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Message from the dean

An exciting year

The Faculty of Social Sciences experienced another exciting year in 2009-2010. Our nine departments, schools and our institute continued to offer French-and English-language programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and in September 2009, some 261 professors and 90 administrative staff members welcomed over 9,000 students. In terms of enrolment, our students represent a quarter of the entire University of Ottawa student body; our population has in fact doubled in the last 10 years.

In recent years, research work at the Faculty has increased considerably. Support from funding agencies has tripled in the last five years, and the Faculty's researchers have one of the highest success rates in Canada for tri-council funding (CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC). This is indeed a reflection of our Faculty's research excellence.

Looking ahead

We are eagerly awaiting the day, sometime in 2012, when the Faculty will be housed under a single roof. The new Social Sciences building, at the cutting edge of green innovation in Canada, will include superior research facilities, modern multimedia classrooms and a multitude of student spaces.

The University has now made available the most recent draft of the new strategic plan, *Vision 2020*. In 2011, the Faculty of Social Sciences will develop its own strategic plan to define the Faculty's place in this new vision for the future. Whether it be student experience, research, Francophonie and bilingualism, or internationalization, the Faculty is already well positioned to excel in relation to these strategic objectives.

I am confident that we will maintain our momentum. I hope you share my pride in this Faculty and its continued innovations in both teaching and research.



Marcel Mérette

Dean



Messages from the vice-deans

Linda Pietrantonio - Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Studies and Secretary

The significant increase in the number of undergraduate students over the past five years is due in part to the popularity of our programs, including a number of new ones. But it is also the result of a series of new initiatives aimed at providing our students with an exceptional university experience with many types of rich learning experiences, such as first-year seminars, fourth-year directed research courses, teaching and learning support, mentoring, and international learning opportunities. In the summer of 2010, I began reviewing a few of the initiatives implemented during these past five years, in order to strengthen our best practices and introduce new ones. All the while, my main concern has been meeting the highest standards in university education for our students and ensuring we are on top of emerging trends in the area of university teaching and learning.

Along with the highly dedicated team at the Office of the Vice-Dean of Undergraduate Studies, I will continue to review our current initiatives, while we prepare to launch even more. I am particularly proud of our recently adopted policy on assigning field research courses, which will make this type of course possible in all our programs and, as a result, make them available to a greater number of students.

At the Office of the Vice-Dean of Undergraduate Studies, passion, rigour and collegiality are the core approaches to knowledge acquisition which we hope to cultivate in our students.

Miles Corak - Vice-Dean, Research

Research activities at the Faculty of Social Sciences are both diverse and engaged. From how the criminal justice system touches the lives of women, to the psychology of language acquisition in multi-lingual settings, to the economics of charitable donations, and through a whole host of other topics in between, our Faculty's research has continued to set itself apart through publications and other activities that have informed and challenged academic peers, public policy makers in Canada and abroad, and most importantly, the general public.

During the past year this research has been supported by a multitude of Faculty programs that reflect the changing talents and needs of its professors and graduate students. Adapting to these needs will be an ongoing challenge for our team during the coming years.

Catherine M. Lee - Vice-Dean, Graduate Studies

This year, we have continued the trend of expansion of the graduate studies in social sciences, welcoming a record number of students into our graduate programs. The range of opportunities continues to grow with the introduction of two new graduate programs this year, the MA in Anthropology and the PhD in Social Work. We expect to introduce other exciting new programs in the near future. Special attention in the coming year will focus on continued recruitment of francophone and international students. A warm welcome to the incoming Vice-Dean, Professor Ross Hastings, who begins his term in July 2011.



