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**DR. MAX BERGHOLZ ACCEPTS CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY'S  
JAMES STANFORD PROFESSORSHIP IN GENOCIDE AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
STUDIES**

Prof. Frank Chalk, Director of the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, is happy to announce that Dr. Max Bergholz (Ph.D. History, University of Toronto, 2010) has accepted the James Stanford Professorship in Genocide and Human Rights Studies at Concordia University.

The generosity of Mr. James Stanford of Calgary, Alberta made possible the creation of this new chair. Dr. Bergholz's major field is in Modern European History, with specialisations in Balkan and East European History. He has minor fields in comparative nationalism and Soviet history. His deeply researched and beautifully written doctoral dissertation, "None of Us Dared Say Anything: Mass Killing in a Bosnian Community during World War Two and the Postwar Culture of Silence," is bound to become an important book in the field.

Dr. Bergholz brings to his work fluency in Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian and a record of success in using a multitude of documents discovered during his research in obscure local archives. His next project will be a book he already has underway, "Intimate Genocide: The Dynamics of Mass Murder in a Local Community in Croatia in 1941," in which he seeks to explore locally driven mass violence in a multi-ethnic community.

Dr. Bergholz joins Concordia as a tenure-stream Assistant Professor in the Department of History and as a member of the Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies. As one of his distinguished referees wrote, "Max is the kind of person who will be a real academic leader and valued colleague." Frank Chalk looks forward to working with Max Bergholz starting in September 2011 and to introducing him over the coming years to the work of MIGS. With Dr. Bergholz's appointment, he feels confident that MIGS will continue to develop and grow for many years to come and that the vigour of MIGS' program of research, teaching and publication will reach new heights.