

## Letter from the President

Dear ACSUS members,

As another academic year comes to an end, I would like to give you a brief report on ACSUS status and activities. It was certainly a busy academic year for Canadian Studies in the US with more Canadian course content, conferences and events taking place than ever before. There are now 70 universities in the USA offering courses with Canadian content that reach an estimated 20,000 undergraduate students annually. ACSUS, the only national academic Canadian Studies organization, has more than 700 members. Every part of the US is now incorporated into a regional Canadian Studies association organization working in partnership with ACSUS to stimulate continuing Canadian Studies development nation-wide.

With the alternation of ACSUS broad-based biennial conferences and themed colloquia, ACSUS offers a major forum on Canadian studies every year, engaging the whole Canadian Studies academic community one year and allowing for a more targeted audience in the non-biennial year. In 2006 the forum was the ACSUS in Alaska Colloquium, *Canada in the North Pacific*, held in Anchorage at the end of September, which attracted participation from the USA, Canada and the international community, and offered a high quality program of panel presentations of papers, a selection of which will be included in a special edition of ARCS to be published in the Fall of 2007.

Once again, in the fall, ACSUS partnered with the Canada Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washing-

ton DC for a highly successful Thomas Enders Symposium on the State of US-Canada Relations: the symposium papers will be published as a special Spring 2007 edition of ARCS.

*The American Review of Canadian Studies*, ACSUS' quarterly journal, the only scholarly journal in the US uniquely devoted to Canadian studies, is one of the leading Canadian Studies journals in the world. ACSUS is justifiably proud of ARCS. During the course of the 2006-2007 academic year, ARCS successfully underwent a transition of editor and location: ACSUS is grateful to Bowling Green State University

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## Letter from Washington

In March, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee led a delegation of Inuit to Washington, DC to present personal testimony before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights accusing the US of being in violation of norms governing the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man. Sheila Watt-Cloutier argued the unprecedented position that the US as the largest source of carbon emissions has disproportionately precipitated global warming to the detriment of Inuit human rights. Evidence of communities being displaced, relocated and threatened by radical changes to their ecosystems was presented to the ICHR, an autonomous branch of the Organization of American States with the pre-

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rogative to issue recommendations and rulings. The US does not consider itself bound by the court's rulings.

As recently as December 2006, the ICHR declined to rule on the complaint petitioned by the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) representing Inuit in Canada, the US, Russia and Greenland, stating that there was 'insufficient evidence of harm.' However, this decision was reversed just days after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change presented scientific data to suggest that summer Arctic sea ice could disappear by 2040.

A month after the Inuit delegation left Washington, The Honourable John Baird—appointed Environment Minister in January—visited the US capital for announcements and discussions relating to the international Coalition against Wildlife Trafficking and the U.S.-Canada Air Quality Agreement. Baird's appointment as Environment Minister took place the same month that a Decima poll revealed unprece-

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dedent levels of dissatisfaction among the Canadian public with environmental policy. This was true across every demographic in every province, save for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Several weeks ago, a war of words erupted between Former US Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Al Gore and John Baird. Gore characterized the Canadian Government's new strategy to reduce greenhouse-gas emis-

sions and improve air quality as "a fraud... designed to mislead the Canadian people," questioning the legitimacy of the strategy and making comparisons to similar policies adopted by the current US administration.

Mindful of the public's growing disquiet, state and provincial governments have become increasingly impatient at the cautious progress being made at the federal level on climate change policy. This has prompted regional leaders to forge alliances and demonstrate more visible and expeditious leadership on the issue.

In February, Premier Gordon Campbell presented British Columbia's

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annual policy address featuring a range of environmentally responsible measures. Campbell announced a progressive bilateral state-province partnership with California as part of a regional initiative to demonstrate leadership on climate change and environmental issues. Regional cooperation on environmental standards is being driven by an understanding that one state or one province cannot address climate change independently of its neighbor. A consortium of provinces and states cooperating on carbon emissions will have far greater impact and normative influence.

At a meeting in Santa Monica, California in March, Governor Schwarzenegger and Premier Campbell shared a set of progressive initiatives including establishing hydrogen fueling stations from San Diego to Whistler, B.C. In advance of the announcement, Schwarzenegger's chief environmental adviser, Terry Tamminen, worked

alongside Campbell's staff to develop a long term strategy focusing on environmental standards. A key issue being promoted in California's trade mission to Canada this month is the nexus of climate change measures, economic growth, and investment opportunities.

The Inuit delegation to Washington and the BC-California measures demonstrate that when federal governments are slow to respond, sub-national actors are willing to take the initiative. ACSUS takes a keen interest in provincial relations both at the intergovernmental and international level. During our conference in Anchorage last September, a feature plenary profiled a number of provinces by exploring their economic and political relations in the North Pacific region.

To profile the progressive attitude of Canada's cities and provinces, ACSUS has adopted the theme *Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Exemplar for the 21st Century* at its 19th biennial ACSUS conference in Toronto this November. Panels are being developed to explore Ontario's international relations and Ontario-Quebec relations. ACSUS will also organize a series of Northern Faculty Development workshops exploring such themes as First Nations governance, environment and sustainability issues, and a symposium profiling provinces-states relations with specific focus on the Canada-California Partnership.

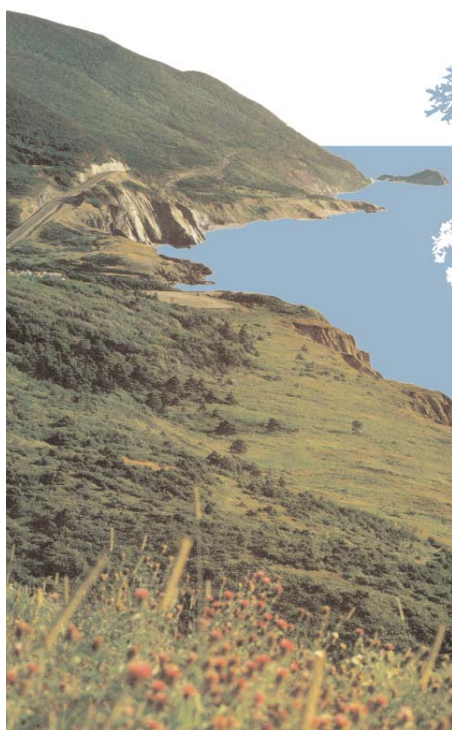
By exploring the regional and hemispheric spaces within which Canada projects and advances its policies and cultures, exciting new opportunities open up for comparative research. Political developments will inevitably reconfigure temporal and geographic spaces, but ACSUS will continue to give voice and full expression to all involved in the pursuit of understanding Canada and its relationship with the world. 🍁

Warmest regards,  
David Archibald  
Executive Director

# Hands Dancing

The Hands Dancing—A Cape Breton Art Exhibit originated in Inverness County, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, and traveled to Ohio—first to the Upper Arlington Cultural Arts Division, Arts League (near Columbus) and then to BGSU. About twenty pieces of the collection showcased the local talent of painters, sculptors and textile artists, including painter Doug Fraser from Cape Breton.

The exhibit opened on November



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Cape Breton communities was sparked with artist Fraser returning to BGSU for the November 8th Canada-Ohio Business Dinner (an annual event with about 100 executives and public officials participating).

A portion of the exhibit was displayed at the business dinner and a slide show of Fraser's work was also presented to this audience. Events such as these have the potential to stimulate economic exchange between jurisdictions in the

form of tourism and art appreciation.

Curated by Susan Covey, with the assistance and Kathy Hannigan, Executive Director of Cape Breton's Inverness Arts Centre, the exhibit and artist visit were possible through contributions from BGSU's Arts Village and Chapman Learning Center, and Monroe County Community College. It was funded in part by the ACSUS Fund for the Arts and the Government of Canada. 🍁

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ACSUS, a multidisciplinary association of scholars, professionals, and institutions, is dedicated to improving understanding of Canada in the United States. Founded in 1971, ACSUS encourages creative and scholarly activity in Canadian studies, facilitates the exchange of ideas among Canadianists in the US, Canada, and other countries, enhances the teaching of Canada in the US, and promotes Canada as an area of academic inquiry.

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and to Mark Kasoff for all the support provided to ARCS during his period of editorship and welcomes John Purdy of Western Washington University as the new editor.

The ACSUS annual Executive Council meeting, held in November 2006 at the site for the 2007 biennial, provided the locus for the initial planning session. Since then, our Vice president and his assistant, working with me and my special assistant and other members of the Executive Council with the constant support and engagement of our indefatigable Executive Director, have been forging ahead with plans to ensure that our November 2007 Toronto ACSUS Biennial, *Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Exemplar for the 21st Century*, will be the best yet with support from a diversity of sources including the Government of Canada, the provinces, and other Canadian Studies organizations.

ACSUS has been engaged and well-represented over the year at other Canadian Studies conferences such as the ACQS conference in Boston in October 2006, the WSSA conference in Calgary in April 2007, and the regional organization meetings held throughout the USA.

Our Executive Director has just submitted ACSUS' annual grant request to the Government of Canada. It inevitably includes a full review of the past year's activities. At the same time, the government of Canada, within the ICCS framework has launched a review of its funding activities for Canadian Studies. The juxtaposition of the two reviews made me realize the extent to which ACSUS has been at the forefront in identifying trends and opportunities for academic organizations in interna-

tional studies development: over the past several years, working within a framework of limited resources, we have been continually trying to make ACSUS' efforts more targeted and effective in providing support to the new generation of Canadianists who are more likely to be comparativists than area specialists, while at the same time leveraging new sources of Canadian Studies support, such as the provinces. In these efforts we are partnering with the Canadian Government and seeking their financial support for these mutually beneficial developments, but it is important that ACSUS has a clear sense of its own mission and we must be diligent in ensuring that we maintain ACSUS independence and our members' academic integrity.

