

# The O'Brien Foundation News

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38 Years and counting . . . Since 1975, the O'Brien Foundation has awarded 286 fellowships, including 59 renewals. The total value of awards to date is \$1,422,000.

*Shown at left are New Brunswick's Lieutenant Governor Graydon Nicholas (front row, centre) and some of the Alumni who attended the 2012 reception at Government House.*

## July 10<sup>th</sup> reception welcomes the newest O'Brien Fellows

On Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, New Brunswick's Lieutenant Governor and Honorary President of the O'Brien Foundation, the Honourable Graydon Nicholas, will host a reception at Government House in Fredericton to honour six new recipients of The O'Brien Foundation Fellowships for 2013. This annual event celebrates the achievements of O'Brien Fellows present and past, providing a unique

opportunity for Alumni in Canada and around the world to return to New Brunswick, reminisce, and renew their ties to the Foundation first established by the Leonard and Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust in 1971 to advance postgraduate education for New Brunswick students, scholars, and artists. Among many distinguished O'Brien Fellows are world-renowned soprano Measha Brueggergosman,

acclaimed pianist Roger Lord, Canadian authors Anne Compton and Sheree Fitch, New York-based curator and art historian William Secord, UPEI President Emeritus Wade MacLauchlan, the CEO of the Mayo Clinic, and many more. Join the growing list of Alumni who look forward to renewing acquaintance with their Fellows in person, or visit us at <http://www.obrienfoundation.ca/en/obrien-fellows>.

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## Selection Committee adds new member

The *raison d'être* of the O'Brien Foundation—to advance post-graduate education opportunities for New Brunswick scholars or artists who show great promise in their field of endeavor—is effectively carried out by the Selection Committee. The committee's 5 members must choose from many deserving applicants the elite few who will receive O'Brien Foundation Fellowships. This year, the Selection Committee is pleased to welcome Dr. Lynne Goulquier of St. Thomas University to its ranks. A graduate of St. Thomas and McGill universities who served in the Canadian military for 16 years prior to her academic career, Dr. Goulquier is an O'Brien alumna and the first New Brunswicker ever to win the prestigious Banting Fellowship for postdoctoral research.



She joins existing members of the Selection Committee

Dr. Christl Verduyn (Director, Centre for Canadian Studies, Mount Allison University), Dr. Loretta Secco (Professor of Nursing, University of New Brunswick), Dr. Diana J. Hamilton (Associate Professor of Biology, Mount Allison University), and Dr. Enrico DiTommaso (Professor of Psychology, University of New Brunswick Saint John).

## Meet the 2013 O'Brien Foundation Fellowship Recipients



### Andrea Arsenault

*Andrea lives in Saint John, NB, and is working on her PhD in Psychology at UNBSJ. Her overall research goals as a psychologist are to tailor psychological interventions to individuals and use science to address the shortcomings of the justice system.*

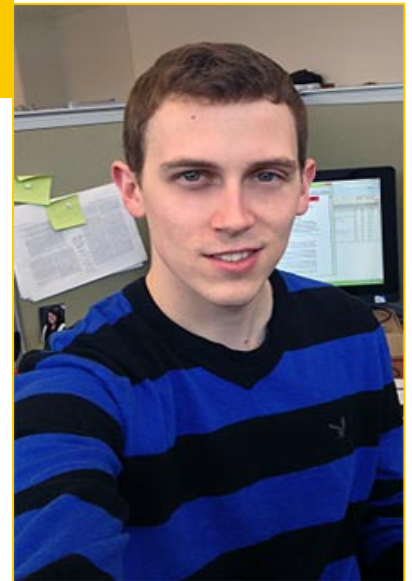
Andrea completed her Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Psychology at Mount Saint Vincent University in 2008, investigating links between emotion and eyewitness memory, with a focus on how emotions influence the types of details that witnesses remember. She received a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) scholarship to support her Master's program in Clinical Psychology at the University of New Brunswick Saint John, and in 2009 advanced to the PhD program, with further support from a SSHRC doctoral award. Her early graduate research

projects centered on pairing forensic questioning techniques and physiological measurements (the so-called "polygraph") with the aim of making polygraph assessments more accurate. Her dissertation will focus on how reaction time can be used to detect concealed knowledge of criminal activity and how individual cognitive strengths and weaknesses influence the classification accuracy of reaction-time tasks. After completing her PhD, Andrea intends to work primarily with children and adolescents as a clinical psychologist. She has been awarded a \$10,000 Fellowship.

## Trevor Bringloe

Trevor grew up in Islandview on the outskirts of Fredericton, New Brunswick, and developed a passion for science early on. He pursued his interests at the University of New Brunswick in the concurrent Arts and Science Program, graduating with a Bachelor of Science (Honours in Biology) and a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in English) in April 2012. Trevor has been awarded a \$10,000 Fellowship toward a Masters Degree in Biology at the Biodiversity Institute of Ontario

(University of Guelph), where he is studying biodiversity patterns of freshwater insects. He is particularly interested in the relative importance of environmental factors versus competitive interactions governing species presence and co-existence. His research has taken him on several field trips, one of which involved sampling freshwater streams in the subarctic near Churchill, Manitoba. He hopes to return to the Maritimes to continue his studies toward a PhD in Atlantic



Canadian marine biodiversity, with the eventual goal of becoming a professor and introducing students to the beautiful Bay of Fundy.



