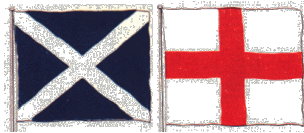


THE SCOTTISH STUDIES NEWS

Newsletter of the Centre for Scottish Studies at Simon Fraser University ☎☎☎☎ FALL 2014

DR. LEITH DAVIS
**BACK TO THE FUTURE:
REMEMBERING THE
1707 UNION**
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
7:30–9:00 PM, FREE
Burnaby campus, WMC 3210



On September 18, Scots will vote in a referendum on whether Scotland should be an independent country.

In this talk, Dr. Leith Davis goes back in time to explore the circumstances surrounding the 1707 Act that united Scotland and England in the first place. Focusing on the propaganda of the time—printed pamphlets and political poetry—she considers how the Union was viewed by Scots (and English) in the early eighteenth century.

Followed by a public discussion, the audience will have a chance to do a mock vote on the issue of independence for Scotland. Bring your mobile device to participate in the vote!

This event is a community engagement initiative with English 320, *Studies in 18th Century Literature*, which may be taken by special audit as part of SFU's 50th anniversary celebration. Please contact Leith Davis (778-782-4833 or leith@sfu.ca) and also see english.sfu.ca/documents/doc/community_auditor_webpage_ann_1.pdf

ST. ANDREW'S AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY LECTURE AND ST. ANDREW'S DAY

The Victorian Traveller in Scotland and the Jocelyn Pettit Band



THURSDAY OCTOBER 16, 7:30–9:00 PM
**[T]HE HIGHLANDER IS GLAD TO SEE
THE TOURIST, AS THE HUNTER IS
GLAD TO SEE GAME: THE VICTORIAN
TRAVELLER IN SCOTLAND**

DR. KEVIN JAMES, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
SFU Harbour Centre, RM 7000, 515 W. Hastings
This lecture is sponsored by an endowment
from the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society
FREE.



This talk brings to life a prominent figure in Victorian travel writing: the Highland innkeeper, drawing on humorous tourists' remarks and vivid illustrations. Appraisals of Highland hospitality, which

travellers claimed was dispensed in measures as limited as whisky at a Highland inn on Sunday, offer us an opportunity to consider the inn as a site of welcome and refreshment, the strictures of Victorian Sabbatarianism, and the struggles of the innkeeper against

challenges thrown up by landlordism, Nature and the volatile tourist market. In the face of such inhospitable conditions, how hospitable could the innkeeper afford to be?

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27, 7:30–9:00 PM
**ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION:
THE JOCELYN PETTIT BAND**
SFU Harbour Centre, RM 1900, 515 W. Hastings
\$10 donation suggested

With grace and passion, vibrant fiddler, stepdancer, singer, and composer Jocelyn Pettit has ignited stages across Canada, the U.S., Scotland, France, and Malaysia with her dynamic and expressive style of Celtic music and dance. She has appeared on national television and radio, received multiple award nominations, and shared the stage with The Battlefield Band and The Chieftains. Joined by her fine band (Siew Wan Khoo, on piano and fiddle; Joel Pettit, on bodhrán; and Bob Collins, on guitar), Jocelyn will focus on Scottish and Cape Breton music for this concert. This promises to be an upbeat and joyous evening of music, song, and dance.

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NEW CLUB LAUNCHED

SFU Students form Scottish and Celtic Society

Robert Burns Day, January 25, saw the launch of a new club at SFU devoted to all things Scottish: the Scottish and Celtic Society. Consisting of about 130 students, faculty and community members, the SCS had its first film night, a viewing of “Stone of Destiny” on June 18, 2014.

On November 8th, the Club will be hosting a Bagpipe Ceilidh reception in the Halpern Centre as a way to connect students with the piping and drumming communities of British Columbia.

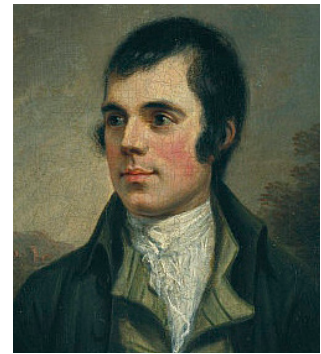
The Centre is excited to welcome the new club to SFU, and we look forward to a strong partnership in the future.

The current executive team and founding members are

- **PRESIDENT Thomas Budd**
SFU Student, Bagpiper, RMM Pipe Band Grade 2 SFU Pipe Band Organization
- **VICE PRESIDENT Brian Haddon**
SFU Student, Bagpiper, SFU Pipe Band



- **TREASURER Michael Straw**
SFU Student, Scottish enthusiast
 - **SECRETARY Aynsley Wong Meldrum**
SFU student, Scottish enthusiast
 - **COMMUNICATION OFFICER Kyle Wallis**
SFU Student, Snare Drummer, Inveraray & District Pipe Band, Scotland
 - **GAELIC LANGUAGE EDUCATION COORDINATOR Anthony Pereira-Costa**
SFU Student, Fluent in Gaelic, our Galician Cultural connection.
- For more information, contact Thomas Budd at 604-780-2901 or thomasbudd@shaw.ca.