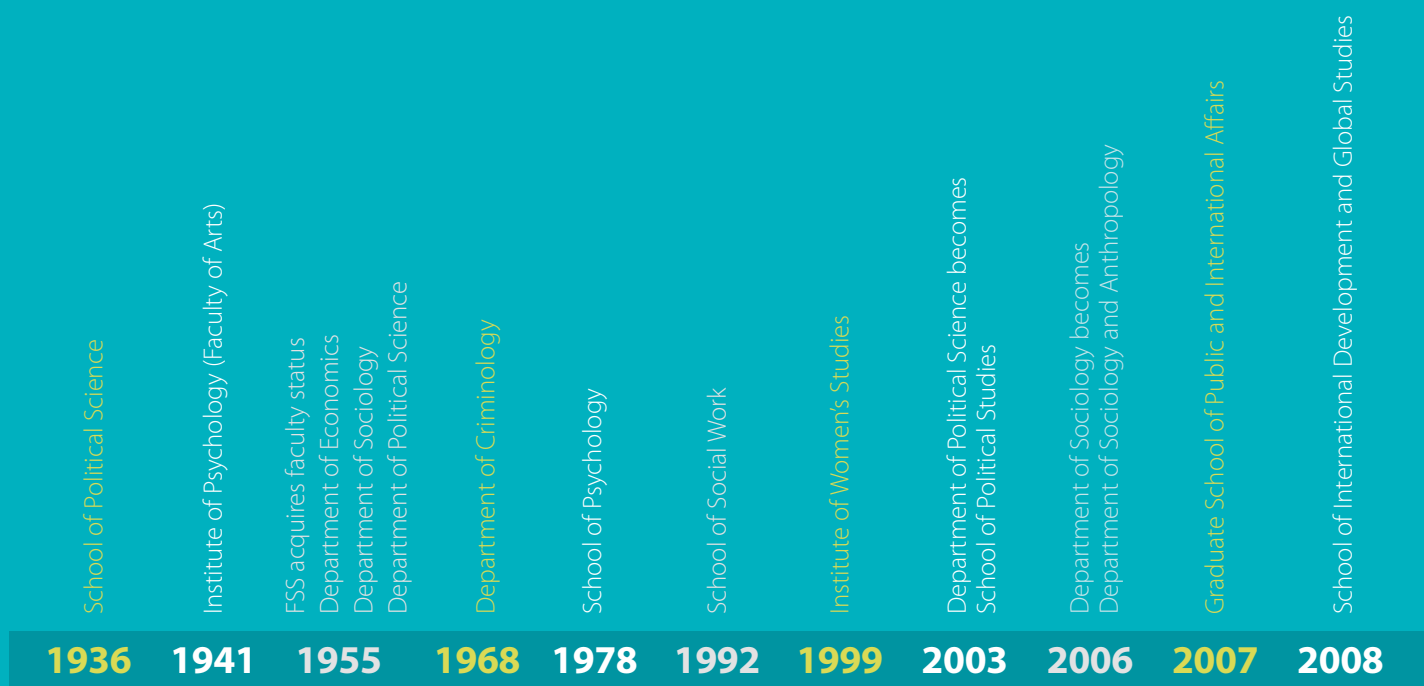
History of the Faculty and its academic units

The history of social sciences at the University of Ottawa is a distinguished one, dating back to the creation of the School of Political Science in 1936. Over time, the founding disciplines, such as political science and psychology, have become the heart of the Faculty; however, they were in fact established before the Faculty itself existed. It was not until 1955, with the addition of the Department of Economics, the Department of Sociology and the Department of Political Science, that the Faculty of Social Sciences was formed. In the following decades, from 1968 to 2008, the Faculty grew by five more academic units (see timeline below) to its current state as a faculty with nine units, departments and institute in which interdisciplinary work is promoted.



Timeline

Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS)



The Faculty of Social Sciences: At the heart of the University of Ottawa and its community

Whether they make it their home discipline or part of a multidisciplinary or joint program, students interested in enrolling in social sciences have access to an array of programs at every level for specialized, adapted and in-depth studies. The Faculty's expertise and teaching requirements are such that it can provide students with excellent instruction backed by a solid theoretical foundation. In addition to the many program combinations, available in either official language, students have a wide range of rewarding opportunities like co-operative education and international placements to gain work experience while financing their studies.

Undergraduate and graduate registration by faculty

Full-and part-time, fall 2010

Faculties	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total	%
Arts	6,637	851	7 488	18.9
Law	1,995	143	2 138	5.4
Education	1,682	651	2 333	5.9
Engineering	1,988	767	2 755	7.0
Management	3,465	274	3 739	9.4
Medicine	1,901	519	2 420	6.1
Science	3,809	440	4 249	10.7
Health Sciences	4,000	607	4 607	11.6
Social Sciences	8,440	1 257	9 697	24.5
Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies	-	173	173	0.4
Total	33,917	5 682	39 599	100

Our students

In less than 10 years, the total number of registrations in the Faculty has more than doubled. The creation of two new schools, the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs in 2007 and the School of International Development and Global Studies in 2008, in addition to unique interdisciplinary programs such as the Honours BSocSc in Conflict Studies and Human Rights and the Honours BSocSc in International Development and Globalization have contributed to this increase.

