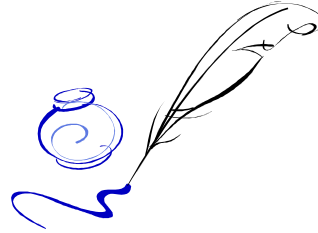


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UFV POETRY

SLAM no. 1

Place:

CASEY'S ON Campus

Date: Monday, Dec. 1, 2008

Time: 8:00 p.m.

POets Sign-Up: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: Free...YES, FREE!

Sponsored by: UFV

Department of English

SLAM Rules:

12 Poets

5 judges (selected from audience)

Poets have 3 minutes (precisely!)

to present an ORIGINAL poem.

Between Rounds Entertainment: Videopoems
from VA/ENGL 165

Audience: Participation (clapping, stomping, cheering, jeering, booing, etc.) is **seriously** encouraged – before, during, and after the performances.

Poets: Be on time – first-come, first-served. No props. All material presented must be original, written by YOU!

Arts on Campus:

Shakespeare in Bollywood and on the Indian Stage



On Nov. 17th and 18th Dr. Shormishtha Panja spoke about ways that Shakespeare has been adapted in the Bollywood film industry and modern

theatre. Dr. Panja, an English Professor for the University of Delhi, focused on how Shakespeare can relate to people of any society. Dr. Panja used two Bollywood films titled *Omkara* and *Maqbool* directed by Ram Bhardqaj, both adaptations of famous Shakespeare plays *Macbeth* and *Othello*, to illustrate Shakespeare's relevance in modern Indian society. Dr. Panja touched on how these adaptations used Shakespeare's drama to talk about contemporary political issues. When speaking about Shakespeare on the Indian stage, Dr. Panja provided details of how the same concepts used in films were also used in theatre. This lecture was made possible thanks to Eric Davis, Dean of Arts, Ian Fenwick, Head of Theatre, Jim Anderson and John Carroll, John Potts at UFV International, Melissa Walter, Lesley Poh, Deb Greenfield and Satwinder Bains at the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies. Dr. Panja's lecture was attended by 45-50 people and it was well received.

Locks of Love Fundraiser Follow up

On Wednesday October 29th, 2008, UFV hosted the Locks for Love fundraiser. The event in support of UFV English student Jessika Rowley's stepdaughter Jessica, who has been diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor was quite successful. Heads were shaved, hair was donated and money was raised. An estimated more than \$5000 was raised for the cause, going to both BC Children's Hospital and Jessica's Trust fund.



Karen Seleky and Jessika Rowley (Photo by Christine Penhale)

Guess the Giller Contest

UFV libraries in Abbotsford and Chilliwack hosted a "Guess the Giller" contest in promotion of the 15th Anniversary Scotiabank Giller Prize; Canada's premier literary prize. Students were asked to vote on who they think the winner will be, enter a draw and hope to win prizes. Refreshments and Prizes at the event were proved by Chilliwack Scotiabank branch and the library. The winner was Joseph Boyden for his book *Through Black Spruce*; John Carroll and Jim Andersen read selections on Nov. 13th at a celebration and numerous UFV students received copies of the 2008 short listed titles.

Meet the New Faculty:

Melissa Walter



- recently became a member of the English Department faculty where she teaches ENGL 105, Renaissance Literature and Shakespeare. UFV is already growing on Melissa, as she is enjoying the enthusiastic attitudes of the students towards their education. Melissa says, "I hope I can show students how Shakespeare and early modern language can be relevant to their lives." Melissa has a PhD from the University of Wisconsin where she did a year fellowship in England. Before teaching at UFV, she taught at University of Oregon, Arizona State University, and Campion College, which is federated with University of Regina.

Ron Sweeney

- is a sessional instructor in the UFV English Department currently teaching two sections of 105. Although Sweeney is originally from the area, he recently moved back from Buffalo, N.Y. and was happy to work at UFV. Before coming to UFV, Sweeney taught at other institutions for seven years, mainly focusing on composition. Sweeney has a BA Honours degree from

S.F.U., and a Master's degree from SUNY at Buffalo where he is currently working on his PHD in a joint program. In his dissertation Sweeney is focusing on experimental poetry and fiction and how the use of the page is a part of it. He hopes to have completed this work by the summer of 2009. One of Sweeney's inspirations is SUNY at Buffalo professor Susan Howe, who specializes in the smaller details of literature, and does creative critical writing, and poetry. Before teaching at UFV Sweeney taught mainly composition for seven years. Sweeney feels the students at UFV have added to his enjoyment of his teaching experience. In the Winter semester Sweeney will be teach an ENGL 150 Poetry class.

Anagrams to puzzle your mind...

1. *Ionic Postom*
----- (11)
2. *Almost Handy*
----- (5) ----- (6)
3. *Taiga Ruby Hoop*
----- (13)

Correction What Can I do With My English Degree?

The Quill newsletter would also like to thank the Career Centre and Alumni Relations

for the part they played in the What Can I Do With My English Degree event. Their help made the event a success.

Alumni Story: Crystal Auffray



"I completed a Bachelor of Arts, English major, sociology minor at UFV (what was then called UCFV) in 2004. I was accepted into SFU's Professional Development Program, where I completed a Bachelor of Education in 2005, and became a teacher-on-call in Abbotsford and Chilliwack. I mostly taught English and French at the secondary level for two years, though I did get the opportunity to teach children of all ages, from kindergarten to grade 12, in such diverse subjects as philosophy, music, foods and nutrition, auto mechanics, and Spanish.