ACSUS' commitment to its members is to provide regular and high quality fora, alternating between broad-based comprehensive gatherings (the biennials) and more intimate and intensive topical colloquia (the next ACSUS Colloquium will be held in conjunction with ACQS in Quebec in the fall of 2008 to celebrate Quebec's the 400th anniversary), quality publication outlets (ARCS and the new ACSUS Occasional Papers), incentives to encourage high-level scholarship on Canada (a series of ACSUS awards - the Donner medal; Rufus Z Smith Award; ACSUS Distinguished Dissertation Award), incentives for graduate students to engage in Canadian Studies (Graduate Student Fellowships and the MBA Seminar), and encouragement for the showcasing of the Canadian Arts (ACSUS Fund for the Arts), together with a variety of practical tools such as support for strengthening regional Canadian Studies activities through the regional organizations, CONNECT programs, the Course Syllabi Databank, and resource

compendiums on Canadian studies.

One new initiative that ACSUS is hoping to embark on in partnership with some Canadian universities, is to develop and offer a series of faculty development institutes on areas of the Canadian North - which play such a significant role in Canadian identity and are experiencing rapid change and are becoming more visible and more important in terms of public policy decisions, but which are relatively inaccessible and unknown amongst Canadians and Canadianists alike.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all ACSUS members for their contributions to the ongoing development of Canadian Studies as the field evolves and would especially like to thank the members of the Executive Council for their sterling work serving on the various ACSUS committees, to the Executive officers for their ongoing work and devotion to ACSUS, and above all to David Archibald, our ACSUS Executive Director, who, alone amongst us, devotes all of his working hours to the advancement of ACSUS' interests. We are fortunate indeed to have such a hard working and committed Executive Director. ACSUS is an organization of which we all should be proud: it reflects the resourcefulness, the expertise and the integrity of its membership, and I am proud to serve as your President as we forge onwards and upwards to ever better Canadian Studies!

Over the summer, I wish you some well earned rest from your Canadian Studies labor, as well as the opportunity to enrich your understanding of Canada through interesting research that you will be able to infuse into your courses, papers and publications. 🍁

Diddy R. M. Hitchins PhD MBE  
President, ACSUS



# Bridgewater State College Launches Historic Killam Professorship

**B**ridgewater State College has raised in excess of \$1 million to create the Killam Professorship in Canadian Studies. The endowed professorship will be the first of its kind for a state college in Massachusetts, and will be reserved for visiting Canadian scholars who will be recruited to spend up to a year teaching and conducting research at the college.

The professorship is funded principally by the Constance Killam Trust and the Elizabeth Killam Rodgers Trust, the enduring legacies of two women who resided in Marshfield. The Killams were the sisters of Izaak Walton Killam, a Canadian financier who ultimately became one of the country's richest men and greatest philanthropists of the early 20th century.

Mr. John Newhall, trustee of the Constance Killam and Elizabeth Rodgers Trusts, expressed his delight in being able to help the college on the sisters' behalf, noting that BSC was the first institution to use the gift to create an endowed professorship. Moreover, the college was the first public institution to receive funds from the trusts.

Other benefactors included the Federal Government of Canada and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Endowment Incentive Program. Since the mid-1990s, the Canadian Government has annually funded Canadian Studies, one of the college's many interdisciplinary programs. The government's multi-year donation to the college to support the establishment of the Killam Professorship came in addition to its customary level of funding.

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gratulate the Canadian Studies faculty - both past and present - who have been building this program for the past 33 years," said Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, college president. "Their energy and dedication have allowed Cana-

dian Studies to become one of the crown jewels among programs in the United States."

While Canadian Studies at Bridgewater State College is more than three decades old, the idea for creating the endowed professorship is relatively new. Dr. Anthony Cicerone, professor of economics and coordinator of the Canadian Studies program, was the principal architect of the endowment campaign.

A past president of the New England-Canada Business Council and executive director of the Southeastern

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## Study Canada Summer Institute

**O**n June 24-29, the Western Washington University will hold a K-12 Professional Educator Development Institute in Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia. The Institute offers participants the chance to experience B.C. from 5 Themes of Geography to the 2010 Olympics.

Workshop sessions will be held at Simon Fraser University's Harbour Centre Campus in Vancouver and on-site at the hotel in Whistler. Learn core information about British Columbia, Canada and the Olympic tradition. Featuring environmental sustainability and cultural issues that challenge the region. Hands-on curriculum training and resource materials. Guest speakers include faculty from Western Washington University, University of Washington, UBC, SFU and VANOC, as well as city government officials and tribal leaders.

**Sponsors:** The Pacific Northwest National Resource Center for Canada (Western Washington University and the University of Washington) with grants from the US Department of Education (Title VI) and Government of Canada. For more details, visit: <http://jsis.washington.edu/canada/workshops.shtml>

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Thomas G. Barnes Honored by Former Students

Past ACSUS President, Thomas G. Barnes, University of California Berkeley, has been honored by two former students, Buchanan Sharp and Mark Charles Fissel in "Law and Authority in Early Modern England, Essays Presented to Thomas Garden Barnes," (Delaware UP, Newark, 2007).

## Patrick James Recognized at ISA Conference

ACSUS VP, Patrick James was recognized as the Distinguished Scholar in Foreign Policy Analysis at the 2007 International Studies Association meeting in Chicago. A panel was held in his honor and included among others Dan Abele, Academic Relations Officer, Canadian Embassy, Washington and Charles Doran, Professor of Political Science and Canadian Studies at Johns Hopkins SAIS. The award is given for lifetime achievement in the study of foreign policy.

## Elizabeth Mancke Awarded Pierre Savard Award

ACSUS is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Mancke, University of Akron, has been awarded the Pierre Savard Award for her book *The Fault Lines of Empire: Political Differentiation in Massachusetts and Nova Scotia, ca 1760-1830*. The Pierre Savard Awards are designed to recognize and promote each year outstanding scholarly monographs on a Canadian topic. The awards form part of a strategy that is aimed at promoting, especially throughout the Canadian academic community, works that have been written by members of the Canadian Studies international network. The awards


are intended to designate exceptional books, which, being based on a Canadian topic, contribute to a better understanding of Canada. For more details, visit: <http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/>

## Lawrence Hatter Recipient of ICCS Graduate Student Awards

ACSUS is pleased to announce that Lawrence Hatter, University of Virginia, is the recipient of an ICCS Graduate Student Scholarship for *The Emergence of a Fixed Boundary in the Anglo-American Borderland, 1783-1817*. The program facilitates the renewal of the community of Canadianists by supporting the work of young scholars, by enabling successful candidates to spend 4-6 weeks at a Canadian university or research site other than their own doing research

related to their thesis or dissertation in the field of Canadian Studies. Details on the award available here: <http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/>

## 2006 Albert B. Corey Prize

John J. Bukowczyk (Wayne State University), Nora Faires (Western Michigan University), David R. Smith (University of Michigan), and Randy William Widdis (University of Regina), *Permeable Border: The Great Lakes Basin as Transnational Region, 1650-1990* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press and Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2005). The prize is awarded biennially by the American Historical Association and the Canadian Historical Association for "the best book on Canadian-American relations or on the history of both countries." 

## Michigan-Ohio Roundtable

Ninety-seven people attended the Joint Michigan-Ohio Canadian Studies Roundtable held Friday, March 23, on the campus of Monroe Community College. Participants could choose from among breakout discussions on Border Issues, Energy and Environment, Literature and Culture, Politics, Teaching Canada, the War of 1812, and an impromptu session with members of the Frenchtown (Monroe) French Canadian Heritage Society. Sarah Hubbard, Vice President for Governmental Relations at the Detroit Regional Chamber, delivered the noon keynote address, A Discussion of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Including Its Potential Impact on Canada/U.S. Trade and Current Congressional Proposals to Change It.

This was the first joint meeting of the two roundtables. Members of the planning committee, Christine Drennen from Bowling Green, Nora Faires from Western Michigan, Mike Unsworth from Michigan State and Bruce Way from Monroe, were very pleased with the turnout and overall quality of the discussions. A full summary report should be available in electronic format by mid-June. Contact [bway@monroecc.edu](mailto:bway@monroecc.edu) for a copy.

# Western Social Sciences Meeting (WSSA)

With its first Canadian president at the helm, Dr Doreen Barrie of the University of Calgary, the Western Social Science Association (WSSA) took its annual conference out of the US for the first time, celebrating its 49th anniversary north of the 49th in Calgary on April 11-14, 2007. Entitled "Crossing Borders", the conference drew 600+ academics from throughout the US, Canada and the world. Canadianists took part in three days of panel presentations on a broad range of topics, many cross-listed with other conference sections. Because of the location, conference content in general had a much greater Canadian focus than in any previous year. Negotiations were launched with the Borderlands Section of the conference to create linkages with Canadian Studies and draw their focus more to the northern border, with next year's conference in Denver targeted as the ideal platform for this joint initiative.

Delegates attended a Government of Canada lunch with Alberta Senator Elaine McCoy as the keynote speaker. Calgary's Deputy Mayor brought greetings from the city, painting a glowing picture of the regional economy and growth potential. Eric Pelletier of the Canadian Government delivered strong messages on energy, the border and homeland security, Canada's strength as a partner in the North American relationship and the overall importance of academics, who are teaching the next generation of America's leaders about the Canada-US partnership. Senator McCoy took the conference theme of "Crossing Borders" to discuss the need for greater communication between

nations and cultures to ameliorate some of the problems of an increasingly globalised world. She noted the importance of the US academic community as interlocutors for Canada on a wide variety of issues.

