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### Word from the Editor / Mot du rédacteur

As always there is much useful information packed into this edition of the *Bulletin*. You will find minutes from the Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon, the call for papers for next year's Annual Meeting in Vancouver, a call for papers from several journals, a description of the annual student essay contests, the ever interesting member and departmental news, job openings, and a note from the CSSR Student representative. You will also find brief biographies of the new executive members elected at the Annual General meeting.

If you have not yet renewed your 2007/2008 membership in the CSSR/SCÉR I would encourage you to do that. The various activities of the Society (e.g., running the annual meeting, publishing the *Bulletin*) are dependent on your membership dues. Membership forms can be downloaded from our website and are found at the end of every edition of the *Bulletin*. In recent years we have had a large number of people who want to give papers at our annual meeting but are not currently members. Please ensure that your membership is up to date when you submit an abstract for inclusion in our annual meeting.

More of you than ever are taking the opportunity to list your academic activities in the *Bulletin*. This is very encouraging and is a sign of a flourishing society. Please continue to make use of the *Bulletin* to communicate your activities to your colleagues. You can use the form at the end of the *Bulletin* or send me an email with the information or publication(s) you would like included in future editions of the *Bulletin*. Please feel free to send me information for inclusion in the *Bulletin* year round. I will keep track of it and insert it in the next edition of the *Bulletin*.

The society maintains a mailing list that is used exclusively by our society to send you information about what the CSSR/SCÉR is doing or information that we think would be important to our members. If you are not currently receiving email from us and would like to be added to this mailing list please contact our recording secretary, Donna Seamone, and request that your name be added to our list. We do not sell or rent out our membership list. Nor do we accept paid advertising of any kind.

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As always I welcome your comments on how this publication can be of more use to you.

Mark Chapman Rédacteur / Editor

# Procès-verbal de la réunion du conseil / Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

### University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Le 27 mai 2007 / May 27, 2007

Present: Leona Anderson, Peter Beyer, Mark Chapman, Christopher Cutting, Francis

Landy, Rubina Ramji, Donna Seamone

Regrets: Alain Bouchard, Kenneth MacKendrick, David Seljak.

### 1. Welcome / Bienvenue

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour

MOTION to approve, Leona Anderson / Christopher Brittain (carried).

### 3. Adoption of the minutes of the May 2006 meetings of the Executive Committee/ Adoption des procès-verbaux des réunions du conseil de mai 2006 MOTION to approve (carried)

### 4. Business Arising From the Minutes / Suivi aux procès-verbaux

### 4.1 Legal status of CSSR.

Questions were discussed regarding the legal status of the organization. (Not for Profit? Non-profit?). The president and treasurer will explore this issue in consultation with Randi Warne.

### 4.2 Support of of the IAHR in Toronto.

Leona Anderson raised the issue of the request of the IAHR for the CSSR to sponsor a plenary session at the meeting in Toronto (in 2010), at the cost of approximately \$5000. Discussion followed regarding possibilities for sources of funds to support sponsorship of this event.

MOTION, R. Ramji/L. Anderson (carried): The president, with the membership secretary, is authorized to explore the possibility of amending the membership form to facilitate an opportunity for members to make a donation to an IAHR fund.

MOTION, F. Landy/C. Cutting (carried): That the president ask at the AGM if there is agreement in principle with this decision to participate in this way at the IAHR.

L. Anderson asked, on behalf of D. Wiebe, for suggestions from the executive for plenary speakers for this event.

### 4.3 CSSR Website.

M Chapman noted that the need for someone to check to ensure that the French side of the CSSR website is updated. P. Beyer will assess the state of the website and call on one of his graduate students or André Couture to correct the site.

### 5. Reports / Rapports

### 5.1 President / Présidente

P. Beyer announced there was nothing to report, all issues will be raised in the executive meeting and AGM today.

### 5.2 Treasurer / Trésorier

Peter Beyer reviewed the annual Treasurer's Report on behalf of Ken MacKendrick.

MOTION to approve, L Anderson/ F. Landy (carried).

The Treasurer's Report highlighted issues such as the following:

- In the past year a surplus of \$600.00 was anticipated but there was a deficit of \$932.44. The deficit is accounted for by the lack of participation in the CSSR dinner which amounted to a loss of \$2,051.60 (about \$500 off budget), some May 2007 WLUP chq deposits which will appear next year, and a double payment of the Congress Fees (\$2,030/annum). Considering the double payment of the Congress Fees there is a \$1,000 surplus.
- Our Society has three sources of income. The sources of income include membership dues (WLUP), interest on investments, and registration fees. Alongside this we receive a SSHRC Grant which we must set aside to fund travel to the Congress.
- Expenses are fairly consistent from year to year. We pay AGM expenses (outlined above), membership fees (HSSCF, IAHR), the cost of publishing the *Bulletin*, administration fees from WLUP, the maintenance of the website, office supplies and bank charges, as well as the defrayal of travel expenses for students, special speakers, and participation in organizations of particular interest to our membership.

MOTION, L. Anderson/M. Chapman (carried): The budget for 2007-2008, as prepared by the treasurer, is accepted with the addition of \$500.00 to cover the cost of Graduate student attendance at the annual dinner.

### Special Order of Business.

Braj Sinha of the Department of Religious Studies & Anthropology at the University of Saskatchewan articulated the threatened situation of this department, requesting support from the executive of the CSSR and permission to solicit letters, arguments and comparisons from those attending the AGM.

MOTION, F. Landy/R.Ramji (carried): The CSSR supports the Department of Religious Studies & Anthropology at the University of Saskatchewan and authorizes the President of the CSSR to write the administration of the University of Saskatchewan urging them to maintain the disciplinary integrity of the Department of Religious Studies & Anthropology.

