

FARE-ing well at 100

It was 1907, the year that a loaf of bread cost 5 cents and a gallon of milk, 30 cents.

A growing agricultural sector was positioning Canada as a key player in international commerce. OAC, the MacDonald Institute and the newly established Department of Economics were positioning Guelph as a hub for rural education and research. Today that department has evolved into Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE), celebrating a century of research, learning and service in the economics of the Canadian and global agri-food sectors.

Nearly 250 graduates, alumni, and current and former faculty and staff of agricultural economics gathered during Alumni Weekend this past June to mark the department's 100-year history. The event was held on Johnston Green, opposite the J.D. MacLachlan Building, home to the department since 1962. Visitors reminisced as they viewed photos and memorabilia of alumni, a video presentation by faculty, and the current work of graduate students.

Former chair George Brinkman served as master of ceremonies for the afternoon's events, and introduced guest speakers Alastair Summerlee, U of G president and vice-chancellor; Mary Buhr, interim dean of OAC; and Alfons Weersink, FARE. Other special guests included former chairs Ralph Campbell (pictured, far left), Stew Lane, Sandy Warley, Elmer Menzie and Larry Martin.

According to current chair Maury Bredahl, the centenary celebration also emphasized the department's evolution from its farm management roots to today's broader policy studies spanning human health, international trade, resources and the environment.

To further support student research in its renewed areas of focus on food economics, agricultural economics, agribusiness and resource economics, FARE is embarking on a campaign to raise funds for graduate scholarships. The goal of this campaign is to match the \$100,000 recently pledged to FARE by the Canadian Dairy Commission to provide scholarships for master's and PhD students to study the national \$4.8 billion dairy sector in projects ranging from dairy processing and probiotics to on-farm nutrient management and food safety. ■



Graduate students **Monika Drozd** and **Maria Klimas** were among the top winners in the 100th anniversary research poster competition.



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Dean's message

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Welcome to a new academic year! September is always an exciting time as we greet new and returning students and prepare for the busy months ahead.

This may also be the first time a number of you have seen our *FACE >forward* newsletter, and so I also welcome you to this new way of sharing the fun, exciting and important things that make OAC such a great place.



Other 'firsts' for this semester include the beginning of degree studies at our Kemptville Campus, with the arrival of the first students in the Equine Management major of the Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management program. They are just a part of all the first-time students starting in the wide variety of degree and diploma programs OAC offers.

I'm also pleased to welcome the first-time faculty and staff who have joined all our campuses, and the large and vibrant new cohort of graduate students. OAC has exceeded our target numbers of domestic graduate students for fall enrolment in the Masters and PhD programs, which includes 21 new doctoral students supported by funding received for vitamin-related research and through the Keefer Trust. I hope to meet at least many, if not all, of these new members of our OAC family.

In this issue of *FACE >forward*, you'll find more information about these and other exciting developments within the OAC community along with a calendar of upcoming events for the fall term. Please support these events through your active participation.

Best wishes to you all: have a great year!

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Premier's research chair in biomaterials and transportation joins UofG

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This fall, Professor Amar Mohanty, an international leader in the field of biomaterials, joins the University of Guelph, within OAC's department of Plant Agriculture, as the Premier's Research Chair in Biomaterials and Transportation. He will also serve as director of the new Bioproducts Discovery Centre, a bioproducts research facility planned for the Guelph campus.

Biomaterials is a fast-growing research area that focuses on revolutionizing the use of agricultural products to develop novel products for industrial uses, ranging from car parts and building materials to fuel.

"We are thrilled to have such a pre-eminent authority joining Guelph to lead and collaborate our efforts in this field, reaffirming Guelph's role as a global leader in innovative agriculture," said Mary Buhr, interim dean of OAC. "Dr. Mohanty's presence in the Premier's Chair will focus attention on agriculture's newest gifts to the world: green renewable bioresources to replace non-renewable materials in many consumer goods and services."

