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An afternoon with celebrated authors

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Imagine having a chance to chat with and to get inside the minds of some of the world's most celebrated and influential authors, thinkers and scientists, for free. Simon Fraser University's first reception in 10 years to celebrate SFU and affiliated authors, including students, staff, and current and retired faculty, will be akin to a lively salon guaranteed to stimulate inspiring conversation. The celebratory event is set for Thursday, Nov. 1, 3:30-5 p.m. on the 7th floor of SFU's WAC Bennett Library, Burnaby campus, in Special Collections.

The invitation-only event, open to the media, will honour 87 authors who published 91 titles between January 2006 and June 2007. At least 41 of the honorees will be at the reception. Many of those attending, including SFU's John Kesselman, Gail Anderson, John Clague and Marjorie Griffin Cohen, are internationally recognized for books, teaching and research that have advanced thinking and policies in their fields.

'SFU authors, write, edit and translate an impressive number of books,' says Lynn Copeland, SFU Librarian. 'The titles being celebrated have been translated into other languages and published by companies all over the world indicating that SFU authors are making contributions far beyond our campus.'

'Copeland says, thanks to SFU President Michael Stevenson, the library has the budget to stage this celebratory reception and hopes to make it an annual event. The library will honour SFU authors and affiliated authors who respond to calls for entries published in the same year as the receptions are held. A call for entries has already gone out for the period July 2007 to June 2008.' This celebration is long overdue and we look forward to recognizing SFU authors in coming years,' says Copeland.

For a complete list of authors expected at the reception, and a complete list of the authors/publications being showcased please see: <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/author/The> 91 celebrated titles include a DVD and online computer game. SFU will display the works on the WAC Bennett Library's 3rd floor lobby. The SFU Bookstore at the Burnaby campus will also have a window display and offer a 20 percent discount on the titles during November.

Backgrounder Here are some highlighted works from authors expected at the reception:-

Johnathan R. Kesselman co-edited with David Green, *Dimensions of Inequality in Canada*, awarded the Canadian Economics Association's Doug Purvis Memorial Prize (\$10,000) for best Canadian economic policy research in 2006. Professor, Public Policy Program, Canada Research Chair in Public Finance.

- Topic: Is Canada becoming a more polarized society? Or is it a kind-hearted nation that takes care of its disadvantaged? This volume closely examines these differing views through a careful analysis of the causes, trends, and dimensions of inequality to provide an overall assessment of the state of inequality in Canada.

- UBC Press, 2006- Gail Anderson, *Biological Influences on Criminal Behaviour*, recipient of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 award and listed as one of the leaders in the 21st century by Time Magazine, Associate Professor and Associate Director, School of Criminology.

- Topic: This book fundamentally questions the way most criminologists attempt to explain, let alone ameliorate human criminal behaviour. Introducing criminologists to an emerging area of research, this landmark work discusses basic biological concepts such as natural selection and evolution in relation to behaviour.

- CRC Press and Simon Fraser University Publications, 2006- John Clague et al. *At Risk; Earthquakes and Tsunamis on the West Coast*, Professor, Department of Earth Sciences and Canada Research Chair in Natural Hazards Research.

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- Topic: This book is the story of the powerful earth forces at work in the western and off-shore areas of Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia, with special emphasis on earthquakes and tsunamis and how they threaten the people who live in these areas. It offers timely and important information for these people and for anyone interested in the interplay between the forces of nature and cities.

- Vancouver: Tricouni Press, 2007- Marjorie Griffen Cohen and Janine Brodie. *Remapping Gender in the New Global Order*, Professor, Department of Political Science, past Chair of Women's Studies and heads the Economic Security Project.

- Topic: Examines changes in gender relations, as a result of globalization, in countries on the semi-periphery of power. At one end is Norway, one of the world's richest and most developed welfare-states, and, at the other, is Mexico, a country that is considerably poorer and more susceptible to the power of the United States and international agencies. Australia and Canada, the other two semi-peripheral countries examined, are in the middle. Also included are comparisons with the epicentre of the 'core' base of power - the United States.

- Oxford: Routledge, 2007- 30 -