It was agreed that Francis Landy will present this motion at the AGM and that Braj Sinha and Mary Ann Beavis will address the AGM.

### 5.3 Membership Secretary / Secrétaire aux admissions

MOTION to accept the Report, M.Chapman/L. Anderson (carried).

Mark Chapman highlighted the following issues:

- Membership enrolment procedure in 2006/2007 remained the same as in previous years.
- Produced a revised copy of the CSSR/SCÉR brochure and a one page ad (in French and English).
- Policy of only approving members for presentation at the annual conference who have paid their membership dues was implemented this year.
- 2006 membership total as of April 26 totalled 296. This is the highest membership level since 1995. Students now comprise 27% of our membership as compared to 32% in 2006 and 28% in 2005.
- Recommend that membership dues for 2007 remain unchanged from 2006.

MOTION, L. Anderson/C. Cutting (carried): The Executive of the CSSR authorizes M. Chapman to acquire an independent internet domain for the CSSR webpage, the cost of which is not to exceed \$200.00.

### 5.4 Nominations Committee / Comité pour les nominations

Mark Chapman presented the report of this committee (Peter Beyer, Ken MacKendrick, Mark Chapman). (Since this report was presented as part of the Membership Secretary's report the motion to accept is noted above in **5.3**.). There is continued effort to make the executive representative of our membership in terms of geographic area, gender, area of specialization, and language.

The Nominations Committee tabled the following recommendations to fill the vacancies:

- Treasurer, 3 year term No Nominee (Kenneth MacKendrick has agreed to serve as Treasurer temporarily, until a replacement is found.)
- Recording Secretary, 3 year term Donna Seamone (current serving in the position in a temporary capacity)
- Graduate Student Member-at-Large, 2 year term Janet Gunn
- If approved by the membership we will also nominate:

Member-at-Large, 3 year term – Chris Klassen Member-at-Large, 3 year term – No Nominee

MOTION, L. Anderson/F. Landy (carried): That a constitutional amendment be presented at the AGM as follows: That Article V item d) of the CSSR/SCÉR constitution be changed to read:

Article V: Executive d) Five members-at-large elected to a three year term of office at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Election of

members-at-large will follow a staggered pattern such that no more than two members-at-large will be elected or will retire in any one year.

### 5.5 2007 Programme Chair / Responsable du programme 2007

R.Ramji gave a brief verbal report on behalf of both she and A. Bouchard. She highlighted that they are pleased with both the number and the quality of panel submissions. She noted that since the program was printed there have been seven cancellations. P. Beyer expressed particular thanks to Alain and Ruby for their fine work in planning this year's program.

### 5.6 Student Essay Awards / Prix pour les essais des étudiant(e)s

## 5.6.1 Undergraduate Essay Contest / Concours d'essai pour les étudiant(e)s du 1er cycle

Francis Landy reported the following winners in the undergraduate essay contest:

- 1st prize : Gabriel Jones (Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa): "Gender Equivalence, Samkhya and Mahadevi"
- Runner Up: Brynna Hambly (Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary) "The Manufacturing of Saints in Early Christian Homiletic and Martyrological Literature"

MOTION, F. Landy/C. Cutting (carried). The winners of the undergraduate essay contest for the current year accepted as reported.

5.6.2 Graduate Essay Contest / Concours d'essai pour les étudiant(e)s du 2e cycle Leona Anderson reported that she received three submissions for the Graduate essay competition. She recommended that no award be given this year.

MOTION, M. Chapman/R.Ramji (carried). The Executive accepts the report and recommendation as submitted.

# 5.8 Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion/Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses (CCSR)

P. Beyer is the representative to the CCSR. He gave a brief report on the status of the CCSR. They are doing well.

## 5.8 Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR)

No report. (A. Bouchard, président de la SQÉR, absent.)

# 5.9 Canadian Federation for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (CFHSS) / Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines et sociales (FCSH) No report. D. Seljak absent.

### 5.10 CSSR Web Site/Site Web de la SCÉR

Discussed under 4.3 and 5.4 above. No further discussion.

### 6. Local arrangements representative Congress 2007

No report, local arrangements committee chair not present.

### 7. Student Representative / Représentant des étudiants

Christopher Cutting reported on his activities:

- Organized a student professional development panel on "Netting A Job With A Degree In Religion Inside And Outside Of The Academy" (May 2007).
- Provided a list of student panels organized 2004-06.
- Submitted a revised schedule of duties for the student representative (which he will pass on to new student representative).
- Contacted the AAR graduate student representative committee to establish a student liaison from the CSSR to the AAR.
- Published statements from the student desk in the *Bulletin* and circulated announcements of contests and events.

Cutting requested clarification concerning the acceptable uses of the \$600 designated for the student representative. The treasurer will have to be consulted to clarify this.

MOTION, R. Ramji /C. Cutting (carried): The president and the treasurer are authorized to investigate CSSR investments.

MOTION, C. Cutting /F. Landy (carried): That a motion be presented to the AGM proposing the establishment of a CSSR Graduate Student Scholarship. It was agreed that C. Cutting will present this motion.

### 8. Other business / Varia

MOTION, L. Anderson/F. Landy (carried): The CSSR will have an annual keynote speaker. This matter will be organized by the President in consultation with the Program Chair and the executive.

F. Landy informed the executive that the Ph.D. Program at the University of Alberta is on the verge of being approved.

### 9. Adjournment / Ajournement

MOTION, L.Anderson/F. Landy (carried).