"Thanks to the fascinating English courses I took and the wonderful faculty in the English department at UFV who nurtured my love of the written word, I knew that I wasn't living the life I had always dreamed of.

"Pursuing a career in writing was something that spoke directly to my heart, and when I presented as an alumni mentor panelist at UCFV's Career Talk in 2006, I met Terry-Lynn Stone, also a UFV alumni, who told me all about Douglas College's Print Futures: Professional Writing program.

Thanks to her studies in English at UFV and practical professional writing courses at Douglas, Terry-Lynn had become editor-in-chief of *alive* magazine. Editing and writing were both aspects of my English courses that had always interested me.

"In September 2007 I entered the Print Futures program, and thanks to the networking opportunity I was given at UFV's Career Talk two years earlier, Terry-Lynn remembered me and I was able to secure a summer internship at *alive* magazine as an editorial intern in April 2008, where I worked this past summer.

"I am currently finishing my last year of the Print Futures program and continuing to work part time at *alive* as an assistant editor. I never would have dreamed that I would have had to embark on such a roundabout journey to end up doing something that I love and feel extremely fortunate to do every day, but such is life, and I know I've been made better by the entire experience."

--Crystal Auffray

What is SSHRC?

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada awards grants and fellowships in the areas of Humanities and Social Sciences. SSHRC is a federal agency that began in 1978 and offers support to students pursuing Master's or Doctorate Degrees, as well as faculty members at post secondary institutions. In

order to be eligible you must either be in the process of completing a Bachelor's degree or have already done so. You must also be a permanent resident or Citizen of Canada.

To find out more about SSHRC check out their website at:
http://www.sshrc.ca/web/home_e.asp

Grad studies Are you considering Graduate Studies? Consider the following options:

UBC offers Master's Degrees in the following areas: Children's Literature, Library and Archival Studies, Film Production/Creative Writing Multidisciplinary, Journalism, Law, Creative Writing, English, Language and Literacy Education.
<http://www.grad.ubc.ca/app/ly/programs/programs.asp?sort=masters>

UVIC offers Master's Degrees in the following: English, Law, Writing
<http://web.uvic.ca/gradstudies/>

SFU offers Master's Degrees in the following: English, Master of Publishing, Alumni Story
<http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/>



Canadian Writer's Series:

The Canadian Writer's Series, sponsored in part by the Canada Council for the Arts will again host writers for Winter Semester. Authors to come are:

Sandy Shreve

January 15, 2009

Marilyn Bowering

March 26, 2009

Marilyn Bowering is an award winning novelist, poet and playwright whose first novel, *To All Appearances a Lady* (rpt. Penguin 2007) was a New York Times Notable Book of 1990. Her second novel, **Visible Worlds** (HarperCollins 1997), was short listed for the prestigious Orange Prize nominated for the Dublin IMPAC Prize, and awarded the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize. Her recent novel, **What it Takes to Be Human** (Penguin 2006) was also published in the U.K. in 2007. Her new book of poems is **Green** (Exile Editions 2007). She is the winner of the 2007 M award for Favorite Prose Writer and the recipient of the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Creative Writing at New York University, January 2008. Check out her website at <http://www.marilynbowering.com/>

Sandy Shreve has published four poetry collections: *Suddenly, So Much* (Exile Editions 2005); *Belonging* (Sono Nis 1997); *Bewildered Rituals* (Polestar 1992); and the *Speed of the Wheel is Up to the Potter* (Quarry Press 1990). She is co-editor, with Kate Braid, of the groundbreaking anthology *In Fine Form – The Canadian Book of Form Poetry* (Polestar 2005), and editor of *Working For A Living*, a collection of poems and stories by woman about their work (Room of One's Own 1988). Her work has won the Earle Birney Prize for Poetry. In 1995, Sandy found Poetry in Transit, the program that displays poems in Sky Train cars and buses throughout British Columbia.

All writers will be speaking at the UFV Abby Bookstore. For further information please consult the website: http://www.ufv.ca/english/UFV_Canadian_Writers_series.htm

Didya know?

Ever heard of CBC Writers and Company? Tune in to hear interviews with distinguished Authors. <http://www.cbc.ca/writersandcompany/>

Shopping for another Winter course? Check out the *Coming Semesters* link for course offerings and outlines. www.ufv.ca/english/Course_Descriptions/Coming_Semesters.htm

Looking for a Tutor?

The UFV Tutoring Exchange offers a variety of tutors in many areas of study. The website offers a list of available tutors along with the subjects they specialize in and their hourly rate. Tutors' specialization range from English and other University subjects, to high school and elementary school help. If you are in need of a tutor or know someone that is, this is the place to look. Also if you would like to register as a Tutor, the website makes it quite and easy for you to do so and it's a great way to make a little extra cash before the upcoming holiday season. Check out the website at: <http://www.ufv.ca/Jobs/tutors>, if you have any further questions please contact the career centre at 604-854-4507.



- Answers:
1. Composition
 2. Dylan Thomas
 3. Autobiography

Comments and Questions?

If you have a comment, a question, an event, an idea for a story, or an article submission, please contact the editor, Erin Dugdale at quillnewsletter@ufv.ca

For any further questions about the English Department or program check out our website at <http://www.ufv.ca/english.htm>