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## rhodes scholar

### Credits Caring Faculty for His Success

by Paula Denbow

When Ariel Zylberman and his family left Argentina five years ago, they were hoping for a better life. What they found was a richer, more fulfilling life than they had ever imagined.

The University's newest recipient of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, Zylberman says his undergraduate experience has surpassed his expectations. "Happiness for me is growing in as many ways as I can, and the time I've spent at this University has allowed me to flourish academically and personally," he says. "I have the faculty to thank for that—they have been caring and professional. The close relationships I have formed are crucial to who and where I am now."

When Zylberman arrived on campus, all he knew was that he wanted an education—the choice to take Philosophy was random. "Something about philosophy struck a chord," he remembers. "As I studied, what once seemed obvious and true was being called into question. This approach to Philosophy, which is upheld by the Department, has been essential in making me the kind of thinker I am today." He notes that he would like to return to the University of Winnipeg one day as a professor of Philosophy. "Teaching here would be enormously gratifying."

This fall he plans to pursue a master's degree in philosophy at Oxford. Zylberman sees his work at Oxford as a continuation of what he began at UWinnipeg. "Knowledge and understanding are like a big ball of clay," he offers, "continually reshaping as you grow."

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## UWinnipeg's Academic Legacy

Rhodes Scholarships are awarded annually throughout the Commonwealth, in the United States, and Europe.

Only three such scholarships are allotted to the prairie region of Canada, which includes Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

Students from UWinnipeg, home to approximately 4% of the Western Region student population, have received six out of the 30

Rhodes Scholarships allotted to the prairies in the past ten years. Overall, the University of Winnipeg family of alumni has 30 Rhodes Scholars within its distinguished membership.

### UWinnipeg's recent Rhodes Scholarship recipients include:

- Ariel Zylberman '02 (philosophy)
- Karlee Silver '01 (biochemistry)
- David Selchen '97 (biology/psychology)
- Mark Matz '96 (classics)
- Claudia Hudspeth '93 (biology)
- Arash Abizadeh '92 (political science/economics)

ARIEL ZYLBERMAN: UWINNipeg's  
30TH RHODES SCHOLAR.

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Throughout his studies Zylberman has maintained an exceptional academic record, winning numerous awards, including UWinnipeg's most prestigious award, the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship. "I know that none of this would have been possible without the guidance and support of the Philosophy Department," he maintains.

"Ariel is an outstanding scholar," says Brian Keenan, Chair of UWinnipeg's Philosophy Department. "In over 25 years of teaching he has been one of my best students and among the finest people I've ever met. What is truly

remarkable, however, is his commitment to the community and the larger world."

While at the University Zylberman has worked as an ESL tutor, Spanish tutor, and teaching assistant. He has also brought out the best in others through his work as editor of the Western Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy and in his founding of the current Philosophy Department lunch-hour seminars. In addition to volunteering with the Jewish Child and Family Services as a Big Brother, he has also been an avid water-polo player and dancer with the Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble.

With roots firmly planted in Manitoba soil, the Zylberman family has made this province their home. "One of the first things we noticed was the license plate—'Friendly Manitoba,'" he recalls, laughing. "And with gladness my family can say the people of this province have lived up to that claim."

# faculty & staff

Strut their Stuff

They rocked. They sang the blues. They brought the house down. UWinnipeg faculty and staff put on an unforgettable show at Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall on November 23. "Class Acts", sponsored by the Faculty and Staff Club, was the first campus event showcasing UWinnipeg's homegrown talent. Musical performances were complemented by the eye-fooling magic of Math and Stats Chair James Currie. Congratulations to the

performers, volunteers, and organizers who made Class Acts an event to remember!

**THE HAND IS FASTER THAN THE EYE... JAMES CURRIE'S MAGICAL ROPE TRICK**



**MARTIN ROBSON AS  
UWINNipeg's OWN ROY  
ORBISON**



**MULTI-COLOURED TEAPOT  
BY ANNETTE EILVERS**

## artists in the archives...

and Hamilton Galleria, Too

By day they teach and run one of the best undergraduate universities in Canada. But when they aren't on campus they can often be found moulding clay, shooting photos, and creating works of art worthy of installation in any reputable gallery.

They are University of Winnipeg faculty and staff. And they showcased their artistic talent at the Faculty and Staff Art Exhibit. Paintings, photographs, ceramics, and mixed media works by 12 UWinnipeg artists were on display in the Hamilton Galleria and University Archives, where they will remain until January 17, 2003.

Based on the success of the opening (more than 100 people attended) and the positive feedback, assistant art curator Jennifer Gibson says she would like to plan a similar show next year—and possibly make it an annual event. "My hope is that those who participated this year will be inspired to create new works. And I have a hunch there are some creative folks out there who were hesitant to exhibit their work the first time around," she says.

# goin' to the chapel

**Generosity Brings New Life to the Chapel**  
by Paula Denbow



English professor Mavis Reimer had always thought the Chapel was a little jewel on the UWinnipeg campus—beautiful, intimate, and peaceful. So when her daughter Maria and fiancé John Kennett began making plans for their wedding, she immediately thought of the Chapel.

"I'd been in the Chapel before," recalls Maria, who graduated from the University in 1999 with a BA (Honours). "Deb Schnitzer held our final English class of the term in there, and I remember thinking it was such a stunning space." Back then she wasn't even thinking about wedding arrangements. "I never dreamed of having my wedding at the University until my mother suggested it, but I couldn't imagine a better place. It held special meaning for me, as an alumna."