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Donna L. Seamone

## Annual General Meeting Minutes / Procès-verbal de l'assemblée annuelle University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Le 27 mai 2007 / May 27, 2007

Present: Leona Anderson, Mary Ann Beavis, Peter Beyer, Paul Bramadat, Mark Chapman, Christopher Cutting, Pamela Dickey Young, Patricia Dold, David Feltmate, Karljurgen Feuerherm, Mandy Furney, Cheryl Gaver, Chris Klassen, Janet Klippenstein, Francis Landy, Alison Marshall, Richard Mann, Evan Radford, Rubina Ramji, Thom Parkhill, Donna Seamone, David Seljak, Braj Sinha, Terry Woo

### 1. Welcome / Bienvenue

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour

MOTION to approve with the addition of one item (presentation by Braj Sinha and Mary Ann Beavis of the University of Saskatchewan): Leona Anderson/David Seljak (carried).

- 3. Adoption of the minutes of the 2006 meeting of the Annual General Meeting / Adoption du procès-verbal de l'assemblée annuelle 2006 MOTION to approve: Braj Sinha / Mary Ann Beavis (carried).
- **4.** Business arising from the Minutes / Suivi au procès-verbal None.
- 5. Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada Representative /
  Représentant de la Fédération canadienne des sciences humaines et sociales
  The membership were addressed by three representatives of the Humanities and Social
  Sciences Federation: Kel Morin-Parsons, Jim Frideres, and Stephanie Turple. They
  informed the assembly of the current activities and intiatives of the Federation,
  emphasizing the following:
  - The new President of SSHRC, Chad Gaffield, is present at the Congress and is focussed on promoting the Social Sciences and Humanities.
  - The federation will address the issue of travel grants in the coming year.
  - The federal budget announced \$11,000,000 in SSHRC funding, while NSERC And CIHR each received \$37,000,000.
  - OPEN ACCESS This issue involves attention to the tension between the desire to widely distribute academic research on the internet, and the concern to respect copyright. The Federation would welcome inquires about these possibilities.
  - A report on ethics and student plagiarism is forthcoming.
  - A small fee increase for Associations is proposed for 2008-09. These fees have not changed since 2000. However, the minimum fee for a small association (\$500.00) and the maximum fee (\$7500.00) for a large association will not change.

### 5.1 Special Order of Business.

MOTION, F. Landy/D. Seljak (carried unanimously): The CSSR/SCÉR expresses its support for the Department of Religious Studies & Anthropology at the University of Saskatchewan. The membership authorizes the President of the CSSR to write the administration of the University of Saskatchewan urging the university to maintain the departmental integrity of the discipline of Religious Studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

Braj Sinha and Mary Ann Beavis of the Department of Religious Studies & Anthropology at the University of Saskatchewan addressed the AGM articulating the situation faced by this department. They appealed for the support of the membership of the CSSR/SCÉR, soliciting letters, arguments and comparisons from those attending the AGM. In addition to formally endorsing the motion, other members of the CSSR/SCÉR agreed to write letters of support individually.

### 6. Reports/Rapports

### a) President / Présidente

- P. Beyer began by noting there was not a lot to report. He highlighted the following item:
  - The CSSR/SCÉR executive received a request from Don Wiebe that the society make a meaningful contribution to the IAHR (International Association for the History of Religions) meeting in Toronto in 2010. This request was discussed by the CSSR/SCÉR executive.

MOTION, L. Anderson/F Landy (carried): The membership supports in principle the executives exploration of possibilities for involvement at the IAHR.

### b) Treasurer / Trésorier

Peter Beyer reviewed the annual Treasurer's Report on behalf of Ken MacKendrick.

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report: Pamela Dickey Young/ Thom Parkhill (carried).

The following issues were highlighted:

- The Treasurer's report shows a deficit of \$932.44. The deficit is accounted for by the lack of participation in the CSSR/SCÉR dinner (2006), some WLUP cheque deposits which will appear next year, and a double payment of the Congress Fees (\$2,030.00/annum). Considering the double payment of the Congress Fees there is, in reality, a \$1,000 surplus.
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bank charges, as well as the defrayal of travel expenses for students, special speakers, and participation in organizations of particular interest our membership.

MOTION to approve the budget, Mary Ann Beavis/Braj Sinha (carried).

## c) Membership Secretary / Secrétaire aux admissions, CSSR Web Site / Site Web de la SCÉR & The Bulletin

MOTION to accept, Mark Chapman/ Christopher Cutting (carried).

### M. Chapman highlighted that:

- There are currently 296 members of the CSSR, 109 members have not yet paid their dues.
- Membership is holding steady.
- Students comprise 27% of the membership.
- The *Bulletin* was produced as usual. Members were encouraged to accept electronic rather than paper copies.

### d) 2007 Programme Chair / Responsable du programme 2007

Rubina Ramji alerted members that revised conference schedules are posted and reminded attendees that happy hour and the annual dinner will both to be held this evening.

### e) Nominations Committee / Comité pour les nominations

M. Chapman reminded the assembly that last year the membership was given notice of motion for a change to the CSSR/SCÉR constitution, adding two members to the CSSR/SCÉR executive.

MOTION, Mark Chapman/Thom Parkhill (carried): That Article V: Executive d) of the CSSR/SCÉR constitution be changed to, "Five members-at-large elected to a three year term of office at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Election of members-at-large will follow a staggered pattern such that no more than two members-at-large will be elected or will retire in any one year."

Mark Chapman presented the report of the Nominations committee. The committee offered the following nominations to these positions:

- Treasurer, 3 year term –Kenneth MacKendrick
- Recording Secretary, 3 year term Donna Seamone
- Graduate Student Member-at-Large, 2 year term Janet Gunn
- Member-at-Large, 3 year term Chris Klassen
- Member-at-Large, 3 year term No Nominee

The floor was opened for further nominations.

NOMINATON of Richard Mann, Patricia Dold/Leona Anderson.

NOMINATON of David Feltmate, Chistopher Cutting/Mandy Furny.

MOTION that nominations close, Braj Sinha/Patricia Dold.