The Canadian Government hosted a small reception for long-time Canadianists and the WSSA Executive, thanking Dr Doreen Barrie, Professor Diddy Hitchins and WSSA Executive Director Dr Larry Gould, for their commitment

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to bringing the conference to Canada. The University of Calgary and Mount Royal College also hosted hospitality events. The conference was so successful that WSSA is already planning to return to Calgary in the next few years.

The Western Social Science Association was formed in 1958 and has members from the Western US, Canada and Mexico. The annual conference draws academics from throughout the US, Canada and the world who participate in over thirty sections focusing on areas such as borderlands, economics, environmental policy and natural resource management, mass communications, public administration, criminal justice, women's, Asian and Latin American Studies.

Professor Diddy Hitchins of the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and ACSUS President, chaired the Canadian Studies Section consisting of 60+ academics taking part in 20 panels. The panels looked at electoral reform, trade policy, politics, public policy issues, border management and trans-border issues, environment, Francophonie, immigrant communities, aboriginal self-governance, media and literature. Many panels were cross-listed with other sections for a wider impact, linking with political science, borderland studies, public administration, environmental policy and natural resources, rural studies, American Indian studies, women's studies, Slavic studies American Indian studies, New Zealand and Australia studies.

Dr. Barrie forged partnerships with two Calgary institutions to host conference-wide hospitality events. President David Marshall of Mount Royal College hosted the opening reception, complete with an ensemble from their conservatory. He noted how important it is to the health of Canadian institutions to work with organisations such as WSSA who can facilitate the establishment of partnerships with US universities. University of Calgary Chancellor Joanne Cuthbertson hosted a reception at which various of the university's programs with an international focus were highlighted.

WSSA Executive Director Larry Gould viewed the Calgary conference as the "most spectacular in the history of the organisation". 🍁

*ACSUS wishes to recognize Pam Johnson, Cultural/Academic Relations Officer, Canadian Consulate General Los Angeles for assistance with this report*



## LIFETIME MEMBER

# “My North American Epiphany: How Canada has Changed my Thinking about History”

By Fr. Thomas Murphy, S.J., Associate Professor of History, Seattle University

In August, 1996 I sought refuge from some heavy historical writing and theological studies in Berkeley, California by vacationing in Victoria, British Columbia. While there, I toured the provincial capitol building. Our group passed through a hallway in which large portraits of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip were hung. I heard another American tourist in my group ask the guide, “What are they doing here? I thought the British monarchs were evicted from North America during the American Revolution.”

Overhearing this question produced an epiphany for me. It was then that I realized that one of the deepest

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social problems in the United States is that we Americans have so little sense of ourselves as inhabiting a continent larger than our own nation. This issue is the key to American struggles in the greater world overseas. I do not believe that we can be global citizens unless we are also neighborly ones.

At the time I was writing a doctoral dissertation on the history of Jesuit slaveholding in the state of Maryland. After my visit to Victoria, my thinking about slavery was greatly enriched through attentive study of Canada’s role as a

haven for refugees from America’s “peculiar institution.” Once my dissertation was finished, I began to study in particular the role of American slave refugees on Vancouver Island during the years just before the U.S. Civil War. I also made a point to visit Nova Scotia and study its own role in the complex fate of slaves who fought on the British side against the United States in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

In 1999, I joined the history department at Seattle University. One reason that I took the job was the proximity of Seattle to Canada. My department soon asked me to take on the teaching of our Pacific Northwest courses. One of the first changes I introduced into the sequence was to add coverage of British Columbia to the traditional focus on the American states of the region. Involvement in the enrichment programs of the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium has allowed me to see how the environmental and demographic issues of my adopted region are led closer to solution through the sharing of cross-border insights.

As my interest in Canada developed, I got to know the Canadian Consulate in Seattle and its superb education officer, Kevin Cook. In July of 2001, I became one of the participants in the premier Alberta Institute, a 10 day immersion for academics in the culture of that province. It was great to meet so many political, business and cultural leaders there. Both the memory and the importance of the institute

spoke eloquently to me just a few weeks later when Canada’s generous response to the 9/11 crisis in the United States reinforced the importance to my own country of Canada’s friendship. I shall always be grateful to Kevin and the other staff that helped him to develop the institute concept, and urge young academics in particular to take advantage of what are now rotating annual programs in Alberta and British Columbia. The chance to mix with living Canadians, rather than simply read the manuscripts of long-dead ones, was for me a valuable break from the hush of archival centers.

In 2005 my thinking about Canada took another step when my religious order, the Jesuits, invited me to spend eight months in Australia. There I had many chances to compare and contrast the developments of Canada and Australia as Commonwealth nations. Growing up in Boston, Massachusetts with its many reminders of the American Revolution, I had imbibed a worldview that assumed freedom is won through revolutions. Viewing Canada and Australia in comparative form, I realized freedom can also evolve. It is achievable either way but the evolution that has occurred in Canada is just as impressive as the revolutions of American independence and civil war. Slavery ended peacefully in Canada and violently in the United States. Surely this contrast has something to say in a world that now, after

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# ANNOUNCEMENT OF A CONFERENCE PROJECT

*(Subject to funding availability: To be confirmed by June 15, 2007) until July 15, 2007 and adjudication results issued by August 15, 2007. All completed conference papers will be reviewed and published in our Working Papers Series commencing November 25, 2007.*

## **BORDER REGIONS IN TRANSITION - BRIT IX** **North American and European Border Regions in Comparative Perspective:** **Markets, States, Border Communities and Security** **January 12 - 15, 2008 • Victoria, BC/Bellingham, WA** *(Transportation between the two venues will be provided)*

Co-hosted by the School of Public Administration, University of Victoria and the  
Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University



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In the 1990s, almost all border-related research was focused on how borders are open. However, the 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington awakened considerable scholarly interest in the state of borderlands and, in particular, the impact of border security policies on the openness of borders and borderlands.

The proposed interdisciplinary conference is based on the assumption that systematic comparative analysis of European and North American scholarship on borderlands and border security is necessary to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current state of affairs and to write effective public policy. The primary goal of this conference, therefore, is to bring together the best scholarship produced around the world, particularly among European and North American scholars currently researching borders, border regions and the impact of border security policies on borderland and border regions.

The conference will bring together about 120 international scholars who

have been researching borderlands and border security issues since the implementation of security regimes on borders around the world. The meeting is conceived as a unique occasion for those scholars to discuss the current implications of the new security measures on borders, border regions, borderland culture, economic transactions, transportation systems, and particularly the border security regimes of both the EU and NAFTA. Specifically, the conference will allow for a systematic discussion and comparison of the impact of security on borderlands, border culture, local border politics, transportation policies, economic regions spanning borders and border security policies on the European Union's external borders and the three North American borders of NAFTA members Canada, Mexico and the United States, with additional perspectives from Africa, Asia, the Middle East and South America. We are expecting scholars from all over the world.

All papers presented at the conference will be published as part of the

Working Papers Series of the University of Victoria's Local Government Institute and posted on the web pages of both the Local Government Institute (University of Victoria) and the Border Policy Research Institute (Western Washington University). Furthermore, all plenary sessions will be videotaped and posted online. These resources will be available to students and researchers with an interest in borders.

Finally, the best papers will be submitted for publication in special editions of either the *Journal of Borderland Studies* (JBS) or *Geopolitics*. In addition, due to the more general significance of the topic of the impact of border security on borderlands, the proceedings of this workshop will be published as an edited volume with a scholarly press, possibly University of Ottawa Press or University of Calgary Press. Drs. Alper (WWU) and Brunet-Jailly (UVic), with the support of the JBS and Geopolitics editors, will take the lead on this initiative.

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If you wish to participate, please send by email a one-page summary of your proposed paper, (please no more than two paper proposals per conference participant) together with a brief CV to both program chairs, Dr. Don Alper (Don.Alper@wwu.edu) and Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly (ebrunetj@uvic.ca). Proposals for panels of related papers are also welcome. Panels should be composed of four related papers, and, if possible, a chairperson and a discussant.

If you wish to volunteer as a panel chair or discussant, please send a CV and an indication of your area of expertise to both Dr. Alper and Dr. Brunet-Jailly.

We are encouraging graduate students, particularly doctoral and post-doctoral students, to submit paper proposals. Subject to availability of funding (to be confirmed by the end of June 2007) BRIT IX will award free conference fees and up to 50% of travel expenses for selected paper givers. Preference will be given to graduate students and postdoctoral students. Payment, at the discretion of BRIT IX will be made only on presentation of the original tickets, and receipts of boarding passes.

