the new floors, wall tiles, counters and sinks, faucets, windows and frames, fans, lights, mirrors, and paint job! The short end even got all new shower stalls during this time sensitive three week project.

Similarly, the kitchen experienced great upheaval. There were only 2 weeks available for a new floor to be installed and this process required the removal of all the equipment.



The Spirit Sings

The Conrad Grebel Chapel Choir, under the direction of Leonard Enns has just released their 6th recording, *The Spirit Sings*. The music in this collection reflects the natural flow of worship - entering the presence God with praise and adoration, supplication and the thirst for the divine, and finally a response in the form of

rejoicing, prayer, and benediction. The Chapel Choir celebrated this new CD with a release concert on November 1st. This CD is an excellent stocking stuffer! Contact music@uwaterloo.ca

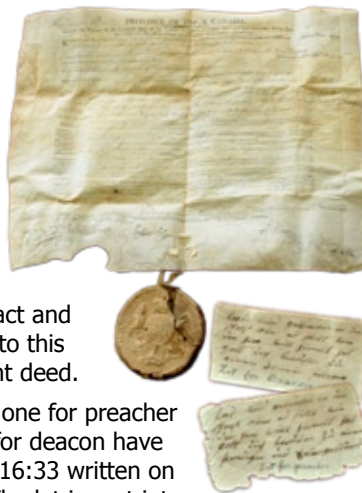
to order yours today!



New arrivals, large and small, at the Mennonite Archives of Ontario

Paul Grove has generously donated a collection of nineteenth century Mennonite documents from the Markham area. Pictured here are the largest and smallest items in the donation.

The first item is a grant of land from the Province of Upper Canada to Christian Long in 1801. Part of this land was later purchased by the Grove family. Remarkably, the great seal of the province is still intact and attached to this parchment deed.



Two lots, one for preacher and one for deacon have Proverbs 16:33 written on them: "The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." In Swiss Mennonite tradition, a "lot" was hidden in one of several Bibles placed at the front of the church. The man who chose the Bible with the lot became the congregation's preacher or deacon. These little pieces of paper had the power to set the course of a man's life and his obligation to a church community.

Do you have a piece of history gathering dust in your attic? Donate it to the Mennonite Archives of Ontario, part of Conrad Grebel. Contact [Laureen Harder-Gissing](mailto:Laureen.Harder-Gissing@uwaterloo.ca) at lharderg@uwaterloo.ca

CarShare

Grebel entered into an agreement with Grand River CarShare to have one of their car co-op vehicles, a Suzuki Aerio, parked in the parking lot. It's exciting for Grebel to participate in this important initiative, especially since it was organized by David Steffler ('90). www.peoplescar.org



Spirituality and Palliative Care

Dr. Pippa Hall will speak on "Caring at the End of Life: Are Spiritual Care and Medical Care Compatible?" on Friday, November 13th, 2009. End-of-life care deals with complex medical, social, emotional and spiritual concerns, all competing for attention as each professional focuses on his or her area of specialization. In the afternoon, participate in an interactive and engaging presentation on "An Interdisciplinary Model for End of Life Care."

To register or for more info on this free event, visit grebel.uwaterloo.ca/sa

Certificate Program in Conflict Management

Stimulating...Inspires...Challenges... Prepares... just some of the adjectives from the Grebel Mission Statement. One of the workshops in the Certificate Program which embodies these sentiments is Narrative Mediation. This workshop, first offered in 2002, and taught by one of the pioneers of this style of mediation, John Winslade, continues to elicit comments such as "Definitely the most meaningful workshop I have had in my educational experiences in the field of conflict & mediation. Truly inspiring" - a program graduate & mediation practitioner. Another participant writes: "For me, Narrative Mediation is the most exciting model of conflict resolution I have studied thus far. It's a paradigm shift!" To learn more about Narrative Mediation, check out the next workshop, scheduled for February 18 & 19, 2010. For details visit www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/certificate

Grebel at the University of Winnipeg

A group of Mennonite writers and literary critics gathered at the University of Winnipeg in October for "Mennonite/s Writing: Manitoba and Beyond." About 120 people discussed Mennonite/s writing and heard writers like Rudy Wiebe, Di Brandt, David Bergen, Patrick Friesen, Sarah Klassen, Andreas Schroeder, Al Reimer, David Waltner-Toews, and others read from their work.

