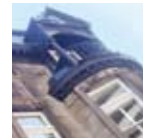


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# The year in review

2006–2007

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# A Word from the Director



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## Antonia Maioni Director

As you can tell from reading the pages in our Annual Report, the academic year 2006–2007 was as active as ever for the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. With yet another full schedule of undergraduate course offerings, high-calibre public events, and continued research, we are reminded of the Institute's importance in bringing a balanced view of Canada to both the academic community and to the public-at-large.

The MISC's twelfth annual conference, *The Charter @ 25*, was occasion to critically analyze the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and how it has affected Canadians over the last quarter century. Conference co-chairs L. Ian MacDonald, Christopher Manfredi and James Kelly, led an eminent advisory committee that helped make this conference one of the most talked about and successful MISC events to date.

In keeping with the theme of the annual conference, the fall semester Lunch and Learn Series took aim at *Your Rights in Canada*. The series, organized by Ian Rae, drew enthusiastic students, professors, and the public to 3463 Peel Street. During the Winter semester, we held our second Max Bell Workshop–Luncheon Series as part of the Max Bell *Innovation and Implementation in Public Policy* research grant. Max Bell Postdoctoral Fellow Shelley Boyd organized five workshops that critically examined health care, U.S. politics, media, think tanks and culture.

This year also marked the second year of our Distinguished Lecture Series. In keeping with the theme of rights, James Kelly—the last in a prominent group of Seagram Scholars—put forth his argument that it is executive supremacy, not judicial supremacy, that has been the principal institutional limitation since the Charter's introduction. The Fulbright Lecture, delivered by the Canada-US Fulbright visitor Stephen Farnsworth, examined the future of the George W. Bush

presidency after the midterm elections. The J.R. Mallory Lecture was delivered by Graham Fraser, who inspired us with his positive reflections of the political and historical narratives between French and English in Canada.

Several other events rounded out our public activities, including special visits by the Honourable Maxime Bernier, Minister of Industry Canada, and U.S. Ambassador to Canada, David H. Wilkins.

The Canadian Studies Programme continued to grow over the past year, with enrollment reaching its second highest level since the Institute's inception. The success of the Canadian Studies Programme was commended for its depth and rigor by an external review of interdisciplinary programmes in McGill's Faculty of Arts, while an external review judged it as "highly successful", one of only two interdisciplinary programmes that earned this rating. Our undergraduate students continued the spirit of Canada outside of the classroom by organizing Canadian trivia nights, a Canadian wine tasting event and even a curling excursion.

The Institute continued to be featured prominently in the media over the past year. Coverage of the annual conference appeared in both French and English newspapers, and was aired in its entirety on the Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC). As Director, I commented widely in both print and broadcast media in French and English on the Québec Elections and health care reform.

Finally, as you can see from the insert below, a new acting Director will be taking the reigns while I am on sabbatical leave during the 2007–2008 academic year. I am pleased that Dr. William Straw from McGill's Department of Art History and Communication Studies has agreed to serve as Acting Director during the upcoming year. An expert on culture and cultural policy, he brings an emphasis on cultural issues, an exciting and innovative aspect of the study of Canada. ✕

## Mission Statement of The McGill Institute for the Study of Canada

The McGill Institute for the Study of Canada was established in 1994. Its mission is to:

- promote a better understanding of Canada through the study of our heritage;
- develop a clearer understanding of Canada's social, political and economic future;
- identify and explore the benefits that a pluralistic society offers;
- support the study of Canada across the country and internationally.

In order to achieve these goals, the Institute:

- encourages a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Canada;
- promotes public as well as university-based education about Canada;
- fosters the development of networks in the areas of Canadian Studies;
- enhances informed discussion of public policy.



Photo: Luke Moreau

## MISC Acting Director for 2007–2008

**William Straw**, former Chair of the Department of Art History and Communications, has been appointed MISC's Acting Director for 2007–2008. Will Straw is one of Canada's most distinguished scholars and analysts of popular culture and cultural policy. He also has

a long association with MISC, having been a member of the steering committee for the *Who Controls Canada's Media?* Conference as well as being one of the researchers involved in the Max Bell research project. We are very happy that Will has accepted this appointment to serve as Acting Director during the Director's sabbatical leave.

