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2009 IODE WAR MEMORIAL DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP

PhD Scholarship Awarded to University of British Columbia Moberly Adriane Segal Luger

IODE Canada has awarded an IODE War Memorial Doctoral Scholarship to candidate Alexis Lauren Knispel. IODE initiated this award in 1918 to commemorate Canadians who sacrificed their lives for peace and freedom. Initially, bursaries were granted to children of men and women who lost their lives or were permanently disabled while fighting for Canada. Today, applicants are judged on academic achievement and potential. They must be Canadian citizens and in at least their second year of a doctoral program at a Canadian or Commonwealth University. Scholarships are valued at \$15,000.

Born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Moberly Adriane Segal Luger received a BA (Honours) University of British Columbia 2002; MA Concordia University QC 2004; and is presently in her fourth year studying for PhD at the University of British Columbia, in the field of English Literature.

Ms. Luger's dissertation will examine the cultural and historical function of poetry by examining poems written in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and will argue that poetry is a key technology to explore the memory of 9/11.

Already a prolific writer, she has published a review in Canadian Literature, presented several conference papers and published a poetry manuscript "Ragtime for Beginners" by Killick Press, and has another manuscript in development.

Moberly has won several major departmental, university and national prizes, including two Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Awards (SSHRC), has been a finalist for the prestigious Fulbright Award and won the Mairi Grant Campbell Fellowship (UBC).

Her referees describe her academic work as distinguished by literary elegance and imagination. They suggest that not only is she a natural poet and scholar, but a natural teacher as well. As a writer, Moberly gives readings at bookstores, literary festivals and visits classrooms to discuss poetry, and is a volunteer on the Graduate Student Caucus

IODE Canada is proud to Support Ms. Luger's dedication to academic excellence with the awarding of a 2009 IODE War Memorial Scholarship.

Founded in 1900, IODE Canada is a national women's charitable organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for deserving individuals, through education support, community service and citizenship programs.

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