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New doctors!

Congratulations to our Graduate Students on the completion of their
“Doctor of Philosophy in History” degree!

Christo's thesis

“Pierre Elliott, Organized Labour, and the Canadian Social Democratic Left, 1945-1960” was completed

The Department Welcomes Bachelor's Postdoctoral Fellows

Thanks to a donation by Alfred and Isabel Bader the Department was able to welcome two new postdoctoral fellows this fall, Dr. Vassili Schedrin and Dr. Vaneesa Cook. What is a post-doctoral fellowship? It is an award given to a recent PhD graduate that supports their ongoing research while also providing them with experience in the classroom.

Dr. Schedrin earned his PhD in Modern Jewish history at Brandeis University, and has taught Jewish history at many campuses in North America

and overseas, including Virginia Tech, Ohio University, Franklin and Marshall

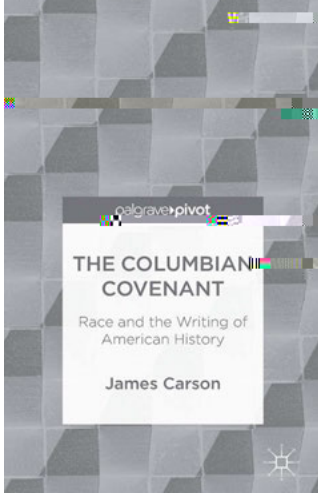
College, University of Florida, and St. Petersburg State University in Russia. He just finished his first book that examines political and social



James Ritchie died at age seventy-five on
April 15, 2015. He started to teach in
the Queen's History Department in
September 1981, and he took early
retirement in August 2008. More than
any of us, he expanded and fulfilled his

achievements. He was a dedicated and passionate teacher and scholar. He was a member of the American Historical Association and the Canadian Historical Association. He was also a member of the Queen's University Faculty Association. He was a very kind and generous person. He will be missed.

New Book The Columbian Covenant



Ann Carson new book, *The Columbian Covenant: Race and the Writing of American History*, argues that from Christopher Columbus's first journal to the most recent books written in American history, much of the writing of American history is prefigured on the acceptance that race is a legitimate way to categorize people. In this way historians' constant and conventional reliance on the language of race means that in many ways the practice of United States history reproduces the same racial categories it seeks to critique, displace, and demolish.

As one historian has commented, the book "carefully traces the resilient and persistent grip that race still holds on our view of the past... [and] offers a way out. Scrutinizing a vast literature and written in an engaging manner, *The Columbian Covenant* is a book that historians will need, and will want, to read." Yet another has commented that the book is "Remarkable in its sweep, provocative in its interpretation" and that it "uncovers the linguistic snares, fashioned centuries ago, that still entrap all of those writing about the American experience."

New Book on the Korean War

Ann Choi won a University Student Summer Research Fellowship that funded her work on "Village Conflict in a Global War: A Reappraisal of the Korean War." Choi undertook archival research at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC and oral interviews in Korea to write a history of the Korean War that looked beyond the conflict between capitalism and communism to see what motivated the violence that ripped apart so many rural villages. While recent scholarship has focused on the "the other war" that pitted rural peasants against rural elites in struggles that predated the Japanese invasion, Choi coined the phrase "the other armistice" to illustrate the innumerable peace agreements required to restore village life after the official hostilities came to an end. Choi is working with the University Library and the Queen's Research Data Centre to upload a website she has designed that will enable public access to the interviews she recorded with senior Koreans who spoke to her about the strife in their villages. Ann worked under the supervision of Prof. Carson and is currently on exchange at St. Andrew's

graduate students success

The Department of History enrolls one of the largest graduate programs in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Each year between and master's students join us in the study of history while around PhD students call our program home. Among the many bright spots in their achievements this past year we would like to applaud:

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a t a nau won the School of Graduate and Professional Studies volunteer award for a graduate or professional student who makes an outstanding contribution volunteering within the University and the wider community.

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