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Biology 207 students from Calgary, Saskatchewan and Manitoba attended a five-day lab session in Athabasca from February 18 to 22. They are pictured here during a unit on plant diversity with Dr. Roland Treu. Labs give AU students the opportunity to apply theories and principles covered in their courses and to learn how to illustrate and demonstrate important scientific concepts required to conduct legitimate and credible research.



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Rogers Receives First Hutchinson Award

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CRAIG ROGERS OF VANCOUVER IS the first recipient of the K.K. Hutchinson Award, recognizing the professional and academic achievements of students entering the [*RAIC Centre for Architecture at AU*](#).

Rogers is an intermediate technologist with Neale Staniszki Doll Adams Architects of Vancouver, B.C., and previously worked with Stuart Howard Architects Inc., also of Vancouver. He holds a Bachelor of Environmental Design degree from the University of Manitoba and is enrolled in AU's Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Architecture Program.

The K.K. Hutchinson Award was created last year by a donation from Ralph and Janet Hutchinson and the Daytona Group of companies. The scholarship honours the contributions of Ralph's brother, architect Ken Hutchinson, to the practice of architecture in western Canada.

“For four decades, Ken has provided his services to villages, towns and cities throughout Alberta,” RAIC Centre for Architecture at AU chair Dr. Douglas MacLeod said.

The Hutchinson donation also supported the student awards priority area of AU's [*Open Our World Campaign*](#).



Craig Rogers (left) with Dr. Douglas MacLeod, chair of the RAIC Centre for Architecture at AU

New Graduate Certificate Program in IT

Individuals who hold an undergraduate degree in computing science, information systems or related degrees will benefit from this program.



THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY has introduced a new graduate certificate program, the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Information Technology Management. This unique and specialized professional development program is intended for IT professionals who can benefit from management-oriented curriculum to broaden their understanding of the IT

context. Individuals who hold an undergraduate degree in computing science, information systems or related degrees will benefit from this program.

Additional information is available from the [program office](#).



IDENTITY, AGENCY & THE DIGITAL NEXUS

AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY:
FUNDED BY A CONNECTION GRANT FROM THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA

“ We walk the corridors, . . . collecting our thoughts and collecting the thoughts of others, and every so often glimpsing mirrors, in which we may recognize creatures of the information. ”

APRIL
5-7
2013

Scholars from across Canada and around the world come together to discuss the challenges, impacts and implications of digital communications technology and networking and its effects on public and civic life.

FEATURE LECTURES AND SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS BY
Canada Research Chairs in philosophy and theory of culture and technology

- Andrew Feenberg, Simon Fraser University | Friday, April 5 at 4 p.m.
- David Gunkel, Northern Illinois University | Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND TO ANYONE IMMERSSED IN DIGITAL MEDIA.

The symposium papers will appear in an upcoming book edited by the symposium organizer, Raphael Foshay, Program Director, MA in Integrated Studies at Athabasca University and will be published by Athabasca University Press, an open access publisher, whose volumes are published both in conventional book form and also free for download from its website www.aupress.ca.

For details visit | mais.athabascau.ca/conferences/archive/2013

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Arts and Science Research Talks Update

E-learning and Access to Justice

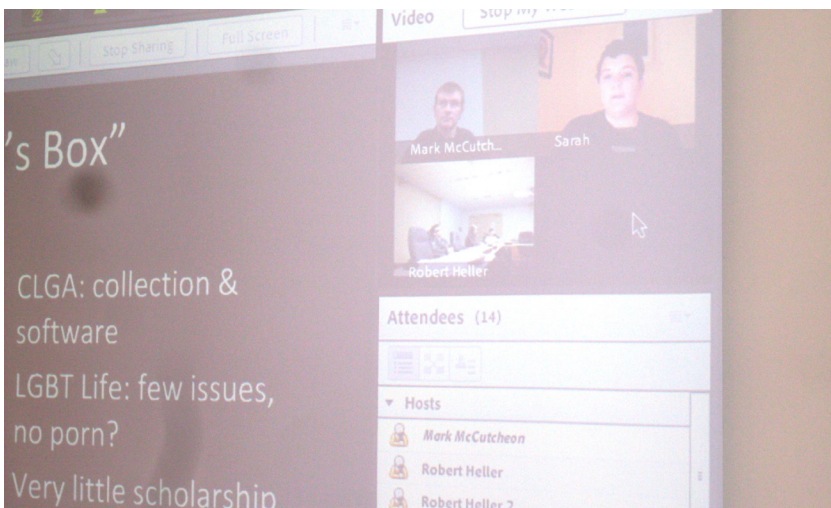
A November 23 team presentation, involving Archie Zariski and Dale Dewhurst from Legal Studies in the Centre for Social Sciences and Dr. Mohamed Ally of the Centre for Distance Education, described the early results of a research project funded by the Alberta Law Foundation to investigate the potential of e-learning in the delivery of legal services to rural and remote communities in Alberta.



