Dawson
Social Science Week
February 3rd-7th, 2014
Monday, February 3rd

8:30 AM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

On Being Human in a World of Constant Change
Robert Kavanagh, Academic Dean - Dawson

The second decade of the 21st century is very much a work in progress, and no one knows what form the future will take. We live and we plan, we hope and we expect. Even as we know that the world could be a much better place than it is, we are often uncertain about what to do to make it better. In all of this, the role of our education systems is often not fully understood or recognized as playing an active part in significant personal, social, political and environmental change. This presentation will address some ways of seeing the instrumental role of learning and education in transforming our social and natural worlds into healthier and more aware environments.

10:00 AM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

The Montreal Business Community and Job Prospects
Andrew T. Molson, Vice Chairman of the Board, Molson Coors & Montréal Canadiens co-owner
Alexandre Raymond, EMA Partners & Raymond Executive Search

Have you been wondering about the job market and what career opportunities might be out there? It may be troubling just to think about it. Discover with Andrew T. Molson and Alexandre Raymond what being an entrepreneur is all about and what the corporate environment looks like. This presentation will give you tips regarding Montreal’s business community and how to network; it can also help you plan your next steps.

11:30 AM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

Confessions of a Former Youth Activist
Désirée McGraw, President, Jeanne Sauvé Foundation

Désirée McGraw has advised Parliaments, Prime Ministers, and the World Economic Forum, on pressing matters of international cooperation, particularly the need for sustainable development. Central to her message is the importance of engaging youth in these global conversations. Gaining a seat at the political table is challenging at the best of times, especially for young women, but it is possible. McGraw will share some of her strategies on effecting political change.

1:00 PM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

The Battle of London: the Secrets of Constitutional Repatriation
Frédéric Bastien, History – Dawson, author, journalist

Frédéric Bastien is author of the controversial bestseller La Bataille de Londres: Dessous, secrets et coulisses du rapatriement constitutionnel that has been widely debated in the media in recent months. In this talk Bastien will provide specifics about the role played by the Supreme Court of Canada in the repatriation of the constitution and how, and why he argues that, “it committed a Coup d’État, in order to help Trudeau’s government to enact a charter of rights.” Until 1982 Canada did not possess the power to amend her own constitution. This prerogative was in the hands of the British Parliament. After the 1980 referendum in Quebec, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was determined to change this and also include a charter of rights in the fundamental law. Bastien will also respond to the numerous critical reactions that followed the publication of his book.

2:30 PM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

Waging Peace/Teaching War
Madeleine Côté, Psychology - Dawson and Pat Romano, Humanities - Dawson

Dawson’s Inspire Solutions project and the College’s new Centre for Peace and Nonviolence Education are cooperating to bring you a panel that examines how education can promote peace, but at the same time all too often serves to normalize and even glorify violence and war. Drawing from her own experiences as a student in political science, Pat Romano examines how war’s victims were rendered invisible throughout her university studies, while discussing how war can be examined in the classroom in a manner that promotes a realistic hope for peace. Madeleine Côté will examine how the research in psychology can help us understand why group relations can be so difficult by looking at some of the basic tendencies humans have and how contact and modelling can develop students and future citizens who are more resistant to “othering” and violence. The panel will close with the launching of this semester’s Inspire Solutions’ college-wide activity, War Stories: A Dawson Peace Project.

4:00 PM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

Creating a Positive Reality: It’s More in Your Control Than You Realize
Corrie Sirota-Frankel, Clinical Social Worker

How does a negative attitude hurt you? How might a positive attitude help you? What can you do to be more positive? Corrie Sirota-Frankel will explore how we can expand our reality so that we see the world from different perspectives. In doing so we open ourselves to increased potential, more creativity and greater opportunities that impact our lives. She will demonstrate that by using specific strategies, we can change our reality, so that we can find happiness and success, regardless of potential obstacles.
Tuesday, February 4th

8:30 AM Multipurpose Room 5B.16
Should Children Have an Attorney to Represent Them in Custody Litigation?
Valentin Molpiceres, Attorney, and Abe Worenklein, Psychology - Dawson
The child’s wishes and perceptions need to be considered when deciding on the “child’s best interests” when custody is being considered. However, there are different modalities for this to be accomplished. One of them is for the child to have his/her own attorney represent the child. Another alternative, is for the custody evaluator to provide an opinion based on a comprehensive evaluation, as a result of which an opinion can be provided to the court as to the child’s best interest. Other options such as the Guardian Ad Litem in the United States will also be discussed.

