

*Our monthly e-bulletin provides quick updates on activities of THEN/HiER and its partners.*

## *What's new with THEN/HiER?*



\* **Executive Board member Peter Seixas** is a keynote speaker at "*Geschichtsdidaktik empirisch 09.*" The conference, held in Basel, Switzerland (September 3-4), provides a forum for scientific exchange on empirical research in history studies. The title of his address is "Questions, Problems and Methods in Empirical Research on History Didactics: the Case of Canada."

\* **Small Projects Grants.** "Support of an Alberta-based Benchmarks of Historical Thinking Working Group," a project led by **Carla Peck** at the University of Alberta, has been successfully completed. THEN/HiER funds were used to hire a graduate student to assist with editing teacher-generated Benchmarks of Historical Thinking lesson plans and posting them to the Benchmarks website. In total, eighteen lesson plans, including support materials, were extensively edited for content and consistency. Some of the topics addressed in the lesson plans include The Charter of Rights and Freedoms, The Great Depression, Imperialism, Transportation, Confederation, Immigration, and Residential Schools.



Dr. Carla Peck

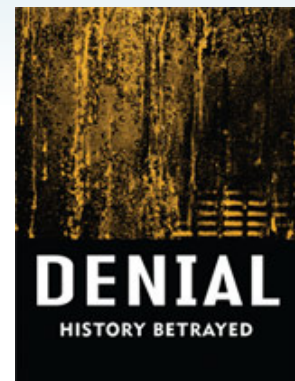
\* **Visiting Doctoral Student Program.** **Catherine Duquette** of Université Laval completed her visit with Peter Seixas at the University of British Columbia. Her research focused on teaching controversial issues in history classrooms. During her visit she also began writing a paper to be published in *The Beaver* on this topic. In addition, she is reviewing an article on Québec history curriculum to see how Benchmarks concepts can be used in the classroom.

**Check out our new website at [www.thenhier.ca](http://www.thenhier.ca). It will be launched on September 14th!**

*To see what's new with some of THEN/HiER's partners, see page 2.*

## *What's new with our partners?*

\* **New publication.** Tony Taylor (National Centre for History Education, Monash University) has recently published *Denial: History Betrayed* (Melbourne University Press) and, together with historian Stuart Macintyre (University of Melbourne), is currently finalising the draft history program for the Australian national curriculum, to be introduced in January 2011. *Click here for more book details.*



\* **Benchmarks of Historical Thinking.** The historical thinking concepts identified by the Benchmarks of Historical Thinking Project have been incorporated into a number of new curriculum documents in Canada. A new grade 10 interdisciplinary course entitled Newfoundland and Labrador Studies 2205 has students use the concepts of historical significance, evidence, cause and consequence, continuity and change, historical perspective, and moral judgement. A new grade 11 History of Canada course in Manitoba embeds historical thinking concepts throughout the curriculum to provide a foundation for historical inquiry. The Ministry of Education in Prince Edward Island is currently developing a grade 12 course that will incorporate the concepts.

### \* **Upcoming Conferences**

**British Columbia Social Studies Teachers' Association Conference**, October 23, 2009, Port Coquitlam. *Media, Mass Culture and Historical Thinking*  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stuart Poyntz, Assistant Professor, Media, Technology and Production, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University.

**Manitoba Social Science Teachers' Association Conference**, October 23, 2009, Winnipeg.  
*Looking Back, Reaching Forward*  
Keynote Speaker: Mark Reid, Editor, *The Beaver*, Canada's History Magazine.

**Nova Scotia Social Studies Teachers' Association Conference**, October 23, 2009, Fall River.  
Keynote Speaker: Scott Taylor, War Correspondent and Publisher, *Esprit de Corps* magazine.

**Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association Conference**, November 6 & 7, 2009, Toronto. *Stand Proud for Canada's Military Heroes*  
Awards will be presented to Peter McKay, Lisa LaFlamme and Lieutenant-General Michel Gauthier.

**Association for Canadian Studies**, November 7, 2009, Moncton, New Brunswick.  
*Making Sense of Place: Geographies and Identity in Canada and Elsewhere*

**MORE TO COME NEXT MONTH!**