The remarkable growth in our graduate studies programs can be readily attributed to the quality and variety of our programs. A master's program was established in 2010 in a new discipline, social and cultural anthropology, as was a doctorate in social service, which will give our future researchers and professionals the opportunity to expand their studies in health care and in family-childhood science.



The Faculty has 8,440 undergraduate students and 1,257 graduate students.

Level	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Undergraduate	4,182	4,192	4,232	5,125	5,885	6,541	6,882	7,196	7,385	7,921	8,440
Graduate	364	411	430	481	492	502	608	839	1,010	1,137	1,257
Total	4,546	4,603	4,662	5,606	6,377	7,043	7,490	8,035	7,395	9,058	9,697



The student experience



FSS+

FSS+ is a program exclusively for first-year students in the Faculty of Social Sciences. It makes it possible for them to take at least three courses per session with the same group of students, and it provides study groups, assigned mentors, workshops and special events. **Close to 250 students a year have registered for FSS+ annually since it was first offered in 2007-2008.**

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The seminar course “Introduction to Studying the Social Sciences” has been offered to first-year students since 2006. It teaches the work methods needed for academic success, including time management, text summaries, outlines, bibliographies, reading techniques and statistical tables. Every professor introduces a specific theme for discussion by the class, which is limited to 30 students. **More than 22 sections were scheduled in 2009-2010.**

Directed research projects for fourth-year students

The Faculty offers all fourth-year students various opportunities to work closely with professors on actual research projects. The experience helps the students decide between graduate school and the workplace.

Readying doctoral students for work

As they prepare for the job market, our doctoral students can now set up a Web page for themselves through their academic unit's site. The pages are a source of important information for potential employers who might be interested in contacting these future experts in the field.

International component

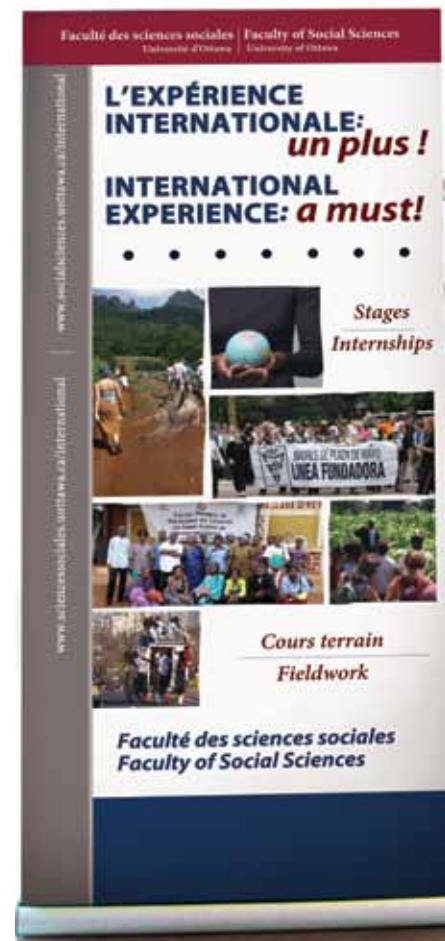
As globalization continues to take hold, studies abroad are a definite asset. International academic experience is becoming an increasingly important part of students' programs in the Faculty. **The Faculty offers several international opportunities.**