The University of Guelph was awarded the \$3-million Premier's Research Chair as part of the Ontario Research Chairs program, established to create a culture of innovation and to strengthen Ontario's economic advantage. ■



▲ Amar Mohanty

Science of cereal is focus of new industry research chair

On September 6, the University of Guelph and the Ontario Cereals Industry Research Council (OCIRC) launched a new Industry Research Chair in Cereal Technology, designed to expand the uses for Ontario-grown wheat and to market its growth.

Koushik Seetharaman, researcher, food science consultant and former faculty member at Penn State, was selected for the position following an international search, and has joined OAC's department of Food Science.

According to Alan Wildeman, U of G's vice-president (research), the new chair will greatly accelerate research in cereal processing and baked goods as well as serve as the core for emerging innovation and a growing economic cluster in wheat and related cereals science.

Funding for the \$1.1-million endowed chair was provided by OCIRC, the federally funded Agricultural Adaptation Council and the University of Guelph. The funding will support research startup costs, including equipment, materials and support of technical staff, post-doctoral researchers and graduate students. ■

New equine management degree program begins at Kemptville

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In September, twenty-three students entered Canada's first degree program in Equine Management, now offered as a major in OAC's Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management (BBRM) program. The first two years of study at the Kemptville Campus provide hands-on learning in the biology and management of horses. Students then complete two years of study at the Guelph campus, where they concentrate further on animal sciences, economics and environmental courses.

According to Katrina Merkies, coordinator of the program, the equine industry needs people with a broad knowledge of horses, from physiology, breeding and care, to the business

aspects associated with equine-related careers.

"Managing animals can be similar to managing natural resources," Merkies continued. "These professionals need a background in business sustainability and stewardship, as well as an awareness of the industry as a whole, nationally and globally."

Approximately 150 faculty, staff, students, industry professionals and government dignitaries gathered at the Kemptville Campus on July 20 for the official launch of the program. Local businesses have donated a new facility that will provide a controlled environment for hands-on training with the horses.

The OAC Alumni Association provided \$1000 entrance awards to each of the incoming Equine Management students, who represent a cross-section of Canada from Alberta and Quebec to Nova Scotia and PEI.

With its 2007 enrolment target reached, the Equine Management program will continue to accommodate a maximum of 25 new students each fall. ■

< **Speakers and special guests included (front row, from left) Corlena Polegato, Elizabeth Forbes, acting associate director (academic), and Katrina Merkies, BBRM program coordinator, Kemptville Campus; Cheryl Tatyran, Equine Canada; Jack deWit, Ontario Equestrian Federation (back row, from left) Geri Kamenz, president, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; Andy Brown, Municipality of North Grenville; Michael Goss, director, Kemptville Campus; Helen Blackburn, incoming BBRM student; Peter Pauls, acting associate dean (academic), OAC; and Pierre Black, North Grenville Chamber of Commerce.**



BSc(Agr) granted full accreditation

Following a review earlier this year, the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) has granted full accreditation status to the six current majors within the BSc(Agr) degree program:

- Honours Agriculture
- Agricultural Economics
- Animal Science
- Organic Agriculture
- Crop, Horticulture and Turfgrass Sciences
- Urban Landscape Management

According to the accreditation committee, the programs provide excellent learning experiences for students and prepare graduates for professional careers. Receiving special recognition from the committee were the program's strong commitment to the philosophy of whole person development, its well-funded student awards program, extensive teaching and research facilities, and unique World of Work initiative.

The full accreditation granted to the six programs gives graduates the academic requirements for acceptance into the profession of agrology in nine provinces across Canada. In Quebec, academic qualifications for acceptance into the profession are judged by specific numbers of credits for each discipline. ■



Campus d'Alfred receives increased provincial funding

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As part of this year's funding for French-language post-secondary education in Ontario, Campus d'Alfred will receive \$390,000, a 35 per cent increase from last year. The announcement was made this past July by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"Our faculty and staff at Alfred have been working hard to expand our program offerings," said Renée Bergeron, director of Campus d'Alfred. "This extra funding will help support the development of new programs in environmental sciences and technology."