# Programs and Courses

The Institute offers the **Canadian Studies Programme**, which includes an Honours and Joint Honours programme, and a Major and Minor Concentration. These programmes seek to provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary view of the nature and growth of Canada. Consequently, our program requirements are designed to encourage bilingualism, multidisciplinary study, and interdisciplinary research. A total of 338 students took advantage of our unique course offerings in the 2006–7 academic year. Ten students also graduated with a CANS Major and eight with a CANS Minor.

*“This degree in Canadian Studies is propelling me into the field of public service just like I wanted.”*

– Student evaluation

Our introductory lecture courses give students a firm grounding in Canadian politics, history, and culture. These courses are bolstered by the dedicated contributions of teaching assistants – one of whom, **Andrea Braithwaite**, was awarded a Faculty of Arts teaching prize this year – and by extracurricular activities organized by **The Canadian Studies Association for Undergraduate Students**.

The **Canadian Studies Programme** is of value to any student considering a career in education, law, business, government, journalism, and graduate work in the social sciences and humanities. ✎

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Ian Rae currently holds the position of Assistant Professor and Acting Visiting Program Director at the MISC. He graduated from Queen’s University in Kingston, Canada, with an Honours B.A. in English Literature in 1994. He also holds an M.A. (1997) and PhD (2002) in English from the University of British Columbia. He held post-doctoral fellowships at McGill University from 2002 to 2005 and joined the North American Studies Program at the University of Bonn, Germany, as a Visiting Assistant Professor in 2005. His book, *From Cohen to Carson: The Poet’s Novel in Canada*, is forthcoming from McGill-Queen’s Press (Fall 2007). He is also in the process of writing a monograph on the poet Anne Carson and is a member of the editorial board for the journal *Canadian Literature*.

## Courses 2006–2007

CANS 200–Introduction to the Study of Canada

Ian Rae

CANS 202–Canadian Cultures: Context and Issues

Ian Rae

*“CANS 300 was incredibly interesting and fun, but still challenging academically.”*

– Student evaluation, CANS 300

CANS 300–Geography of Canada

Geraldine Akman

CANS 300–Canadian Film and Television

Andrea Braithwaite

CANS 301–Provinces in Canada

Antonia Maioni

CANS 303–Sports in Canada

Jack Jedwab

CANS 401–Nationalisms in Canada

Andrew Gibson & Gregory Taylor

CANS 401–The Conservative Movement in Canada

Tasha Kheiriddin

CANS 402–Native Studies Issues: The Past Meets the Present

Norman Gull

CANS 403–Canadian Material Culture

Ian Rae

CANS 405–Canadian Ethnic Studies Seminar

Morton Weinfeld

CANS 406–Presidential Politics and Communication

Stephen J. Farnsworth

CANS 407–Regions of Canada

Shelley Boyd

CANS 408–Individual Reading Course

CANS 409–The Canadian Constitution: Rights and Liberties

James Kelly

CANS 410–Sex, Drugs and the *Canadian Charter of Rights*

James Kelly

CANS 410–Health Care in Canada

Antonia Maioni

*“Great course. Interesting and unique readings – not the type of things I would have come across on my own.”*

– Student evaluation, CANS 403

# Students and Postdoctoral Fellow

■ **Kelly Blidook**, Hampson Award recipient, has accepted a tenure-track position in Political Science at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

■ **Katherine Cinq-Mars** published an article in the October 2006 issue of *Policy Options*, entitled *Improving Canada's Climate Change Performance*, as well as related comments in the editorial pages of *Le Devoir* and the *Ottawa Citizen*. She also taught a new course during the winter semester on Environmental Politics and Policy in Canada.

*The success of the program [Canadian Studies] is due to a number of important factors:*

*(1) an endowment from the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Foundation... (2) a broad range of courses on the books in both a rigorous curriculum with a joint honors component and foundational courses, (3) a relationship with an ongoing research institute that provides the intellectual backdrop against which students conduct their coursework, and (4) an active and committed faculty and direction.*

– From an external review of Interdisciplinary Programs at McGill.  
The Canadian Studies Program was ranked as one of only two “highly successful” interdisciplinary programs at McGill.

■ **Danielle Chassin De Kergommeaux**, the MISC's Warren Fellow, is continuing her PhD in the Dept. of Art History and Communication Studies. She is currently examining the politics of recognition for non-human animals.

■ **Jean-François Constant**, a MISC Top-Up award recipient, has submitted a book manuscript with co-author and past MISC fellow, Michel Ducharme, to the University of Toronto Press. The book is based on the MISC conference *Liberalism and Hegemony: Debating the Canadian Liberal Revolution*.