The electronic version of your conference paper will have to be submitted to the BRIT IX secretariat at [brit2008@uvic.ca](mailto:brit2008@uvic.ca) by November 25, 2007. All papers should include a cover page indicating clearly the conference name BRIT IX, the date of presentation, and the name of the author, institutional affiliation and detailed contact information. (this was mentioned earlier)

The following are suggestions of general subject areas from which to select specific topics:

- Theories and Conceptualizations of "Bordering"
- Alternative Geopolitics and Regional Co-operation
- Geopolitics, Borders and

Identity Politics

- States and Border Security Policies
- Redefining Security in a Multi-polar World
- Comparing North American and European Border Security Regimes/Models
- Trade, Economic Integration and Border Security
- Corridors and Gateways and Border Security
- Comparing Southern and Northern Borders in Europe and America
- The Emergence of Border Regions in Comparative Perspectives
- Neighboring Country Policies: Cooperation?
- Immigration and Borderland Communities
- Immigration and Border Security Policies
- The Development of Trans-boundary Civil Society
- Border Communities and Political Clout
- Women in Borderlands
- Borderlands and Immigration Flows
- Borders and Market Forces
- Borders, Natural Resources and Transnational Governance
- Trans-boundary Environmental Policy Issues
- Ethnic, Cultural and Religious Boundaries
- Trans-boundary Water Issues
- New Directions in Border Studies

## THE CONFERENCE IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY JUNE 15, 2007

*Once confirmed, a deadline of July 15, 2007 for the submission of paper proposals will be announced. All applicants will be informed of the adjudication results during the month of August 2007.*

The e-mail address of the conference secretariat is [brit2008@uvic.ca](mailto:brit2008@uvic.ca) and the BRIT IX conference web site will be at [http://publicad-min.uvic.ca/brit\\_ix/index.htm](http://publicad-min.uvic.ca/brit_ix/index.htm). 🍁

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## "My North American Epiphany: How Canada has Changed my Thinking about History"

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9/11, debates whether freedom can be contagious or universal.

Currently I am on a two-quarter research sabbatical and have been researching and writing on the 1859 Pig War, a boundary dispute along the Washington State-British Columbia boundary in the mid-nineteenth century. This struggle was concluded through patient years of negotiation rather than military force, an outcome which shows an instance in which both the United States and Canada chose

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*Viewing Canada and Australia in comparative form, I realized freedom can also evolve.*

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the evolutionary course as the wiser one under the circumstances. I doubt many Americans are aware that Canada has had this kind of influence upon their culture, and I aim to make this insight more widely known in the States.

Alan Bennett's recent play and film, *The History Boys*, considers the issue of whether the teaching of history is relativistic by nature or capable of achieving an objective grasp of the past. I believe that the latter is the case, but that no objective history of North America is possible without understanding of BOTH the United States and Canada, their separate developments, and their perception of the other. It is this conviction that led me to become a lifetime member of ACSUS. I hope to share my historical thinking with you for many years to come. 🍁



# Drew Fagan

*Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Planning*

**A**CSUS plans to enlist the participation of a number of Canadian government officials at our biennial conference in Toronto in November 2007. We are particularly pleased that a senior level DFAIT representative has accepted to take part in the five day conference.

As Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Planning, at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, Drew Fagan is responsible for policy planning, public diplomacy, consultations with the provinces and territories on international policy and the department's economics functions. Appointed in July 2006, Mr. Fagan draws from an extensive background in journalism which included 20 years at *The Globe and Mail*, Canada's leading newspaper. Mr. Fagan held many of the newspaper's senior positions, including Parliamentary Bureau Chief in Ottawa, Editorial Page Editor and columnist, Foreign Editor and Associate Editor of

*Report on Business*, which is Canada's primary source for business news.

He travelled widely as a correspondent for the newspaper. While based in Washington from 1993 to 1997, he was responsible for the newspaper's coverage of Mexico and the implementation of NAFTA.

Mr. Fagan is responsible for the Canadian Studies program at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. Under his leadership, a stepped-up review of the program is underway with a view to align it more closely to government of Canada priorities. In his view, the partnerships formed between Canadian and U.S. universities play a key role in promoting Canada-U.S. relations. Teaching, research, exchanges and dialogue about Canada at U.S. institutions are an essential part of this dynamic relationship. Mr. Fagan further notes that ACSUS provides an important forum for discussion and exchange of ideas on topical issues affecting the Canada-U.S. relationship.

# Fund for the Arts 2007 Grant Recipients

- Clinton Community College to support a visit by a professional musician to present the culture of Quebec and Ontario through popular music
- Lehman College/CUNY to support a visit by critic and author Régine Robin for a workshop and lecture
- Michigan State University to support an artists-in-residence program for the upcoming 2007-2008 season to help integrate actors and staff of the Stratford Festival of Canada into the academic life of students and faculty at MSU
- Old Dominion University to help promote a Quebecois-focused event as a featured part of an ODU Film Festival
- UB Center For The Arts to support a presentation of [bjm\_danse]
- University of California, Irvine to support a Computational Poetics Residency
- University of Michigan-Flint in support of Lyrically Living History: French-Canadian Folkloric Traditions
- Western Michigan University in support of the Francophone Film Festival of Kalamazoo
- Baruch College CUNY in support of a film presentation, "Dany LaFerrière, two films from Montreal to Haiti and Back"

## Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education

**T**he program promotes a student-centered, North American dimension to education and training in a wide range of academic and professional disciplines that complement existing forms of bilateral and trilateral exchange programs among Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Consortia are funded for four years with the first year of funding dedicated to establishing consortium agreements or memoranda of understanding among institutions in the participating countries. Details: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/fipsenortham/index.html>

# FOCUS ON QUÉBEC

## Québec Summer Seminar in Montréal and Québec City: Celebrate Québec

On June 17-22, 2007, The Institute on Québec Studies at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh will offer the Québec Summer Seminar in Montréal and Québec City: Celebrate Québec, an examination of Québec's accomplishments, involvement with and commitment to engagement with the international community. This seminar is a unique opportunity for U.S. and worldwide academics who are interested and focused on Québec to meet with and hear from leading specialists on one of the most dynamic communities in North America. The program will include:

- a current profile of Québec society, politics, business and culture
- a comprehensive review of the most contemporary multidisciplinary scholarship on Québec
- presentations by leading Québec academics and government officials
- a wealth of Québec networking resource contacts, in academic and government circles
- a profile of professional development opportunities—publishing, grants, conferences, and exchanges

The Quebec Summer Seminar (QSS) is the flagship program in the United States for professors of Quebec Studies seeking a deeper appreciation of contemporary Quebec. The QSS, a week-long experience convened in Quebec, is purposely designed to offer participants a holistic approach to the study of Quebec that incorporates historical, cultural, social, economic, com-



mercial and political perspectives.

In July 2006, the 27th Quebec Summer Seminar, entitled: Quebec in the College Classroom: A Curriculum Development and Research Seminar, was held in Plattsburgh and Montreal. Offered specifically for SUNY professors and administrators interested in including Quebec in their curriculum, the 2006 Quebec Summer Seminar focused on Cinema, Quebec and La Francophonie, Literature, History, and Politics.

Established in 2004, The Institute on Québec Studies, State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, serves as the gateway institution for the promotion of Québec Studies in the United States. The Institute is committed to the visible development, expansion, and dissemination of Québec Studies among academic, business and government constituents.

## The Future of Québec Studies in the United States: Enriching a Vibrant Community

In October 2006, the Institute of Québec Studies, SUNY Plattsburgh, in association with The American Council

for Québec Studies, Association internationale des études québécoises, and the Ministry of International Relations, Government of Québec organized a symposium at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs on "The Future of Québec Studies in the United States: Enriching a Vibrant Community."

## SUNY Plattsburgh Announces Québec Studies Minor

Following the Distinguished Québec Address, Madame Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Québec's Minister of International Relations and Minister responsible for La Francophonie, joined SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettl in launching the new minor in Québec Studies on February 5, 2007. The first of its kind at a U.S. college or university, the minor is being offered through Plattsburgh State University's Institute on Québec Studies and Center for the Study of Canada. Multidisciplinary in nature, the Québec Studies minor includes courses on Québec politics, the French language, borderland and migration history, as well as the option for students to pursue an internship and independent study. Dr. Mark P. Richard, Associate Director of the Institute, serves as the advisor for students in the minor.

## Québec Studies Program

In order to promote a better understanding of Québec in the United States, the Ministère des Relations internationales du Québec (MRI) has established a financial assistance program in Québec studies for the benefit

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of professors/researchers at American institutions of higher education.

The MRI is particularly interested in projects that focus on Québec economics, politics, culture and society, as well as on Québec-U.S. relations.

The Québec Studies Program (QSP) has four components: grants for professors and researchers, matching grants for libraries, grants for program enhancement, and grants for guest speakers and writers from Québec. The importance of the program will depend on the annual availability of financial resources.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.mri.gouv.qc.ca/USA/en/qsp/studies/index.html>

## Laval University Summer Business School 2007

The third Summer Business School program is taking place May 19th to June 9th on the Laval campus in Québec City. The program consists of lectures in appropriate topics relating to North American commerce and trade, visits to industry, government and cultural points of interest.

The Université Laval Summer Business School program has set a goal of introducing students to international trade using the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) as a canvas. The cradle of French civilization in North America, Québec City offers insights into cultural, institutional and geographical differences that make international business challenging for future managers.

During a three week period, students will learn about the historical, political, social and economic factors that have shaped Canada's trade policies; and how those factors impact trade in other North American coun-

tries. Classes will be taught using the multilateral business exchange context as a framework. For more details, visit: <http://english.fsa.ulaval.ca/sgc/internationalstudents/summerbschool>

## McGill Quebec Studies Summer Institute



A 5 week intensive course is taking place May 29 to June 29 in Montreal. The Institute offers an extraordinary opportunity to learn French and discover Québec's vibrant culture in the largest French city in North-America. Through a multidisciplinary historical approach, the course brings together

leading scholars in anthropology, archeology, history, political science, and literary studies as well as cultural figures, opinion makers, and public intellectuals. It is an integrated course in French language and Québec history taught by cutting-edge specialists in second language instruction and socio-cultural history. Some of the key themes to be discussed include, The Quiet Revolution;

Québec Literature: a historical perspective; French-Native Alliances and interdependence; Religion and identity; Québec's North; Québec Cinema. For more details, visit: <http://www.mcgill.ca/summer/special/quebecstudies/>

## CRILCQ Postdoctoral Awards

The Centre de recherche interuniversitaire sur la littérature et la culture québécoises (CRILCQ) offers a \$20,000 research grant for a doctoral thesis on Québec. Award covers cost of staying at the CRILCQ-Université de Montréal. Deadline: May 31, 2007. See: [http://www.crilcq.org/bourses/b\\_postdoc\\_crilcq\\_montreal.asp](http://www.crilcq.org/bourses/b_postdoc_crilcq_montreal.asp) 🍁

# Call-for-Papers: Norteamerica - A Journal of North American Studies

**T**he editors invite submissions for the next issue of this biannual, trilingual scholarly journal which contributes to the study and reflection of the political, economic, social and cultural situation of North America. Deadline is May 25. Contact: Dr. James T. McHugh, [mchugh@american.edu](mailto:mchugh@american.edu) <mailto:mchugh@american.edu>

# Canadian Leadership Orientation


In 2005, the Association of Canadian Studies in the U.S. (ACSUS) and School of Management at the University of Ottawa, in cooperation with Foreign Affairs Canada, HEC Montreal, and the Canadian Embassy in Washington initiated a week long program for MBA students from leading U.S. Business Schools.