International exchanges

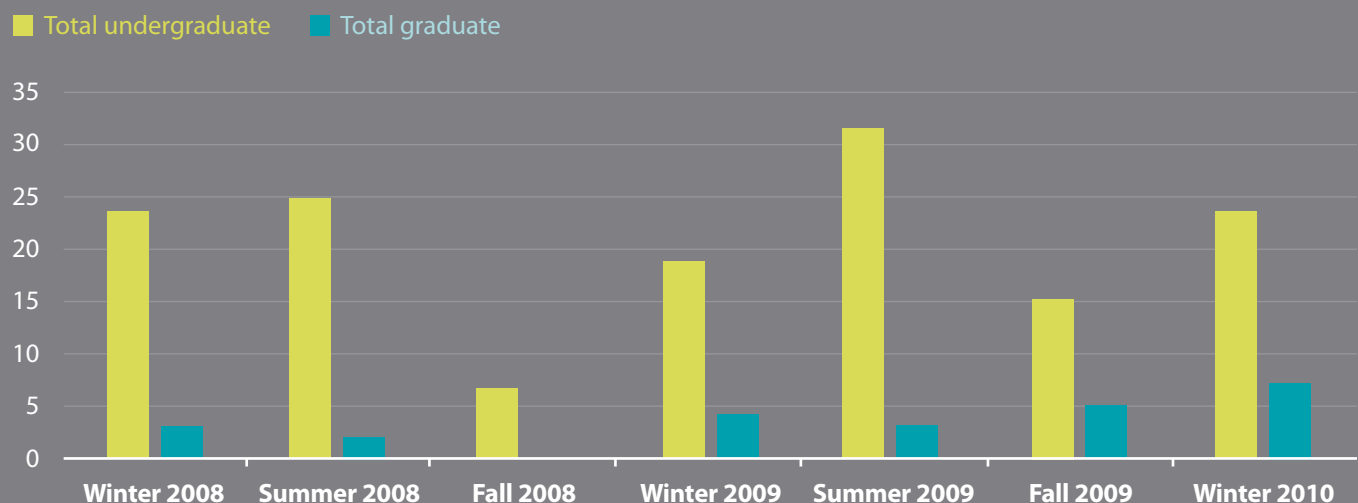
University of Ottawa students have the option of studying for one session or one year in another country. Participating in an international exchange exposes students to alternative approaches in a given field.

International internships

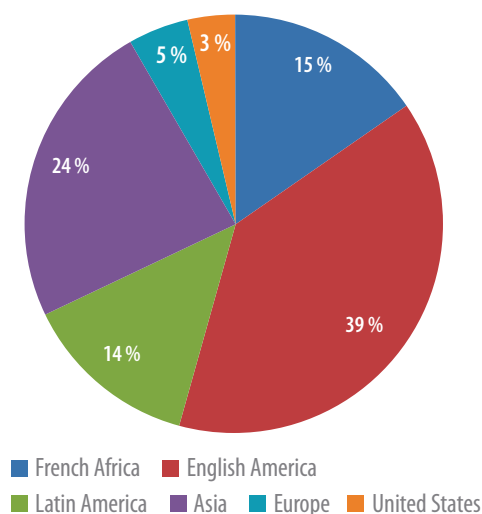
Students can challenge themselves against the realities in the field during 12-week international internships in their program.



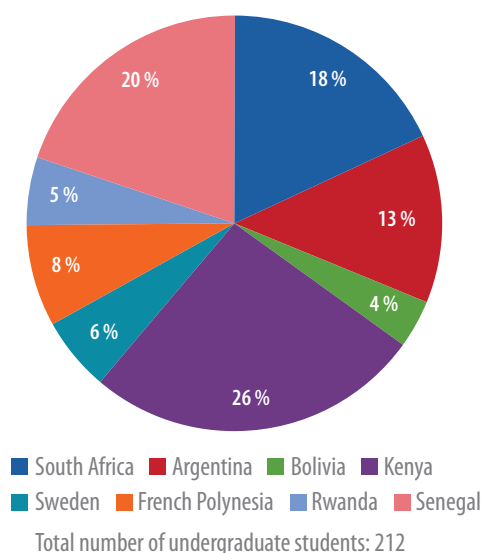
Number of students per study level, 2008-2010



Country of destination of students
Winter 2008 - Winter 2011



Field research courses by country
of destination 2007-2010



Cotutelle programs

Cotutelle programs give students the opportunity to experience two research and graduate studies environments. The scientific, social and cultural discoveries inherent to this program are tremendously valuable to students who are considering working on the international stage. The new section of the FGPS website provides interactive answers to questions about this program.

Field research courses

Students enrolled in FSS undergraduate programs also get to take courses in different countries (six in 2010). Students and their professors attend lectures by professionals and professors in the host country. They also visit various local organizations and meet stakeholders. The number of students registered has increased from 27 in 2006 to 64 in 2010.