On the last day of the conference (which was co-sponsored by Grebel and co-chaired by Hildi Froese Tiessen), a busload of writers and Mennonite literature aficionados spent 11 hours visiting sites in Winnipeg and southern Manitoba that have been richly inscribed in fiction and poetry by writers of Mennonite heritage, several of whom read from their work along the way. This was the fifth conference on Mennonite/s writing; the first took place at Grebel in 1990.

FACULTY NEWS

Sabbatical Travels

by Henry Paetkau

Feeling conspicuously out of place on a crowded Palestinian bus on the way to the West Bank city of Ramallah with only a phone number for someone at the other end, I was so far out of my comfort zone that I simply sat back, smiled, and absorbed as much of this adventure as possible.

Countless learning opportunities, numerous unexpected encounters, and a host of new friendships marked my sabbatical visit to Israel/Palestine last March. Mennonite Central Committee volunteers there connected me with a variety of individuals and groups on both sides of the Wall who are working tirelessly for peace and justice. Some may provide settings in which students in our Peace & Conflict Studies program will be able to serve an internship.

International learning opportunities are an important component of increased global engagement, a core value identified in the College's new Mission Statement.

In May I participated in the fourth Mennonite Christian-Shi'a Muslim theological dialogue held in Qom, Iran. As we presented our respective understandings of "Justice and Peace," we also deepened friendships begun during previous meetings. Iranian scholars and universities are eager for international connections and programs, including peace studies. At Grebel we continue to explore possible formal and informal collaboration that would help build bridges of understanding in this part of the world.

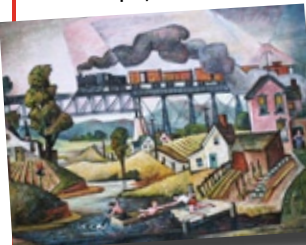


A trip to the Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Asuncion, Paraguay in July was particularly meaningful because it allowed me to revisit the country of my birth. It also provided a powerful and

moving experience of the diverse and vibrant global Mennonite community. Grebel was well represented at the Assembly by faculty members Tom Yoder Neufeld, Jim Pankratz, Arnold Snyder, Derek Suderman, and Carol Ann Weaver as well as a number of students.

These experiences and others like them help us fulfill the College's mission "to seek wisdom, nurture faith, and pursue justice and peace in service to church and society."

Hildi Froese Tiessen and Paul Tiessen are awaiting the publication of their new art book entitled Woldemar Neufeld's Canada: A Mennonite Artist in the Canadian Landscape, 1925-1995. This 152-page



volume by the Tiessens features over 300 images of Neufeld's Canadian paintings and block-prints.

(If you wish to reserve a copy, email Hildi at htiessen@uwaterloo.ca)

Grebel has a large, impressive collection of Neufeld's early oils. Currently, two major exhibitions draw upon Grebel's and other collections of Neufeld's paintings, many never before seen: "Woldemar Neufeld: Rural and Urban Landscapes, 1928-1982" is at the NEUFELD GALLERY, 1441 King St. North, St. Jacobs. "Woldemar Neufeld: Stories Best Told" is at the CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, 10 King Street West, Downtown Kitchener, until January 3, 2010.

Hildi and Paul are giving several illustrated public lectures on Neufeld's life and work this fall, including one on Monday, November 16, at 12pm. Entitled "Woldemar Neufeld's Canada: A Mennonite Artist in the Canadian Landscape," it is part of the Laurier/Waterloo "Ideas and Issues" free noon-hour lecture series at the Kitchener Public Library.

"The Idea of North: Sibelius, Gould and Symbolic Landscapes"

Laura Gray, associate professor of Music at Grebel is this year's Eby Lecturer. Her lecture will focus on the mythical "North" and how this symbolic landscape has been imprinted on two cultural icons - the Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, and the Canadian musical figure, Glenn Gould.



Using Gould's 1967 radio programme "The Idea of North" as a point of departure, she will explore such themes as isolation, wilderness, genius, and how Gould and Sibelius have in effect become symbolic landscapes themselves.

Join Laura on Friday, November 27, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Conrad Grebel Chapel. grebel.uwaterloo.ca/eby

Marlene Epp will be presenting the John & Margaret Friesen Lectures in Anabaptist Mennonite Studies at Canadian Mennonite University on November 17 and 18, 2009. The overall theme for the three lectures is "Mennonite Women in Canadian History: Birth, Food, and War". The individual topics she will cover are:

1. Making Things Right: Midwives and Healers
2. Feeding Five Thousand: Cooks and Cannors
3. Standing as Men: Victims and Survivors

A New Face in the University Choir

As Grebel classrooms are once again filled with song snippets, beating drums, and tricky theory, first year Music students were not the only new faces to be welcomed. The UW Music Department is pleased to announce that Nancy Kidd is the new Conductor of the University of Waterloo Choir.