Each year, twenty students from top MBA programs from across the United States are selected to participate in this experience. The program involves high level briefings by Canadian political and business leaders and company visits in both Ottawa and Montreal.



The Canadian Leadership Orientation Program for US MBA students is designed to familiarize the next generation of American business leaders with Canada, the United States' largest trading partner. The program involves panel sessions and briefings on Canada's eco-








nomie, industrial structure and financial market structure, the U.S. market and investment strategies of Canadian companies and Canadian market and investment strategies of U.S. companies in Canada, Canadian business practices and Canada-U.S. political and trade relations. It also involves visits to a number of leading Canadian corporations and U.S. subsidiaries.

The program is by invitation. This year's program will take place during the week of June 3 in Ottawa and Montreal. The 2007 program is available here: <http://www.telfer.uottawa.ca/content/category/27/118/153/> 

## Toronto, Ontario, Canada: Exemplar for the 21st Century

ACSUS 19th Biennial Conference  
Toronto, November 14-18, 2007

**Recognizing the diversity, dynamism, and progressive attitude of Canada, its cities and provinces**

-  Invited and confirmed speakers include Ambassadors, Ministers, and major literary figures
-  Five day program features more than 100 panels, roundtables, and plenary sessions including:
  -  Government of Canada plenary luncheon
  -  Government of Quebec plenary reception
  -  Ontario and Alberta plenary events
  -  Plenary featuring Alice Munro
  -  Water In The 21st Century: Forum on Public Policy & the Management of Canada's Most Important Natural Resource



# University of Washington Global Business Center Study Tour

UW's Global Business Center Study Tour was held for the first time ever in Canada 15-19 February 2007. The trip was inspired by the full-length study tours that take students all over the world. This Study Tour introduced UW MBA students to colleagues at the Simon Fraser and University of British Columbia School of Business; the Vancouver Aquarium and Art Gallery; the Vancouver Olympic Committee; the City of Vancouver; the U.S. Consulate; Vancouver author, Lance Berolowitz; the Pacific Culinary Institute; Rivera Design - designer of the 2010 Olympic Logo and; the Canadian Export Center and Port Authority. The students were particularly impressed by Vancouver's preparations for the 2010 Winter Olympics, and by the sustainable business practices in effect throughout the city. The MBAs also met with and talked investing with the directors of investment and corporate banking at CIBC World. The primary goals of the tour were achieved as the students cultivated greater ties with the Vancouver Business community and fostered a better understanding of the culture of this great Canadian city.

Thanks to the excellent leadership of Saara Romu (ACSUS MBA Seminar participant '06) and Vanessa Brewster, the Tour was a marked success serving 14 UW MBA students. It is the goal of the Center and Global Business Center to make this opportunity an annual one for UW's MBA students. UW wishes to recognize Dr. Periwal for his involvement in this tour and as part of his Fulbright Chair activities. For more details, visit: <http://jsis.washington.edu/canada/> 🍁



## Shape North America's future!

The Triumvirate is a unique parliamentary exercise that annually brings together a hundred university students, from Canada, Mexico and the United States, in order to simulate, during five days, a parliamentary meeting between North American national and sub-national parliamentarians, joined by journalists and lobbyists. This year, the event took place in Washington D.C. in the Inter-American Development Bank and American University, from the 20th to the 25th of May, 2007. The simulation offers participants a unique opportunity to live an experience rich in apprenticeship, emotions and outcomes. During the event, students participate as a legislator, journalist or lobbyist. The week's work takes place in plenary sessions, political commissions, caucus and even in the corridors!

Each day a conference speaker from the political, economic or academic milieu will interact with participants on one of the event's themes. In May 2007, the themes debated was the creation of a customs union, water management, human trafficking and telecommunications. For more details, visit: <http://www.fina-nafi.org/eng/triumvirat07/>.

# The University of Ottawa School of Management Begins New Chapter with \$25 Million Gift

The University of Ottawa announced today that Ian Telfer, Chairman of Goldcorp Inc., has pledged a \$25-million naming gift to the University of Ottawa School of Management.

This is the largest gift in University of Ottawa history, the most generous donation ever granted in the National Capital Region and the biggest private gift ever made to name a Canadian business school.

The school will be named in honour of Mr. Telfer who is a School of Management alumnus (MBA 1976) and distinguished Canadian business leader.

“The reason I am so proud to support the School of Management at the University of Ottawa is because I have experienced first hand the positive impact the School can have on the lives of its alumni. Over 30 years ago the School of Management made an investment in me – now it’s my turn to return the favour and make an investment in the School” said Mr. Telfer.

Mr. Telfer’s gift will be used to enhance the School of Management’s programs and visibility—with more than 80 percent of the amount invested in endowments that support programs, students, faculty and other top priorities.

Dean Micheál J. Kelly, who has guided the School of Management since 2000, expressed pride in this accomplishment and optimism for the future, “The realization of this and other ambitions does not signify the

end of our efforts; it marks the beginning of a new chapter for the School of Management. As I look to the future, I am confident that our school will continue to be ambitious and aggressive; we will remain committed to enhancing student experiences and ensuring faculty excellence; and we will continue to encourage our students, faculty, staff and alumni to be proud ambassadors of the Telfer School of Management”.

Later this year, the Telfer School of Management will move into the new Desmarais Building, named as a result of a generous gift from the Desmarais family. This new facility contains state-

of-the-art classrooms, case rooms, student space, and event and research facilities, capping off a watershed year for the University of Ottawa’s School of Management.

“We are very fortunate to have secured a gift of this magnitude from a notable alumnus and recognized business leader who has expressed a desire to engage with us in a meaningful and visible manner. This gift represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the University of Ottawa School of Management to maintain our momentum and realization of our ambitions”, commented Dean Kelly. 🍁

## Thomas O. Enders Symposium

### *The State of the Canada - U.S. Relationship*

Every two years, the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) and the Wilson Center’s Canada Institute produce a special issue of *The American Review of Canadian Studies* (ARCS) on the state of the relationship between Canada and the United States. The issue is dedicated to the memory of Thomas O. Enders, the late U.S. Ambassador to Canada. Authors presented papers on a variety of topics in Canada-U.S. relations during the biennial Thomas O. Enders symposium held at the Woodrow Wilson Center, December 14-15, 2006—a partnership between the Canada Institute and ACSUS. The special ARCS edition will be published as the Spring 2007 issue (Volume 37, No. 1). Full details on the conference can be found here: <http://acsus.org/display.cfm?id=342>



# DFAIT Report on Canadian Studies: A New Approach

Dear Canadianist friends,

The Canadian Studies Program as we know it has been in existence for more than 30 years and is quite successful. However, it has now to take into account the evolution of the academic, governmental and social environments. You realized that also to the point where the Canadianist community, through the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) launched a broad consultation on the program and its components last May.

Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) also considers that there is room for improvement and is undergoing a review of all its academic relations programs. As we move forward in revamping DFAIT's academic relations program, we want to ensure we are working closely with all the stakeholders so the program will be better adapted to governmental priorities and Canadianists' needs.

A review of the Program is therefore under way and is directed towards a more strategic and targeted approach to Canadian Studies as part of Canada's overall approach to public diplomacy and international education. This program must be aligned to government and department priorities, building on synergies with other activities such as education marketing, youth mobility and scholarships.

We have already consulted our colleagues in the Department in Ottawa as well as those in Canadian missions who work on the program and we now want to submit to you the aspects of

this consultation in order to get your opinion even if we have already spoken to some of you and were able to realize that our approach was similar to the one you may envisage. As you probably know, on May 24, 2007, in Edmonton, at the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the ICCS, there will be a forum on the future of Canadian Studies and we would like to take that opportunity to gather your suggestions regarding this new approach. It is therefore of the outmost importance that you send your comments to the president of your association soon enough to leave her/him enough time to let us know your views even if some of you have already been consulted by our colleagues abroad. After that forum we will finalize the architecture of the new program. As the process is not yet completed, we cannot go in too much detail but in an attempt to give you as much information as possible to make your own opinion, we have prepared the following.

## A NEW APPROACH

The new approach, while continuing to respect academic freedom, should be better targeted to support activities (teaching, conferences, seminars, research, etc.) in areas of policy relevance to Canada and supportive of regional strategies. The Canadian Government has identified some priorities that will be taken into account when allocating resources through the various components of the program. That does not mean that fields not directly related to these priorities will be abandoned.

Priority Issues:

- Peace and Security;
- North America Partnership (including key Canada-US bilateral issues);
- Economic Development and Competitiveness;
- Democracy, rule of law, human rights;
- Managing Diversity;
- Environment.

