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We're a community of special gifts

Montreal Life Stories is the meeting place for extraordinary people and the catalyst for important research. In this issue, we showcase some of the people and initiatives that bring special gifts to the project.

WELCOME NEW STAFF AND INTERNS

You'll be seeing new faces around the Life Stories office.

Paul Tom joins us as post-production assistant. He'll be replacing Claudia Gama, who contributed greatly to our post-production efforts.

Also joining the post-production team is intern **Moira Prince**. Moira is the first of the batch of interns who will be starting this fall.

Justin Bromberg is our new digital storytelling coordinator. He will work with the central team and interns to produce clips to post on CitizenShift and Parole citoyenne. Welcome to new digital storytelling interns **Natalia Evdokimova** and **Nicholas Gooding!**



YOUTH CONTRIBUTION

The students of Montreal's St. George's High School and their teacher, **Megan Webster**, grapple with issues of genocide and healing through life story interviews in their award-winning documentary, *Life in the Open prison*. Watch their film on Cambodian genocide survivors and participate in the discussion afterwards. Monday, October 26, 6:30pm-8:00pm. See ad on reverse.

FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Recipient of the Fulbright scholarship, **Jenny Montgomery** has joined our team. She'll be conducting interviews with Montrealers from different horizons, refugees and of Québécois origin, to create a one of a kind play. Over the last seven years she has worked as a director in Chicago with a primary



focus on Human Rights. She is the author of many plays based on her interviews with genocide survivors.

RESEARCH WINS GRANTS

Congratulations to Montreal Life Stories' **Anna Sheftel** and **Stacey Zembrycki** who have each received post-doctoral funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Fonds de recherche sur la société et la culture du Québec. Anna's research is on "Negotiating Family Narratives of Atrocity and Genocide" and Stacey's work is entitled "Making Montreal Home: Reconstructing the Communities of Postwar Eastern European Immigrant Families".

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU



A heartfelt thank you to the following interns who completed their Life Stories work this spring and summer: **Monica Lafon, Monica Grigore, Gabriel Dufour, Catherine Gilbert, Jun Luo, Elena Belenkova, Daniel Bromberg, Anaïs Cadieux VanVliet, Yuan Fang, Karim Lasfra, Mélanie Walkty** and **Marie-Ève Samson**. Your passion and commitment will be missed.

Special thanks to **Rosalind Franklin** for preparing this newsletter!



Don't be afraid to reach out

If you feel you need psychological support, please take advantage of the free, confidential counselling services available to Montreal Life Stories' interviewees and interviewers. For more information, visit <http://counselling.concordia.ca/> or drop by the Counselling & Development office, Sir George Williams Campus, 1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Hall Building, Room 440. Tel: 514 848-2424, ext. 3545.

Event of the Month

} **Monday, Oct. 26, 6:30-8pm**
Life in the Open Prison
 Cinémathèque québécoise

Debriefing Session and Training Workshops

- } **Monday, Oct. 5, 6-8pm**
Monthly Debriefing
 (curaformation@gmail.com)
- } **Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6-9pm**
General training (Eng) - Part I
 (curaformation@gmail.com)
- } **Thursday, Oct. 8, 6-9pm**
General Training (Eng) - Part II (curaformation@gmail.com)
- } **Wednesday, Oct. 14 6-8pm**
Introduction to Videography
 (cohds@alcor.concordia.ca)
- } **Wednesday, Oct. 28 6-8pm**
Introduction to Digital Storytelling
 (cohds@alcor.concordia.ca)

Where: COHDS, Concordia University, LB 1042

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Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	Sun.
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5 Monthly Debriefing 6-8pm	6 General Training Workshop I 6-9pm	7	8 General Training Workshop II 6-9pm	9	10	11
12	13	14 Videography Workshop 6-8pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Life in the Open Prison 6:30-8pm	27	28 Digital Storytelling Workshop 6-8pm	29	30	31	

Don't miss it!

Life in the Open prison

Life in the Open prison "is exemplary in integrating life stories in a secondary classroom setting."
 - Oral History Society (USA)

Award-winning student documentary

Documentary film in English, bilingual discussion.

When: Monday, October 26 2009 6:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Cinémathèque québécoise, 335 boulevard de Maisonneuve Est, salle Claude-Jutra, métro Berri-UQAM

About: Using life story interviews to comprehend the Cambodian genocide, students at St. George's High School learn what it takes to overcome extreme circumstances. The documentary was honored with the 2009 Martha Ross Teaching Award by the Oral History Association (USA). The airing will be followed by a discussion with teacher Megan Webster, students, Elie Dawang, Holocaust survivor who volunteered in Phnom Penh, and Stacey Zembrzycki, Life Stories Project of Montrealers Displaced by War, Genocide, and other Human Rights Violations. Moderated by Ry Duong, coordinator of the Life Stories Project Cambodian Working Group. In partnership with CitizenShift and the Life Stories project.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Sortir du génocide: Témoigner pour réapprendre à vivre

Author: Régine Waintrater

Publisher: Éditions Payot

EAN: 978228897822