Kidd is a recently retired music educator. She was with the Waterloo Region District Public Board for 31 years and has taught music to students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in both vocal and instrumental programs. The Music Department will be enriched by Kidd's experience and passion for education.

"We are delighted and extremely fortunate that a conductor and educator of Nancy's stature has agreed to direct the University Choir" said Dr. Ken Hull, Chair of the Music Department. "Her passion for music-making is infectious, and her commitment is not just to the music but to the singers themselves as well. She plans to retain the community focus that the choir has always had, welcoming not just students but other members of the UW community and the wider community as well."

This large choir performs a varied repertoire of works from the past and present. The choir will perform "Remembrance, Peace, Joy" on Saturday, November 28, at 8:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Kitchener.



ALUMNI

Bird Child

Music graduate Nan Forler ('87) has many fond memories of master classes and piano and vocal lessons at Grebel. In fact, she ended up marrying Kevin Coates who sat next to her in Peter Hatch's music theory class in 1985. Those memories prompted Nan to choose the Great Hall at Grebel as the ideal place to launch her new book, *Bird Child*.

Bird Child is the story of a small, bird-like girl who stands up for a little girl who has been bullied. "I feel that it is important for children to learn to speak up when they witness a situation that is unfair," said Nan. "The book empowers children to make a difference in the life of a child in the schoolyard, so that later they can stand up for injustice in the global community." Nan has found that many of the stories she writes revolve around the theme of social justice.

Publisher Tundra Books writes that *Bird Child* is "lyrical and eloquent yet realistic and down to earth. Nan Forler's text is complemented beautifully with François Thisdale's haunting images. This is a book for every child, every classroom, and every library."

Nan and Kevin have two children, Dillon (11), and Maia (8), who love to act, play violin and piano, dance, and listen to music. Kevin teaches music and performs regularly. After graduating from UW, Nan taught in Mississauga for 15 years. She is now teaching Kindergarten and Primary Arts in Elmira. Nan has been writing for 15 years and has "many stories completed and many more swirling around inside my head." She says that her next story "has a very special Grebel connection."



Bird Child is available in most bookstores as well as online. For more information, visit www.nanforler.com. Nan would love to hear from old friends!

Brubachers move into Brubacher House

When two people study history in school, work at museums for many years, and ultimately meet and fall in love at a museum, it's really not that surprising that they jump at the chance to live in a museum.

As of September 2009, Mark ('06) and Allison (Clemmer) Brubacher are the Brubacher House Museum's newest hosts. The couple had been eying the opportunity since they got married, and with their passion for history, they knew the unique job position and living situation would be a good fit.

"We are very much looking forward to doing research and learning about the family that lived in the Brubacher House, as well as about life in Waterloo region during the mid-1800s," said Allison. "We are also looking forward to talking history with the visitors to the museum!"

Mark and Allison have worked at Doon Heritage Crossroads in Kitchener, and Allison has also worked at other historical museums. These experiences give the couple a good background on local history and they are already practiced at presenting their knowledge to visitors.

Both Mark and Allison received a BA in History from Wilfrid Laurier University and then obtained their BEd degrees from Brock University. Mark is now teacher in a Section 23 school with the local school board working with young offenders who are trying to transition back into the school system. Allison is teaching French at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate.

Mark lived at Grebel for two years and was a Don for one of those years. He's pleased to be connected with Grebel again, exclaiming: "There's no life like life on campus!" Mark is especially hoping to be invited to many games of pick-up hockey.



Another Generation of Grebelites



At the beginning of each school year, it is exciting to see familiar faces bringing fresh new faces to the Conrad Grebel University College residence on Frosh Move-in Day. Having Alumni support Grebel so consistently is a testament to Grebel's mission of building a unique sense of community by providing a supportive and stimulating environment for personal, social, intellectual, and spiritual growth and leadership development. This year's new Frosh and their parents include: (l-r) Sarah Penner and Don Penner ('80), Susan ('84) & R. Victor Klassen ('83), and Sonya Klassen, Sarah Klassen and Gary ('92) & Jennifer Klassen, Tim Vickory ('84) and Hannah Vickory, Jacob Lichty and Cate Falconer Lichty ('83) and Mark Lichty ('84), Dawn Zehr ('89) and Josh Zehr, John Driedger ('78) and Grace Driedger.