■ **Pénélope Cormier**, also a MISC Top-Up award holder, presented a paper at the Association for Canadian and Québec Literatures conference in Saskatoon.

■ **Jacqueline Greenblatt**, the Prime Minister of the CSAUS, will be entering a new master's program at the University of Toronto in the fall (Master's in Public Policy).

■ Post-doctoral fellow, **Lorna Hutchison**, was a guest editor for the Winter 2007 *Canadian Issues*. This special issue featured the proceedings of the MISC's 2006 conference, *What are We Eating? Towards a Canadian Food Policy*.

■ **Emily Laxer**, Banque Nationale Fellow, recently completed the second of three semesters in the Master's program in Sociology. Emily's research project involves applying quantitative research techniques to the study of the determinants of Quebec sovereignty.

■ **Pauline Morel**, also a Hampson Award recipient, hopes to submit her doctoral dissertation, *Rag Bags: Textile Crafts in Canadian Fiction since 1980*, by the end of the summer.

■ **Erin Margaret Penner** was the recipient of the Joseph and Sandra Rotman Prize. This prestigious award is given to a graduate student whose Master's thesis is judged to have made a distinctive contribution to the understanding of public policy in Canada.

■ **Emma Richez** continues as Research Assistant to Professors Maioni and Manfredi, and ended her program year as an Action Canada Fellow in June. This bilingual leadership development program brings together Canada's best and brightest young people from across the country.

## The Canadian Studies Association of Undergraduate Students (CSAUS)



The CSAUS Executive. Front row: Lesley Patel, Jacqueline Greenblatt, Viviana McAllister. Back row: Mike Acton, Peter Clark and Patrick Boily

The Canadian Studies Association of Undergraduate Students (CSAUS) organized many events over the academic year including the Great Canadian Curling Bonspiel, the Great Canadian Wine



The Great Canadian Curling Challenge

Tasting Night and two Great Canadian Trivia Nights. In addition, the CSAUS also coordinated an outing to a McGill Redmen hockey game in January against the Concordia Stingers. The Redmen won 7–2. The CSAUS was also instrumental in promoting the Canadian Studies Program for our Winter term campaign.

# Public Events

## Lunch and Learn Series: *Your Rights in Canada*

Acting Program Director **Ian Rae** organized another outstanding list of speakers for the ever popular *Lunch and Learn Series*. This year's theme, *Your Rights in Canada*, was appropriately designed to reflect the topic of the MISC's annual conference, *The Charter @ 25*, held in February 2007. ✎



Photo: Owen Egan

**September 20, 2006**

**Canada, Terror, and the Global Minimal Moral Code**  
**Charles Blattberg** (Associate Professor of Political Philosophy, Department of Political Science, Université de Montréal)



Photo: Owen Egan

**October 25, 2006**

**Redressing the Chinese Canadian Head Tax**  
**Walter C. Tom** (Tom & Associates)



Photo: Owen Egan

**September 27, 2006**

**The Six Pillars of the Liberal Nation-Building Project**  
**Daniel Marc Weinstock** (Canada Research Chair in Ethics and Political Philosophy, Université de Montréal)



Photo: Owen Egan

**November 1, 2006**

**French-English Bilingualism: Official and Unruly Versions**  
**Catherine Leclerc** (Department of French Language and Literature, McGill University)



Photo: Owen Egan

**October 4, 2006**

**World Heritage and Cultural Rights**  
**Christina Cameron** (Canada Research Chair on Built Heritage, Université de Montréal)



Photo: Owen Egan

**November 15, 2006**

**Organic Constitutional Change – May the Sunny Days Continue!**  
**Peter Russell** (Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto)



Photo: Owen Egan

**October 11, 2006**

**Reconstituting the Body: How the Rise of Modern Surgery has Changed the Relation Between Body and Self**  
**Thomas Schlich** (Canada Research Chair in History of Medicine, McGill University)



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**November 29, 2006**

**Canada's Rights Revolution: Populist or Elitist?**  
**Michael D. Behiels** (University Research Chair, Department of History, University of Ottawa)



Photo: Owen Egan

Daniel Marc Weinstock takes a question from the audience.

