

## Centre for Research on Youth At Risk

The Centre for Research on Youth at Risk was established in 1998. The centre brings together scholars from across Canada to conduct both theoretical and action-oriented research on at-risk youth. The research associates include St. Thomas faculty members from the departments of criminology, education, psychology and social work.

## G. Endowed Chairs at St. Thomas

### The Pope John XXIII Chair of Studies in Catholic Theology

The decision to establish this Chair was taken to mark three events of historical significance that took place in 1984: the bicentennial of the province of New Brunswick, the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of St. Thomas University's charter, and the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to the province of New Brunswick. The Chair is an expression of the University's commitment to Catholic teaching and research. The Chair, formally established May 9, 1988, is designed to bring distinguished scholars to St. Thomas who will provide leadership in the promotion of Catholic theology through teaching, research, and availability to the Roman Catholic community of New Brunswick.

### Chair in Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights

The endowed Chair of Studies in Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights is located at St. Thomas University's Atlantic Human Rights Centre. The centre was established in 1988 on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and has as its objective teaching and research in the area of citizenship and human rights. In May 1993, the University and the Government of Canada joined in the establishment of a special Chair of Studies in Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights which, for the University, became a specific project being funded by the St. Thomas University 2000 Fund.

This Chair is designed to provide for the teaching of courses and for undertaking research in the field of citizenship and human rights; developing curriculum materials for citizenship education at the school level; facilitating study programmes; establishing a national network of individuals and organizations working in the area of citizenship education; and organizing seminars, workshops, and conferences. The Chair works closely with the teachers and researchers in such disciplines as education and Political Science, as well as human rights.

### Chair in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The Chair in Criminology and Criminal Justice was established in 1998 as a result of the generous contributions of the Solicitor General of Canada and the New Brunswick Department of Solicitor General. The Chair of Studies in Criminology and Criminal Justice will provide an impetus for academic and applied research on problems in criminal justice. The appointees under the Chair of Studies in Criminology and Criminal Justice will be available to the federal and provincial departments of the Solicitor General and will be open to conduct community-based seminars and workshops throughout the Atlantic region and on a national basis. Through the Chair of Studies in Criminology and Criminal

Justice, the University and its partners will be responding to the criminology and criminal justice needs of Canadian society.

### **Chair in Gerontology**

St. Thomas University signified its commitment to the field of aging in 1982 when it convened a national consultation on aging in contemporary society. Among the goals of the University's national fundraising campaign, launched in the same year, was the establishment of a Chair in Gerontology. Activities of the Chair were initiated during the 1986-87 academic year.

The establishment of the Chair in Gerontology has created a centre for research, teaching, community development, and human relations in the field of aging. Workshops, visiting lecturers, and seminars on various aspects of aging are made available to groups who serve the elderly, including the staff of senior citizens' and nursing homes, social workers, families of seniors, nurses, and volunteers. An attempt is made to provide programmes that directly involve older persons.

### **Chair in Native Studies**

The Chair in Native Studies was established in 1984 as a result of St. Thomas University's long-standing interest in the educational needs of Native students, and its relationship with the First Nations communities of New Brunswick. The Chair is supported by an endowment trust fund which was created by an agreement between the Government of Canada, The Union of New Brunswick Indians, and St. Thomas University.

The Chair in Native Studies supports the interdisciplinary programme in Native studies that is offered at St. Thomas University. An important goal of the Chair is to promote the survival of Native peoples and cultures. To this end, the Chair serves both to make university resources available to Aboriginal communities and to promote understanding of Native issues in the larger society. Since the Chair was established in 1984, it has undertaken research and publication in the areas of Native languages, education, history, and treaty and Aboriginal rights. Under the auspices of the Chair, a Native language immersion teaching certificate programme, the first in the country, has been established at St. Thomas University, along with an active programme of research and publication of materials in the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet languages.

### **Aquinas Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies**

The Aquinas Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies was established in 1996. The permanent endowment for this professorship was made available from donations made to the St. Thomas University 2000 Fund which had established the creation of a fund for teaching excellence and innovation as one of its objectives.

The Aquinas Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies provides intellectual and administrative leadership in the Aquinas Programme (a first-year Interdisciplinary Programme), promotes scholarship in the liberal arts, and designs and pilots alternative, cross-disciplinary, and other interdisciplinary curricula at St. Thomas.

## The Dalton K. Camp Endowment in Journalism

Dalton Camp, who received an honorary doctor of letters degree from St. Thomas University in 1992, was Canada's finest non-fiction stylist. He left a remarkable legacy in political columns and book-length journalistic studies of Canadian politics and public policy. Throughout his extraordinary career, Dr. Camp always found time to encourage and support young journalists.

The Dalton K. Camp endowment in Journalism provides funding for scholarships and bursaries for Journalism students, for the development of Journalism internships, and for a distinguished lecture series that is broadcast nationally on the CBC.

## H. Graduate and Professional Preparation

Specific undergraduate course work is often required for admission to graduate and professional programmes. St. Thomas students have the opportunity to include in their undergraduate programmes not only the courses required for admission to the St. Thomas professional programmes, but also those required for a broad range of graduate and professional programmes offered by other Canadian universities.

Examples of the professional programmes for which St. Thomas students can qualify include:

Architecture	Education	Pharmacy
Business Management (MBA)	Journalism	Physiotherapy
Communications Disorders	Law	Psychiatry
Counselling	Law Enforcement	Public Relations
Dental hygiene	Medicine	Social Work
Dentistry	Occupational Therapy	Veterinary Medicine
		X-ray Technology

Admission to these programmes is generally limited and competitive. High academic standing is required. A summary of the University courses generally required for admission to these professional programmes can be obtained from the St. Thomas Admissions Office. Students should also consult current calendars for details regarding specific prerequisites and application deadlines at the graduate and professional schools to which they intend to apply.