Field research courses (data collection)

Graduate students who wish to pursue their field research outside Canada can obtain a bursary of up to \$2,000 from the FSS. The purpose of this financial assistance is to help students carry out research work for their brief or thesis.

United Nations Simulation Course

In the United Nations Simulation Course, students acquire additional experience and knowledge in international diplomacy and acquaint themselves with current international issues. The highlight of the course is participation in the prestigious annual United Nations Simulation in New York.



Financial support

In addition to University of Ottawa admission scholarships, undergraduate students in the Faculty of Social Sciences can apply for the Dean's Excellence Award, for faculty scholarships and for merit scholarships, which totalled more than \$250,000 in 2010.

As for our graduate students, 80% of them receive financial support that keeps their budget concerns in check and allows them to focus squarely on student life. In 2010, three of our doctoral students received the prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, which provides \$50,000 annually for up to three years. This represents close to 40% of the recipients at the University of Ottawa.

Eligible international graduate students can also receive financial support through a full scholarship or through a differential scholarship, which reduces fees to the rate charged to Canadian students and permanent residents. The Faculty has a special annual budget for international student financial support. In 2010, we paid just over \$80,000 towards foreign tuition fees, and this is beyond the contributions of academic units through assistantships and other financial resources.

In addition to the admission and excellence scholarships, the Faculty of Social Sciences has provided **more than \$4 million** for teaching and research assistantships for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Our research: Creating knowledge, making discoveries and conceptualizing inventions

In the heart of Canada's capital, the University of Ottawa is one of the country's leading research universities. The Faculty of Social Sciences has made research the centrepiece of its academic programs and the focal point of strategic areas of development, enriching the quality of instruction and learning.

On the strength of Canada's two major intellectual traditions, Anglophone and Francophone, the Faculty of Social Sciences stands as a centre of excellence in knowledge creation, research and training. Driven by both disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives, research at the Faculty is at once rich, innovative and varied, contributing to discussions on current issues here and elsewhere. And whether fundamental, theoretical, applied or action-oriented (action research), that research stems from proven expertise—most notably in Canada's Francophonie—and greatly influences individual communities and society in general.

In step with contemporary society on both the national and international fronts, the Faculty of Social Sciences fosters social innovation, creates and shares knowledge, promotes public policy development and builds research partnerships with the public and private sectors, as well as community organizations.

The Faculty's main areas of expertise in research are as follows:

- Francophonies canadiennes, minorities, governance
- Gender, social justice, marginalization
- Health, lifespan development, cognition, intervention
- International affairs, development, globalization
- Security, conflict, human rights
- Citizenship, identity, diversity
- Economics, public policy, public administration
- Environment, sustainable development, natural resources





Research chairs

Research chairs are a vital way of promoting a discipline, a strategic area or the program of an experienced researcher. Our chair holders are always pushing the boundaries of knowledge in their respective fields. Chair holders are selected on the basis of their research program, sustained contribution to education, dedication to student mentoring and impact in their field.

Canada Research Chairs

Canada Research Chair in Legal Traditions and Penal Rationality	Alvaro Pires , Department of Criminology, CIRCEM
Canada Research Chair in Gender, Migration and Health	Denise Spitzer , Institute of Women's Studies

Research Chair in Canadian Francophonie

Research Chair in Canadian Francophonie and Public Policy	Linda Cardinal , School of Political Studies
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University Research Chairs

University Research Chair in Bilingualism and Society	Richard Clément , School of Psychology
University Research Chair in Political Thought	Douglas Moggach , School of Political Studies
University Research Chair in International Security and Governance	Roland Paris , Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