The President declared the Treasurer, Secretary and Graduate Student Member elected by acclamation

Ballots were cast to elect two persons to fill the Member-at-Large, 3 year term positions. The President announced the results of the election, declaring Chris Klassen and David Feltmate elected to Member-at-Large positions.

### f) Student Essay Awards / Prix pour les essais des étudiant(e)s

Francis Landy announced the following winners in the undergraduate essay contest:

- 1st prize: Gabriel Jones (Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa): "Gender Equivalence, Samkhya and Mahadevi"
- Runner Up: Brynna Hambly (Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary) "The Manufacturing of Saints in Early Christian Homiletic and Martyrological Literature"

Leona Anderson reported that she received three submissions for the Graduate essay competition. She recommended that no award be given this year.

### g) CSSR Web Site / Site Web de la SCÉR

Covered in the report of the membership secretary.

## h) Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion / Corporation canadienne des sciences religieuses

David Seljak annouced that there was nothing to report and encouraged the membership to attend the annual meeting on May28th.

### i) Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR) No report.

### j) Student Representative / Représentant des étudiants

Christopher Cutting reported on his activities, drawing attention to the following:

- Organized a student professional development panel on "Netting a Job with a degree in Religion inside and Outside of the Academy" (May 2007).
- Provided a list of student panels organized 2004-06.
- Established a graduate student contact person at each institution in Canada.
- Contacted the AAR graduate student representative committee to establish a student liaison from the CSSR to the AAR.
- Published statements from the student desk in the Bulletin and circulated announcements of contests and events.

Cutting emphasized the 100% discount for student attending the annual dinner of the Society.

MOTION, Christopher Cutting /Francis Landy: That the CSSR/SCÉR establish approve, in principle, the establishment of an annual Graduate Student Scholarship.

After discussion, the mover and seconder agreed to add an amendment to the motion by adding the following: The President and Treasurer be authorized to investigate reinvesting the CSSR investments for the purpose of generating income for the proposed Graduate Student Scholarship.

After discussion, C. Cutting and F. Landy agreed to withdraw the entire motion.

MOTION, David Seljak /Pat Dold: The AGM empowers the Executive to reinvest the GICs to generate additional income.

The President expressed thanks to Christopher Cutting for his service on the executive

### 8. Other Business/ Varia

Francis Landy informed the membership that the University of Alberta (Edmonton) is soon to gain the approval from the Alberta Government for a PhD programme.

The President declared a vote of thanks to Mary Ann Beavis for local arrangements and to Rubina Ramji and Alain Bouchard for their work in preparing the program.

A reminder was announced of two events, the reception at the faculty club and the CSSR/SCÉR annual dinner.

### 9. Adjournment/ Levée de l'assemblée

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Donna L. Seamone

### Information concernant la conférence annuelle 2008 / Annual Conference 2008 Information University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

# Call for Papers Canadian Society for the Study of Religion Annual Conference

The Program Committee invites submissions for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the CSSR, to be held in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and the Social Sciences on the campus of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, June 1-4, 2008.

The Board of the Federation has adopted the following as the major theme for Congress 2008:

### Thinking Beyond Borders - Global Ideas: Global Values.

The theme of Congress 2008 is *Penser sans frontières: Thinking Beyond Borders* — *Global Ideas: Global Values* | *Idées mondiales: valeurs mondiales.* Congress is the largest interdisciplinary conference of its kind, encouraging us to think "sans frontières" while acknowledging that global ideas must be accompanied by global values.

As the University of British Columbia celebrates its centennial in 2008, it is appropriate to reflect on the role of the university in its increasingly global context. Congress 2008 seeks to encourage an international forum for these reflections, in concert with the goal of *Trek 2010* to "collaborate with local, national and international communities on problems of global interest in such areas as sustainability, health care, law, transportation, alternate energies, education, immigration, culture, and social and economic development.

The Board of the Federation encourages associations to adopt this theme and to develop sessions related to the topic within their own programs and to engage in intellectual debates that characterise these annual meetings.

As always, the CSSR welcomes papers and proposals on <u>all aspects of religion, from various academic perspectives</u>.

The deadline for all submissions (special papers and abstracts of regular papers, panels and roundtables) is **January 11, 2008**. Abstracts are to be no more than 150 words. Those greatly exceeding this limit will not be printed in the program.

<u>Individuals must be members</u> to have their papers accepted into the program. At least one participant of a panel should be a member.

Chaired sessions are an integral part of an effective program. Please indicate if you would be willing to **chair a session** at the annual meeting.

Completed special papers, abstracts of regular papers, panels and roundtables, are to be sent to:

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\*\* Please include the following information with your submission: last name, first name, institutional affiliation, abstract, audiovisual needs, mailing address, phone number(s), fax number, and e-mail address. Submission via email attachment is preferred.

### Submissions for the CSSR Annual Meeting may be of four types.

### a. Special Papers

In order to effect a more full discussion of complete studies by Society members, blocks of time may be set aside for the presentation of, responses to, and discussion of "special" or "major" papers. A special paper may be grounded in a special field, but it should address matters important to all students of religion. In order to be considered, a complete version of the paper together with an abstract is to be submitted by **January 11, 2008**.

### b. Regular Papers

The Committee invites proposals for presentations of works in progress and shorter scholarly papers for presentation. Normally, the time for actual delivery is twenty minutes, with ten minutes for questions and discussion. A 150 (maximum) word abstract should be submitted by **January 11, 2008**. All audio-visual needs must be clearly noted with your initial submission. Abstracts should include some background to the topic you are proposing, a statement of methodology and an indication of your argument.

### c. Panels

The Committee encourages proposals for panels, workshops and seminars. The organizer is responsible for setting the topic and involving the participants in a maximum three hour block of time (two sessions of an hour and a half each). An abstract(s) as above, together with the names and institutional affiliations of the participants, audio-visual needs, and the name of a chair (who should not be making a presentation) is to be submitted by **January 11, 2008**. Panel organizers should submit both the panel abstract and the individual paper abstracts as one package. Panel organizers are expected to coordinate communication between members of the panel(s) and the Program Chair.

