2010 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Big things happen on a small campus
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In a year in which Augustana moved into a spectacular, long-awaited Library, the pages of this annual report are filled with the language of spaces, designs and plans.

Our Library is not only beautiful and functional; it has quickly become the hub of campus life. Together with the adjacent Forum, scheduled for completion in summer 2010, it gives us the kind of out-of-class gathering space that is crucial to contemporary learning. We are proud of these new spaces. They will change perceptions on campus, in the community and among prospective students about what we are and aspire to be.

Some of the most important construction at Augustana in the past year, however, required no hard hats or steel-toed boots. For example, we completed the renovation of our core (or common) curriculum. It puts a new emphasis on experiential and creative modes of learning, and exposes students to some of the most compelling global issues of our time.

We built relationships, too, several of which are highlighted in this Report. With the Faculty of Education, we built a pathway for students to receive two degrees in five years – a B.Sc. and a B.Ed. – that will help meet the need for secondary science and math teachers especially in rural schools. With the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, we made room for a pilot program that will enrol 10 M.Sc. physiotherapy students, some of them our own graduates, on our campus in September. Finally, in partnership with several community agencies, we supported more than 7000 hours of service-learning placements for more than 300 students.

Best of all, Augustana Campus continued to build a reputation for high-quality undergraduate education. One of the best signs this spring has been the number of excited students – whether in the sciences, music, English, political studies or psychology – reporting acceptance into competitive master’s programs across Canada. A handful are preparing for medical school interviews. One recent graduate has choices like Georgetown University and Imperial College London in front of her. Many more have gained a sense of life direction and confidence to design their own place in the world. They are impressive people. Each one bears the imprint of the Augustana experience.

This report captures some of the incredible energy and hopefulness that we are privileged to work alongside every day. Big things do happen on our small campus. This year, as every year, it’s important for me to acknowledge with deep gratitude the support of the community and our wider circle of friends in helping to make all of it possible. Don’t underestimate us or the impact we can have on the next generation of students as we build spaces for learning.

Dr. Roger Epp, Dean
When Augustana’s Library opened in mid-September, staff and students used words like “breathtaking” and “phenomenal” to describe their first reactions to the space. Months later, some of them still pinch themselves when they step inside. With its impressive scale, its three-storey views of the ravine, its study rooms and large information commons – plus plenty of room for Augustana’s collection of 130,000 titles – the long-awaited Library is a fantastic addition to the campus.

On the day the doors were opened, Dean Roger Epp acknowledged that students had to wait two weeks into the semester to be allowed in. He asked that they put that time in perspective. “Some of your professors have been waiting for decades,” he said, “so if you see tears in their eyes, you will understand why. It is great to finally be in a facility that has been imagined and promised for so long.”

In the Library’s construction, materials and fixtures were carefully chosen to have a low environmental impact: high-efficiency lighting provides better light for longer periods of time, polished concrete floors require very little maintenance, and passive heating and cooling systems reduce energy costs.

The new facility is a proud addition to the U of A’s library system, one of the largest and most innovative in North America.
A Piano for Generations

Since 1853, Steinway pianos have set an uncompromising standard for sound, touch and beauty. Each one requires up to a full year to craft by hand. The price tag is no less impressive: the nine-foot grand piano selected on-site in New York and delivered to the Augustana Campus in summer 2009 cost about $150,000.

The purchase was made possible by generous gifts from friends of the music program and by a commitment from Augustana to match those donations.

"In terms of size and quality, this piano will be a benefit to the entire community," says music professor Dr. Milton Schlosser. "The piano will be used for both teaching and performance."

The inaugural Steinway concert series has included performances by Schlosser, former student Joel Harder (now in the doctoral program in piano at the Juilliard School in New York), Dr. Roger Admiral, and renowned Canadian musician Angela Cheng. Her performance of Chopin will take its place among the most memorable evenings in Camrose’s long history of musical excellence.

While at Augustana, Cheng also gave a master class for piano students – an extraordinary privilege for student musicians.

Those students have already benefited from the opportunity to explore the refined action and feel of a nine-foot grand piano, the standard within large university music departments.

“I never thought I would see something like this,” Schlosser says. “This piano is for generations of students to value and cherish.”
The Perfect Outdoor Laboratory

Miquelon Lake Provincial Park is only 20 minutes from the Augustana Campus, and it’s about to become a familiar destination for students and professors.

A framework agreement signed with Alberta Parks, Recreation and Tourism will facilitate research in provincial parks in the east-central region, starting with Miquelon Lake. Because of its accessibility, beauty and distinctive ecology, the park presents significant opportunities for research in fields as diverse as environmental science, visual arts, outdoor education, philosophy and economics.

