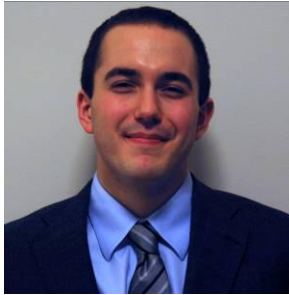


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CRAIG FINK has lived in Regina for his entire life. He graduated from Miller Comprehensive High School in 2005, where in all four years he was recognized on the honour roll. He was chosen as the salutatorian for his graduating class in grade 12.

Craig played the tuba in his high school's concert band. He also participated in improvisational theatre. In grade eleven, he was a member of the Miller Improv Team which placed fourth out of thirty teams from across the country at the Canadian Improv Games in Ottawa. He was also active in high-school curling, where he skipped his team to city bronze medals in grades 9 and 12 and city championships in grades 10 and 11. In grade 11, his team won the bronze medal at the provincial championship.

In 2009, Craig convocated with great distinction at the University of Regina. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a double major in English and Political Science. As part of his post-secondary education, he received numerous awards and scholarships, including the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Bursary, Centennial Merit Plus Scholarship Academic Gold Scholarships, Torville Scholarship, Alpha Sigma Nu Scholarship, Rev. Angus McDougall Memorial Award, Anne Giroux Memorial Bursary, and the Leslie A. Dybvig Scholarship.

During his final year at the University of Regina, he served as the Vice President of Operations and Finance for the University of Regina Students' Union. Craig's wide-ranging responsibilities included overseeing the operations of the Lazy Owl students' pub, participating in the development of a campus-wide risk-management policy, and lobbying federal and provincial government officials on behalf of students.

For the past six years, Craig has worked at Chapters bookstore in Regina. He has served in several positions, including customer service, cashier, shipper/receiver, and being responsible for the magazine section.

When he began his university education, Craig set aside his tuba and picked up a bass guitar in order to form a rock band (The Polymaths). Craig has served as the principal songwriter and bass player, as well as internal manager, for the band which has recorded two albums and played at numerous public events and festivals, including the Regina Folk Festival

Craig has other cultural interests. In 2008, he played the role of Dimitri in the Regina's Globe Theatre production of *The Decadent Flip Mod*. This play was part of the Theatre's Sandbox Series which showcases the work of up-and-coming playwrights. Craig has also served on the board of directors of the Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society, where he represents the interests of young artists in Saskatchewan.

Following his completion of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program, Craig plans to pursue a Master's degree in public administration.

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SHEENA GORDON was born and raised in Regina. She attended Campbell Collegiate and spent a semester in Trek School, a holistic outdoor-education program offered through the Regina School Board. During high school, Sheena was actively involved in various music programs and the outdoors club.

Following high school, Sheena enrolled at the University of Regina. After a year of study, she decided to work abroad, traveling to Dublin, Edinburgh and Belfast, as well as visiting many places in Europe. Sheena then returned to the University of Regina where she convocated in June 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree (High Honours in Geography). The primary focus of her degree was environmental sustainability and community development.

Her academic program included one semester at the Universidad del Oriente in Santiago de Cuba (Cuba) where she experienced the challenges and blessings of a long-standing political embargo. She also worked as a student researcher in Grasslands National Park where she studied climate change.

Sheena received several academic scholarships and awards, including the Elsie Feuring Music Appreciation Prize, the Academic Gold Scholarships, the Luther College Faculty Scholarship, and the Regal Social Association of Regina Bursary. She has been recognized on the Faculty of Arts Dean's honours list.

Sheena has had an eclectic work experience. She has been a singing teacher, a waitress, a student researcher, a medical receptionist, an administrative assistant, a dessert chef, a mess hall cook, and a camp counselor. She enjoys new challenges and likes variety.

She has also volunteered with several groups including Engineers without Borders, the Lumsden Beach Camp, and The Regal Social Association of Regina.

Sheena continues to enroll in courses at the University of Regina, with her recent focus being in film and art. She is currently employed as bilingual receptionist and administrative support clerk with Farm Credit Canada in Regina.

Sheena is unsure of her future, but enjoys actively experiencing her life unfold and reveal its path one step at a time. At present, she is fascinated with self-sufficiency, self-sustainability, and alternative education methods.