Once again, those are priorities therefore it does not exclude other issues related to enhancing and promoting a better knowledge of Canada, its values and culture.

Essential to a real renewal of the program we consider there is a need for a more focused and results-oriented approach, including:

- several components to run on a competitive basis. It is already the case for awards as well as support for Canadian Studies centres in some countries. We would apply this practice more widely;
- in these competitions, in addition to academic merit, preference will be given to projects which relate to government priorities and country strategies;
- increased focus on youth and connecting the best and brightest to Canada;
- integrate education marketing, where

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possible, to Canadian Studies activities to leverage our investments and promote interest among foreign students to consider Canada as a study destination;

- promote institutional linkages and research collaboration on priority issues between Canadian and foreign institutions through innovative partnerships;
- better communicate program success in Canada as well as abroad;
- better measurement of results.

### Targeted Programming:

In addition to review existing program components, we are exploring the development of new ones (subject to available resources) to respond to priority issues, such as:

**A Thematic Conference Grant Program:** seeking a diversified participation by stakeholders including government representatives, NGOs, business sector, academics, students and Canadian experts. Such programs could be adapted to each region aiming to address important and timely issues about Canada, its relationship with a country or region, and its international affairs. Support provided would be designed to assist the organizing institution in holding the event and publishing the resulting papers and proceedings. Run on a competitive basis and offered throughout the world, assessment of proposals would include relevance to Canada-country/region relations, collaboration with Canadian partners, who is engaged (students, NGO's, general public, local government representa-

tives, private sector, etc.);

**Graduate Student Debates,** perhaps organized in parallel with regional conferences: Within the framework of the above mentioned thematic conferences, or the statutory conference of an association, a panel could be devoted to graduate students for debating on issues of interest related to priorities issues. Proposal would be distinct from the annual grant requests and would be evaluated in light of the topic to be debated, qualification of participants, expected audience, etc.;

**A Graduate Students Research Award Program:** to assist full-time graduate students at degree-granting institutions of higher education, whose dissertations are related in substantial part to Canada. Those awards would help them to undertake doctoral research in Canada. This program is already offered in some countries but we would extend it in region of strategic interest. Candidates would be evaluated by academics, first on the basis of academic merit, then taking into account the priorities of the Canadian Government and strategic objectives.;

**Canadian Academic Leadership Program:** based on a regional approach, this program would send top notch Canadian academics and researchers, and/or current or potential leaders in government, politics and the media to different regions of the world to speak on topics relevant to foreign policy objectives. Events would be organized in collaboration with local universities and other high profile organizations that would promote the event and secure a targeted audience. The program would be competitive and available everywhere in the world. Evaluation of proposals would take into account partnership with academia, business and/or civil society (including

cost-sharing), linkages to regional/country strategies and Canadian foreign policy, multi country or regional partnerships, target audience(s), anticipated media coverage;

Broadening the reach of Canadian Studies activities by supporting foreign institutions in developing programs that encourage student mobility (exchanges, study tours, internships to Canada, scholarships, etc.). We think about implementing a program that would allow foreign students registered in Canadian Studies programs to complete their education in Canadian Studies programs offered by Canadian institutions. We also think about implementing an internship program where the Canadian intern working abroad would devote part of his/her time to education marketing (where there are no CECN offices), and youth programs;

A fund for innovative strategic projects that relate to international education activities. Even if this component would be more directed to our Canadian missions abroad, it would imply that the missions get into a partnership with a local organization. The fund would support specific projects closely linked to country strategies, especially at the regional level.

Your views are crucial to this exercise. The above-described approach is our vision on how the program could be looking, taking into account the various elements we need to consider at the governmental level and our willingness to continue to count on programs proven successful.

Thank you in advance for your help. 🍁

Jean Labrie  
Deputy Director, International Education and Youth Division (PCE)  
DFAIT

# ACSUS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



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## Alberta-California Energy Conference

On March 9, 2007, the Canadian Studies Program and International & Area Studies at the University of California at Berkeley brought together academic, government, and industry leaders from Alberta and California to consider the promises and problems of Alberta's vast untapped energy reserves. The goals of the conference were:

- To provide an overview of Alberta's huge conventional and unconventional energy resources
- To consider some of the potential cultural, social, and environmental challenges arising from increased development
- To explore energy choices and alternatives faced by Albertans and Californians alike
- Schedule and Participants

The keynote speaker was Michal Moore, Senior Fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Energy, Environment and Economy (ISEEE), University of Calgary, and former Commissioner with the California Energy Commission. Conference sponsors included the Government of Canada with the support of Consul General Marc LePage, Consulate General of Canada, San Francisco/Silicon Valley, and TransCanada Pipelines. To view the program, visit: <http://www.ias.berkeley.edu/canada/energyconf.html> 🍁

# MWACS Conference

**O**n 15-17 February 2007, the Midwest Association for Canadian Studies conference brought forty academics and two dozen local K-12 teachers to the Intercontinental Hotel in Kansas City for three days of presentations ranging from teaching about First Nations to Canada-US trade, networking and relationship building. The biennial event experienced an increase in participation from the last conference and a renewed sense of energy among the attendees. The success of this conference has led to the planning of a 2008 seminar on creating an online Canadian Studies degree between a consortium of Midwestern universities.

The MWACS biennial conference was last held in 2004 in Omaha, Nebraska and was attended by 30 people. At the Association for Canadian Studies in the US conference in St. Louis (2005), a small number of academics volunteered to reconvene the organization and work towards holding a future conference. Kenneth Holland (Associate Provost, Kansas State University) and James Endersby (Chair - Canadian Studies Working Group, University of Missouri at Columbia) took lead responsibility to plan and execute a conference in winter 2007.

Assisted with a regional conference grant from DFAIT, this year's MWACS conference attracted 40 academics from twelve US states and Canada to share research, discuss collaborative opportunities with regard to Canadian Studies, and network among colleagues working on the US-Canada relationship or Canadian topics. The two-day program included eleven panels with topics ranging from the


Canada-US economic relationship, public policy issues, Canadian political behavior and values, Quebec literature and distance learning. Four plenary speakers were featured, including Patrick James (Director - School for International Studies, University of Southern California); Ted Morton (Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, Alberta Legislature); and Michel Lafleur (Quebec Delegation - Chicago).

The conference was attended by Ashley Johnson and Colleen Duke, Academic Relations Officers at the Canadian Consulates General Houston and Chicago respectively. The Chicago post supported a Friday evening dinner reception at the conference hotel. The event was well-attended, allowing time for the conference participants to engage one another in a comfortable environment following the day's full schedule of panel presentations.

Prior to the main MWACS conference, a one-day workshop for K-12

teachers was held, offering instruction and resources on teaching Canada in the classroom. Conceived and held by Kansas State education staff, the workshop was a tremendous success and would be a worthwhile addition to future programs.

Despite the organization's challenges in past years due to the vast geography of members, the success of MWACS 2007 conference demonstrated new vitality and the organization's interest in new directions to increase interests in Canadian studies. In particular, the distance learning presentation offered exciting opportunities for a collaborative degree program between Canadian and U.S.-based universities. This will be the subject of a seminar program that MWACS is planning for winter 2008.

Participation at MWACS showed a significant increase since 2004. 

*ACSUS wishes to recognize Colleen Duke and Ashley Johnson for significant contributions to this article.*

## Canada Exposed

**T**he ICCS is pleased to announce that its next conference will be held in Ottawa in May 2008, again in collaboration with the Universities of Ottawa and Carleton. Proposals for 20 minute papers, to be presented in either English or French, are invited from any single disciplinary or multidisciplinary perspective on the theme of Canada Exposed / Le Canada a decouvert. Deadline: June 30, 2007. Enquiries and proposals should be sent to the Academic Committee, ICCS 2008 Conference, International Council for Canadian Studies, 250 City Centre, S-303, Ottawa, ON, CANADA. E-mail: gleclair@iccs-ciec.ca; tel: 613-789-7834; fax: 613-789-7830.

# CROSSING BORDERS / ISSUES & RESOLUTIONS

**8** Canadian students and 8 American students representing 12 universities gathered in Seattle on March 15 and travelled to the US - Canada Peace Arch border crossing for presentations from CBSA and USCBP. The presentations provided an introduction to the roles, responsibilities and organization of the respective border agencies with an emphasis on changes post 9-11. Border security, NEXUS, FAST, WHTI, commercial processing, the arming of CBSA officers and the close working relationship between CBSA and USCBP took center stage.

The students gathered under the Peace Arch for a group photo before proceeding to the Pac Highway commercial crossing for tours of the US NEXUS and FAST lanes. They observed truckers being processed thru the FAST lane, x-ray and VACIS systems. On the Canadian side they visited the commercial processing offices and observed rigs being unloaded for inspection.

Western Washington University in Bellingham co-hosted a Welcome Dinner for the students. Provost A Bodman welcomed the students to the home of the Border Policy Research Institute and US Consul General Lewis Lukens (Vancouver BC) served as the guest speaker. Lukens spoke of the close relationship shared by the US and Canada. Questions from the students elicited comments on Lukens tours and assignments with the US Foreign Service and his experiences in Iraq.

The new downtown Seattle Public

Library was the venue for the day long Crossing Borders Student Debates on 16 March. The debates consisted of four 90 minute panels. Each panel was composed of two teams. Each team had one American and one Canadian student. The students gave an 8 minute presentation on the history and current position of their respective country. Each team then presented their resolution / solution for their issue. The moderator, judges and audience were then invited to challenge and question the students. PERPA Manager K Blanchette gave words of greeting before each panel, shared news of Canada Month in Washington and introduced the moderators.