"After Maria and John had chosen the Chapel, I noticed the condition of the chapel doors—split and cracking, with peeling varnish and a damaged finish," Mavis says. "It seemed to me that we, as a community, could express pride in our institution by showing a better face to the world. My daughter's wedding seemed like an opportunity to do this."

Mavis's timing was perfect. She approached the Faculty of Theology just as Patti Tweed, Development Officer in the University's Private Funding

Department, was preparing Theology's spring appeal. The Reimer family got the ball rolling with a generous donation to restore the Chapel doors, and then a special appeal was made for matching donations. "The response was very good," says Tweed. "Donations were coming in steadily." Then the reply Tweed was waiting for came in the form of a call from Kathleen Mico, an '88, '90 graduate of the Faculty of Arts. "She asked how much more was needed to reach our goal. Then she decided generously to contribute that amount." Mico made the donation in memory of her mother Irene, who passed away in May of 2002.

The new doors graced the entrance of the Chapel in May, just on time for Maria and John's wedding. "The Chapel set the tone for my wedding," Maria admits. "It created a very intimate and warm atmosphere." With the exception of a few candles and a simple iron arch adorned with roses, the Chapel was left undecorated. "It looked perfect without any additions. Many of our guests were surprised—they had passed by the Chapel without ever going inside to discover its beauty."

## research to strengthen rural canada's economy



**FRONT ROW: JIM SILVER, MINISTER PAGTAKHAN, AND JOHN LOXLEY (PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA); BACK ROW: TODD SCARTH, DR. CONNIE ROOKE, AND DOMINIQUE LACASSE (DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, SSHRC).**

Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veteran Affairs, Secretary of State (Science, Research and Development) and Senior Federal Minister for Manitoba, was on campus on November 29 to announce funding for a major project under the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's (SSHRC) Initiative on the New Economy (INE). Provincial Minister of Energy, Science and Technology Tim Sale and UWinnipeg alum Todd Scarth, Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - Manitoba, were also on hand.

The INE project receiving funding for the next three years will examine ways for traditionally disadvantaged communities in rural and northern Manitoba to reap the benefits of the new economy. The team includes researchers from Manitoba's three universities: Brandon University, University of Manitoba, and University of Winnipeg.

Congratulations to the following University of Winnipeg researchers who are taking part in this research project: Parvin Ghorayshi, Sociology; Christopher Leo, Politics; Thibault Martin, Sociology; Byron Sheldrick, Politics; and Jim Silver, Politics.

# (coming events)

For a more detailed listing visit the events calendar at [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca)

## University Closed

From Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1, 2003, inclusive.

## Virtuosi Concerts

Pianist Wu Han will perform on Saturday, January 11 at 8:00 p.m.; preview concert at 7:15 p.m. by Andrew Thompson. Cost: \$35, \$33 for seniors, and \$23 for students. Call 786-9000 for more information.

Robert Silverman, piano, will perform with Triskelion on Saturday, February 15 at 8:00 p.m. Featured work: Fauré, Piano

Quartet No. 2 in G minor. Cost: \$25, \$23 for seniors, and \$13 for students. Call 786-9000 for more information.

## Gallery 1C03

*Sightlines*, by internationally acclaimed artist and University of Winnipeg Honorary Doctor Wanda Koop, January 24 to February 15. The exhibit opening on January 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The artist will give a talk on Friday, January 24 at 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery. For more information about this event contact Jennifer Gibson at 786.9253.

## Music at Noon

Arts Encounters Young Performers Competition will take place in Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall from 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. on January 27. Free admission.

## Skywalk Concerts

Steeple Chaser, performing "The Next Big Thing." 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 30\*.

## Skywalk Lectures

• UWinnipeg History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies professor Peter Denton presents "Swallow but Don't Chew: Biotechnology and Public

Health" on Wednesday, January 29.

- UWinnipeg Collegiate teacher Lloyd Kornelson presents "The Big Bad Wolf and the Three Little Pigs: Victims and Villains in Interpersonal Conflict" at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5.

\* *Bring your lunch, bring a friend. Skywalk lectures and concerts are held at the Winnipeg Centennial Library's 2nd floor auditorium at 12:15 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.*

## in the Heart of the exchange

Mayor Glen Murray was on hand to cut the ribbon as the University of Winnipeg's Division of Continuing Education (DCE) officially opened its new facility in the Exchange District. Members of Winnipeg's business, government, and academic communities joined in the celebration at UWinnipeg's DCE Open House on Wednesday, November 27.

"Our new facility has been designed to meet the needs of the citizens of Winnipeg," says Kathryn Shailer, Dean, DCE. "The Exchange is a central location, making life-long learning accessible for our students who come from all walks of life, age groups, and backgrounds."



**MAYOR GLEN MURRAY CONGRATULATES KATHRYN SHAILER AND DR. CONNIE ROOKE FOR MAKING EXCELLENT USE OF A HISTORIC BUILDING IN THE EXCHANGE.**

The new location, 294 William Avenue in the historic Massey Building, is adjacent to Red River College and is home to DCE's Professional Studies and Information Technology programs. Registration services are also located on-site in the Exchange, while DCE's successful Educational Assistant Diploma, English Language, and International Languages programs remain at 346 Portage Avenue.

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