## Max Bell Workshop-Luncheon Series

**M**ax Bell Postdoctoral Fellow **Shelley Boyd** organized the 2007 *Max Bell Workshop-Luncheon Series*, which was held throughout March and April at the Faculty Club. The series was an effective and important part of the academic year's schedule of events hosted by the Institute. Workshops are part of the *Innovation and Implementation in Public Policy* research project that is funded by the Max Bell Foundation. This year, the co-investigators – who include **Nathalie Cooke, Antonia Maioni, Christopher Manfredi, Richard Schultz, Stuart Soroka, and Will Straw** – decided to renew the format of the series by inviting guest speakers from inside and outside of McGill University to engage in critical discussions on the topics of Media, Health Care, and Culture. Between 20-30 guests, including McGill faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students, attended each of the five workshops, which facilitated lively and provocative sessions. ✈



Photo: Owen Egan

**March 9, 2007**  
*The Long and Winding Roads to the Doors of Heritage Canada, Canada Council, and SSHRC*  
**Philip Cercone** (Executive Director and Senior Editor, McGill-Queen's University Press)

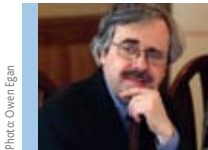


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**March 16, 2007**  
*President Bush, the Iraq War, and Public Opinion*  
**Stephen Farnsworth** (Canada-U.S. Fulbright Scholar, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada; Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Mary Washington, Virginia)



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**March 23, 2007**  
*Health Care Policy*  
**Pierre-Gerlier Forest** (President, Trudeau Foundation; Former Chief Scientist at Health Canada)



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**March 30, 2007**  
*Media and Public Policy*  
**Michael Goldbloom** (Vice-Principal of Inter-Institutional Relations, McGill University; Former Publisher of the *Toronto Star*)



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**April 13, 2007**  
*The Role of Thinking in Public Policy*  
**Mel Cappe** (President, Institute for Research on Public Policy; Former High Commissioner for Canada to the United Kingdom; Former Clerk of the Privy Council)

## MISC Co-Sponsored Events



**October 20, 2006**  
*Decommodification and Activation in Social Democratic Policy: Resolving the Paradox*  
**John D. Stephens** (Director, Center of for European Studies University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) Co-sponsored with the McGill Dept. of Sociology and the Institute for European Studies of Université de Montréal and McGill University



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**March 1, 2007**  
*Diversity and Integration: A British Perspective*  
**David Goodhart** (Editor, *Prospect*) Co-sponsored with the Institute for Research on Public Policy

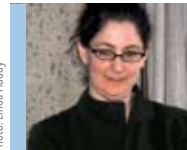


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**March 9, 2007**  
*The Age of Welfare*  
**Julia Lynch** (Dept. of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania) Co-sponsored with the McGill Dept. of Political Science, the McGill Dept. of Sociology, and the Institute for European Studies of Université de Montréal and McGill University

## Special Events at MISC

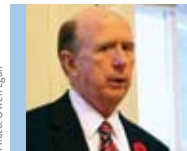


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**November 6, 2006**  
*A Discussion on Canada/U.S. Relations*  
**The Honorable David H. Wilkins** (United States Ambassador to Canada)



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**April 3, 2007**  
*National Unity and Fiscal Federalism*  
**The Honourable Maxime Bernier** (Minister, Industry Canada)

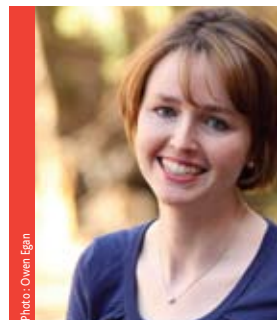


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After having successfully defended her dissertation in the English Department in November, Shelley Boyd became the Max Bell Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute. Shelley's dissertation, *How Does Her Garden Grow? The Garden Topos and Trope in Canadian Women's Writing*, cross-fertilizes garden history and theory with literary analysis as a strategy for reading gardens in texts. Portions of Shelley's research on literary gardens have been accepted for publication in the journals *Essays on Canadian Writing* and *English Studies in Canada*.



# MISC 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

February 14-16, 2007, Omni Mont-Royal Hotel, Montréal, Québec, Canada

Every year since its founding in 1994, the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC) has organized a major conference in Montréal on topics that matter to Canadians and are relevant to current public policy concerns. This year, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the MISC decided to consider the impact of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* on Canadian society.