One intended outcome of the agreement is to assist Alberta Parks with baseline knowledge, says Dr. Glynnis Hood, assistant professor of environmental science.

“At the same time, we had a real need to get undergraduate students out into the field to conduct research, and Miquelon is a perfect outdoor laboratory.”

Hood’s own work on beaver habitat, which has attracted international notice, has been based partly at Miquelon with student researchers involved. She notes that students with field training in data collection have significant advantages in finding employment related to their degrees.
The Old Made New

While the Library and Forum have been the most significant building projects at Augustana in 20 years, the work of transforming the campus for the next generation is as much about small, creative steps and the re-use of existing spaces.

Take the “old” library. As soon as it was empty, part of it became home for Augustana’s Learning and Beyond team, which supports our growing number of community service-learning initiatives. Next door, Lars Hallström runs the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities. In the coming months, more library space will be converted back into classrooms. On the lower level, the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine will launch its pilot M.Sc. program in physiotherapy in a site complete with beds and state-of-the-art web/video technology.

In the past year, as part of the U of A’s push for wireless Internet access, the campus became fully wireless. Students and faculty are no longer limited as to where and when they can share thoughts or perform spot research as required.

Our former mechanics shop was transformed into a second studio for Visual Arts students once the new Facilities and Operations building was completed on the southern tip of campus. Not only do the people who maintain our campus have a new space of their own, but the new studio means more room to work, more storage space for projects, and a huge vaulted ceiling. Our artists can let their imaginations grow wings!

We’ve also built dedicated student research space, opened the exercise physiology lab at the Edgeworth Centre, and equipped our language lab with technology to enable students to take a French course taught at the University’s Campus Saint-Jean or connect with students in other countries. Our ambitious summer renovation list includes classrooms, music practice rooms, and offices – so that North Hall can come down in the fall. We’re also planning research space for scientists and science students.

Meanwhile, once the construction trailers are gone, the centre of campus can be reclaimed and landscaped. The water feature we added in summer 2009 will fit in perfectly.
Augustana Campus expresses its sincere appreciation to the thoughtful and generous individuals who have invested in our students and community in 2009.

Augustana Honours our Olympians

Since the 1950s, Augustana and its predecessor, Camrose Lutheran College, have helped to develop athletes to compete against the world’s best in the Winter Olympic Games. This year we honoured four of them – all women, all students in the 1980s – as our Distinguished Alumnae for 2009-10.

Cross-country skier Carol Gibson-Coyne competed for Canada at Calgary in 1988 and was in Vancouver/Whistler as physiotherapist for the biathlon team. Gibson-Coyne works with the Canadian Sport Centre in Calgary. She lives in Canmore with her husband, Geret, head coach of Canada’s national biathlon team and also a former CLC student.

Jane Isakson competed in biathlon at Albertville (1992) and Lillehammer (1994). She is now a painter and wilderness advocate in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Susan (Stewart) Massitti, competed in long-track speed-skating in Nagano (1998). A physiotherapist, also associated with the Canadian Sport Centre, she was part of the medical staff in Atlanta (1996), Sydney (2000), Torino (2006) and Beijing (2008). She is credited with helping bring gymnast Kyle Shewfelt back to competition after a serious injury.

Yvonne Visser competed in biathlon in Albertville (1992). As a massage therapist, she was in Torino (2006), Beijing (2008) and with the biathlon team in Vancouver/Whistler in February.

These four join the ranks of previous winter Olympians, Clarence and Irvin Servold [1956 and 1960], to be honoured as Distinguished Alumni.

One of the key builders of Augustana’s top-level Nordic sport program, professor emeritus Garry Gibson [Carol’s father], was selected to carry the Olympic torch and light the cauldron at torch-relay festivities in Camrose.
A Championship Course

Augustana is used to winning national cross-country running championships – five, in fact, in recent years. On a spectacularly sunny Saturday in November, it hosted its first.

The Canadian Colleges Athletic Conference Association event involved more than 250 athletes and coaches representing schools from all regions of the country. In both women’s and men’s races, the runners produced colourful mass starts and exciting finishes on a beautiful, challenging course in the Stoney Creek valley. Brian Stackhouse, CCAA national convenor for the sport, called the course possibly the best in Canada.

For Vikings cross-country coach Gerhard Lotz, the championships meant national exposure for his program and the chance to watch marvelous races in Camrose.