Endowed Research Chairs

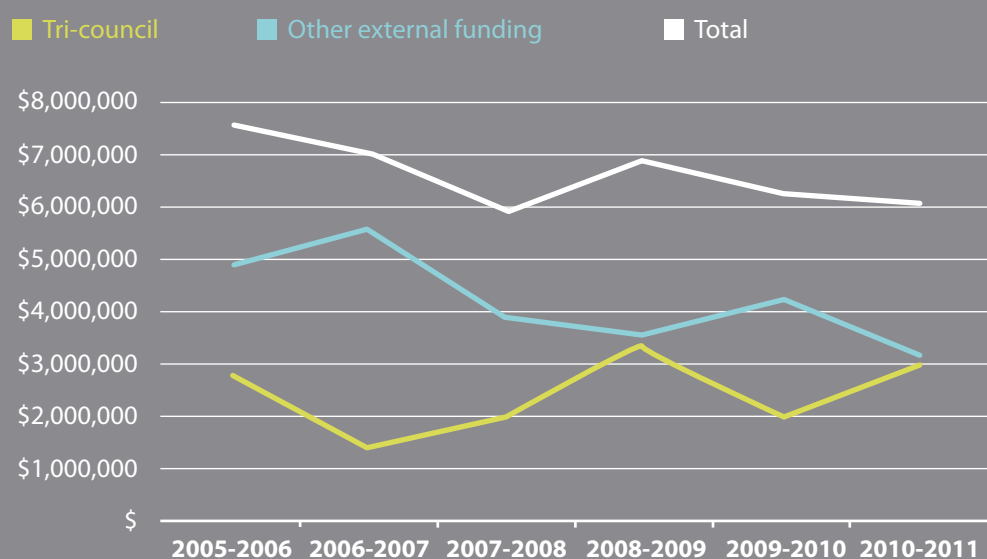
Chair of Ukrainian Studies	Dominique Arel , School of Political Studies
CN Paul M. Tellier Chair on Business and Public Policy	Richard French , Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
Jean-Luc Pépin Research Chair	Luc Juillet , Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
McLaughlin Research Chair on Psychosocial Aspects of Risk and Health	Louise Lemyre , School of Psychology and Institute of Population Health
CHEO Research Chair on Child and Adolescent Mental Health	John Lyons , School of Psychology
Jarislowsky Chair on Management in the Public Sector (joint chair with the School of Management)	David Zussman , Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and Telfer School of Management
Joint Chair in Women's Studies (University of Ottawa and Carleton University)	Pamela Walker , Institute of Women's Studies

Research funding

External research funding obtained by Faculty researchers has been steadily increasing. Their success rate with the three funding agencies (SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR) has been significantly greater than the national average.



External research funding, 2005-2011



Awards and distinctions

The Faculty of Social Sciences is proud to recognize the achievements of its professors, administrative staff and alumni over the course of the past year.

Awards and distinctions from external sources

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Advanced Security Studies (CAST), University of Copenhagen, Denmark (May –June, 2010)

Rita Abrahamsen, School of International Development and Global Studies

Michael Williams, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100, Women's Executive Network

Caroline Andrew, School of Political Studies

Senior Common Room Member, University College, University of Oxford

Jacqueline Best, School of Political Studies

Guest professor, Centre de recherche et d'étude sur les pays d'Afrique orientale,

Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, Pau, France

Stephen Brown, School of Political Studies

2010 Talent Award, Social Sciences Category, Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Victor Da Rosa, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

2010 CPA President's New Researcher Award Canadian Psychological Association

Patrick Gaudreau, School of Psychology

Emerald Literati Network Highly Commended Paper Excellence Award

Patrick Gaudreau, School of Psychology

United Way Community Builder of the Year Award

Elizabeth Kristjansson, School of Psychology

Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Foundation

André Laliberté, School of Political Studies

Award of Merit, 30th anniversary of the Département de communication de l'Université de Montréal

Andrea Martinez, School of International Development and Global Studies

**Honorary Professor, Department of Philosophy, School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry,
University of Sydney, 2009-2011**

Douglas Moggach, School of Political Studies

Visiting Fellow, British Academy

Jonathan Paquette, School of Political Studies

Guest researcher at the University of Leicester

Jonathan Paquette, School of Political Studies

**Principal Author, 5th report, United Nations Intergovernmental Panel
on Climate Change (IPCC)**

Matthew Patterson, School of Political Studies

**Prix du gradué éminent pour une contribution exemplaire à la psychologie, 40th anniversary of the
Département de Psychologie, UQAM**

Luc Pelletier, School of Psychology

Visiting Scholar at the University of Cumbria, England

Denise Spitzer, Institute of Women's Studies

University of Ottawa awards

Distinguished University Professor, University of Ottawa

Douglas Moggach, School of Political Studies

Young Researcher of the Year Award

Elke Winter, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Excellence in Education Prize

David Gray, Department of Economics

Faculty of Social Sciences awards

Excellence in Teaching Award

David Gray, Department of Economics | **Sylvie Frigon**, Department of Criminology