To that end, *The Charter @ 25* conference asked pertinent and topical questions: How was the deal made that led to the *Charter's* creation? What were the views of its framers? What has the *Charter's* impact been on Canadian democracy? What is the relationship between the *Charter* and citizenship, security and equality? What role should judicial review play in Canada? What is the current and future function of the notwithstanding clause? How do judges conceive of their role in a constitutional democracy?

To help answer these questions, the MISC reached across professional and interdisciplinary boundaries and invited some of the most illustrious experts in the country to the table. Panellists and keynote speakers were asked to assess the past 25 years of the *Charter* and to try to predict what is yet to come. To achieve this formidable goal, the Institute reached out to a diverse audience – political scientists, legal professors and professionals, government representatives, media specialists, civil society groups, current students and

members of the general public – bringing together people with different approaches and opinions who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas.



Justice Ian Binnie and Justice Antonin Scalia share a moment after the debate

By that standard, the 2007 *The Charter @ 25* conference was a great success for the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. Not only did hundreds of people in attendance engage with the fifty speakers and panellists in sharing and debating their views about the *Charter*, but presentations also sparked many lively discussions that continued throughout the breaks, lunches and cocktails as well. The Conference thus succeeded in meeting its primary objective: providing a forum for promoting open, non-partisan and interdisciplinary discussion on a topic of interest to almost all Canadians, the *Charter of Rights*. The magazine *Policy Options* in its February 2007 issue, the *National Post* in its week-long *Charter* special reports, the Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC) and other local, national and international media disseminated some of the substantive issues addressed by the panellists to the broader community. Additionally, James B. Kelly and Christopher P. Manfredi will be submitting *The Charter @ 25*, an edited volume of scholarly articles examining the *Charter*, to the University of British Columbia Press in the fall. In this way, the Conference reached many thousands of Canadians and helped broaden the discussion around the *Charter* and the Canadian Constitution. ✎

The conference can be viewed in its entirety at <http://misc-icmc.mcgill.ca/conf2007/programme.html>



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Jean François Gaudreault-DesBiens and Andrew Petter



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The Rt. Hon. Joe Clark



Alex K. Paterson



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The Hon. Irwin Cotler

Photos of The Charter @ 25 Conference: Owen Egan

## Program Summary

### Wednesday, February 14, 2007

#### Words of Welcome

Antonia Maioni and Heather Munroe-Blum

#### Reading from *The Fall*, a play by Greg Nelson

Introduced by Denise Chong, and performed by Seth Earn and Julia Marie Kennedy

#### Deal or no Deal: The Making of the Charter

Thomas S. Axworthy, O.C., Louis Bernard, The Honourable Hugh D. Segal, C.M., Edward S. Goldenberg, and Pamela Wallin (moderator)

### Thursday, February 15, 2007

#### Words of Welcome

James Kelly (Master of Ceremonies), Antonia Maioni, Alex K. Paterson, O.C., O.Q., Q.C.

#### Video Appearance

The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C.

#### Special Address

Roger Tassé, O.C., Q.C.

#### Framing the Charter

The Right Honourable C. Joseph (Joe) Clark, P.C., C.C., Alan Borovoy, O.C., Barry L. Strayer, Q.C., Lynn McDonald, Nikita James Nanos, and Nicholas Kasirer (moderator)

#### The State of Canadian Democracy

Rainer Knopff, Martha Jackman, Marilou McPhe dran, Jean-François Gaudreault-DesBiens, Andrew Petter, Q.C., and Mel Cappe (moderator)

#### Citizenship and the Charter

Roderick Macdonald, Guy Laforest, Fo Niemi, and Pearl Eliadis (moderator)

#### Judicial Review and Charter Practices

Mary Dawson, Q.C., Ian Brodie, Guy Pratte, Gerald Chipeur, Q.C., Grant Huscroft, and Christopher Manfredi (moderator)

#### CBC Radio One Public Forum on Reasonable Accommodation

Julius Grey, Sarah Elgazzar, Laura-Julie Perreault, Rabbi Ronnie Fine and Mike Finnerty (host)

### Friday, February 16, 2007

#### Words of Welcome

L. Ian MacDonald (Master of Ceremonies), Antonia Maioni and Anthony Masi

#### Keynote Address

The Honourable J.J. Michel Robert

#### Special Address

Chief Raphaël Picard. Introduced by Gretta Chambers

#### The Charter and Security

The Honourable Irwin Cotler, P.C., O.C., Jennifer Stoddart, Lorne Waldman, Kent Roach, and Simon V. Potter, Q.C. (moderator)

