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*“Nothing can prevent us from having two duties, duties that are not always compatible, toward our people and toward all peoples: one is to participate in the conflicts that constitute the web of history, and the other is to work for peace.... Will humanity in the*

*future be homogeneous or heterogeneous? Will societies be comparable to an anthill or to a free city? Will the age of wars end in an orgy of violence or in a gradual pacification? We know that the answers to these questions remain uncertain.”*

French sociologist Raymond Aron, *Peace and War*, 1966.

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By the time the sun had risen, the village had mostly emptied out. The adults and some children were already working in the fields, or foraging in the forests, while other children attended school and grandparents looked after grandchildren and took care of work in the village.

Photo by Sam Morton

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## Coming Full Circle

By Allyson Stokes

I am thrilled to be joining the Sociology Department at Memorial University. In many ways, this new chapter of my life feels like coming full circle. I left Newfoundland to pursue graduate education exactly ten years ago. Since then, I've been affiliated with three different universities and lived in two different countries. On a personal level, returning to the city in which I grew up feels like a dream. On a professional level, I went from an “artsy” kid; to a student with a passion for social justice; to a sociologist of work, culture, and inequality. I did not realize until quite recently just how much my early interests shaped the sociologist I am today. Now, I have the good fortune of pursuing my research in a city with one of the highest concentrations of artists in Canada.

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## The Work of Wilderness

By **Gary Catano**

Gary Catano is a PhD student in sociology at Memorial University. His MA and BA degrees are from the City University of New York and Rutgers University in New Jersey.

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## Study and Work: A Balancing Act?

By **Jaro Stacul**

Jaro Stacul, who holds a PhD in social anthropology from the University of Cambridge, has taught anthropology at Memorial University's St. John's and Grenfell Campuses. Currently, he is Assistant Teaching Professor In anthropology at the University of Victoria. He has conducted research on nationalism, the environment, and the state in Poland and Italy, and has published extensively on these issues. His book, *The Bounded*

Field: Localism and Local Identity in an Italian Alpine Valley, was published by Berghahn Books in 2003.

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## Becoming a Researcher: Exploring the intersections of Feminism and Graduate Student Research

By **Samantha Elizabeth Morton**

I write this article as an act of intentional vulnerability. I want to pull back the curtain so you can see one person learning what it might mean to be a feminist researcher in international development. I think it is important that as social scientists we share our workings, failures, and successes. My perpetual curiosity, though overwhelming and frustrating at times, has led me to academic sociology, and to the path of discovering what it means to be engaged in research.

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## The Clipboard

By **Stephen Harold Riggins**

In the 1970s and 80s the MUN Department of Sociology appointed scholars as Visiting Professors who had led distinguished careers (notably Zygmunt Bauman who taught at MUN on two occasions and Kurt H. Wolff) and scholars such as Gianfranco Poggi and Juan Corradi who were young and subsequently established high-profile careers. Poggi became a professor of sociology at the University of Edinburgh, University of Virginia, University of Trento in Italy, and the European University Institute in Florence. Corradi is Professor Emeritus at New York University.

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