The panels addressed: 1) The Northwest Passage: International or Sovereign waters? 2) Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Should Oil Drilling Be Allowed? 3) Prescription Drugs: Should the cross border sale of prescription drugs be permitted? 4) Canada-US Border: Should Canada and the US adopt a perimeter clearance system with a common visa-waiver program? Should passports be required of Canadians and Americans to cross the common border? If not, what documents should be required?

Each panel was moderated by a specialist. 1) Michael Robinson-Dorn, Professor of Law and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic, University of Washington. 2) Dr David Secord, Director of the Program on the Environment, School of Marine Affairs, University of Washington. 3) Dr Mark Oberle, Associate Dean of the School

of Public Health & Community Medicine, University of Washington. Dr Sukumar Periwal, Canada-US Fulbright Chair, University of Washington - on leave from British Columbia's Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Former US Senator Slade Gorton served as the Chief Justice. In addition to his 18 years in the US Senate, he served as WA Attorney General and most recently served on the US 9-11 Commission. Senator Gorton was joined by former WA State Senator and PNWER founder / past President Alan Bluechel and World Affairs Council President Ian Moncaster. Senator Gorton asked probing and challenging questions of each student. In regards to the border and WHTI requirements, he noted that all 19 of the 9-11 hijackers had passports and visas - and asked each student if they felt the WHTI passport requirement would secure the border. At the conclusion of the debates, Senator Gorton gathered the students for a group photo; applauded their involvement, work, research, preparation and presentations; and shared a number of public speaking recommendations. All of the judges and moderators shared a private lunch with the students.

Awards Reception and Dinner at the College Club of Seattle. Canadian Consul General Peter Lloyd spoke of the many cross border initiatives taking place in the region and challenged the students to remain engaged as they move into their chosen professions and careers. He too spoke of his career path and experi-

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## CROSSING BORDERS / ISSUES & RESOLUTIONS

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ence with Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He invited the students to share their thoughts and experiences of the past two days. A number expressed how much they had learned, how privileged they felt to have been selected and how many new friendships had been made.

\$7,000 was contributed to the Canada America Society Scholarship Fund for awarding to the winning teams. One team from each panel was selected and the students shared a \$1000 (\$500 each) scholarship. From amongst those four winning teams a Grand Winner was selected and that team shared an additional \$3000 (\$1500 each) scholarship. Chris Gallop from the University of Alberta (Edmonton) and Ivo Dimitrov from Willamette University (Salem, OR) were selected as the Grand Winners and each received a total of \$2000 in scholarships. Dimitrov stated that he is a member of Willamette's Debate Team

and has competed all around the United States and this experience was truly unique and unlike any of the other competitions he has been part of.

The Canadian Consulate General Seattle was the principal organizer and supporter of *Crossing Borders*. Promotional partners were the Canada America Society and World Affairs Council. The Seattle Westin served as host hotel. The Western Washington University Foundation and Canadian Studies Centre at the University of Washington served as co-hosts of the Welcome Dinner and Awards Dinner, respectively. Scholarship contributors included K&L Gates law firm, Davis Wright Tremain law firm, Chang & Boos law firm, The Gallatin Group, the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, Ryan Swanson & Cleveland law firm, the Canada America Society Scholarship Fund, Lane Powell law firm and Whitman College. ❁

*ACSUS is grateful to Kevin Cook, Political, Economic & Academic Officer, Consulate General Canada Seattle for this report.*

## Canadian Studies Grant Program

The Canadian Embassy, Washington, DC announces the 2007-08 Canadian Studies Grant Program which aims to enhance and sustain the study of Canada and Canada-U.S. relations; to encourage research, exchanges, teaching, student mobility and dialogue; and to foster collaboration between researchers in the U.S. and Canada.

Of particular interest are projects with policy relevance for Canada and Canada-U.S. relations. Topics highly relevant to Canada-U.S. relations include smart and secure borders;

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North American economic competitiveness; regulatory cooperation; Canada-U.S. trade and investment partnership; energy security and sustainability; environmental sustainability; emergency planning and management; Canada-U.S. security and defense cooperation; Canada in Afghanistan; global health policy; and changing demographics in North America.

For 2007/8 guidelines and a full listing of projects supported by a Canadian Studies Grant in 2006/7, please visit: <http://geo.international.gc.ca/can-am/washington/studies/grantguide-en.asp>

For inquiries, please email [academicrelations@canadianembassy.org](mailto:academicrelations@canadianembassy.org) or call 202-682-7727. ❁

## Theodore C. Blegen Award

Named for Theodore Blegen, one of the founders of the Forest History Society, the Blegen award consists of a \$500 cash award and a plaque. Editors of scholarly journals in the fields of forest and conservation history annually submit up to two articles from their publications for award consideration. An award subcommittee of the FHS board evaluates submissions and select the article that best exemplifies (1) contribution to new knowledge, (2) strength of scholarship, and (3) clarity and grace of presentation. For details, visit: <http://www.foresthistory.org/index.html>.

# News from Brigham Young University


**D**uring the academic year, BYU hosted the main Palmer Distinguished Lecturer in Canadian Studies, Ambassador Michael Wilson, who spoke on challenges and opportunities in the evolving Canada-U.S. relationship. BYU Professor Earl Fry accompanied Ambassador Wilson to a breakfast meeting with Utah Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr.

Governor Huntsman led a delegation to Toronto April 23—25 on a Bio-Partnering Mission bringing Utah companies together with Canadian counterparts. The trade mission is being coordinated with the Canadian

Consulate in Denver and will focus on the Life Sciences. Utah has a strong economic cluster of leading companies in biotechnology research, personalized medicine and medical devices.

During the spring, BYU hosted Alberta Minister Greg Melchin as the Palmer Distinguished Lecturer on energy challenges facing Canada and the United States. Professor Wesley Wark of the University of Toronto also visited recently to talk on the issue of espionage in international relations.

BYU's Canadian Club hosted two events for students interested in Canada, a Canadian Thanksgiving

and an Easter feast. Gary Bryner, Professor of Political Science received a Canadian Studies grant to do research this summer in Alberta and the Northwest Territories on energy and environmental issues. Earl Fry also made a presentation on the evolution of federalism at the Forum on Federations in Ottawa and one on Quebec-U.S. relations at the biennial conference of the American Council of Quebec Studies held in Boston. Yvon LeBras, chair of French and Italian, also delivered a presentation on francophone literature at the Quebec Studies meeting in Boston. 

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## Fulbright-Enders Visiting Research Chair in Canada-U.S. Relations

**Grant Activity:** Conduct research, develop collaborative relationships and guest lecture at the graduate or undergraduate level. A scholarly paper on the Fellow's research activities will be submitted to the American Review of Canadian Studies (ARCS) for consideration in the biennial Thomas O. Enders Issue on the State of the Canada-United States Relationship.


**Specialization(s):** Canada and Canadian-U.S. relations with a particular focus on energy and natural resources, trade and economic policy, and provincial economic development

**Additional Qualifications:** Junior scholars with promising research records as well as established senior scholars are encouraged to apply.

**Length of Grant:** 4 months or 9 months

**Starting Date:** September 2008 for academic-year grants; September 2008 or January 2009 for one-semester grants

The 2008/9 Chair is a joint appointment at the University of Montreal and McGill University. This opportunity emerges from a partnership between the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program, the Thomas Enders family and the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS). The Visiting Research Chair advances scholarship on Canada-U.S. relations including energy and natural resources, trade and economic policy, and provincial economic development. Applicants are strongly advised to link research

project proposals to one of these themes within the context of the bilateral relationship. Thomas Enders was a U.S. statesman whose life, work, and service, in particular as U.S. ambassador to Canada and Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, strengthened the political and economic links as well as the friendship between the U.S. and Canada. Deadline is August 1, 2007. For more information, please visit [www.acsus.org](http://www.acsus.org) or [www.fulbright.ca](http://www.fulbright.ca) or call ACSUS at 202.223.9005. 

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# ACSUS PROGRAM DEADLINES

## Donner Medal

The Donner Medal will be awarded during the Awards Luncheon at the ACSUS Biennial Conference in Toronto in November 2007. The Medal is awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the field of Canadian Studies in the United States in at least one or the following categories: teaching, scholarship, administration, service. Submission deadline is July 1, 2007. Full details available here:

<http://acsus.org/display.cfm?id=274&Sub=306>

## Distinguished Dissertation Award

The Distinguished Dissertation Award is awarded to the best dissertation in the field of Canadian studies. The next award, in the sum of \$500 will be presented at the Toronto Biennial Conference in November 2007. Submission deadline is July 1, 2007. Please note that all dissertations must be submitted electronically to [info@acsus.org](mailto:info@acsus.org). Full details available here:

<http://acsus.org/display.cfm?id=274&Sub=309>

## Rufus Z. Smith Prize

ACSUS announces the 2007 competition for the Rufus Z. Smith Prize for outstanding article in ARCS during the biennium. The competition begins with articles appearing in the Fall 2005 issue of ARCS (Volume 35: No. 3). A certificate and prize of \$250 is awarded to the recipient. The next award will be presented at the Toronto Biennial Conference in November 2007. Deadline

for recommendations is July 1, 2007. Full details here: <http://acsus.org/display.cfm?id=274&Sub=315>

## Jeanne Kissner Award

The Jeanne Kissner Undergraduate Essay Award will recognize an undergraduate essay that presents a scholarly exploration of any Canadian studies theme. Deadline for submissions is July 1, 2007. Full details here: <http://acsus.org/display.cfm?id=274&Sub=337>