10:00 AM Multipurpose Room 5B.16
Behind the Scenes: the Career of an Attachée politique
Nika Deslauriers
Attachée politique for Amir Khadir & past communications officer for Québec Solidaire
The public faces for political parties are the candidates. However, behind every politician is a team of people working behind the scenes, taking care of a multitude of things to ensure the politicians are at their best. We rarely talk about these people, but they work incredibly hard, often in a stressful environment, to help politicians get the recognition they deserve, to help manage their constituencies, to deal with the media and sometimes to get through a crisis. Nika Deslauriers is one of those people. This job has its ups and downs like any other job, but it has been a great opportunity for her to be able to reconcile her passion for political theory and her desire to get involved in politics directly.

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University 101 Workshop: Applying to University
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Workshop by: Jane Valihora & Antonina Nobile, Academic Advisors

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Music and Subculture: Looking at the Social, Political and Cultural Development of Music and Subcultures in the West
Elliot Kerr, Sociology - Dawson
Popular music, since the mid twentieth century, found its evolution and progression in its ability to challenge established dominant cultural forms. The second half of the twentieth century was an especially exciting time in the development of different artistic and musical styles. Popular musical forms like Rock & Roll had a simple, energetic and accessible sound and style. Many felt that the stripped down and direct style of early Rock & Roll became increasingly lost through its immense popularity and commercialization. By the early 1970’s, new musical styles began to emerge that, like early Rock & Roll, attempted to be a direct and stripped down form of communication and expression. These new styles were meant to be a response to popular music that had become ‘watered down’ and corporate. This presentation will look at the cultural, social and political origin and development of punk rock and hip hop music. Both of these genres developed largely in the inner cities of London and New York and were expressions of subcultures that felt alienated and pushed aside from the mainstream culture of popular culture.

2:30 PM Multipurpose Room 5B.16
How Does the Bank of Canada Contribute to Canada's Prosperity?
Martin Coiteux, Senior Representative (Economics) - Bank of Canada's Quebec Region
Martin Coiteux will present the objective of Canadian monetary policy and explain how the policy works in practice. To give a concrete example, he will review the Bank’s most recent monetary policy decision, and link this decision to how the Bank sees the economy evolve over the next few quarters, considering the risks that surround this likely evolution.

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Human Trafficking: A Global Reality We Cannot Ignore
Catherine Legault and Sabrina Tremblay-Huet
One of the biggest challenges human trafficking faces is the lack of knowledge that surrounds it, be it from individuals who unknowingly participate in the exploitative circle, from law enforcement officers who criminalize victims, from prosecutors who shy away from aiming at direct convictions for this crime, and from the general public who do not have the tools to properly recognize and denounce it. This session aims at providing the audience with a clear understanding of what human trafficking is, including its components, known statistics, and its related national and international legislation; dispersing the myth that human trafficking is not a reality in Canada; grasping its presence in Montreal; demonstrating its inner workings through case examples; and equipping the audience with tools of action against the phenomena.
Wednesday, February 5th

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Hollywood and History: Using Movies as Learning Tools
Catherine Braithwaite, Isabelle Carrier, Nancy Rebelo and Lisa Steffen, History - Dawson

Movies are useful tools for the purpose of learning history. They serve to extend learning beyond the textbook and help us get the “feel” for an era by connecting concepts with visual representations. The four presenters on this panel will share various strategies for using movies to learn about the past. Topics covered include: how movie scenes can provide an impression of daily life in a particular era, the use of popular historical fiction to build on acquired knowledge, and how movies produced during a certain era (1950s) are seen as echoing and in turn shaping cultural trends. The validity of films can be also evaluated.

10:00 AM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

Municipal Politics: Beyond the Scandal - the Nuts and Bolts of Making our City Better
Pierre L’Heureux (Équipe Denis Coderre) councillor, Champlain-L’Île-des-Soeurs –Verdun
Craig Sauvé (Projet Montréal) councillor, Saint-Henri-Petite-Bourgogne-Pointe-Saint-Charles

Why is it important to get involved politically? And why get involved in municipal politics? The two recently elected municipal councillors, from different political parties, will discuss their reasons, their trajectories into municipal politics, their responsibilities as city councillors, and more.

