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### Centre for Moving Interaction

– ROBERT INKSTER

It's official! On June 18, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) announced that Emily Carr has been awarded a five-year research grant for \$2.8M to establish the Centre for Moving Interaction (CMI) with more than \$400k of that amount coming from industry partners. This is the largest research grant ever awarded to an arts school in Canada, and is recognition of the strength of Emily Carr in the area of applied research in Digital Media.

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More importantly, it demonstrates the value that the work done by our faculty and students can have for economic development; the CMI is intended to strengthen the ties between the hundreds of companies working in our region with the creative abilities and facilities at the University.

The CMI will be a virtual centre housed within Intersections Digital Studios. The program will be delivered in a series of applied research projects, each involving regular or sessional faculty, students and local companies. The work will be led by principal researchers Dr. Maria Lantin, Jim Budd and Glen Lowry. The project is managed through the Research and Industry Liaison Office by Dawn Whitworth and myself.

- Maria's first project involves the application of mobile platforms and tracking technologies to social engagement, specifically to an application that may benefit the homeless in Vancouver.
- Jim is working on three projects involving BC Children's Hospital, Kodak and a small group of companies interested in wearable computing.
- Glen is working on a collaboration with local experience design firm Aldridge Pears and another with Donat Enterprises.

Funding is being applied to co-op and intern positions, to faculty release time, as well as other costs associated with the projects. Over the next five years we expect to add many more projects and more researchers interested in working with partners on digital media/design related projects. If you think your research practice might fit under this broad umbrella, drop by the Research and Industry Office, or chat with one of the principal researchers. We're open for business!

## Appeal for New or Gently Used Baby Items for Struggling Mom

We have been made aware of a young, single woman with HIV who is due to give birth in a few months. The Emily Carr community can help make a difference in this woman's life, as well as her newborn child's, by donating new or gently-used baby and household items. Donations of laundry soap, diapers, toiletries, baby cereal, apple sauce, high quality baby food and gift cards to drug stores would all be appreciated. If you have something to donate, please drop it off to Room 214B in the University Advancement Office (by July 16), to Roxanne or Dina, who would be more than happy to accept your donation for this well-deserved mother-to-be.

## 90 Years Young – Happy Birthday Gordon!

– SYLVIA IREDALE



On June 18, 2009, Gordon Smith celebrated his 90th Birthday. To recognize this milestone in his life, the University established the Gordon Smith Fellowship Endowment. Friends, staff, fellow artists, educators and those wishing to recognize Gordon's outstanding career as a pre-eminent artist, educator and philanthropist have donated to the endowment by way of a birthday gift. This endowment is truly meaningful to Gordon and he has asked me to express his sincere appreciation to each and every contributor. A letter advising of those who have made a gift to the endowment was forwarded to Gordon this week. However, we are still receiving gifts and the list of contributors will be updated and forwarded to Gordon on a regular basis.

If you would like to join me in wishing Gordon a Happy Birthday by giving a gift to the Gordon Smith Fellowship Endowment please contact me at 604.844.3085 or [siredale@ecuad.ca](mailto:siredale@ecuad.ca).

## New Emily Carr Lanyards

Recently the Communications Team visited offices at Emily Carr to distribute our beautiful new lanyards. If you were not present at the time, do not fret! Stop by the office, 214B, to pick up your new lanyard.



# Wellness Committee Update: Drawing Workshop

– KATHLEEN JOHNSON



Artwork by David Ayre

On June 10, the Wellness Committee presented a workshop, Drawing a Human Figure taught by Roman Izdebski. Response was so great that 15 staff/faculty were put on a waitlist! There were various skill levels; from those who had no experience, to those who definitely had a knack!

Bouquets of thanks to Roman Izdebski who volunteered to teach this fun, relaxing class. And, for those on the waitlist, you are in luck! Roman will be hosting another Drawing a Human Figure workshop, Wednesday, July 8 at 12pm. This workshop is expected to fill quickly, and, priority will be given to those on the waitlist. Get your RSVP in early. We hope to see you there!

The Wellness Committee plans to host more of these classes in the future and we are looking for a group of volunteer artists to teach classes from time to time. Please contact Kathleen in Finance.

*A special thanks to the Wellness Committee for organizing this event, and providing all supplies!*

## New Faces + Goodbyes

Congratulations to Melanie Koop and her husband, Matt, who welcomed a baby girl on Sunday, June 28 at 1:30am. Katrina Joy Koop came into the world weighing 6 pounds and 4 ounces.



Erin Boniferro has left her position as International Exchange Clerk in Student Services to open a shop called Collage Collage, located near Kingsway at Fraser + 15th this fall. The shop will focus on arts-based learning for children. For more information, please visit [www.collagecollage.ca](http://www.collagecollage.ca).

## Upcoming Exhibits and Events

Winsor Gallery is proud to partner with Emily Carr by exhibiting selected works by 2009 graduation award winners – Hamza Vora and Raneen Nosh (joint-project), Kitty Blandy, Katalina Guerrero, Helma Sawatzky and Rena Del Pieve Gobbi.



This exhibition features art work selected by an external jury comprised of alumni Daina Augaitis, Chief Curator/Associate Director of the Vancouver Art Gallery; Attila Richard Lukacs, acclaimed Visual Artist; and Rod Roodenburg, Co-Founder Ion Design and 2008–10 President of the Society of Graphic Designers of Canada.

Winsor Gallery is committed to supporting its local community of emerging artists and is excited to share the fresh, original and inventive works by Emily Carr graduation award winners.

*Exhibition dates: July 2 – 19, 2009*

### Fibre, Naturally: Paper Like You Have Never Seen it Before

The Vancouver Guild of Fibre Arts, the Greater Vancouver Weavers' and Spinners' Guild, FibreEssence and the Millenium Jeonju Hanji Forum, in partnership with Emily Carr, the Craft Council of BC and the Canadian Society for Asian Arts are proud to present an exhibition and fashion show of works in paper. The exhibition takes place in the Concourse Gallery from August 11 to 16, 2009.



A fashion show featuring extraordinary garments will take place on the evening of Thursday, August 13, in the South Building Lecture Theatre. For tickets or more information contact the Craft Council of BC.

### Crafthouse/Potters' Guild of BC 25% Sale

On Saturday July 25, Crafthouse will hold its second annual Pride Appreciation Day. Pride Appreciation Day is Crafthouse's way of thanking the GLBTQ community for their support of Crafthouse over the past 22 years and they are offering a 25% discount to everyone on that day. This event is also tied in to the 25% sale at the Potters' Guild of BC.



## New Look em-dash Coming Fall 2009

em-dash will be on summer hiatus for the months of August and September. In October, look for em-dash online as a blog!  
**Enjoy the summer everyone!**