REUNIONS

Stuck in the 90's Again

On Saturday, September 26, 2009, over 60 alumni and their families gathered to see each other, reminisce about their time at Grebel, and catch up on what they have been doing since those years. For some of these 1990-95 era alumni, this was the first time they had returned to Grebel since they graduated!

The turnout was fantastic despite the rainy weather. The bouncy castle was brought inside to the Atrium which worked out very well and was a successful part of the afternoon. The "UW Mad Scientist" experiments out on the patio entertained the older children while parents kept dry in the dining room. **Alan Armstrong ('94)** told some stories and improvised a conversation between Prof. Jim Reimer and former chaplain John Fast, which drew laughter and nods of agreement from the alumni gathered.

After the program there were tours of the newer additions to the Grebel buildings and the apartments. I imagine that many of us would have liked to have had the opportunity to live in those apartments. For some, it was the first time they had seen the Atrium. I think we all dreamed of this wonderful idea – going to classes without taking off our slippers!

The family-oriented gathering worked out very well and allowed for some great conversations while keeping an eye on the children. I can't help hoping that my children will have the same enriching, fun-filled experience at Grebel with the children of my fellow alumni.

by **Lynne Dueck, BA Music 1995**

See more photos of the reunion on
Facebook or grebel.uwaterloo.ca/aumni



NOMINATIONS WANTED

Distinguished Alumni Service Award

Alumni nominated for the award must have:

- 1) been a resident or associate of Grebel for four terms, or a graduate of one of Grebel's academic programs;
- 2) made a unique contribution to the church, community, nation, world that is significant and worthy of recognition;
- 3) made a contribution representing the ideals and purposes of Conrad Grebel University College

Nominate deserving alumni by December 31, 2009.

Send nominations to:

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Why do the Dead Sea Scrolls Matter?

This fall, Derek Suderman, Assistant Professor in Religious Studies at Grebel, presented a series on The Dead Sea Scrolls and why they matter. His first evening lecture was called "Behind the Printing Press: Scripture in the Ancient World." Derek reflected on how our understanding of writing and reading often reflects a post-printing press perspective. He answered such questions as: How many sheep/goats would it take to make one scroll? What are the earliest versions of the Bible we have? How could you accurately copy a manuscript by hand? How can you distinguish scriptural documents from the Jesus movements from those of other Jews?

The Dead Sea Scrolls represent one of the most important archeological finds of all time with respect to biblical material. In Derek's "Rediscovering Jesus' Scriptures: What Difference do the Dead Sea Scrolls

Make?" lecture, the audience discovered how this find informs our reading of the New Testament, and particularly the relationship between Jesus and other Jews of his day.

This fascinating lecture series culminated in a Grebel Alumni and Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre event in Toronto. About 30 people sat down together for a Middle Eastern meal while Derek spoke on the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls and what to look for when viewing them.



PEOPLE

John Neufeld ('96) is the new Executive Director at the House of Friendship in Waterloo. The charitable organization supports low-income adults, youth and children in Waterloo Region. John lives in Kitchener with his wife, **Andrea ('97)**, and their two children, and is an active member of Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church. Professionally, he has focused on the provision of social services, such as contributing to the mission of Bridgeway Family Homes, a foster care agency, where he worked for eleven years, most recently as Manager of Program Development.

Megan (Robertson) ('04) and **Mike Steinmann ('03)** welcomed **Naomi Ruth** into the world on April 10, 2009.

Naomi is their first child, and she keeps them both entertained with her big smiles. Megan is on maternity leave from her teaching position with the Waterloo Region District School Board, and Mike is working at the Centre In The Square as an accountant.



David Huron ('78) is a Professor at Ohio State University School in Columbus. He teaches in the field of music cognition and heads the Cognitive and Systematic Musicology Laboratory in the School of Music. David is also regularly involved in commercial consulting, principally in the areas of music and marketing, and in Internet-based music distribution. He was a music professor at Grebel from 1989-97.

It's off to the next adventure for the **Miller-Buza Family - Peter ('94)** and **Kate ('93)**! After 5 years in London, Peter has finished law school and been called to the bar. In August, Kate and Peter along with **Anna (8)** and **Eli (5)** are off to Costa Rica for a year. Peter will be interning with the UN High Commission for Refugees while Kate learns some Spanish and looks for some volunteer work. Peter hopes to return to the Ottawa area next spring but Kate fears she'll fall in love with a snowless climate and refuse to ever leave.