### d. Roundtables

The Roundtable format usually focuses on a particular issue, book, or the body of work of an individual. It consists of four (or more) short presentations followed by discussion, both with the roundtable members and audience members. As with the panel, the organizer is responsible for submitting an abstract for the Roundtable which includes the names and institutional affiliations of the participants, equipment needs, and chair (who may also be a participant).

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- 1. The CSSR strongly discourages panel presentations of more than three papers as it inhibits discussion. Presentations of more than 3 papers should use the Roundtable format.
- 2. Requests to present on specific dates MUST accompany the initial proposal.
- 3. Joint proposals (two societies combining their efforts) should be submitted to both societies for approval.
- 4. Acceptance of proposals will be done via e-mail, and Panel/Roundtable organizers will be responsible for informing their presenters. Members who require a 'hard copy' acceptance of their proposal for funding purposes may request one from the Program Chair.
- 5. Multiple presentations are not permitted. However, a participant is permitted to present both a regular paper/panel presentation and a roundtable presentation.

# Invitation à proposer une communication La Société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion (SCÉR) Conférence annuelle, 2008

Le comité de programme de la Société canadienne pour l'étude de la religion vous invite à lui envoyer des propositions de communication pour sa prochaine conférence annuelle qui se tiendra sur le campus de l'université de la Colombie-Britannique à Vancouver, du 1 juin au 4 juin 2008, dans le cadre du 77<sup>e</sup> Congrès des sciences humaines.

Comme thème principal du congrès de 2008, le Conseil de la Fédération a adopté :

### Penser sans frontières - Idées mondiales: valeurs mondiales

Le Congrès est la plus grande conférence interdisciplinaire du genre, qui nous encourage à penser « sans frontières » tout en reconnaissant que les idées mondiales doivent être assorties de valeurs mondiales

Comme l'université de la Colombie-Britannique célébrera son centenaire en 2008, il convient de réfléchir au rôle de l'université dans un contexte de plus en plus mondial. Nous cherchons à encourager la création d'un forum international pour ces réflexions, de concert avec l'objectif de *Trek 2010* qui est de « collaborer avec les collectivités locales, nationales et internationales à la solution des problèmes de portée mondiale dans des domaines comme la durabilité, les soins de santé, le droit, les transports, les autres sources d'énergie, l'éducation, l'immigration, la culture et le développement social et économique. »

Nous espérons que le Congrès 2008 vous donnera l'occasion de participer à des débats intellectuels comme ceux qui ont fini par caractériser nos assemblées annuelles.

Vous noterez que, conformément à sa politique habituelle, la SCÉR accepte des propositions de communication portant sur <u>n'importe quel aspect de la religion, mais uniquement à visée académique.</u>

La date limite pour soumettre un résumé de 150 mots (maximum) de toutes les propositions (conférence, communication ordinaire, séminaire ou atelier, table ronde) est le **11 janvier 2008**. Les résumés qui dépasseront largement la limite de 150 mots, ne seront pas publiés dans le programme.

Vous devez être membre de la Société pour proposer une communication et dans le cas d'un séminaire ou d'une table ronde, un des participants doit être membre. Nous avons grand besoin de personnes qui accepteraient de présider l'une ou l'autre session de cette rencontre, veuillez nous indiquer si vous êtes disposé à le faire.

Vous voudrez bien envoyer le texte complet de votre proposition de conférence, le résumé de votre communication, d'un séminaire ou d'une table ronde à :

Rubina Ramji
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
Cape Breton University
1250 Grand Lake Road
Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 6L2
ruby\_ramji@cbu.ca

\*\* Nous vous encourageons à envoyer votre proposition en document attaché par courrier électronique. Avec toute proposition, veuillez inclure les informations suivantes : Nom, prénom, affiliation institutionnelle, résumé, besoin en audio-visuel, adresse postale, numéro(s) de téléphone, de télécopieur, courrier électronique.

### Quatre types de propositions sont recevables lors de ce congrès :

### a. La conférence:

Afin de permettre un débat plus en profondeur concernant des recherches d'envergure réalisées par nos membres, des périodes peuvent être réservées à la présentation de communications plus longues avec répondants et discussion. Bien qu'appuyé sur une expertise précise, ce type de communication devrait éviter une trop grande spécialisation et déboucher sur des questions générales susceptibles d'intéresser une plus large audience. Pour qu'une telle conférence puisse être organisée, il faut que le texte complet de la conférence nous soit soumis avant le **11 janvier 2008**, de même qu'un résumé de cette conférence.

### b. La communication ordinaire:

Le comité vous invite à proposer une brève communication faisant état de travaux en voie de réalisation ou portant sur tout autre sujet spécialisé. L'exposé est normalement de vingt minutes, et est suivi de dix minutes de questions et discussions. Il faut à cet effet soumettre un résumé de 150 mots (maximum) avant le 11 janvier 2008. Ce résumé doit préciser le thème abordé, inclure des éléments de méthodologie et donner une première idée de votre argumentation. Vous devez immédiatement signaler si vous aurez besoin d'appareils audio-visuels.

### c. Le séminaire ou l'atelier :

Le comité encourage à faire des propositions de séminaires, d'ateliers, etc. À de telles activités, on alloue au maximum trois heures, soit deux sessions d'une heure et demie. C'est à l'organisateur ou à l'organisatrice de tels séminaires de décider de son thème, de choisir et de contacter ceux ou celles qui y participeront. C'est à lui ou elle à soumettre avant le 11 janvier 2008 un résumé de cette activité, y compris le nom, l'affiliation institutionnelle, les besoins audio-visuels de chacun des participants, ainsi que le nom d'un président ou d'une présidente (qui ne devrait pas normalement faire de communication). La personne qui organise cette activité doit soumettre ensemble le résumé global et les résumés provenant de chacun et chacune des membres du groupe. C'est à cette personne d'assurer la coordination entre les membres du séminaire et le président du comité du programme.