While Lotz’s teams did not reach the podium – the women placed fourth and the men fifth – most of his runners set personal bests on their home course, including ninth-placed Katherine Stone and David Arial, who placed tenth. Arial ran the 8-km men’s course in under 27 minutes, faster than any Augustana runner in Lotz’s memory, and proof that CCAA cross-country running gets more competitive every year.

Augustana’s cross-country runners
Featured Faculty Member: Dr. Alex Carpenter

What do aficionados of Sigmund Freud, Jane Austen, composer Josef Haydn and CBC Radio’s *Saturday Afternoon at the Opera* have in common? For one thing, they all heard from Alex Carpenter in the past year.

Assistant professor of music at Augustana since 2006, Carpenter gave an invited lecture at the Freud Museum in London on his research into music and psychoanalysis; he told members of Edmonton’s Jane Austen Society about zombie movie soundtracks; he presented a paper in Hungary at a major conference marking the 200th anniversary of Haydn’s death; and he analyzed Mozart’s Don Giovanni for radio listeners. All that and he teaches, too.

In the classroom Carpenter has displayed the same extraordinary range across time periods and subjects, teaching everything from music history to aural skills, criticism to contemporary pop music. The focus of his research has been fin-de-siècle Viennese composer Arnold Schoenberg.

Carpenter (PhD, Toronto) came to Augustana from the University of Prince Edward Island.

Dare to Deliver

In 2006, the University of Alberta adopted President Indira Samarasekera’s *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University*. That document sets out four cornerstones on which to build a great university: talented people; learning, discovery and citizenship; connecting communities; and transformative organization and support. The Augustana Campus continues to build on these cornerstones in all aspects of its work. Some of our progress is highlighted in the section that follows and elsewhere in this Report.

Talented People

- Biology major Jessica Sommerfeld from Sparwood, BC was awarded the Augustana Medal at spring convocation for highest academic standing in a graduating class of 163.

- Dr. Ian Blokland, physics, received one of two Provost’s Awards for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at the Celebration of Teaching and Learning.

- First-year student Elizabeth Clarke of Fort McMurray, a music major and chemistry minor, earned a prestigious President’s Citation entrance scholarship. Britnee Kegler of Leduc, a biology major and music minor, received the Dean’s Citation scholarship. Both are four-year awards. The two students represent a strong trend at Augustana: students who combine interests in science and fine arts.

- Danielle Fostey of St. Paul was among the first recipients of a $5000 Métis Endowment scholarship at the U of A. In her final year in sociology, she will study law at Queen’s University in September.

- Dr. Janet Wesselius, philosophy, received Augustana’s Teaching Award for 2009-10; Dr. Jerome Melancon, political
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Learning, Discovery and Citizenship

- With support from several funding sources, 14 full-time summer research assistantships were made available to students in 2009.
- The Student Academic Conference, at the end of fall and winter term, has grown into a major showcase for senior undergraduate work with about 100 participants in parallel sessions.
- *Dissent* was selected as the fourth annual academic theme for the campus.
- The Writing Centre expanded programming to include peer support for students whose first language is not English. This development was thanks, in part, to grant funding secured by professors Dr. Roxanne Harde and Dr. Bill Foster, management.
- Together with musicians from the Faculty of Arts in Edmonton, members of Augustana’s Fine Arts department presented Arnold Schoenberg’s mercurial masterpiece, the rarely-performed *Pierrot Lunaire*.
- The Research Committee organized a first-ever event to showcase and celebrate faculty work.
- Dr. Milton Schlosser, 2007-2008 McCalla Professor, gave a lecture on his research entitled, “Minding the Music: Neuroscience, Video Recordings, and the Pianist.”
- Morten Asfeldt, physical education, is contributing co-editor of the book *Pike’s Portage: Stories of a Distinguished Place* (2010), about a region along the eastern arm of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories.
- Dr. Rob Kell, kinesiology and sport studies, is co-author of the textbook *Human Physiology* (2009). His research on lower-back pain continued to attract international media and academic attention.
- Dr. Sandra Rein, political studies, gave an invited lecture in South Africa, funded by the country’s Human Sciences Research Council.
- Dr. Jeremy Mouat, history, won the Tibesar Prize for a co-authored article in the journal *The Americas*.
- Dr. Glen Hvenegaard, geography, began a three-year research project on wildlife festivals and conservation, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council [SSHRC]. Dr. Paula Marentette, psychology, is co-investigator on a research team studying language and gesture: their SSHRC funding was renewed for a third term.
- The Augustana Choir, directed by Dr. Ardelle Ries, joined forces with the U of A Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers and the University’s Symphony Orchestra to perform Haydn’s *The Creation* at the Winspear Centre.
- Dr. Kim Fordham, German, gave an invited colloquium as part of a prestigious series at Goethe University, Frankfurt. She has been reappointed director of the Canadian Summer School in Germany, a national consortium.