#### The Charter and Equality

Graham Fraser, Donna Greschner, Margaret Parsons, Iain T. Benson, and Colleen Sheppard (moderator)

#### Notwithstanding Clause

Gil Rémillard, C.M., C.Q., B. Jamie Cameron, John Whyte, Peter Russell, and Janet Hiebert (moderator)

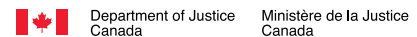
#### Judging in a Constitutional Democracy

The Honourable Mr. Justice W. Ian C. Binnie, Q.C., The Honorable Mr. Justice Antonin Scalia, and The Honourable Robert (Bob) Rae, P.C., O.C., Q.C. (moderator)

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Roger Tassé

# Distinguished Lecture Series and Visiting Scholars

With fortuitous timing, **Stephen Farnsworth**, the U.S.-Canada Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Public Policy, delivered the Fulbright Lecture one day after the American midterm elections on November 8. His analysis of the results attracted an enthusiastic crowd to the Faculty Club, and was featured in the *McGill Tribune*.

This year's Seagram Lecture, delivered by **James Kelly** on November 23, served as a timely advance for this year's annual conference, *The Charter @ 25*. Professor Kelly's lecture, *Parliament and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: An Unfinished Rights Revolution*, was based on his 2005 Donner Prize-nominated book, *Governing with the Charter: Legislative and Judicial Activism and Framers' Intent*.



Graham Fraser, Commissioner of Official Languages

**Graham Fraser**, Commissioner of Official Languages, delivered the J.R. Mallory Lecture in Canadian Studies on March 14. His lecture, *Linguistic Narratives and the National Conversation*, was held in the Ballroom at the McGill Faculty Club to accommodate the overflow crowd of over one hundred. ✎

All three lectures can be viewed on our website:

<http://misc-icem.mcgill.ca/enpages/eventscal.htm#dist0607>

## Stephen J. Farnsworth U.S.-Canada Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Public Policy



**Stephen J. Farnsworth**, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Mary Washington in Virginia, was the 2006–2007 U.S.-Canada Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Public Policy. He received his Ph.D. (1997) and M.A. (1993) in government from Georgetown University, after having received a B.A. (1990) in history from the University of Missouri, and a B.A. (1983) in government from Dartmouth College. Dr. Farnsworth has 10 years experience as a journalist, including working as a national reporter in Washington, D.C. He

also trained journalists in Ukraine, Armenia, and the Republic of Georgia for the U.S. Agency for International Development. He is the co-author of *The Nightly News Nightmare: Television's Coverage of U.S. Presidential Elections, 1988–2004* and of *The Mediated Presidency: Television News and Presidential Governance* and author of *Political Support in a Frustrated America*. Dr. Farnsworth has taught at Mary Washington since 1995, and has won three campus-wide teaching awards. While at the MISC, Professor Farnsworth taught one course, *Presidential Politics and Communication*, gave one of the three *Distinguished Lectures*, and spoke at the Max Bell Luncheon workshop series. He also had op-eds appear in *The Gazette* and *Embassy Magazine*, and provided expert commentary to Global and CTV News. ✎

## James Kelly 2006–2007 Seagram Visiting Chair in Canadian Studies

The Seagram Visiting Chair in Canadian Studies for the 2006–2007 academic year was **James Kelly**, an Associate Professor at Concordia University in Montréal, Québec. He is a graduate of McGill University, having received his Ph.D. in Political Science in 1999. Professor Kelly's research focuses on the judicialization of politics associated with the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the implications of this document for parliamentary democracy and federalism in Canada. His first book, *Governing with the Charter: Judicial and Legislative Activism and Framers' Intent* was one of five shortlisted titles for the Donner Prize in 2005. Dr. Kelly has published 15 scholarly articles and chapters that consider the impact of the *Charter of Rights* on governmental institutions in Canada. His current research project considers the approach to rights protections in advanced Westminster democracies such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Professor Kelly was a co-chair on the advisory committee for *The Charter @ 25* conference and taught two classes, *The Canadian Constitution: Rights and Liberties and Sex, Drugs and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* while at the MISC. ✎



