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The ETRC cordially invites you to attend the 13th annual Robin Burns Lecture on **Friday, November 25, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Bandeen Hall** on the Bishop's University campus. Our guest speaker, Dr. Margaret Bennett, will delight us with a special evening of history and Scottish folksongs. If the audience's response to her lecture eight years ago is any indication, this year's conference promises to be quite entertaining, a fascinating journey into the Scottish roots of the English-speaking community of the Eastern Townships.

*"There can be few scholars on either side of the Atlantic who succeed in combining such a wide range of skills as [Margaret Bennett](#). A folksinger of great sensitivity and versatility... Margaret embodies all that is best of the spirit of Scotland" **Hamish Henderson***

THE EVENT IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME. Refreshments will be served after the lecture. **Please RSVP to Jaroslava Baconova at 819-822-9600, ext. 2647 or at etrc@ubishops.ca.**

For more information, please go to the [Robin Burns Lecture Series](#) section on our website.

ETRC Publishes 16-Month Calendar of Archival Images

The Eastern Townships Resource Centre (ETRC) has released its first-ever calendar! The 16-month calendar features annotated photographs drawn from the ETRC's Archives. Each month boasts an image from a different Eastern Townships locality from a bygone era. For only \$10, the calendar is available for purchase through the ETRC (www.etrc.ca or 819-822-9600, ext. 2647) and in local bookstores.

An Archivist's Glimpse into the History of Women's Groups in the Eastern Townships

The ETRC invites you to visit an online exhibit featuring material drawn largely from the ETRC Archives. [Through the Looking Glass: One Hundred Years of Women's Groups in the Eastern Townships](#) was made possible through the financial support of Canadian Heritage Information Network's Virtual Museum of Canada Community Memories program. This exhibition discusses the role and heritage of women's groups in the Eastern Townships, from the establishment of the first Women's Institute, in 1911, to the

present day. The key aspect is the establishment of a link between present-day women's groups and organizations, and the issues and group-dynamics that galvanized Townships women over the last hundred years.

Funding Available for Experiential Learning Projects Conducted in the Eastern Townships Community

Does your community group, charity, or small business operate in the Eastern Townships and have a promising internship idea that would be carried out at a distance from Lennoxville? The Experiential Learning Internship Grant Fund ([ELIGF](#)) could help defray the travel costs if your intern is a Bishop's student.

The funds are available for projects associated with any student's independent study, internship, or practicum course identified as such in the Bishop's Academic Calendar, as well as for any project registered as an Experiential Learning Course (ELP 300). Each Bishop's student whose experiential learning project is funded is required to be overseen by a Bishop's professor and a supervisor from the host organization. To qualify, a host organization must be a community group, charity, or small business. Projects may be initiated and submitted by students, faculty members or potential host organizations. Please note that costs associated with salaries/wages and with supplies/equipment for the benefit of the host organization will *not* be considered for funding. The maximum amount that can be granted per project is \$2000.

For more information about the Experiential Learning Internship Grant Fund ([ELIGF](#)), please contact [Jaroslava Baconova](#), ETRC's Executive Director, or visit the [Experiential Learning page](#) on our website. Applications must be received by **NOVEMBER 30, 2011**.

Colloquium on English-speaking Communities: "Linking ESCQ research to policy and action"

For the third time, the ETRC is joining forces with the Quebec English-speaking Communities Research Network (QUESCREN) to hold a colloquium on Quebec's English-speaking Communities as part of the upcoming 80^e Congrès de l'Acfas (the 80th annual conference of the *Association francophone pour le savoir*). The congress will be held May 7-11, 2012 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal (information: www.acfas.ca).

At this point, we are simply asking people in our networks if they might want to participate in some way in this conference. Would you like to give a formal paper on the subject, or organize a panel around a subject area? Would you like to participate in a workshop or round-table? Do you have other ideas to making this conference theme work for you? Write to [Lorraine O'Donnell](#) (Concordia) and "cc" it to [Cheryl Gosselin](#) (Bishop's). This will allow us to develop our conference proposal to Acfas, due November 1.

For more information, please go to the [Colloquia](#) section on our website.

Researchers Seeking Volunteers for Important Research Projects in our Region

A psychosocial study about immigrant cultural identity and intercultural relations

Researchers from Bishop's Department of Psychology are seeking volunteers (immigrants/refugees belonging to visible and non-visible minority groups, age 18 and over) from the Eastern Townships for a psychosocial study about immigrant cultural identity and intercultural relations. Participants are expected to attend one session lasting approximately 30-45 min. Experience first hand the research process at a small university and earn a chance to win a \$50 voucher at your favourite grocery store. For

further information, contact Dr. Claude Charpentier at 819-822-9600, ext. 2653 or claude.charpentier@ubishops.ca.

The accessibility of health care services in the Eastern Townships

Have you ever left your family doctor's office or the hospital feeling ignored, misunderstood or unsatisfied? To explore these issues, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has awarded a grant to a multidisciplinary research team to evaluate the accessibility of health care services in the Eastern Townships. The team is currently looking for Eastern Townships residents, age 18 and over, interested in filling out a short questionnaire and help us look for solutions to improve access to health care services. The questionnaire can be found online at www.ubishops.ca/healthaccess (English) and www.ubishops.ca/accessante (French). To receive a paper version, please contact the research team at 819-822-9600, ext. 2248 (English), ext. 2190 (French), or at comaccess@ubishops.ca. We need your help to improve the health care system for all Townshippers!

Are you trying to make healthy lifestyle changes?

Are you trying to exercise more? Eat healthier? Stop unhealthy habits? Participate in a survey study about changing your health habits and get a chance to win one of five \$50-grocery vouchers. We are looking for people who are currently trying to make healthy changes and who would like to participate in a survey study. Available online or by mail in paper format, the survey can be completed in approximately 30-45 min. For more information, please go to www.ubishops.ca/HealthyChangesStudy, contact the group at SiroisResearch@ubishops.ca, or call 819-239-0785.

News from the Archives Department

The ETRC Archives welcomes a new Archivist! Emily Potter, a native of Lennoxville, joined us at the beginning of September. Our new Archivist is filling in for Jody Robinson who is on maternity leave for one year. We wish a warm welcome to Emily and congratulations to Jody on the birth of her second daughter.

In the last few weeks, the ETRC Archives received a significant fond containing information on the **Douglas/Brigitte family from the St. Bridgide, Farnham, Waterloo and Eaton Township areas**. This fond, consisting of correspondence, photographs, diaries and other family papers, is a valuable primary source of information on life, work and family in the Townships during the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The ETRC Archives continues to publish **historical articles every other Monday in the Sherbrooke Record**. Featuring photographs and information taken from our collection, each [article](#) is also available on our website.

Over the summer, **one hundred new photographs from the Mildred Waldron collection (P170)** were added to ETRC Archives' [online photo database](#). Many of them depict life in East Clifton in the early 1900s.