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“There comes a moment when being spat upon, you turn the spit into roses; you turn the verbal attacks into a garland of flowers, into rays of light. There is, in short, a moment when shame turns into pride.”

Didier Eribon – Returning to Reims (2013).



The six photographs in the Photo Gallery of the 14th issue of *Sociology on the Rock* are the work of Kathy Fitzpatrick. She is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at Memorial University. Kathy is an avid outdoors person who enjoys taking pictures of landscapes. Originally from British Columbia, she completed her BA and MA degrees in geography at Simon Fraser University. Her PhD thesis compares the employment-related commuting of home-care workers in St. John's and Southwest Newfoundland and explores how their different forms of commuting influence their experiences of work and work-related health and safety. The thesis reflects the influence of mobility theory, feminist political economy, and rhythm analysis. Kathy is also a trainee with a national program (On The Move Partnership), which has international links that investigate commuting and its consequences for workers, families, employers, communities, and various levels of government. This semester Kathy is teaching introductory sociology.

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Tribute to Larry Felt

By **Barbara Neis and Karen Stanbridge**

“You have to make it right to do it right.” This is what our colleague and friend Larry Felt said as he accepted the inaugural Marilyn Harvey Award to Recognize the

Importance of Research Ethics in 2015. So direct and clear – and so typical of Larry in both style and substance. Excellent research is principled research, the kind of scholarship that Larry practiced and defended his entire professional life.

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From a Law Firm to a Lecture Hall

By **Sean Waite**

I always wanted to be a lawyer. The legal profession seemed so exciting and glamorous in television and movies and I was drawn to images of hot-blooded lawyers advocating for their injured clients in the name of justice. Fortunately, I had the opportunity to work in a personal injury/medical malpractice law firm during my sociology undergraduate degree at King's University College in the University of Western Ontario. I soon realized that the legal profession was nothing like it's portrayed in the media.

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Newfie as Ethnophaulism: The Views of White Youth Attending Memorial University

By **James Baker**

Ethnophaulisms are derogatory expressions used to describe a racial or ethnic group. They have been categorized by Parrillo (2012: 93) into three types: disparaging nicknames (for example, Polack for people from Poland or of Polish descent); alleged physical characteristics or foods (frog for French Canadians); or alleged behaviours (to gyp someone, which is based on the supposed criminality of the Roma or Gypsies). All ethnic and racial groups use ethnophaulisms to refer to other peoples. Thus ethnophaulisms are apparently cultural universals (Palmore 1962: 442).

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Not Bad at All

By **Lisa-Jo K. Van den Scott**

I admit that my mischievous side enjoys dropping these words into conversations: “Not bad for a high-school kickout.” But it is true. When you consider that I achieved a post in the well-established Department of Sociology at Memorial University despite being kicked out of high school, it’s not bad at all, is it? Great, in fact.

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Remembering Bill Kirwin and Jean Briggs

By **Roberta Buchanan**

Recently two long-time members of the faculty died within a week of each other: Bill Kirwin and Jean Briggs. Both were distinguished and respected academics – Briggs for her research in the Arctic, and Bill for starting the English Language Research Centre which produced the famous *Dictionary of Newfoundland English*.

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The Clipboard

By **Stephen Harold Riggins**

Dr. James Baker has been awarded the prestigious Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship. The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program provides funding to the very best postdoctoral applicants, both nationally and internationally, who will contribute to the country’s economic, social, and research-based growth. Dr. Baker completed his PhD in our department under the supervision of Stephen Harold Riggins. He has also taught courses in the department for the past four years. Under the supervision of eminent race and ethnicity scholar Victor Satzewich, McMaster University, Dr. Baker will investigate the experiences of racism among refugee youth in St. John’s and Hamilton,

Ontario. In addition to his Banting Award, he has received a SSHRC grant to examine the opinions of white, post-secondary youth of Canada's response to the Syrian Crisis as well as their observations of racism in St. John's and Hamilton.

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