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Dear Reader,

The Eastern Township Resource Centre is starting the year 2013 with quite a few changes and new developments. First, after the regular three year term, the Board of Directors is welcoming new members and saying farewell to its leaving members. Darren Bandati and Estelle Chamoux from Bishop's University and Léon Robichaud from Université de Sherbrooke are leaving the Board after several years of dynamic involvement. The ETRC is grateful for their inspiration and work. The new members on the board are BU's Anthony Di Mascio and Heather Lawford who will certainly bring in new ideas and perspectives.

The second big change concerns the position of the Executive Director. After four years, Jaroslava Baconova is looking for new challenges in her original academic field and is succeeded by Fabian Will. See the small report on page 2 for further information.

Last but not least, you might have noticed the refreshed design of the ETRC Newsletter. To receive our Newsletter, simply send a note to the [ETRC office](#) and we will keep you up to date.

Fabian Will
Executive Director

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The ETRC under new leadership

Fabian Will succeeded Jaroslava Baconova as Executive Director



It is with great enthusiasm that we announce the selection of Fabian Will as the new Executive Director of the ETRC. He is succeeding Jaroslava Baconova who will focus on her academic career after being in charge of the ETRC for the last four years. We are grateful for her achievements and the great work during the last years and wish her all the best for the future.

While completing his studies in political sciences and communication at the University of Augsburg in Germany, Fabian Will gained field experience at the Federal Association for Democracy and Tolerance in Berlin. He worked for the Academy of Citizenship Education Tutzing as well as Research Assistant at the University in Augsburg. In 2009 he founded and coordinated the non-profit organization Show Racism the Red Card - Germany, a nation-wide project of citizenship education dedicated to combating different forms of racism and discrimination. Since immigrating to Canada in 2011, he had been working for the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, focusing on the development of teaching materials and various communication aspects.

Please feel free to share your ideas at any time about the future development of the ETRC by contacting Fabian at

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or by visiting him at his office located in room 314 in the McGreer Building on the Bishop's University campus.

*Dr. Cheryl Gosselin
ETRC Chair*



Eastern Townships in Quebec and Belgium, not only namesakes! How do migrants integrate local communities?

On Thursday, November 15, the ETRC invited public to attend the 14th annual Robin Burns Lecture at the Foreman Art Gallery on Bishop's University campus.

Dr. Altay Manço, Scientific Director of the Institut de Recherche, Formation et Action sur les Migrations (IRFAM) and "our own" Claude Belleau, expert on refugees and immigration issues, experienced community worker, and ETRC board member made stimulating presentations on immigration and integration in the Eastern Townships of Belgium and on the life of newcomers in the Quebec's Townships.

For both Eastern Townships (Québec and Belgium), immigration represents tremendous opportunities. Both face similar challenges in their efforts to build a cohesive and inclusive society and in bridging the great disconnect between the settlement of immigrants at the local level and their selection at the national level.

"It is a little disputed fact that Canada is a nation of immigrants," reminds Claude Belleau before adding: "From the first explorers and settlers of the XVI and XVII centuries to the arrival of the Loyalists fleeing the US and over the successive waves from southern Europe after the second World War, immigrants have crossed our borders and sought to make Canada their new homes." For his part,



Dr. Manço shared with us how in 2007 a group of local associations launched a collective reflection on the potential conflict between older and newer immigration "without waiting for these feelings to turn into violence" and took first steps at building social cohesion across the local communities.

The ETRC is very grateful to have had Altay Manço and Claude Belleau come together to share their knowledge on such a crucial topic.

*Jaroslava Baconova
Fabian Will*

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News from the Archives

Back in the Old Library with new promotional material

We are happy to report that the renovations and mold treatment of the Old Library went smoothly and that Jody Robinson, ETRC Archivist, and Anna Grant, Bishop's University Archivist, were able to move back into their offices in early November 2012. Business is back to normal and researchers are welcome to visit the Old Library during opening hours, Monday to Friday, 9-12 and 1-4:30. While the ETRC archives are housed in another area on Bishop's University campus, the Old Library holds important resources on published Eastern Townships history, genealogical resources, Bishop's University history, and Canadiana.

The Archives Department has recently produced a collection of bookmarks featuring a number of unique and interesting photographs from the archives. A variety of themes can be seen on the bookmarks, including farming, churches, portraits, landscapes, and transportation. The promotional bookmarks are available for free to the public and include information on the types of records found in the archives.

Among the recent acquisitions to the archives are photographs of Rev. Thomas Chapman, of Dudswell, a collection of documents and photographs from the Copping family as well as material from the Vaudry family of Lennoxville.

*Jody Robinson
ETRC Archivist*



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Learning by doing Experiential Learning at Bishop's University

Last December, BU student Marie-Pier Laplante received one of the grants awarded to students by the Experiential Learning Internships Grant Fund (ELIGF). The grant was awarded in support of her internship project at the McGill Bird Observatory. Marie-Pier is a fourth-year double major Environmental Studies and Geography and Hispanic Studies student.

"My first morning at McGill Bird Observatory (MBO) was like a Christmas gift. The songs of young unwearied and tenacious white-throated sparrows as background, I followed Gay and the other volunteers on the first net rounds of the day. The rose-pink lights of dawn shone through the mist nets, putting in evidence our first feathered visitors of the day, and I felt overwhelmed with excitement. My heart was thumping and I was a kid at Christmas. There was again no doubt that I truly belonged with this type of work."

Briefly, my work at the observatory consisted of extracting the songbirds caught in the mist net, and subsequently identifying, banding, ageing and sexing these birds in the banding station before releasing them. The data obtained through banding are a greatly valuable tool for monitoring bird populations and migrations. I have also taken part in the daily census on MBO property, a route shared with an eager "birder" fellow from whom I was able to gain considerable field identification skills. I also had the chance to participate in northern saw-whet owl banding, which was truly pleasant as well. Who does not fall for these tiny nocturnal creatures?

When I look back at the first years of my degree at Bishop's, I find it absolutely wonderful to realize how perfectly all the steps fit in after the other. It is somehow fulfilling to recognize the way Environment, Spanish, Biology courses and multiple field experiences accumulated throughout the



course of my studies have shaped and narrowed down my field of interests. In that sense, I see the internship at MBO as an enriching concluding episode of my degree, yet as a gateway to the study of birds in a post-graduate and professional context."

Marie-Pier Laplante

If you are interested to learn more about Experiential Learning opportunities at Bishop's University and the Experiential Learning Internships Grant Fund (ELIGF), consult our website or contact the ETRC Executive Director Fabian Will.

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Stay informed

ETRC Facebook page is now available

The ETRC is proud to announce the launch of its new interactive Facebook page dedicated to all things related to the history of the Eastern Townships, the Experiential Learning programs for BU students, upcoming events, and news from our archives.

How can I connect to the ETRC Facebook page?

To connect with our Facebook page and become a member of the community, simply click 'Like' using the link below and become a fan. Users are invited to explore our exclusive content, connect with other ETRC fans, and share their thoughts and questions on the Eastern Townships.

From now on you can stay up to date with the ETRC via Facebook. Just click [here](#) today and become a fan!

Researchers can visit the archives Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Please contact the Archivist before coming to the archives in person.

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