Campus d'Alfred currently offers French-language diploma education in agricultural technology, environmental management, and food, nutrition and risk management, as well as certificate

programs in landscape and horticultural studies, veterinary office administration, food service, and dairy herd worker.

"Campus d'Alfred contributes to the high level of expertise of the University of Guelph and OAC," said Mary Buhr, OAC interim dean. "The campus offers programs that are relevant to the industry and attractive to today's students, and this provincial funding will help us to continue to recruit students both nationally and internationally."

The provincial funding continues to support and promote quality education for the more than 16,000 students enrolled in French-language universities and colleges in Ontario. ■

New students get a taste of OAC



< **Orientation Week activities for OAC at the Guelph Campus included a New Student Luncheon on Thursday, September 6 for more than 300 incoming BSc(Agr), BSc(Env), BSc(Animal Biology) and Turfgrass Diploma students.**

Here, Margaret Caldecott, a graduate student in Land Resource Science, serves ice cream provided for the event by the OAC Alumni Association.



Calendar of EVENTS - FALL 2007

SEPTEMBER:

4 - 7	Orientation Week
10	Classes commence
10 - 14	Aggie Week
11 - 13	Canadian Outdoor Farm Show, Woodstock
14	Course Add Period ends
18 - 22	2007 Leeds-Grenville International Plowing Match, Crosby
18 - 20	Growing Native Woody Plants from Seed, Arboretum
21	Last day for clearance to graduate for Fall 2007
22	Homecoming
23	Wall-Custance Memorial Forest Dedication Service, Arboretum
24	New student BBQ Guelph Turfgrass Institute
24 - 28	Agrologist in Residence Week <i>Innovation in Agriculture</i>
26	Agrologist in Residence Public Lecture OVC1714
26	Look, See, Paint, Arboretum
28 - 29	OAC Leadership Conference <i>Be Your Own Beacon</i>
28 - 30	Ontario Universities Fair, Toronto

OCTOBER:

2	Café scientifique, Bookshelf
4 - 5	Shrub Identification, Arboretum
8	Thanksgiving
9	Course selection for Winter 2008 begins
11 - 12	Tree Identification, Arboretum
12	Last day for clearance to graduate for Winter 2008
15	Fall Convocation
16 & 18	Evening with the Stars, Arboretum
24	OAC Job Fair, Peter Clark Hall
20 & 27	Digital Nature Photography, Arboretum

NOVEMBER:

2 - 11	Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Toronto
3	Season opens for Theatre in the Trees Arboretum
4	Fall Preview Day, Guelph Campus
8	Fall OAC Awards Reception Peter Clark Hall
12	Kenneth R. Farrell Distinguished Public Policy Lectureship, OVC 1714
13	Children's Theatre, <i>Have a Mice Christmas</i> Arboretum
16	Gull Workshop, Arboretum
16	Kemptville Campus Open House
18	Science & Engineering Sunday Guelph Campus
15 - 17	Science Teachers Association of Ontario Annual Conference, Toronto
15	Last day for applications for admission to Winter 2008
20	Porte ouverte, Campus d'Alfred
22 - 23	Red Carpet Days, Ridgetown Campus
27	Alexander Pearson Lecture in Food Science, OVC 1714
30	Classes conclude

DECEMBER:

3	Examinations commence
14	Examinations conclude
December 24 - January 2 University closed for Winter Holidays	

Buy a fund-raising priced ticket to one of these Guelph Storm games and support the Arboretum.