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The Zombie Apocalypse and Penis Snatching: the Geography of Mass Hysteria
Jeffrey Barnes, Geography - Dawson

Climate change, food scarcity, rising sea levels, population explosion are all scientifically sound reasons for global concern. Meanwhile, recent revelations about penis snatching and zombie apocalypse have resulted in mass hysteria and what can be considered anti-social self-preservation. These two movements seem to arise in the context of rapid urbanization and increased resource pressure. While Nigeria and Central African countries have experienced a marked increase of penis snatching, the United States has seen a resurgent concern about the eventualty of zombie apocalypse. Jeffrey Barnes will argue that these seemingly separate events may actually be displaced outlets for broader distresses about resource scarcity, and environmental disaster.

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Legitimate History?: Oh the Places You’ll Go as an Historian!
Mary Anne Poutanen, Professor, McGill University and Concordia University, Sonya Roy, PhD candidate, McGill University, and Jarrett Rudy, Professor, McGill University

Who knew that studying history would lead to publishing a graphic novel or being called as a star witness in a high profile Quebec Superior Court case? Three members of the Groupe d’histoire de Montréal/Montreal History Group join us to discuss the unusual opportunities that have crossed their paths as professional historians. They will explore how the skills of their trade and their research prepared them to engage with the public in unique ways.

2:30 PM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

‘They Did That?:’ Surprises & the Unexpected in the Ancient World
Anna de Aguayo, Anthropology – Dawson and Jiri Tucker, History and Classics - Dawson

Research on ancient societies can sometimes reveal that truth is stranger than fiction. By careful attention to archeological, oral and written history, Classics, History and Anthropology researchers frequently find that the past can be quite different from popular images. For instance, the largest pyramids in the world were not actually in Egypt or even Mexico but the Mississippi Valley of North America. The famous togas and sandals of Hollywood films were only a small part of Roman fashions. This panel will touch on some of the more surprising aspects of research covered in the Dawson Ancient Societies courses.

4:00 PM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

Social Media Killing Us Softly?
Anne Lagacé Dowson, journalist

Anne Lagacé Dowson, who has hosted, reported and directed news and current affairs programs at the CBC and Radio-Canada and is heard daily on CJAD 800, will talk about “collisions” and how social media might be turning us inward. Social media has the power to create a greater exchange of ideas, even inspiring social revolutions. We are wired and connected like never before. So why are we so apathetic? Trends now reveal that social media may feed apathy and lack of action among today’s younger generations. Young voters avoid elections and other forms of civic action. We tweet, retweet and text others during dinner dates and at all kinds of social occasions. How is social media influencing civil society? It is a gold mine for marketers, but is it really connecting us? Can we not face each other anymore?

You can follow Anne Lagacé Dowson on Twitter @alagacedowson or on Facebook

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Thursday, February 6th

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**Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking: For a Better Understanding**  
**Lynn Dion, Social Worker, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres**

Sexual exploitation of youth happens to children we know, that may be our neighbors. It happens in all communities to young girls or young boys. How can we prevent this exploitation and encourage these victims to seek help? What is being done to help them? Who are they? In this session, Lynn Dion will present how Batshaw Youth and Family Centers offer services to those youth and provide information on the main types of sexual exploitation, including children exploited through prostitution, nude dancing, pornography, and trafficking. She will discuss also how they can get away from exploitative situations with services that meet their needs and help them find their voice to break the silence. Hopefully, by the end of the session the audience will have a better understanding of what is sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

10:00 AM  Multipurpose Room 5B.16
**écoHackMTL: Hacking for a Greener City**  
**Alex Aylett, Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Anna-Lisa Aunio, Sociology – Dawson**

Cities are getting smarter, greener, and more open. But the challenges that this urban century is going to face are monumental: climate change, rapid urbanization, resource constraints, food security... We all know the list.

écoHackMTL is Montreal's first specifically green-themed hackathon. An annual event that started in 2013, écoHackMTL helps developers, non-profits, community groups, municipal employees, and students to join forces and tackle some of our most urgent urban challenges. It is equal parts tech-wizardry and environmental know-how. This talk will cover the highlights of the 2013 hack, plans for the year to come, and also feature first hand accounts from some of the hack's Dawson participants.