Daniel Markarian ('98) and **Adeline Chau** were married on August 30th, 2008. They currently reside in Vancouver and can be reached at adeline.and.daniel@markarian.ca

Paul Heidebrecht ('94) and **Carmen Brubacher ('94)** moved with their four children to Ottawa, Ontario this summer.

Paul has been appointed director of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Canada's Ottawa office where he will be responsible for acting as a liaison between MCC's work around the world and the Canadian government, as well as working alongside partner organizations based in Ottawa to advocate for change. In the fall of 2008, Paul earned a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

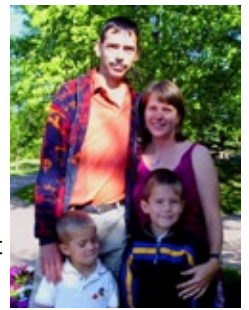


Jamie ('97) and **Heather ('00)** Verrier are pleased to announce the birth of **Ethan Jesse**, a third addition to the family, on January 14, 2009. Jamie works at a family business as a project engineer and Heather is a full time mom to Ethan, **Micah (6)** and **Kendra (4)**. Jamie and Heather live in Grimsby, Ontario. If you wish to contact them, you can email at jhverrier@hotmail.com or find Heather on Facebook.

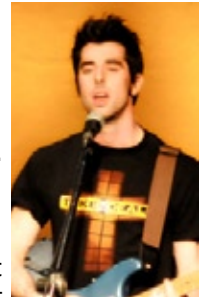
Beryl Jantzi ('82) is working for Mennonite Mutual Aid in Harrisonburg, Virginia, as the Director of Stewardship Education. He gave an address at a recent conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on the "Theology of generosity: faith in the future."



Robin (Wright) ('96) and **John Peace**, with their sons, **Daniel (6)** and **Nathan (4)**, continue to work in the Middle East. John is managing a rehabilitation project for people with disabilities. Robin teaches EFL and/or her own children, while focusing on homemaking.



Trevor Moore ('07) organizes a Christian, evangelistic event called Uturn in which he performs in a rock-style band, playing djembe, rhythm guitar, lead guitar, and vocals. (www.uturnpembroke.com) After graduating, Trevor got married, graduated from Teacher's College at Ottawa University, taught for a year in Pembroke, Ontario (English, History, Civics, Careers -- no music courses were available), and is now expecting a baby in January with his wife, **Rachel**.



Ben ('01) and **Alisa MacBride Smith ('01)** had a baby girl, **Fiona Sharon MacBride Smith**, on June 4, 2009. The couple moved to Kitchener in 2007 after a 3 year MCC term in Laos. Ben is now teaching ESL to adults for the Catholic school board and Alisa is on maternity leave as a Registered Nurse at Grand River Hospital.



Mark Heinmiller ('00) now lives right in Toronto, working in the Records Department of a law firm called Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP at King & Bay Streets in downtown Toronto.

Keep us in the Loop!

Tell us about address and vocational changes, **general updates**, retirement adventures, information about births, marriages, or deaths. Send your name, year graduated, address, email, photo, and news to greblweb@uwaterloo.ca



Dave ('00) and Emily (Chadwick) Jaarsma ('99) recently returned to their old stomping grounds, moving back to Waterloo in April after almost ten years in Toronto. Dave is now working at RIM, and Emily is hard at work at home chasing after two-year-old **Isabel** and baby **Abigail**. We'd love to hear from old friends -- drop us a line at dave_jaarsma@hotmail.com.

Ron Schweitzer ('01) married **Ang Freeman** on September 12, 2009! Ron and Ang are happily living in Owen Sound where they have bought a house with a double sized backyard, next door to a school

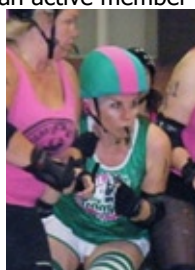


with a large field for Frisbee, and 3 blocks from the Bruce trail. When not otherwise occupied, Ron builds guitars from cooking pots and recycled wood.



Juanita Laverty ('98), Dave Sararus and son **Owen (7)** are enjoying living in the Saugeen region. Juanita is pastor of Hanover Mennonite Church where she was ordained to ministry on June 28. The congregation participated in a covenant making litany, gave a lovely reception, and shared special music selections, including a song composed and performed by Dave especially for this occasion. Juanita graduated from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 2007, with a Master of Divinity.

Karyn Mierau ('98) is an active member of the Venus Fly Tramps, a roller derby team in the Tri-City Roller Girls league. As "Inna'Goddess Da-Vida", Karyn has been rockin' the track for several seasons. Check out a game sometime!