## ACSUS Votes 2007

ACSUS elects officers and members of the Executive Council at two-year intervals by ballot. The ACSUS Committee on Nominations and Elections is Chair: George Sulzner, University of Massa-

chusetts Amherst; Howard Cody, University of Maine; Nadine Fabbri, University of Washington; Heather Nicol, State University of West Georgia; Robert Thacker, St. Lawrence University. The ballot will be emailed to all 2007 ACSUS members by June 1. Each candidate has been nominated in accordance with ACSUS by-laws. Nominees for the positions of Vice President are exceptional candidates who have served previously on the Executive Council. The women and men nominated for the Executive Council all have accomplishments and experience in Canadian studies. Together they represent a broad disciplinary coverage in Canadian studies, and show an extensive regional distribution of affiliations throughout the United States. 🍁

## Testimonials



*"The Canadian Embassy's Graduate Student Fellowship was an invaluable resource for completing the field research portion of my dissertation. Without the Embassy's help, costs associated with travel and data collection would have been close to prohibitive."*

Sharon Ann Manna, Department of Political Science  
State University of New York at Buffalo

*"The fellowship allowed me to spend a relatively brief period of concentrated archival and interview research in Ontario and Quebec. Most significantly, the interviews allowed me to construct one of the first accounts of the politics of the 1998 reform of the Canada and Quebec Pension plans—a reform of major significance for the sustainability of Canada's retirement security arrangements, and of major cross-national, comparative interest."*

Alan Jacobs, Department of Government  
Harvard University

# ACSUS Announces first issue of OCCASIONAL PAPERS ON PUBLIC POLICY SERIES

**A**CSUS is pleased to announce the publication of *Canadian Cannabis: Marijuana as an Irritant/Problem in Canada-US Relations* by Paul Gecelovsky, Department of Political Science, University of Lethbridge.

*In a recent survey of the Canada-US relationship. Munroe Eagles noted that the "popular impression" for many Americans was that Canadians were "out of step with their more conservative neighbor to the south" (Eagles 2006, 821).*

*John Herd Thompson*


*made a similar claim in his review of the bilateral relationship over the 1994-2003 period, writing that Canadians are perceived by some Americans as being "left wing wimps" (Thompson 2003, 17). One area in which Canada may be regarded as out of step with the*

*US and Canadians as left wing wimps is the issue of marijuana. There are real and noticeable differences between Canada and the US in the way each side deals with the issue of marijuana. In the following pages, the paper examines the marijuana issue in*

*terms of the growing volume of the drug being smuggled into the US from Canada, the increased potency of the strains of marijuana grown in Canada, and the differences in judicial deterrents adopted to penalize possession and cultivation. This is followed by a look at a couple of possibilities that have the potential to transform the marijuana irritant into the marijuana problem in Canada-US relations.*

To read the full article, please visit [www.acsus.org](http://www.acsus.org).

Occasional Papers should be 4-8 pages in length and focus on cross-border relations between Canada and the United States, or on policies in one of these countries with implications for the other. The electronic, peer-

reviewed series is multi-disciplinary. Submission from all fields of policy inquiry are welcome. Submit electronically to Professor Michael Lusztig, Department of Political Science, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 75275; [mlusztig@smu.edu](mailto:mlusztig@smu.edu) <mailto:mlusztig@smu.edu> 

## Niagara International Moot Court Competition - The Case Concerning The Maple Princess

**T**he Canada-United States Law Institute administers the Niagara International Moot Court Competition, an international law moot that draws fifteen to thirty teams from law schools in Canada and the United States. Participating teams address a hypothetical dispute affecting the bi-lateral relationship before the international Court of Justice. The Institute recruits teams, promulgates rules, establishes deadlines, approves the problem, and settles disputes. A host school selected by the Institute bears responsibility for drafting the problem and hosting the event. The Institute provides financial support to the host school and the problem's author.

The Case Western Reserve University School of Law hosted the 2006-2007 Niagara International Moot Court Competition, Canada (applicant) vs. The United States of America: The Case Concerning *The Maple Princess*, on March 22-24, 2007 at its Cleveland, Ohio campus.

2006/7 Niagara Cup Competition Winner was Team 19, the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. The Niagara Cup Runner Up was Team 6, American University Washington College of Law. For more details, visit: <http://www.cusli.org/niagara/index.html>.


## 2007 Canada-U.S. Youth Forum

**O**n May 12-19, 2007, The Canada-U.S. Youth Forum hosted a meeting in Ottawa of Canadian and American university students for a one-week intensive study of all aspects of the bilateral relationship. The Forum allowed students a chance to interact with government leaders, diplomats, and foreign policy experts. Students also experience international affairs through interactive activities such as debates and simulations. Participants tested their skills of diplomacy while deliberating corporate governance, immigration, joint security, intelligence, environment, defence, border and trade issues.

Student participants are eligible to receive accreditation for university credit through the University of Ottawa.

The Foundation for the Study of Processes of Government in Canada is a non-profit registered charitable organization founded in 1975. Its goal is to foster an understanding among young Canadians of the role and function of Canada's government, while promoting awareness of the meaning of Canadian citizenship. The Foundation's programs include the Forum for Young Canadians, the Forum Teachers' Conference, and the Canada-U.S. Youth Forum.


The Foundation's programs all serve to foster leadership skills in

young Canadians. Participants are given opportunities to learn about governance, democracy, and citizenship; they meet with influential figures in Canadian public life, while getting to know other young people with interests similar to their own. The Foundation's programs are distinctive in that they provide young Canadians from different geographical regions and from various social and ethnic groups with the opportunity to meet, interact, and exchange ideas and experiences. Educated and aware young leaders will be central to any efforts to improve the quality of life for new generations of Canadians. 

## North American Center for Transborder Studies

**T**he North American Center for Transborder Studies (NACTS) is a trilateral initiative established in 2005 through the collaboration of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the Institute for Social Science Research and the President's Office of Pan-American Initiatives at Arizona State University. The center connects local communities, governmental officials and public sector agencies to academic research institutions in an effort to produce holistic data and provide greater understanding of border issues across disciplines. Achieving one of NACTS startup goals, the center has developed a strong and vibrant partnership with institutions in both Mexico and Canada. Today these partnerships

include the Colegio de la Frontera (Colef) Tijuana, Baja California, México Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Cd. de México, D.F., México University of Alberta Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and York University Toronto, Ontario, Canada. While located geographically in North America and emphasizing partnerships among Canada, Mexico, and the U.S.A., NACTS recognizes and encourages a global or transnational view of borders. NACTS brings together research faculty from Canada, the United States and Mexico, to collaborate with local communities, governmental officials and public sector agencies to provide quantitative and qualitative data and multiple perspec-

tives for greater understanding of border issues in North America. The center supports the efforts of scholars whose work contributes to the development of innovative theory, public policy, and practices related to border issues. A primary goal is to provide significant information and research analyses to both the public and relevant policymaking bodies in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, regarding the unique challenges associated with border regions. NACTS aims to have an impact on global considerations of border issues by contributing a uniquely collaborative North American research-based perspective. For more details, visit: <http://www.asu.edu/clas/nacts/> 

# The International Council for Canadian Studies Summer Seminar

CCS in partnership with the Institute of Canadian Studies, University of Ottawa and Carleton University's School of Canadian Studies, will offer a five-day, multidisciplinary international summer seminar in Ottawa, to be held August 13-17, 2007. The seminar combines oral presentations by academics, practitioners and leading figures from the realm of politics, public policy or the arts, followed by question/discussion periods. The days are organized thematically on topics ranging from politics, aboriginal issues, multiculturalism, literature and the

arts. The late afternoons and early evenings are spent visiting cultural or historical sites or attending cultural or social events. For more details, visit: [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages14\\_ICC-Sprogs/e\\_seminar.html](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages14_ICC-Sprogs/e_seminar.html) 🍁



# NAFTA and the North American Business Environment



American University's Center for North American Studies and the Kogod School of Business will hold a ten day summer program for MBA Students, June 17-29, 2007 in Washington, DC for 25 business managers and students from Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The program will focus on business strategies in the new

North America and the interface between government and business in Washington. The intensive program is designed to meet the needs of business students interested in the issues and players in the emerging North American economy.

For more information, contact Anthony Elmo at (202) 885-1535 or [anthony.elmo@american.edu](mailto:anthony.elmo@american.edu) 🍁

## Bridgewater State College Launches Historic Killam Professorship

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Massachusetts Atlantic Canada Association (SEMACA), Dr. Cicerone knew firsthand that local interest in all-things-Canadian was considerable.

"This professorship is symbolic of the rich relationship between Bridgewater State College, Southeastern Massachusetts and Canada," said Dr. Cicerone. "It also reflects an important first for this institution."

His comments were echoed by Mr. Neil Le Blanc, Canadian Consul General to New England. "I'm a firm believer that better understanding between our two countries is beneficial to both," said Mr. Le Blanc. "Thanks to this program, many young people will have their horizons broadened."

Mr. Fred Clark, '83, first vice-chair of the BSC Foundation, called the new professorship "history-making news," and added, "We're very, very proud of the program and the many different students who have and will continue to benefit from it."

In recognizing the contributions of the benefactors, Mr. Louis Ricciardi, '81, chair of the college's Board of Trustees, said, "Today, we give our thanks to you. Tomorrow, it will be our students and the citizens of Southeastern Massachusetts who will thank you."

The day's celebration was capped off by the visit of Mr. Frank McKenna, deputy chair of TD Bank Financial Group, former Canadian Ambassador to the United States and former premier of the province of New Brunswick. Mr. McKenna delivered the eighth Distinguished Canadian Annual Address, a public lecture sponsored by TD Banknorth. 🍁

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