Connecting Communities

- In partnership with Battle River School Division, the Battle River Community Foundation and other local agencies and donors, the first-ever Reading University was held at the Augustana campus in summer 2009. The intensive four-week program, aimed at Grade 2 and 3 students with identified challenges, involved close to 40 students.
- Augustana accepted an invitation from the City of Camrose to prepare its municipal sustainability plan. The project engaged a large number of Community Service Learning students.
- At the 2009 Spring Soirée, Norm Mayer, former mayor of Camrose and U of A senator, was awarded the Alumni Citation for his contribution to Augustana’s development.
- The Augustana Library organized a Living Library in fall and winter, inviting students. Faculty and members of the community to “take out” individuals with experiences to share.
- Augustana hosted the first Nordlys Film and Arts Festival, formerly the Pretty Hill Film Festival.
Transformative Organization

- **Feisal Kirumira**, German, was appointed special advisor in working with international students and making recommendations to improve their experience on campus. A flag-raising celebration in honour of new international students has become an established start-of-term event.

- Augustana Food Services made major strides in the second year of its initiative to increase local/regional food sourcing in its cafeteria. Most meats, flour, eggs and root vegetables are now purchased from local producers and processors. Manager **Lilas Bielopotocky** was a keynote presenter at a “field-to-cafeteria” conference in Winnipeg.

- As Métis and First Nations enrolment increased, a strong core of student leaders partnered with **Petra Cegielny** and the Aboriginal Students’ Office to plan activities such as a bannock give-away, hand-games demonstration and sweat-lodge ceremony. Six aboriginal students are expected to graduate in spring 2010. The office also worked with musician **Susan Aglukark**, U of A Distinguished Scholar in Residence, to bring her mentorship program to campus, and with women’s basketball coach **Leanne Shenton** and her team in building a relationship with junior and senior high school girls at Ermineskin School in Hobbema.

- Dean **Roger Epp** travelled to China to explore relationships with United International College in Zhuhai and other institutions. He also led a delegation to Universidad de Oriente in Santiago, Cuba, where about 100 Augustana students have experienced a semester in the decade since **Roger Milbrandt**, English, established the program.

- Augustana Community Education’s diploma and certificate programs in Emergency Medical Services will complete their transition to Lakeland College in June 2010, aligning with institutional roles and mandates defined by the provincial government.

Asian Culture Club welcomes new students
Statistics

• There were 163 Augustana graduates in 2009.
• Enrolments for 2009/10 in BA = 441, B.Sc. = 355, B.Mus. = 21, B.Mgmt. = 99.
• Incoming Average for HS Fall 2009 Admits = 80.85%
• Incoming students with an average of 90% or higher = 7.8%
• Incoming students with an average of 80% or higher = 47.9%
• Out of 988 students registered, 425 were men and 563 women.
• A total of 336 students received $439,575 in scholarships and awards for the 2009-2010 academic year.

International students from the following countries:
Afghanistan, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Botswana, China, Croatia, Egypt, England, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Iran (Islamic Republic Of), Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Republic of Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Sudan, Taiwan, Uganda, United States, Zimbabwe.

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Province:

- Alberta = 752
- BC = 66
- SK = 53
- ON = 22
- NT = 17
- MB = 10
- YT = 7
- NS = 5
- QC = 3
- NL = 2
- NB = 1
- Total students from Canada = 939

Distinguished Visitors

• Martha Bayles, popular culture, Boston College
• Angela Cheng, pianist
• Adam Con, choral music, University of Southern Georgia
• Henry (Hap) Davis, sport psychologist and researcher, Calgary
• F. Volker Greifenhagen, Luther College, University of Regina
• Nicholas Guehlstorf, political scientist, Southern Illinois University
• Todd Hirsch, senior economist, ATB Financial
• Marie-Nathalie Lacoursiere, dance, Université de Montréal
• Tim Lilburn, poet, University of Victoria
• Teresa Roane, Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond VA
• Eliakim Sibanda, Director, Institute of Human Rights and Global Studies, University of Winnipeg
• Ronaldo Similox, psychologist, Guatemala
• Sigrun Slapgard, author and journalist, Norway
• William Spellman, Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, University of North Carolina, Asheville
• Ross Todd, Director, Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries, Rutgers University
• John Willison, University of Adelaide, Australia