## Matthieu Deveau

Matthieu was born and raised in Fredericton, NB, where he attended École Sainte-Anne. He began playing the violin at age five and participated in the Fredericton Music Festival every year from 1999 to 2009, at which he twice received the Award of Excellence for most outstanding performer in Senior Strings. In addition to multiple awards for violin, Matthieu has earned a Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) certificate for Grade 8 Piano and, more recently, his Performance Associateship Diploma (ARCT) from the RCM. In 2003, Matthieu joined the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra (NBYO), serving as its concertmaster from 2007 to 2009. Since 2009 he has been a member of the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra and the University of Ottawa Orchestra, where he is currently associate concertmaster. Matthieu has been awarded a \$5,000 Fellowship to begin his studies toward a Master of Music in Violin Performance at the University of Toronto. After completing his studies, Matthieu plans to return to Fredericton and make his career as a professional violinist.



## Grant Hurley

Grant was raised in St. Andrews, NB, and attributes his passion for archives and their essential contribution to the preservation of local history to his first summer job at the Charlotte County Archives. He holds a BA in English (First Class Honours) from Mount Allison University and an MA in English from the University of British Columbia. In addition to receiving a SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship in 2010, Grant was awarded the 2012 Canadian Library Association Dafoe Scholarship



for “potential to make outstanding contributions to the field.” He is currently enrolled in the Dual Master of Archival

Studies and Master of Library and Information Studies program at UBC, where he is investigating effective practices and procedures for small community archives as they negotiate the difficult transition to the acquisition and preservation of digital records. He also serves on the board of the Association of Canadian Archivists (UBC Student Chapter) and as Student Representative on the board of the Alcuin Society. Grant has been awarded a \$5,000 Fellowship.

Jennifer is from Fredericton, NB, and holds Bachelor of Arts degrees

in both history and psychology from the University of New Brunswick. Her research on the psychology of marginalized groups, including the experience of lesbian and gay soldiers serving in the Canadian military, earned her an MSc in psychology in 2011, with the support of a Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Master's Scholarship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Now in her second year of a PhD program at the University of Calgary, Jennifer has received a Bombardier CGS Doctoral Award (SSHRC) to explore the lives of women in midlife (aged 35-50) who have not followed a traditional 'marriage and motherhood' path. She currently serves on the Executive of the Canadian Psychological Association's Section on Women and Psychology (SWAP) and edits their newsletter. She also chairs the University of Calgary's Graduate Student Association awards committee, which provides financial support to fellow graduate students. Jennifer has been awarded a \$5,000 Fellowship.

## Jennifer Moore



## Alumni Award

## Carolynn McNally



Carolynn hails from Moncton, NB, and earned her Bachelors of Arts (2007) and Master of Arts (2009) degrees from the Université de Moncton. For her master's research on New Brunswick labour and family history, she received a Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Having published a book on the history of the student movement at the Université de Moncton (2010), she is now pursuing doctoral studies in history at McGill University. Carolynn has been awarded the O'Brien Foundation Alumni Award of \$5,000.

*The Alumni Award is made possible by the generous donations of O'Brien Foundation alumni.*

## Alumni: Where are they now?

### Wade MacLauchlan

received an O'Brien Foundation Scholarship in 1982 to pursue an LL.M. at Yale Law School, focusing on administrative and constitutional law.

Prior to his appointment as President of UPEI (1999 to 2011), Dr. MacLauchlan was Dean of Law at the University of New Brunswick and professor of law at Dalhousie University. He was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 2008 and received the IPAC Lieutenant-Governor's Medal for Public Service Leadership in 2010.

He is a Trudeau Foundation Mentor, and an elected member of the North Shore Community Council in his home district of Stanhope-



H. Wade MacLauchlan, C.M.  
President Emeritus of the University of  
Prince Edward Island, Member of the  
Order of Canada (2008)

Covehead, PEI. Well known in business circles, Wade is a director of Medavie Inc. and partner in Anne China Inc., whose Mandarin translation of Anne of Green Gables was short-listed as the "Most

Influential" book (novel) published in China in 2012. He is writing a book on the premiership of Alex B. Campbell, Prince Edward Island's longest-serving Premier (1966-78), and is co-Chair of the 2013 Georgetown Conference "Rural Redefined."

### Fellows In the News

Jan. 17, 2013 -- Dr. Wade MacLauchlan was named one of three influential Atlantic Canadians by Canada's Public Policy Forum.

April 30, 2013 – Dr. Anne Compton published a new book of poems, *Alongside* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside).

## O'Brien Foundation Donors (2012 – 2013)

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<http://www.obrienfoundation.ca/>

## The Leonard & Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust



Established in 1971, The Leonard and Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust provides postgraduate fellowships for deserving students who wish to pursue advanced study or research in any academic, artistic, or professional field at any recognized university or research establishment. The fellowships are administered by a Committee known as The O'Brien Foundation.

The Honourable J. Leonard O'Brien was a life-long resident of Nelson-Miramichi who made distinguished contributions to the forest industry and the public service of New Brunswick. Mr. O'Brien was a lumber merchant, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 1925-1930, Member of Parliament 1940-45, and Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, 1958-65. Kathleen (O'Leary) O'Brien was born in Richibucto and attended Mount Saint Vincent's College in Halifax before graduating in Nursing from the Roosevelt Hospital School in New York. Her extensive charitable work was recognized by Pope Paul VI in 1963 when Mrs. O'Brien was made a Dame of Magistral Grace of the Order of Malta. She died in 1971 and Mr. O'Brien in 1973.

As a final memorial to himself and his wife, Mr. O'Brien made two bequests which reflected their deep concern for the natural resources of New Brunswick and for the education of its people. The first bequest was the grant of Beaubear's Island to the Crown as a national Historic Park to be preserved "in its primeval state where citizens of New Brunswick and others may relax and enjoy peace, quiet and solitude in the place where the first settlers sought the same."

The second bequest provided for the establishment of the O'Brien Foundation to grant fellowships to students, scholars, and artists wishing to pursue postgraduate study and research. O'Brien Foundation fellowships are awarded through an annual competition.