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**Violence in Love-relationships**  
**Maude Pontel, Out-reach program coordinator and a Social Worker from Shield of Athena**

The session is to inform young adults about the many facets of violence that exist in love relationships and how to recognize, prevent, or help someone in such a difficult and sometimes dire situation. Shield of Athena is a non-profit organization for victims of family violence. They offer emergency shelter and professional services to women and their children. Their services of support, intervention and prevention are culturally and linguistically adapted to meet the needs of many of Montreal’s major ethnocultural communities.
Friday, February 7th

8:30 AM Multipurpose Room 5B.16

Canadian Ice is Nice: Imaging Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on the Ground in the Mackenzie River Delta!
Richard Soare, Geography - Dawson

Richard Soare is a member of a four-person team of international planetary-scientists that will carry out research funded by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory [NASA]. In late May or June the team will travel up to the Mackenzie River Delta in the Northwest Territories and use a ground-based radar to image various icy landforms (comet proxies). Their research will help interpret data delivered by a space-craft (Rosetta) based radar launched by the European Space Agency in 2004 and scheduled to land on a comet in August. The talk will explore and address questions such as these: What are comets? Why study them? And what can be learned about comets by studying landforms in the Canadian Arctic?

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What do you get when you mix 150 CEGEP students, 30 audio recorders, and one student strike? An RM project that will be sure to spark controversy! In Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 six sections of Research Methods hit the streets of Montreal to conduct an oral history of the 2012 Quebec Student Strikes. A panel of three of those intrepid students will talk about their experiences recording the life stories of their interviewees, sharing some of their challenges and successes. We’ll also play some excerpts from their interviews and have a discussion about research ethics, subjectivity, bias, red squares, and free tuition! Hope to see you all there!

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Dawson College Social Science Week Closure

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DISPLAYS

Monday, February 3, afternoon Entrance area to 5B-16

An Afternoon With Psychologists
Does the name Pavlov ring a bell? If it does then you may be familiar with some aspects of Psychology. Ivan Pavlov is one of the leading contributors to the science of Psychology. Many scientists and forward thinkers have contributed to make psychology what it is today: a discipline that uses varied methods to study and understand the mind, its function and behaviour. Its sub-fields range from clinical, to social, and neuroscience applications. This booth will be displaying some of psychology’s iconic findings and interesting experiments. It will offer you a glimpse into the mind-blowing world of psychology. So come see us “the psychologists are in”!

Tuesday, February 5, afternoon Entrance area to 5B-16

Women's/Gender Studies
Curious to know more about the history of the women’s rights movement here and around the world? Ever wonder what gender roles are and how they shape the way we communicate? Maybe you’ve heard about current debates involving abortion rights, gay marriage or equality, and would like to know more? Dawson students and faculty from the Women’s/Gender Studies certificate program will be staging a display to talk about feminism, queer theory, and women’s experiences throughout history and cross-culturally.

Wednesday, February 5, afternoon Entrance area to 5B-16

Stones and Bones: Hominid Fossils & Stone Tools Show & Tell
The Anthropology Department will display photographs, casts and recreations of the skulls, skeletons and stone tools of some of the best known hominids, such as Australopithecus Africanus, “Lucy”, Homo Habilis, erectus and Neanderthals. Come see and ask an anthropologist any questions you might have about our ancestral family!

Thursday, February 6, afternoon Entrance area to 5B-16

Nicaragua: We’re Back
Freshly back from Nicaragua, Dawson students from the North South Studies Profile, will be staging a display with films, pictures and will talk with you about their travel experiences and the impact this trip has had on their life and worldview.

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**Environmental Studies Profile: Waskaganish**

Photo and text display of the Environmental Studies field trip to the Cree James Bay region of northern Quebec. Presented by Clarisa Mendoza and Margaret Thompson.

**Geography: Culture, Society and Forest Ecologies**

Forests constitute some of the great natural features of the Canadian landscape. The different forest eco-zones express themselves through different habitats, species diversity and tree varieties. Throughout the academic term this display will showcase different services humans derive from such important biomes.

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