Archie Zariski and Dale Dewhurst

As part of this project, the research team has investigated the legal needs of citizens and the capacities and capabilities of information and communication technologies, including mobile learning, to meet those needs. The project has also reviewed lessons learned from related research in other jurisdictions.

The project findings characterized the legal and technological landscapes of the selected communities and identified a number of needs to properly improve the legal literacy of northern communities.



Sarah Mann

Fantasy Feminism and Archiving On Our Backs

On December 7, the Arts and Science Research Talks Series hosted Sarah Mann, a student of literary studies in Master of Arts – Integrated Studies Program, whose presentation focused on an archiving project funded by the AU Graduate Student Research Fund. Mann is working at the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives where she is indexing the original run (1984-1994) of *On Our Backs* magazine, the first national U.S. print magazine of lesbian pornography.

Mann's project involved documenting, in a digital database for use by other researchers, each story, photograph, advertisement and letter to the editor

printed in the magazine during the period of its publication by the original owners.

Mann described the history of the magazine in the context of the feminist "sex wars" and North American censorship and the struggles of defining keywords for controversial or even criminalized sexual behaviours through a feminist lens today. She concluded that the *On Our Backs* archive is suggestive of both the promises and the limitations of sex-positive and queer representation. Both presentations were recorded and can be accessed through the Centre for Research website.

The next Arts and Science Research Talks presentation on March 22 will feature Dr. Leslie Johnson, associate professor of anthropology in the Centre for Social Sciences, and Aileen Reilly.

Conflict Resolution in the Workplace

CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE Workplace, the third and final session in the Wellness Committee's Dealing with Conflict Series, will be offered in the Governing Council Chambers at AU Athabasca and through Adobe Connect from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17.

Unresolved conflict in the workplace can negatively affect the employees involved, other employees and the organization as a whole by lowering productivity and morale. The approach taken to managing conflict determines whether stress or

opportunities for growth will be created. This seminar will examine various types of workplace conflict and provide participants with a model for successfully resolving it.

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to define conflict and recognize its causes and effects, understand different conflict management styles and when each one is most effective, and resolve conflict through negotiation.

Anyone who missed the first two sessions in the Dealing with Conflict Series can

view and listen to the recorded sessions in Adobe Connect: [Dealing with Difficult Personalities](#) and [The Art of Managing Conflict](#).

The workshops are being provided by Shepell FGI, one of AU's Employee Family Assistance Program providers. Additional information about the EFAP programs at AU is available on the [HR Employee and Family Assistance Program webpage](#).

Those who would like to provide feedback on any of the sessions, can complete the online [feedback form](#).

Enhancing Your Wellbeing

ANYONE WHO MISSED THE Wellness Committee workshop February - the Blue Month, presented by registered psychologist Dr. Judi Malone, can now view the recorded session in [Adobe Connect](#).

The presentation covers the symptoms of depression and anxiety, identifying patterns of seasonal affective disorder (SAD), providing practical ideas for enhancing mood and increasing emotional resilience and coping skills, and outlining

guidelines for lifestyle changes that avert SAD times.



Adobe Connect

Call For Papers

The International Educational Technology Conference 2013, to be hosted by the Faculty of Education at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from May 13 to 15, 2013, invites proposals for papers and poster presentations.

IETC 2013 aims to provide an environment for experts to discuss the current state of the art for learning in schools, industry and universities. Virtual environments, computer supported collaborative learning,

m-learning, e-training and e-learning will be topics of particular interest.

IETC 2013 seeks to create a diverse and comprehensive program covering all areas of educational technology. The program will include a wide range of activities designed to facilitate the exchange of expertise, experience and resources, including keynote and invited talks, full and brief paper presentations, panels and round table discussions.

Abstract and Registration Deadline :

May 6, 2013 Full Article Deadline :
May 8, 2013

For abstract and paper submissions, other academic/scientific enquiries or for registration, contact the [IETC secretary](#) or go to the [conference website](#).

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