Sunday, October 28 2:00 pm (vs. Sudbury)	Friday, November 23 7:30 pm (vs. Belleville)	Friday, January 4 7:30 pm (vs. Peterborough)
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Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased by contacting The Arboretum at:
519-824-4120, x54110 or arbor@uoguelph.ca



New graduate scholarship honours former OAC dean

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As a tribute to the leadership and vision Dr. Craig Pearson brought to OAC during his term as dean from 2001 to 2007, the OAC Alumni Foundation is proud to announce the creation of the Craig Pearson Scholarship Endowment.

The new scholarship for graduate students within the college is in keeping with OAC's commitment to build strong global partnerships, as well as Pearson's continuing involvement in expanding international programs at the University of Guelph.

The annual award of \$4000 will support graduate students who are conducting international research that will contribute to solving one of the world's significant challenges in the environment, agriculture, food and rural communities.

The first Craig Pearson International Research Scholarship will be awarded in 2008. OAC alumni, faculty and staff are invited to honour Pearson by donating to the endowment.

To make a gift or pledge, see:

www.alumni.uoguelph.ca/support_cornerstone.htm

Pearson stepped down from the OAC dean position in February 2007 to focus on the development of U of G's international programs and partnerships.

The search for a new dean is currently in progress. Maureen Mancuso, provost and vice-president (academic), reports that the search committee will review a long list of candidates, then move to interview a shorter list of candidates in September, with public presentations by candidates to the campus community in October. ■

Congratulations!

- > The **Associate Diploma in Turfgrass Management** program was recently ranked second among similar programs in North America. Ratings were announced by *Turfnet* magazine, an independent industry publication.
- > The 2007 O.P. Dwivedi Award has been presented to **Heidi Braun**, an MSc graduate of the Capacity Development and Extension program (Environmental Design & Rural Development). This University of Guelph award recognizes an outstanding graduate student on the basis of overall scholastic achievements and the practical and social significance of research which applies social science theory and/or method to the study of development, administration or environmental issues.
- > **Wayne Caldwell** (Environmental Design & Rural Development) has been selected to receive an Excellence in Planning Award (Research/New Directions category) from the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI). This award recognizes a report commissioned by the Ontario Farm Fresh Marketing Association and authored by Caldwell on the impacts of land use planning on direct marketing and agri-tourism operations in the province. Caldwell will be honoured at the OPPI annual conference in October.
- > **Jim Hoare** (Plant Agriculture) was honoured with two awards at the September Community Breakfast at the Guelph Campus – the Community Service Award for his willingness to always share his time and expertise to make a difference in the lives of others; and the Susanne Sprowl Community Service Award for his significant contributions to the betterment of the University and the external community through community spirit and volunteer work.



Graduate students evaluate international development program

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A select group of graduate students is working across the global south this fall under a University-led project aimed at gauging the success of an international development program funded by Canadian aid dollars.

The School of Environmental Design & Rural Development (SEDRD) is helping lead the project under an agreement reached earlier this year with Uniterra, a volunteer co-operation program run jointly by Ottawa's World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and the Centre for International Studies and Co-operation in Montreal. The goal is to support Uniterra in improving its volunteer co-operation program, the largest of its kind in Canada.

Unlike traditional programs that send volunteers abroad for fixed two-year terms, Uniterra's program offers internships and longer placements ranging from two weeks to two years. The program, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency, places about 400 volunteers in 13 partner countries each year and has an annual budget of more than \$10 million.

Five students from SEDRD's Master of Science (Planning) program have been hired as interns: Kerri Garner (Botswana), Christina Keys (Bolivia), Christa King (Sri Lanka and Nepal), Amelie Morel (Niger and Burkina Faso), and Andrew Wanjohi (Ghana). They will spend two to three months overseas leading focus groups, conducting interviews, using other evaluation tools and applying the concepts they've learned in their MSc studies.