## Where Are They Now?

- **Karl Hele**, graduate fellow from 1994 to 1997, is currently the director of the First Nations Studies department at the University of Western Ontario.
- Winner of the Hampson award in 2000/2001, **Dr. Rosalyn Trigger** is a research fellow at the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Aberdeen.
- **Thomas Flanagan**, the MISC's 1999–2000 Seagram Visiting Chair went from studying Canada to shaping it. He was Chief of Staff in the Opposition Leader's Office from 2002–2003 and was Manager of the National Campaign of the Conservative Party of Canada from 2003–2005. He is currently a professor of Political Science at the University of Calgary.
- **David G. Haglund**, Visiting Seagram Chair during the 2004–2005 academic year, continues to publish articles based on his research at MISC. One such article, *Québec's "America Problem": Differential Threat Perception in the North American Security Community*, appeared in the *American Review of Canadian Studies* (Winter 2006).



## Innovation and Implementation in Public Policy

Established in 2004 through a three-year grant from the Max Bell Foundation, the Innovation and Implementation in Public Policy project is now in its third year. The co-investigators – **Nathalie Cooke, Antonia Maioni, Christopher Manfredi, Richard Schultz, Stuart Soroka, and Will Straw** – share the research objective of heightening public awareness and understanding of the factors that influence public policy change in three sectors: Health Care, Media, and Culture. By engaging McGill scholars from a range of disciplines and methodologies, the IIPP project examines public policy matters through a unique interdisciplinary lens. Some of the specific topics of their research include: rights litigation and the health care system, Canadian food policy, media coverage related to Canadian general elections and health care policy, the dissemination of Canadian literature by universities both at home and abroad, media ownership and mergers, and the preservation of cultural heritage by public and private sectors.



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The Max Bell Team: Nathalie Cooke, Stuart Soroka, Antonia Maioni, Richard Schultz, Will Straw, Christopher Manfredi and Shelley Boyd

In September 2006 and March 2007, members of the IIPP research team met at the MISC with Ralph Strother and Allan Northcott of the Max Bell Foundation and Joe Zackon (Office of International Research-McGill) to review the ongoing progress of the research and a possible extension of the project's timeline.

Max Bell Postdoctoral Fellow Shelley Boyd organized this year's Max Bell Workshop-Luncheon Series, which was held throughout March and April. These events brought together members of the IIPP research team, McGill Faculty,

and McGill graduate and undergraduate students to engage in a series of discussions organized around the three themes of the project. The guest speakers who were invited to share their thoughts on public policy issues included: Philip Cercone, Stephen Farnsworth, Pierre-Gerlier Forest, Michael Goldbloom, and Mel Cappe. ✂

## Media Observatory

### The Media Observatory

The Observatory brings together academics, students and journalists interested in mass media in Canada. It provides a forum to discuss and analyze issues of mutual concern, and more particularly examines the roles, responsibilities and impact of media in Canada's policy processes.

The Observatory's main goal is to encourage the quantitative study of mass media content in Canada. Towards that end, the Observatory provides training in content analysis for graduate students, and gathers and disseminates data on media content. Over the past year, the Observatory has produced research on Canadian media coverage of US politics, on Quebec Media coverage of the Charest Government, on the evolution of the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery, and on media ownership in Canada. The Observatory also did content analysis of the four major newspapers during the 2007 Quebec Provincial Election. Findings from these studies were published in edited volumes, in Policy Options, and in newspapers across Canada.

The Observatory is funded through the McGill-Max Bell Strategic Initiative, with additional funding from the Donner Canadian Foundation. ✂

## Appointments



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Michael Goldbloom returned to McGill as the Vice-Principal of Inter-Institutional Relations at the beginning of the January. As Vice-Principal of Inter-Institutional Relations, Mr. Michael Goldbloom leads McGill's relations with the federal, provincial and municipal governments, and is McGill's

chief liaison with other organizations and public institutions. His responsibilities include initiatives to enhance partnerships with governments and other organizations at all levels in a manner that advances the University's mission, profile and impact. Mr. Goldbloom has also been appointed as Senior Fellow in Media and Public Policy with the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada and Media@McGill.



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# MISC in the News

It was once again a busy media year at the MISC. Director Antonia Maioni, former MISC director Desmond Morton, co-director of the Media Observatory Stuart Soroka, and visiting Fulbright Scholar Stephen Farnsworth, were asked to provide their expertise on a range of Canadian issues – including the Québec elections, the Liberal leadership race, health care reform, and U.S. politics – for numerous media outlets throughout the year.