### d. La table ronde:

Le format de table ronde est habituellement réservé à une question particulière, à un livre ou à l'œuvre d'un auteur. Il consiste en quatre présentations (ou davantage), suivies de discussions entre les membres de la table ronde autant qu'avec l'audience. Comme pour le séminaire, c'est à l'organisateur ou à l'organisatrice de soumettre un résumé de cette activité, y compris le nom, l'affiliation institutionnelle, les besoins audio-visuels des participants, ainsi que le nom d'un président ou d'une présidente (qui peut lui-même participer à la table ronde).

### **REMARQUES IMPORTANTES:**

- 1. La SCÉR n'encourage pas les séminaires ou ateliers de plus de trois communications, car ils ne laissent pas suffisamment de temps à la discussion. Les présentations de plus de trois communications devraient plutôt utiliser le format de « table ronde ».
- 2. Le comité accepte d'analyser une demande de communication faite à une journée précise, à la condition expresse que cette demande accompagne la proposition initiale.
- 3. Toute proposition de communication conjointe (i.e. impliquant la participation de membres de deux sociétés) doit être soumise et approuvée par les deux sociétés concernées.
- 4. Les personnes dont les propositions de communication sont acceptées sont avisées par courrier électronique, mais ce sont les personnes en charge de séminaire ou de table ronde qui sont responsables d'aviser les membres de leur groupe. Toute personne ayant besoin d'une lettre officielle d'acceptation de sa communication, en raison de subventions par exemple, n'ont qu'à le demander au président du comité.
- 5. On ne permet pas à la même personne de présenter plusieurs communications ordinaires. Cependant, il est permis de présenter à la fois une communication ordinaire et une communication à un séminaire ou à une table ronde.

### Student Essay Contests / Concours d'essai pour étudiant et étudiante

### **Undergraduate Student Essay Contest**

**Subject:** Any topic in the general field of religious studies

**Length:** 10-15 pages, typed and double-spaced

Eligibility: Any undergraduate currently registered in a Canadian university or college

**Prize:** 1st prize: \$300 / 2nd prize: \$100

**Deadline:** One copy of the completed essay, with the accompanying letter, must be submitted no

later than April 18, 2008

Essays do not need to be written specifically for this contest. They may be assignments from a religious studies course. Essays must be accompanied by a letter from a member of the sponsoring religious studies department or programme, indicating that the student is an undergraduate in good standing in that university or college.

Students entering the contest should send a hard copy of her/his essay, their full mailing address on the first page of the essay, and a letter of certification, to

David Feltmate
Department of Religious Studies
University of Waterloo
200 University Avenue West
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3G1
dsfeltma@uwaterloo.ca

### Concours d'essai pour étudiants et étudiantes du 1er cycle

**Sujet:** Un thème relevant du domaine des sciences religieuses **Longueur:** 10 à 15 pages dactylographiées, double interligne

Éligibilité: Toute personne inscrite dans un programme du premier cycle dans une université ou

un collège canadien

**Prix:** 1<sup>er</sup> prix: 300\$ / 2<sup>e</sup> prix: 100\$

**Échéance:** La rédaction et l'attestation d'inscription doivent être reçues au plus tard le 18 avril 2008.

Les rédactions présentées dans le cadre du concours peuvent avoir été rédigées en vue de répondre aux exigences d'un cours de sciences religieuses. Une attestation d'inscription, rédigée par un professeur de département des sciences religieuses de l'institution, doit accompagner la rédaction

Envoyer une copie de la version finale de l'essai, accompagnée de la lettre d'attestation, à

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### **Graduate Student Essay Contest**

The Graduate contest is open to all graduate students (Masters and PhD).

**Subject**: A theme in the general field of religious studies.

**Language**: English or French **Length**: 3000-5000 words

Eligibility: Full-time M.A. or PhD student status in a Canadian university.

**Prize**: \$500

Deadline: 15 March 2008

The winner will be invited to read her/his paper at the next annual meeting. Submissions must include the full mailing address of the candidate and a letter from the chairperson or graduate coordinator of the department or programme certifying the degree and programme status of the candidate.

Students entering the contest should send a hard copy of her/his essay, their full mailing address on the first page of the essay, and a letter of certification to:

Dr. Francis Landy
Dept of History and Classics
University of Alberta
2-28 Tory Building
Edmonton, AB T6G 2H4

Email: <a href="mailto:francis.landy@ualberta.ca">francis.landy@ualberta.ca</a>

### Concours d'essai pour les étudiants et étudiantes diplômé(e)s

Le concours d'essai est ouvert à tous les étudiants et étudiantes diplômé(e)s (maîtrise ou doctorat).

**Sujet:** Un thème relevant du champ général des sciences religieuses.

Langue: anglais ou français Longueur: 3000-5000 mots

Personne éligible: Tout étudiant présentement inscrit à temps plein dans un programme de

maîtrise ou de doctorat dans une université ou un collège canadien.

**Prix**: \$500

Échéance: 15 mars 2008

Le gagnant ou la gagnante sera invité(e) à présenter son texte à la prochaine réunion annuelle. Les essais doivent être accompagnés d'une lettre rédigée par le directeur ou la directrice du programme de l'institution attestant que leur auteur est bien un étudiant ou une étudiante présentement inscrit(e) à temps plein dans un programme d'études supérieures.