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ELISE LONIE was born in Edmonton. At the age of five, she and her family moved to Strasbourg, Saskatchewan, where she attended William Derby School from kindergarten to grade 12 and where she completed each of her last six grades with great distinction. She was recognized with awards of excellence in mathematics, law, and calculus. She was also awarded the Governor General's award and several scholarships.

Elise participated in many high-school activities, including volleyball, basketball, track and field, drama, choir, and Students' Against Drinking and Driving. She was involved in student government and served as class co-president. Her extracurricular activities included working at several part-time and summer jobs, including positions at the local gas station/deli and at the town museum.

In 2006, Elise enrolled in the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina. However, after the completion of her first year of studies and a brief trip to eastern Europe where she experienced international politics, she decided to switch to the Faculty of Arts and pursue an honours major in political science and a major in history. She subsequently received several scholarships and awards, including the Academic Silver Scholarships, Beta Sigma Phi Regina Council Award, and the Orange Benevolent Society of Saskatchewan Educational Scholarship. She has been recognized on the Faculty of Arts Dean's honours list.

Elise has been involved in volunteer work with the University of Regina's Ambassador Program and with Amnesty International. She assists weekly at an English as an Additional Language program for elementary (K-8) students at Thompson Community School in Regina. In 2009, she participated in Arts CARES, a week long program where she volunteered at the Regina Open Door Society and attended discussions about community issues and solutions in Regina.

In addition to being a full-time student and doing volunteer work, Elise has also held several part time retail sales and service jobs, including her recent position as a guest-services representative at the Cornwall Centre in Regina. She has also had a summer position as a maintenance worker at Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park.

In her spare time, Elise likes to read, paint, and spend time outdoors. She also loves to travel and has visited numerous countries in Europe. She has taken university classes in Spanish and enjoys weekly opportunities to practice the language.

Elise plans to complete her academic requirements and convocate with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Regina in 2011. She continues to be interested in courses involving international issues and politics. For example, in the fall of 2009, she participated in a 10-day interdisciplinary-studies course on food sovereignty which took place in Mexico City.

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MICHAEL SELNES was born in Melfort, where he attended Melfort and Unit Comprehensive Collegiate. During these years, he was an avid athlete – playing baseball, basketball, football, and other sports – as well as being a huge fan of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. At his high school, he participated in the swing choir and was elected co-president of the students’ council. Upon graduation with an advanced high-school diploma, he received the Co-op Leadership Award and Scholarship, as well as the University of Calgary Scholars Advantage Scholarship.

Prior to beginning his post-secondary education, Michael spent a year in Dusseldorf, Germany, as a Rotary exchange student. Despite no previous background in the German language, he attended classes at the Goerres Gymnasium and finished his year relatively fluent in German.

In 2004, Michael enrolled at the University of Calgary and pursued a double major in history and the German language. Michael was recognized twice on the Dean’s honours list. He finished his University course work in Germany during the summer of 2009 by participating in the Canadian Summer School at the University of Kassel. He will convocate with distinction in November 2009.

During his second year at the University of Calgary, Michael served as a floor leader for the Residence Students Association. He was also elected to the Students’ Union as an external commissioner. The following year, he was re-elected to the Students’ Union and served as the Vice President External and was responsible for policy development, government advocacy, media relations, and liaising with external organizations, including the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. His major focus of attention was advocating on behalf students on housing issues.

Michael served as the chair of the Council of Alberta University Students, an umbrella organization which represents over 70,000 undergraduate students at all of Alberta’s universities and which liaises on their behalf with the Government of Alberta. He was also a founder of the Calgary Student Caucus, an organization which advocates on municipal issues affecting students attending all post-secondary institutions in Calgary. He served for two years as a member of the University of Calgary Senate and served on several of its committees, including the executive committee.

Besides his academic and student-politics activities, Michael explored the Rocky Mountains as member of the University of Calgary’s snowboarding club; he also participated on various intramural teams and sang in the University Chorus. Michael was a member of the University’s chamber choir which in 2005 sang at Carnegie Hall in New York City. On weekends, Michael was employed as a cook in a German restaurant and as floor staff at the Mountain Equipment Co-op in Calgary.

Besides studying and travelling in Germany, Michael has spent time in the jungles of Laos and Vietnam. In the future, he hopes to continue travelling and learning new languages.

Michael is an avid bike-commuter and is hoping to survive a frigid winter in Regina on his bicycle (with studded tires of course!). Following his internship, he has expressed a career interest in the public sector, specifically with the foreign service.