**FRIDAY JANUARY 23, 2015
12 NOON-1:00 PM
ROBERT BURNS DAY
CELEBRATION**
SFU Harbour Centre
515 W. Hastings

For the last 3 years, the Centre has hosted a very successful marathon reading that has brought old and young together in celebration of the Scottish bard. Last year’s marathon went for a record six hours! This year, we are asking people to come down and make history in a different way by joining us for a mass reading/singing of Burns’s most popular works—“To a Mouse” and “A Man’s a Man” —plus the traditional haggis-addressing and socializing. Starting at noon, our celebration will also feature performances of Scottish music and song. Check www.sfu.ca/scottish for more details closer to the event.

Awards for Students of Scottish Studies



This year, the Jennifer Prosser Wade Undergraduate Award for Scottish Studies was presented to Thomas Budd (pictured left), a piper and a student in the Department of Economics who was one of the founders of the new Scottish and Celtic Society at SFU.

The recipient of the David and Mary Macaree Graduate Fellowship was Michael Stachura, a PhD student in the Department of English working on literary connections between Scotland and Scandinavia. Regarding his PhD research, Michael writes: “While much criticism concentrates on defining Scottish literature in relation to England or the wider British state, my dissertation argues that there is also a strong translational northern dimension in the work of many Scottish writers from James Macpherson to Kathleen Jamie. This northern aspect is articulated in multiple ways: as an aspirational identity, the North as idea, the influence of the sagas, shamanism, and more recently in terms of ‘being-in-the-North’ as a geographical and environmental reality.”

Congratulations, Thomas and Mike!

COMING UP



SCOTLAND’S FUTURE NOW: THE REFERENDUM AND ITS AFTERMATH
Please check scottish.sfu.ca for details in the Spring.

Minister Yousaf Draws Crowds for Tartan Day



On Saturday, April 5, the Centre for Scottish Studies hosted a talk on “Scotland’s Future” by Humza Yousaf, Scotland’s Minister for External Affairs and International Development.

Over 200 people came out to the Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue for the event. Minister Yousaf took questions from the audience, then stayed to enjoy the entertainment which featured

songs by the Vancouver Gaelic Choir, Highland dancing by Fiona Lee and her students, and music by the junior branch of the North Shore Celtic Ensemble.

SCOTTISH HISTORY

Scots in BC website brings Scottish history home



The story of the Scottish presence in British Columbia is an ongoing one. Read stories and contribute your own at www.sfu.ca/scotsinbc.

In March, 1778, Captain James Cook’s ship, HMS Resolution, dropped anchor at the location now known as Nootka Sound on Vancouver Island. It was the first European landing in present day British Columbia and the first encounter between Europeans and the First Nations people of the area.

Among Cook’s crew were a number of individuals of Scottish descent (indeed, Cook himself was Scottish on his father’s side). Over the next several hundred years, Scots would come to play a disproportionate role in the history of British Columbia. Scots like Simon McTavish and John Fraser ran the fur-trading companies that commissioned fellow Scots like Alexander Mackenzie and Simon Fraser to explore and map the west in hopes of

finding a navigable route to the Pacific Ocean—First Nations people proved essential during these ventures. Later, many Scots men and women settled in British Columbia and were prominent in the fields of politics and education. The first governor of BC, James Douglas, was of Scottish origin, as was the first mayor of Vancouver, M.A. Maclean. Scottish entrepreneurs in lumber, mining, fisheries and canning also left their mark on the province, as did the many unknown men and women working in these industries. The Centre has collected these and many more stories on its “Scots in BC” website in order to provide an overview of the many and varied connections between Scotland and British Columbia.

Visit www.sfu.ca/scotsinbc/ and upload your own story.

NON-CREDIT COURSES



HIGHLAND DANCING
 10 THURSDAY SESSIONS
 11:30 AM–12:20 PM
 SEPTEMBER 25–NOVEMBER 27
 Burnaby campus, Fitness Studio,
 Lorne Davies complex

This fall, instructor Fiona Lee will lead Highland dancing classes through the SFU Recreation Department. A **free trial session on September 18th at 11:30 am will be offered in addition to the regular sessions.**

Registration is open to everyone including those who are not SFU students, faculty or staff. Registration is online at www.sfu.ca/students/recreation/active/programs/classes/danceo.html

The Centre is also considering offering Scottish Country Dancing in a similar format in future semesters.



LEARN GAELIC: INTRO SESSION
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
 8:00–9:00 PM, FREE.
 Burnaby campus
 BLUSSON HALL 10655

Do you want to learn Gaelic?

Join instructor Fiona Smith from Victoria for this introductory session. Classes will begin in January by video link from the Burnaby campus. Please see www.sfu.ca/scottish for more details or contact leith@sfu.ca for more information.

YOU CAN HELP THE CENTRE

Support Scottish Studies at SFU

The Centre for Scottish Studies was established in 1998. It offers opportunities for students and community members wishing to learn about Scottish history and culture and the Scottish diaspora and promotes research on Scottish studies, particularly in BC. Financial support has come from SFU, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society, the British Consul General as well as many donors. We thank all our generous supporters.



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The best show of commitment to the future of Scottish Studies at SFU is a legacy gift. Bequests by will or insurance policies can make huge impacts and provide much-needed sources of ongoing revenue. Your legacy is our future.

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