Professor Harry Cummings, who designed the evaluation process, expects that the students' experiences will be developed into case studies and other learning resources, and that the partnership with Uniterra will help strengthen the University's role in international development and keep Canadian agencies and volunteers engaged in the field. ■



Improving water quality and access to clean drinking water is one of the priorities of Uniterra's partners in Bolivia. Pictured is a water well project in the Municipality of Curahuara de Carangas, where Christina Keys is currently working as an intern.



LRS appoints new acting chair

The Department of Land Resource Science welcomes Claudia Wagner-Riddle as acting chair for Fall 2007. She replaces Bev Hale, who has served as acting chair for the department during the past academic year. Wagner-Riddle obtained her BSc (Agr) and MSc from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and her PhD at the University of Guelph. She has been in Guelph since 1988 and joined Land Resource Science as a faculty member in 1994. Her research and teaching activities focus on agrometeorology. ■

< **Claudia Wagner-Riddle**



Open house marks GTI's 20-year partnership

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An open house was held on August 16 at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute & Environmental Research Centre to celebrate its 20-year partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the turfgrass industry, and the University of Guelph.



Since its establishment in 1987, the Institute has focused on research activities related to the environmental aspects of pesticide use, the biological and cultural control of diseases and weeds, evaluation of grass species, seeding methods, sports field construction, and fertility and management programs.

The open house featured lawn-care and flower-arranging workshops, turfgrass and environmental research presentations, a bluegrass concert and tours of the Guelph Trial Garden, which showcases flowers and plants that thrive in southwestern Ontario. ■

▲ **At the August 16th open house, visitors strolled the grounds of the Guelph Turfgrass Institute.**

Plant Agriculture research among top 10 leading-edge projects at Guelph

Through the Research Infrastructure Program of the Ontario Research Fund, Katerina Jordan and Eric Lyons, Plant Agriculture, have received nearly \$250,000 to study turfgrass threshold levels for pest and drought tolerance.

Their research was ranked among the 10 most innovative projects at the University of Guelph, which in total has been allocated \$1.6 million by the Ontario government. This investment represents a portion of the \$36 million the province has invested in 240 leading-edge research projects across Ontario, and matches funds granted earlier this year by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to research institutions across the country.

Jordan explains that as turfgrass scientists, both she and Lyons are aware of the environmentally sensitive nature of current turfgrass management.

"We wanted to develop a program that integrated our respective skills and expertise, in an effort to reduce the inputs that go into turfgrass management, while studying and maximizing the potential benefits of turfgrasses," said Jordan.

Jordan and Lyons will combine the almost \$500,000 in funding received through the federal and provincial governments to purchase laboratory equipment to further their turfgrass research. ■

Faculty of Environmental Sciences celebrates a decade of growth

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▲ **Members of the FES Class of '97 assisted in planning the 10th anniversary celebration and initiated a fundraising campaign.**

The Rutherford Family Conservatory at the Guelph Campus provided the backdrop for a reception on June 23 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Faculty of Environmental Sciences (FES).

In honour of this milestone, the Class of '97 organized a campaign to raise funds for the FES Teaching Trust. Combining natural, physical and social sciences, FES promotes education, research and outreach related to the environment, and has grown to include the Guelph Institute for the Environment, headed by the Honourable David Anderson, former federal environment minister.

Guest speakers at the event included Alastair Summerlee, president and vice-chancellor, and Josef Ackerman, associate dean, Faculty of Environmental Sciences. ■

In the community

Camp honours donors through landscape design

For almost a decade, faculty and students in the Landscape Architecture program (Environmental Design & Rural Development) have been working with the Tim Horton Children's Foundation at its flagship summer camp, Onondaga Farms, near St. George, Ontario. Last year, in a project to recognize donors and re-create native habitat, faculty members Sean Kelly, Karen Landman, Lise Burcher, Maurice Nelischer and Nathan Perkins created a design for about four acres near the camp's main entrance. The work included the installation of a dry-laid stone wall, whereby faculty and students learned the thousand-year-old technique to construct a wall that is expected to last a few centuries. This fall, faculty, undergraduate and graduate students continue the outreach project by helping to create a native prairie meadow, trails and a pond bridge at Onondaga Farms. ■