Young Researcher of the Year Award

Elke Winter, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Excellence in Research Award

Douglas Moggach, School of Political Studies

Award for Activities in the Media and Community

Robert Flynn, School of Psychology

Award for Service Excellence

Irène Paré, Academic Assistant

Administrative Staff Award

Mireille Côté, Programs Manager

Alumni Recognition Award

Sam Boutziouvis, BA 1984, Department of Economics, Vice-President,
Economics and International Trade, Canadian Council of Chief Executives

Our Alumni

In 2010, some 1,438 students earned a degree from the Faculty of Social Sciences, thus joining our community of over 32,400 alumni, who are such a tremendous source of pride as they continue to make their mark in so many fields and by holding such important positions.

While all of our alumni are unique in their work, their passions and their dreams, they share a common foundation—a degree earned through hard work and in the pursuit of true relevance, thorough knowledge and constant quality.

The Alumnus of the Year Award allows the Faculty of Social Sciences to recognize the contributions of a particular alumnus or alumna, on an annual basis. Sam Boutziouvis, Senior Vice-President of the Canadian Council for Chief Executives, won the award in 2010. Past winners include Dyane Adam (2007), Commissioner of Official Languages, and filmmaker Philippe Falardeau (2009).

Our professors

The Faculty has 261 full, associate, assistant and replacement professors. As experts in their fields, they conduct basic and applied research on a national and international scale in a variety of areas with worldwide impact. In addition, our professors help develop social policy; collaborate with government bodies, paragonovernmental agencies and community organizations; and actively participate in public debates.

Professors (Fall 2010)

	Number
Full	67
Associate	97
Assistant	76
Replacement	21
TOTAL	261

The Faculty also hosts more than 30 senior fellows and scholars-in-residence who have acquired many years of practical experience in government departments, research centres and NGOs both in Canada and abroad. They provide a wealth of knowledge to the Faculty's programs, enhancing the student experience and the community as a whole.

Our administrative staff

The Faculty relies on the expertise of its administrative staff, which is highly qualified in a number of areas. In both academic units and secretariats, our staff members provide integrated management of academic and administrative activities with respect to student records and the student experience to attract, retain and maintain a top-notch student population in competitive academic programs. The team welcomes and guides students as soon as they are admitted into the Faculty and provides continual assistance until they graduate.

More than 90 members strong, the Faculty of Social Sciences' administrative team is skilled and dedicated. It plays an essential role in ensuring that teaching and research activities run smoothly, creating an atmosphere of harmony and collegiality throughout the Faculty.



Finances

The Faculty has an operating budget of more than \$46 million and a research and trust fund budget exceeding \$6 million.

Operating	\$46,483,634
Research and trust (managed by the Faculty of Social Sciences)	\$6,420,380

Our facilities

The School of Psychology: a new home in Vanier Hall on the main campus

In December 2010, the Faculty of Social Sciences took an important step toward its goal of bringing all of its academic units together in the same complex, as the School of Psychology moved from 200 Lees Avenue to Vanier Hall at 136 Jean-Jacques Lussier, right in the heart of the downtown campus.

After 18 months of renovations, Vanier has finally reopened its doors and now boasts 7,541 square meters of usable space. Among the building's many features for students and faculty are new classrooms, cutting-edge research laboratories and three new computing laboratories: VNR 2008 (33 stations), VNR 2015 (47 stations) and VNR 2025 (52 stations).

Almost there: the long-standing dream of a *united* Faculty

The new Social Sciences Building, currently under construction and set to open its doors in 2012, will be connected to Vanier Hall. With the School of Psychology and the new building standing side by side, the entire Faculty of Social Sciences will be united in the heart of the downtown campus, and virtually under one roof!

That means our offices, centres, laboratories, secretariats, study spaces and meeting areas will finally be just a stone's throw from one another. Interdisciplinary dialogue among professors, researchers and students is sure to flourish in this setting.

The new Social Sciences Building, designed by the architectural firm of Diamond and Schmitt, is pursuing a gold-level certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Program. Concern for the environment and reducing our collective ecological footprint are gaining ground both at the University of Ottawa as a whole, and within the Faculty of Social Sciences in particular, as we prepare to adopt the *Vision 2020* strategic plan. Indeed, securing our position as "a leader in sustainable development" is one of the objectives of the plan.