The Director was particularly busy this year, especially during the Québec elections. Highlights of her appearances during the election campaign included a weekly roundtable and live coverage of the election night results for *CBC Newsworld*. The Director provided commentary for *CBC's Politics* with Don Newman, and had regular appear-

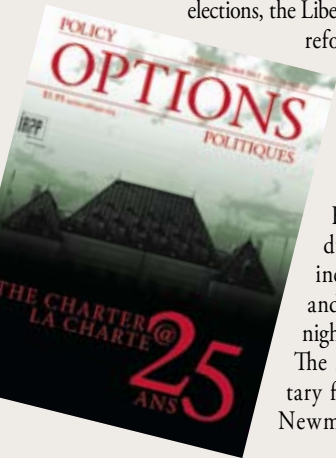
ances on *CTV Newsnet*, *Canada AM*, *Mike Duffy Live*, *TVO's The Agenda* with Steve Pakin, *CPAC news* with Peter Van Dusen, *CBC's The Current*, *CJAD's The Insider*, and *940 News*. She also published op-ed pieces in *The National Post*, *The Toronto Star*, *The Gazette* and *Le Devoir*.

In addition to our experts, the Institute was also prominently featured in the news during *The Charter @ 25* conference. Released in conjunction with the conference, the February issue of *Policy Options* (pictured) provided in-depth analysis of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. In total, thirteen authors, including Senator Hugh Segal, Nik Nanos, Graham Fraser and Roger Tassé, provided their unique insights into how the *Charter* has affected Canadians over the last quarter century. Additionally, the *National Post*, a conference media sponsor, ran a series of op-eds during the week of the conference that were adapted from the *Policy Options* articles. Commentary about the conference also appeared in *The Globe and Mail*, *La Presse*, *Le Devoir*, *The*

*McGill Reporter*, *The Gazette*, and *Walrus* magazine. The conference aired in its entirety on the Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC).

Here is a brief list of media outlets that featured the MISC or its expert residents: *The Globe and Mail*, *The National Post*, *The Gazette*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *The Canadian Press*, *Agence-France Press*, *The Associated Press*, *Maclean's*, *La Presse*, *Le Devoir*, *USA Today*, *The Ottawa Citizen*, *The Vancouver Sun*, *The Financial Post*, *The Toronto Star*, *La Tribune* (Sherbrooke), *Reuters*, *Bloomberg*, *Le Monde*, *The New York Times*, *Radio-Canada*, *CBC Television*, *TVOntario*, *CBC Newsworld*, *CBC Radio*, *CTV Newsnet*, *CTV News*, *CFCF-TV* and *Global TV*.

For a complete list of news items please visit <http://misc-icm.mcgill.ca/enpages/news.htm>



## The Year Ahead, 2007–2008

■ **William Straw**, former Chair of the Department of Art History and Communications, has been appointed MISC's Acting Director for 2007–2008.

■ **Antonia Maioni** will be on sabbatical leave for 2007–2008. During this time, she will be affiliated with the McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy in the Faculty of Medicine.

■ **Elsbeth Heaman**, a historian of eighteenth and nineteenth century Canada has been recruited as the new Academic Program Director.

■ **Ian Rae** will return as Visiting Assistant Professor for the 2007–2008 academic year. He will teach four CANS courses and will continue to coordinate the successful Lunch and Learn series.

■ **Raymond Cox** has been selected as the U.S.–Canada Fulbright Visiting Research Chair for 2007–2008. Dr. Cox is a professor in the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies at the University of Akron, Ohio and will be at the MISC from September to December 2007.

■ The **2008 annual conference** will focus on North American culture.

■ We are pleased that **Shelley Butler** and **Shelley Boyd** will each be teaching two courses in 2007–2008.



Luke Moreau, Antonia Maioni, Johanne Bilodeau, Adriana Goreta, Linda Huddy, Mahshid Torkaman-Zehi

■ **Ceri Morgan**, an expert on Québec Literature and Montréal's urban culture, has accepted the inaugural Eakin Visiting Fellowship in Canadian Studies for the Fall term. Founded in memory of William R. Eakin, the Fellowship will be awarded annually to high-level scholars focusing on Canada.

■ **Patrick Fournier**, of the Department of Political Science at the Université de Montréal, has accepted an invitation to be a Visiting Scholar at the MISC during the Fall semester. He will remain at the MISC during the Winter term as the Eakin Visiting Scholar in Canadian Studies.

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