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### News and Notes from Members / Information en provenance des membres

### Information des membres / Member Notes

### Bisson, S.J Peter (Campion College at the University of Regina)

Dr. Bisson is at Boston College for the fall. This is part of his year-long sabbatical, on a post-doctoral fellowship with the Lonergan Institute. From January until early March he will be in Rome for meetings related to Jesuit governance.

### Coward, Harold (Victoria)

The Perfectibility of Human Nature in Eastern and Western Thought." Albany: Sate university of New York Press, 2008. Pp. x + 215.

### Ira Robinson (Concordia University)

His book, Rabbis and Their Community: Studies in the Eastern European Orthodox Rabbinate in Montreal, 1896-1930, will be published by the University of Calgary Press in September.

His book, *Translating a Tradition: Studies in American Jewish History*, has been accepted for publication by Academic Studies Press.

### Sharify-Funk, Meena (Wilfrid Laurier)

This fall Dr. Sharify-Funk will be starting a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Wilfrid Laurier University's Department of Religion and Culture

Her latest book, *Encountering the Transnational: Women, Islam, and the Politics of Interpretation,* will be published by Ashgate Publishers for their Gender in the Global/Local World Series this fall

### Tulloch, Janet H. (Carleton)

Sigueme publications in Madrid is coming out with the Spanish translation of *A Woman's Place: House Churches in Earliest Christianity* (Fortress, 2006) by Carolyn Osiek, Margaret Y. MacDonald with Janet H. Tulloch. The Spanish title is: *El lugar de la mujer en la iglesia primitiva*. More information can be found on the publishers website: <a href="http://www.sigueme.es/newprincipal.htm?pag=newhome.asp&marco=blanco.htm">http://www.sigueme.es/newprincipal.htm?pag=newhome.asp&marco=blanco.htm</a>

# Biographies of New Executive Members / Biographies des nouveaux membres du conseil exécutif

### David Feltmate (Conseillers / Member-at-Large)

David Feltmate is entering his second year of studies in the Laurier-Waterloo Joint PhD Program in Religious Studies. He is studying sociology of religion with an interest in religion and popular culture in America.

### Janet Gunn (Graduate Student Member-at-Large / Conseiller étudiant)

Janet Gunn is a doctoral student in the Department of Classics and Religious Studies of the University of Ottawa. Her ethnographic study of the role of daily household worship in the ritual lives of Indo-Canadian Hindu women is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Janet's current areas of research interest include the cultural construction of women's bodies in sacred space, and notions of auspicious adornment in the Hindu tradition. Contact her at: janet.gunn@mac.com.

### Dr. Chris Klassen (Conseillers / Member-at-Large)

Chris Klassen teaches in the Religion and Culture department at Wilfrid Laurier University. She recently completed her PhD in Women's Studies (2006) at York University, Toronto. Her areas of research are Paganisms and New Religious Movements, feminist theory in the study of religion, and religion and nature. Her first book, *Storied Selves: Shaping Identity in Feminist Witchcraft*, will be out in 2008. Dr. Klassen also sits on the editorial board of the *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*.

### Offres d'emploi / Jobs

### DIRECTOR- Centre for Studies in Religion and Society

The University of Victoria is on the move. Through its leadership in research and community involvement, it is now recognized as one of Canada's top universities. Research funding has increased to \$82 million, and UVic ranks first of all Canadian comprehensive universities in the amount and number of science grants per faculty member. International and interdisciplinary in its perspective, the University of Victoria has created an environment rich in diverse cultures, talents and ideas in a location where beauty and quality of life intersect perfectly.

The University of Victoria invites applications for the position of Director of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, the appointment to begin 1 July 2008 for a five year term (renewable). The Director will hold a tenured appointment at the Associate Professor or Professor rank in an academic department in the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Victoria and will be expected to contribute to the development and teaching of the religious studies program. Applicants should have distinguished records in publishing and teaching in the study of religion and society, as well as administrative experience, a strong track record of obtaining research grants, a focus on interdisciplinary research, and commitment to inquiry into the social aspects of religious issues.

The Centre for Studies in Religion and Society is an established interdisciplinary research centre with an international reputation. It was established at the University of Victoria in 1991 to foster the scholarly study of religion in relation to any and all aspects of society and culture, both contemporary and historical. The Centre has a fundamental commitment to pluralism, and pursues a broad range of research interests not limited to any specific time, place, religion, or culture. It embodies the understanding that religious traditions and value systems have been formative of human reality and experience, and are the proper object of creative, rigorous inquiry. More information about the Centre is available on its website: http://web.uvic.ca/csrs.

Reporting to the Vice President Research, the Director will administer the Centre and direct its three main areas of activity: research fellowships for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows as well as faculty scholars; interdisciplinary research and rigorous scholarly publishing projects; and an active program of public lectures, seminars and special events to enhance the profile of the Centre and its relationships with its various communities, both internal and external to the University.

Applicants are requested to send a letter of application and *curriculum vitae*, and the names and full contact coordinates of three academic referees directly to the Search Committee by **Friday**, **November 16, 2007**, the closing date for applications. Please address all correspondence to:

Vice-President Research, University of Victoria, PO Box 1700, Victoria BC Canada V8W 2Y2. Telephone (250) 472-5383 FAX: (250) 472-5477; e-mail: cecilia@uvic.ca.

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the University.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadian and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

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The CSRS invites applications for up to five positions available to scholars wishing to conduct a sabbatical or post-retirement term of study at the University of Victoria.

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### Call for Papers / Invitation à proposer une communication

### Australian Religion Studies Review

Special Issue on "Religion and Popular Film": In this second century of the age of Hollywood, popular films have evolved from toy to tool to become a universal form of entertainment and education. Although a primary vehicle for the interpretation and construction of religious meaning, and a fundamental part of the contemporary religious quest, movies are an often-overlooked pedagogical tool within secular, educational and ecclesiastical institutions. This special issue of the *Australian Religion Studies Review* (ARSR) seeks to explore some of the exciting possibilities inherent in the emerging field of religion and film, such as cinematic theology, celluloid religion, theo-film, film-faith dialogue, and religious representations. **Deadline for submissions**: March 31, 2008.