New Annual Awards and Endowments

- Brett Binder Athletic Award
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- Dolores V. Nelson Schultz Memorial Award In Voice
- Libertas Property Management Inc. Entrance Award
- Canadian Summer School In Germany 35th Anniversary Award Endowment
- Scandinavian Studies Award Endowment
- Paul Sills Memorial Entrance Award in Drama Endowment
- Ronning Centre Consultations on Islam

The Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, in collaboration with the Chair of Islamic Studies at the U of A, hosted consultations involving delegations of scholars and religious leaders from Syria, Turkey and Palestine, as well as North American-based experts. Visitors included Mufti of Damascus Abdul Fattah al-Bizem and Shaykh Hussam al-Din Farfour, Vice-Rector at the Al-Fatih Islamic Institute and lecturer at the Great Umayyad Mosque in Damascus; Faris Kaya of the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture; Bilal Kuspinar of the Institute of Islamic Studies at McGill University; politics instructor Ghada Hashem Talhami from Lake Forest College, Illinois; Columbia University’s instructor of Iranian studies and comparative literature Hamid Dabashi; and Mustafa Abu-Sway of Al Quds University in Jerusalem.
Donor Profile

Professor Bayard (By) Reesor

Professor Reesor taught at Augustana for 31 years, from 1965 to 1996. By’s memories of Augustana could fill a book: one year, the Dean whipped up a class timetable after the students arrived on campus and had already chosen their courses. By was even present when the Board of Regents lifted the campus ban on dancing!

By taught university courses in Political Studies and Economics, as well as Grade 12 Social Studies. He served as Registrar, Chairman of the Social Sciences Division, and Associate Academic Dean. Today, Professor Reesor and his wife, Sue, continue to support Augustana.

“Donations my wife and I have made to Augustana have generally been to specific projects,” By says. “Our donations to Augustana are in keeping with our general philosophy of giving back to the community, which has been good to us over the years.”

Augustana hasn’t forgotten the beloved teacher, either. The news of a Political Studies Entrance Scholarship established two years ago in his name came as a surprise. “We have had the honour to present the four-year award to its first recipient for her first two years of study, and to the second recipient for his first year, at the annual Augustana Awards Banquet,” says By. “Of course, the continued awarding of the scholarship will be dependent upon the donation of sufficient funds” to make it self-sustaining as an endowment.

Professor Reesor’s ongoing support of Augustana ensures that the next generation of students will go on to their future successes with memories of Augustana’s well-rounded, liberal arts education.

For more information on how you might make a gift to support students and programs at Augustana, please call Bonita Anderson, Director of Development at Augustana Campus: 780-679-1183.
Building a Sustainable Future

Augustana is committed to building a sustainable future, on campus and in the community. One important step in that direction has been the appointment of Candice Tremblay (B.Sc. 2008) as Sustainability Coordinator. In her role, Candice supports the Green Campus Committee, Facilities Manager Chris Blades and Community Service Learning initiatives related to the environment – all to effect meaningful change. She also meets regularly with the dean, and checks in with Trina Innes, Director of the U of A’s Office of Sustainability. Through education and action, Candice is committed to “conserving all that we have for current use and future generations.”

In the past year, a series of Green Days taught participants about recycling and water conservation. Candice also promoted information sessions on nuclear and alternate energy, climate change and local food sourcing. Her work with 30 CSL students in Environmental Studies has inspired student engagement through initiatives such as a commuter challenge, a pedal-power project and a waste-reduction initiative.

Besides education, Augustana’s emphasis on sustainability has translated into action. For example:

- Students have started a bike sharing program.
- An audit and retrofit will result in more energy-efficient lighting in older buildings.
- Outdoor multi-sort bins, which arrived early in 2010, and indoor eco-stations will make recycling far more convenient.
- The campus vehicle fleet includes two Prius hybrids, including the University’s first.
- The campus conserved paper with two-sided printing incentives and a free USB memory stick for each student containing all of the registration information for Welcome Week.
- Augustana’s Teaching and Learning Services unit achieved a saving of 157,680 kilowatt hours of electricity – a 40% decrease – through such measures as the installation of advanced technologies in a new server room and “duplexing” printers in the student labs.
Professor Keith Harder, Chair of the Fine Arts Department, teaches art studio courses, art theory, and the occasional art history tour. He brings the experience of a practising artist in the disciplines of painting and drawing, working in a descriptive or realist style.

In his installation, called “Gravitas”, Harder has taken a dozen WWII training planes and built a monument to death, gravity, courage and our airborne past in a farmer’s field south of Calgary. The 100-metre wide exhibit is not open to the public, and only visible from the air.