The Faculty of Native Studies is pleased to welcome Dr. Sarah Carter to our team. Dr. Carter comes to the University of Alberta from a 14 year teaching career as Professor in the Department of History at the University of Calgary. Prior to the University of Calgary, she taught at the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. Dr. Carter recently received the prestigious position of Henry Marshall Tory Chair at the University of Alberta.

“Named for Henry Marshall Tory, the first President of the University, the Chairs are expected, through their teaching, research and service, to impact the University and the community. The appointments are intended for "outstanding individuals who by their presence will enhance the reputation of the University and who can provide leadership and experience for the strengthening of teaching and research in specific disciplines." Research and teaching in interdisciplinary fields are encouraged.”¹

Dr. Carter’s research focuses on the history of Western Canada and the critical era that began in the late nineteenth century when Aboriginal people were disposessed and a new population established.

As a Killam Research Fellow her present project is a borderlands and comparative Canada-U.S. history of women of the northern Great Plains with particular focus on land distribution policies and the meanings, opportunities and constraints of the forty-ninth parallel. Dr. Carter recently completed The Importance of Being Monogamous: Forging the Marital Terrain of Western Canada, and has submitted this to press.

In addition to her two Killam Fellowships, Dr. Carter has received three SSHRC fellowships, and the Myers Center Award for the Study of Human Rights in North America for her work on the publication, The True Spirit and Original Intent of Treaty 7. She was also the Director of the International Indigenous Studies Program at the University of Calgary.

Dr. Carter is married to Walter Hildebrandt who is a poet, historian and publisher. Their daughter is a philosophy major at the University of Alberta. She enjoys gardening, cooking, collecting co-op milk bottles and watching Coronation Street. The family also has a loveable border terrier named Lucy.

The Faculty of Native Studies is proud to have a 25% allotment of Dr. Carter’s time; this means that students enrolled in a degree program will have the opportunity to take one course from Dr. Carter every second year. She plans to hold office hours, and hopes to be a resource for students and faculty interested in similar areas of study.

¹ U of A POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ONLINE (UAPPOL). Accessed 10/31/06.
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