▲ **Landscape Architecture faculty and students take a break at the dry-laid stone wall they helped construct in the donor recognition area at Onondaga Farms.**

Tree wrapping expresses environmental message



< A visitor to the Arboretum is intrigued by the work of artist Patricia Stewart, who has used a technique known as tree-wrapping to create a message about the connection between people and the environment, as well as the importance of protecting trees and recycling. Stewart, who uses old newspapers that are twisted and then tied with wool string, has completed tree wraps in France and England, where she is currently based.

The wrapped trees, located at the entrance on Arboretum Road, complement the September renovations to convert Arboretum Road into a promenade for pedestrians and cyclists and support recommendations in the University's master plan to encourage a 'green' core.

Congratulations!

> The Exemplary Team Recognition Award was presented at the September Community Breakfast at the Guelph Campus to nine Plant Agriculture staff who work across Ontario.

Agnes Belosic, Deb Hilborn, Angela Hill, Judy Kelly, Jen Kingswell, Beth Livingstone, Angie Trivett, Jean Wolting and **Jenny Van de Kamer** were described as a cohesive team, recognized for their effective communication, flexibility, co-operation and commitment to their department.

> After 32 years of service to the University of Guelph, **Jorge Nef** (Environmental Design & Rural Development) retired effective September 1. Nef's research has encompassed international development, human security, conflict studies, international political economy, comparative public administration and capacity building, with a focus on Latin America, the Caribbean, and North-South relations. Nef was also honoured with the 2007 Merit Award in University Education and Research from the Canadian-Hispanic Association of Teachers.

> **Cecelia Paine** (Environmental Design & Rural Development) has been appointed associate dean of graduate studies for a three-year term. Paine has served as graduate co-ordinator of the master of landscape architecture program since 1999 and has been acting associate dean of graduate studies since July 2006. A University of Guelph professor since 1990, Paine has worked both in private practice and with the National Capital Commission. She is a fellow of the Canadian and American Societies of Landscape Architects.

> Three graduate students in Animal & Poultry Science received honours at the summer annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Animal Science. **Dan Columbus** and **Yuri Montanholi** placed first and second in the oral competition. Montanholi was also awarded the Frank Baker Memorial Scholarship by the Beef Improvement Federation. **Lisa Pivotto** tied for second place in the poster competition.



Ridgetown Campus announces new appointments

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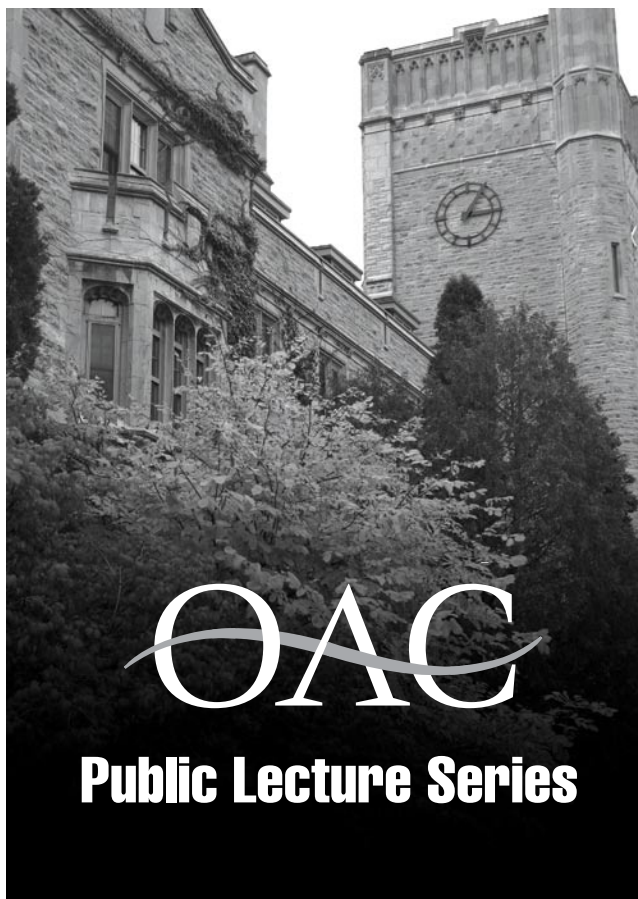
^ Irene Moore

