



WHEN ADRIENNE KERTZER WAS ASKED to take on the role of Advisor to the President on Women's Issues at the University of Calgary, she asked herself and a few past advisors the same question: Do we still need a position dedicated to women's issues? The position had been vacant for over a

2011, it was still necessary.

Having taken on the position as of January 18th, it's clear Kertzer decided the answer was "Yes."

she said, noting that the university faces issues like faculty salary inequality and inadequate day care

She has spent her initial time as advisor collecting information before deciding on which issues she would like to focus, and said ultimately her job is to remind people of institutional commitments to equality.

Kertzer believes she was approached by university president Elizabeth King to do things done. She began teaching in the Department of English in 1982, and has spent her time at U of C; most recently as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts, where she was also the English department, Associate Dean for the Faculty of Humanities

the Department of English.

In her scholarly work, Kertzer focuses on Holocaust Literature as well as children's literature and women's writing, and representations of trauma. She received the Canadian Jewish Book Award in 2003 and Children's Literature Association Honor Book Award in 2004 for her book *My Mother's Voice: Children, Literature, and the Holocaust*. The book was also

Publishers' Scholarly Book of the Year. Her most recent journal article, *Fidelity, Felicity, and Playing Around in Wes Anderson's Fantastic Mr. Fox* will soon appear in *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*.

by Aasa Marshall - WRC Volunteer



KIM GRIMWADE IS

semester of BA in Psychology (Honours). Kim has been an active volunteer at the Women's Resource Centre since 2008 when she joined our Peer Support program. In this capacity Kim became involved with the knitting circle. It was here that Kim welcomed many new

visitors to the centre while passing along handcrafting skills in knitting, crochet and needlepoint. The friendly informal atmosphere created by Kim helped visitors to feel comfortable, return to the centre, and many eventually become volunteers themselves. Kim's friendly and open demeanor, joined with her willingness to listen non-judgmentally, made her an asset to the centre in assisting those who came in for peer support.

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