The Humanities Department's inaugural newsletter!

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The Humanities Department is delighted to welcome Alessandra Capperdoni, Michael Newton, and Niall MacKenzie on as lecturers.

Alessandra began her two-year appointment as a term lecturer in the Humanities this January.

Welcome! Alessandra brings with her many years of experience teaching in the department. This summer she teaches HUM 102 Classical Mythology, and HUM 325 Humanities and the Natural World.

Niall and Michael's one-year appointments as term lecturers begin in May.

Welcome to you both!

Niall will be teaching HUM 340 Great Cities (Brooklyn) this summer.

Michael will be teaching ASC 102 Introduction to Asia-Canada Studies II this summer.

Incoming 2017 Humanities MA cohort.

Welcome to Stephanie Wu who will be working on authenticity and the instrumentalization of rationalization in modernity; and Houman Toufighi Zavareh who will be investigating passive authoritarianism. They will both be participating in the GLS 800 seminar this fall.
Current Humanities MA students

Matt Hogan, Meghan Grant, Tanya Tomasch, Morgan Young, Oliver Baker, Laura Blaj, Chris Hardcastle, Michael Campbell, and Maggie Tsang are all currently working on their theses. Have a productive summer!

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World Literature Program

The Humanities department welcomed World Literature into our corner of the AQ in August 2015. Our new colleagues are appointed to the Humanities department but dedicate their teaching to the WL program.

Azadeh Yamin-Hamedani has been on study leave in Vienna since fall 2016.

Melek Ortabasi is the program’s director.

Ken Seigneurie is the program’s founding director.

and Mark Deggan has been reappointed as a term lecturer.

WL faculty profiles can be found on their website:

https://www.sfu.ca/worldlit/people/faculty.html
Congratulations to all our 2016 MA graduates!!

Graduate Defences

Upcoming defence:

Emily Doyle will be defending her MA thesis “The Part Heloise and Her Life Played in Shaping the Ethical Doctrine of Intentionality” on 5 May 2017, beginning at 9:30am in AQ 5118. Her senior supervisor, Dr. Paul Dutton, and second reader Dr. Emily O’Brien will be joined by external examiner Dr. Matthew Hussey from the English department at SFU. Please contact our Graduate Secretary, Carolyn Richard, if you plan to attend.

Recent defences:

Lorenzo Tomescu successfully defended “The Labours of Heracles as Labours of Love” in October 2016

Jalissa Rodriguez successfully defended “The Fame of Abelard” in September 2016

Kavita Reddy successfully defended “The Negativity of Place: Capital Accumulation and Ecological Limits” in April 2016

Upcoming J.S. Woodsworth and Institute events downtown

“In the Memory Palace of Thomas Merton” 1 May 2017 with Kevin Burns at Harbour Centre beginning at 6pm

Spectre of Facism free school 2 series begins 4 May 2017 at the Unit/Pitt gallery and runs every Thursday from 7-10pm until 13 July 2017

more information on the series can be found here:

http://www.beyonddispe ctacle.org/lecture-series
Summer updates

Ian Angus participates in a conference in Leuven on Jan Patocka and gives a lecture at the University of Winnipeg on the University and the Public Good this May (Ian officially retires at the end of August)

Samir Gandesha’s co-edited book Spell of Capital was just published by Amsterdam UP. He has been the Liu Boming visiting professor at the University of Nanjing this month

Donald Grayston (retired) is currently compiling a collection of his shorter writings on Merton, "A Thomas Merton Harvest" while living with serious illness. Find a link to the Vancouver Sun’s recent new story on him here: http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/mountain-view-cemeteries-grave-ready-for-famlies-third-generation

Shuyu Kong returns from an 8-month study leave, during which time she visited China and Taiwan. She teaches two Asia-Canada courses this summer

David Mirhady gives an Akademische Festrede at the annual congress of the Coburger Convent in June before heading to the European Harmony Brigade for a weekend of barbershop singing

Kathy Mezei (emeritus) and Chiara Briganti’s edited book, "Living with Strangers: Bed-sits and Boarding-houses in Modern English, Life, Literature and Film" will be published by Bloomsbury and they thank the department for their support

Melek Ortabasi will be a visiting researcher at Goethe University (Frankfurt) in June/July

Ellie Stebner directs the Prague field school this May and June and promises to do her best to bring all the students back in one piece (especially the HUM majors)

Jan Walls (emeritus) is currently working on Chinese-to-English translation projects and a volume of Japanese haiku verse translation. For fun, he takes walks in his new South Surrey/White Rock neighborhood

Jerry Zaslove (emeritus) presents “Critique of Violence and the Fascism of Everyday Life" in the Spectre of Facism free school series on 11 May 2017

Take good care have a wonderful summer we’ll be back in touch in fall

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