Dr. Irene Moore assumed the role of associate director (academic) at Ridgetown Campus, effective summer 2007. A graduate of OVC, Moore has contributed to academic programs at Ridgetown since 1994 when she worked as an instructor in the Veterinary Technology program and manager of the animal colony. Most recently, she served as the coordinator for the Veterinary Technology program. Moore describes her vision for academics at Ridgetown as a commitment to excellence, innovation and accountability in education. She feels strongly that excellence in instructional quality plays a key role in both graduate and employer satisfaction.

Chantal Phillips, MLIS, was appointed librarian this past August to support students, staff, researchers and community members in accessing information resources. Phillips has an extensive background in international development education. Her research interests include providing information resources for community-led initiatives. One of her first priorities is to build a better library system to help students locate what they need at Ridgetown or on-line. Phillips explains that there is an excellent array of e-journals, print materials, and reputable internet-based resources for learners, and she plans to enhance the process by customizing search tools for Ridgetown. ■



^ Chantal Phillips



Setting Canada to Lead the World in Agriculture & Food Innovation

John Kelly and Claudia Escandon
2007 Agriologists-in-Residence

Wednesday, September 26
5:30 p.m.
Lifetime Learning Centre
OVC 1714

Free admission, all welcome



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Turning present environmental concerns into tomorrow's actions

Honorable David Anderson
Director, Guelph Institute
for the Environment

Tuesday, October 2
7:00 p.m.

Free admission, all welcome

Congratulations!

- > The OAC Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes the importance of effective teaching in the education of OAC students. The 2007 recipient is **Manish N. Raizada** (Plant Agriculture) who has demonstrated competence in teaching, as well as enthusiasm, interest and the ability to stimulate and guide students in the organization, preparation and presentation of material. The award will be presented in November at the OAC Awards Ceremony.
- > **Praveen K. Saxena** (Plant Agriculture) will receive the 2007 Distinguished Researcher Award at the OAC Awards Ceremony in November. This award recognizes outstanding research accomplishments by an OAC faculty member. Recipients are chosen on the basis of demonstrated accomplishments in innovative research with an emphasis on relevance to Ontario or Canadian agriculture.
- > **Al Lauzon** (Environmental Design & Rural Development) is the recipient of the 2007 G.P. McRostie Award, supported by the OAC Alumni Foundation to honour effective advising and mentoring by faculty who play a significant role in the education of OAC students. Described as a tireless advocate and mentor for his students, Lauzon will receive the award at the OAC Awards Ceremony in November.
- > **Kendall Swanson** (Animal & Poultry Science) was awarded the 2007 Young Scientist Award at the Canadian Society of Animal Science annual meeting in Winnipeg. This award recognizes the achievements of new members of the research community who have demonstrated excellence in animal science.
- > **Jack T. Trevors** (Environmental Biology) has been appointed to the Government of Canada (Environment Canada/Health Canada) Expert Panel on Living Organisms on the Domestic Substance List, and will serve on the International Advisory Board for the International Conference on Environmental, Industrial and Applied Microbiology (BioMicro World 2007), Seville, Spain. In September, Trevors also receives an Alumni of Honour award from the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Waterloo, recognizing science alumni who have distinguished themselves in academic or professional achievement, volunteer leadership, humanitarian endeavours, and community and public service.