Jonathan ('99,'04) and Melissa Seiling

welcomed **Simeon** into the world on April 10, 2009. Jonathan completed his PhD in history at St. Michael's in Toronto in June 2008 and is presently working on a post-doc fellowship at the Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies in Toronto. Jonathan was also recently appointed as the Coordinator of the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre. The couple lives in St. Catharines where Melissa works as a family therapist.



After graduating, **Shannon Baker ('07)** attended teacher's college at the University of Ottawa, specializing in instrumental music and geography for the Intermediate/Senior level. She is currently working as a supply teacher in the Waterloo Region District School Board and District School Board Ontario North East. Having taught summer school in Timmins this past summer, she can hardly wait until she can conduct and teach her own music class.



Jennie (Krueger) ('99) and Colin Wiebe ('01) welcomed their fourth child, **Zoe Katherine Krueger Wiebe**, born September 3, 2009. **Naomi (6)** and **Joshua (4)** are thrilled to have a baby sister and have been showering her with love of all kinds -- tender, sweet, silly and slightly-aggressive. Big brother **Nathan** (born/died Dec. 19/07) would be proud. Colin continues working in the environmental engineering department at Gambus & Mannerow in Guelph, and Jennie is trying to bring in the harvest from their garden with the "help" of many small children.

Alan Schroeder ('00) married **Etsuko Okabe** on September 12, 2009 at Avon Mennonite Church in Stratford. They honeymooned in Italy before returning to their new apartment in Tokyo. Alan completed an MBA from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in 2008 and is currently working as a Trade Commissioner at the Embassy of Canada in Tokyo.



Stephanie ('05) and Ben Janzen are delighted to have welcomed **Noah Robert** into their family on July 7th, 2009. Noah is a sweet and joyful little boy who is eager to share his many smiles. **Micah (2)** loves to hold his little brother and can't wait for him to be "big, big, big"! Both Ben and Stephanie have been able to be at home since Noah's arrival and are really enjoying the opportunity to spend so much time together with their boys!

Nora Brooks was born at home to **Terra** and **Norm Kaethler ('01)** on May 21, 2009. When not enjoying time with his family, Norm is teaching science at an all-boys private school in Vancouver, BC.

Courtney Morris ('03) graduated from Knox College at University of Toronto with M.Div. in 2008. She was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacraments in The Presbyterian Church in Canada on March 29th 2009 and inducted as the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Coldwater, Ontario north of Barrie on March 31st 2009. In her few spare moments, Courtney runs, skis, and knits.



Kate Tansley ('01) married **Ali Taylor** this past May, at the Botanic Gardens in Glasgow, Scotland. After four fun years in Glasgow, they have just moved to Edinburgh where Kate accepted a job as the Corporate Fundraising Manager for the new Sick Kids Hospital there. They are looking forward to living in a Georgian flat in the city centre and both walking to work in a beautiful historic European capital.



Nick Driedger ('71) will be retiring as CEO at Mennonite Savings and Credit Union where he has worked for 25 years.

Calendar of Events

Friday, November 13, 2009

9:00 am & 1:00 pm, Great Hall

Spirituality and Palliative Care: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the End of Life
with Dr. Pippa Hall

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grebel.uwaterloo.ca/sa

Friday, November 27, 2009

7:30 pm, Chapel

Benjamin Eby Lecture

with Dr. Laura Gray

infocguc@uwaterloo.ca

grebel.uwaterloo.ca/eby

Saturday, November 28, 2009

8:00 pm, \$10/\$8

St. John the Evangelist Church
23 Water Street (at Duke), Kitchener

University of Waterloo Choir

"Remembrance, Peace, Joy"

music@uwaterloo.ca

Sunday, November 29, 2009

2:00 pm, Great Hall, \$8/\$5

UW Stage Band

music@uwaterloo.ca

Sunday, November 29, 2009

7:30 pm, \$10/\$8

St. John the Evangelist Church
23 Water Street (at Duke), Kitchener

UW Chamber Choir

"A Baroque Noel"

music@uwaterloo.ca

Monday, November 30, 2009

7:30 pm, Chapel

UW Instrumental Chamber Ensembles

music@uwaterloo.ca

Thursday, December 3, 2009

8:00 pm, Humanities Theatre at UW

Orchestra@UWaterloo

music@uwaterloo.ca

Sunday, April 11, 2010

2:00 pm, ML Theatre of the Arts

Conrad Grebel Convocation

infocguc@uwaterloo.ca

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Visiting Scholar Lecture
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