For more details, please contact the Guest Editor - Anton Kozlovic at antonkozlovic@hotmail.com or Anton.Kozlovic@flinders.edu.au

http://www.equinoxjournals.com/ojs/index.php/ARSR

### GOLEM: Journal of Religion and Monsters

"GOLEM: Journal of Religion and Monsters" is currently accepting scholarly articles on topics related to religion and monsters. Submissions using methodology from a variety of fields are welcome. The editors maintain a broad definition of religion as culture, but the connection to religion should be clear in all submissions. Articles are peer-reviewed. GOLEM is an online journal <a href="http://www.golemjournal.org">http://www.golemjournal.org</a>.

"MONSTER TRACKS": This section of *GOLEM* is dedicated to exploring a single monster from many different angles. Each short synopsis (500 words or less) distills and captures one interesting facet of the featured monster. Our 2006 featured monster was Bram Stoker's Dracula. We seek concise but cogent essays on this monster from a variety of unique perspectives.

"GREMLIN" is the student publication section of *GOLEM*. We are looking for quality submissions from talented undergraduates or recent graduates on a variety of topics related to religion and monsters. Contributors can expect a peer-reviewed process that will return articles with comments, suggestions and feedback as well as a decision regarding publication. That is, aiding you in mastering professional standards for publication and research is part of our pedagogical goal, so expect to make some revisions even on articles accepted for publication.

For more information or to submit manuscripts, contact:

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### The Journal of Religion and Culture

*The Journal of Religion and Culture* is currently soliciting submissions for a double issue, vol. 20, which will be published in February 2009 (**Deadline**: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008).

*The Journal of Religion and Culture* will be publishing a double issue, vols. 18/19, in February 2008.

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#### Mail Submissions to

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# The Journal of Religion and Film Call for Reviews

The Journal of Religion and Film examines the description, critique, and embodiment of religion in film.

The Journal of Religion and Film regularly publishes reviews of recently released films (within the last six months) online. These may be mainstream Hollywood, independent, or foreign language films. The reviews will describe, analyze and evaluate the films, especially as they intersect with our broad sense of religions and religious themes. Included will be a condensed plot synopsis, possible background information, and possible arguments regarding the implications of the film. The review should not, however, simply be a plot summary. For more information about the peer-reviewed journal, go to <a href="http://www.unomaha.edu/jrf/">http://www.unomaha.edu/jrf/</a>.

Readers who are interested in writing a film review should contact Dr. Rubina Ramji before submitting a review to be sure that one has not already been written.

Send reviews to:

Dr. Rubina Ramji, Film Review Editor Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Cape Breton University Room CC241, 1250 Grand Lake Road Sydney, Nova Scotia Canada B1P 6L2

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### Du bureau des affaires étudiantes / From the Student Desk

### CSSR Graduate Student Representative Bulletin Report September 2007

It's the most wonderful time of the year... Fall is upon us and we turn to our projects with tanned skins, sharpened pencils and renewed determination. For those just beginning their graduate studies, congratulations and welcome! And for those more—ahem—seasoned grad students, congratulations to you too, and best wishes for a rewarding year ahead.

September is also a time for introductions, as many of us welcome new friends and colleagues in our departments. It is fitting, then, that I introduce myself to you via this *Bulletin*, as this term marks a beginning for me as CSSR Graduate Student Representative. My own grad studies are based at the University of Ottawa, where my doctoral work revolves around issues of gender and identity in the ritual lives of Indo-Canadian Hindu women. In taking on the position of CSSR Grad Student Representative, I am fortunate to follow in the auspicious footsteps of Christopher Cutting of the University of Waterloo, and wish to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank him for all of the hard work he has done on behalf of Canadian religious studies graduate students since the position's inception in 2003. Chris, you have established both a hard act and a wonderful example to follow.

My job is to keep students across the country informed of CSSR events, to contribute to association discussions on behalf of the interests of student members, and to provide reports at the annual general and executive meetings. To that end, please consider this a standing invitation to contact me at <a href="mailto:janet.gunn@mac.com">janet.gunn@mac.com</a> with any questions or suggestions that you have regarding graduate student life and its relationship to the CSSR. Similarly, if something is happening in your department that you think the rest of the country should know about, please let me know so that I can pass it on.

The 2007 Congress was held in May at the University of Saskatchewan, and featured many excellent student papers. Thank you all for your contributions to the dialogue! It's not too soon to

begin thinking about Congress 2008, to be held at the University of British Columbia from May 31st to June 8th. The theme of this year's Congress is "Thinking Beyond Borders: Global Ideas, Global Values". Start working on your abstracts for paper presentations and Student Essay Contest submissions (both undergraduate and graduate) in time for the January deadline. More details about the conference program, including information about the annual professional development student lunch with guest panel, will be provided in the next bulletin and on the association website. What types of student activities/panels/information sessions would you like to see at the meeting? Please contact me with your suggestions.

Finally, this note is to encourage all students to become members of the CSSR, and to participate in the society. Submit an essay to the contest. Present a paper at the annual conference. Stay abreast of cutting edge research through your subscription to Studies in Religion. These are wonderful ways to gain invaluable experience and to enjoy the support of a community of scholarship. The association website at <a href="http://www.ccsr.ca/cssr/">http://www.ccsr.ca/cssr/</a> offers detailed membership information as well as meeting information (you can also find a membership form at the back of this *Bulletin*), Calls for Papers, essay contest guidelines, helpful links and more.

To the books!

Janet Gunn CSSR Graduate Student Representative

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