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## Thomas O. Enders Fellowship

ACSUS is pleased to announce the formal establishment of the Thomas O. Enders Fellowship program. The Thomas O. Enders Endowment was established as a separate, permanently restricted endowment of The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) to encourage advanced scholarship on Canada and Canadian-U.S. relations with the goal of increasing mutual understanding between the United States and Canada on diverse bilateral issues.

Tom 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 United States and Canada.

The Endowment is intended to fund an annual award of up to \$30,000 for up to nine months to support research on some aspect of Canadian studies or Canada-U.S. relations. The University of Calgary has been selected to serve as the Host Institution for the Thomas O. Enders Fellow for the 1999-2000 academic year. ACSUS hopes to offer in the near future a joint Thomas O. Enders Fellowship program with l'Université de Montréal and McGill University.

The fellowship award may be made to a doctoral student enrolled in the graduate program of a university in the United States to conduct research on a dissertation or a project which would form the basis for a dissertation at the appropriate point in the student's academic study.

The award also may be made to a senior scholar whose work will advance the Canada-U.S. relationship. Post-doctoral candidates, able professionals in government or the diplomatic service, and scholars at research institutions also are encouraged to apply. Recipients of the fellowship must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Applicants should submit to ACSUS a proposal of less than ten pages outlining the nature of their research project, a concise letter indicating their reasons for seeking a Thomas O. Enders Fellowship, a budget of anticipated expenses, and a curriculum vitae. Applicants also should arrange for two letters of recommendation to be sent directly to ACSUS.

All application materials are to be submitted to ACSUS by October 31, 1998. Send to ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105. For inquiries, please call (202) 393-2580, fax (202) 393-2582, or e-mail <acsus@nicom.com>.

## Notes from the National Office

With our second ACSUS-in-Canada Colloquium behind us, we have now turned our attention to the next biennial in Pittsburgh in November 1999.

First, though, I'd like to say what a wonderful event we had in Halifax at the end of June—very interesting discussions across the disciplines on what it means to be “modern,” and, as I suspected would happen, a cross-disciplinary debate on the term “modern” itself. Inside this newsletter you'll find a summary of the Colloquium. ACSUS devised the Colloquium as a small meeting where a single topic can be explored from various disciplinary vantage points. Halifax was a solid package! I hope you can join us for the next Colloquium sometime in the year

2000; let us know if you have suggestions on topics.

Back to Pittsburgh. I went to Pittsburgh earlier this year to do some pre-planning for the 1999 conference and what a surprising city it is! If you come in from the airport, you'll see why Pittsburgh is known as a city with an entrance: coming out of the tunnel puts you on a bridge overlooking the Golden Triangle and the city—it's wonderful! There is quite a selection of outstanding museums, including the Carnegie museums in Oakland, the Frick Art and Historical Center, and the relatively new Warhol Museum on the North Side. Pittsburgh's rich ethnic heritage is evident in the wide selection of restaurants and markets.

I'm aware of mumbling among some members saying “Why did you pick Pittsburgh for the ACSUS conference?” Well... Pittsburgh is a very reasonably priced city, it is easily accessible by air, it has a vibrant downtown, and it possesses a remarkable history as a trading post in the exploration of French and British North America. Pittsburgh is a true “renaissance city”—no longer the steel town of old, though its industrial heritage provided wealth that built an extraordinary cultural base and some architectural gems. Now, greater Pittsburgh is on a major north-south trade route to Canada (I-79); its hilly location at the confluence of the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela Rivers is spectacular, especially

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# ACSUS News

## ACSUS-in-Canada Colloquium

ACSUS held its second biennial *ACSUS-in-Canada Colloquium* June 26-27, 1998 at the Prince George Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The theme for the two day meeting was "InCanada://Modern at the Margin." What is considered "modern" in Canada (and sometimes about Canada) has often been defined by various dominant centers of cultural, economic, intellectual, political, social, and sexual power. The Colloquium investigated how cultures, regions, economies, politics, and groups perceived to be "marginal" in Canada are defining and rethinking what it means to be modern in new and distinctive ways.

The Colloquium, designed to allow scholars and practitioners from a variety of disciplines to meet in Canada and discuss a clearly defined theme in an intimate setting, drew over 70 attendees. Keynote speakers included Michael MacDonald of the Greater Halifax Partnership, who discussed partnerships between business, government, and academic communities in the Halifax region, and Wendy Lill, M.P. and playwright, who spoke about her experiences as a new M.P. and the value of culture in society. The highlight of the Colloquium for many was Kuumbafest, a gala celebration of African Nova Scotian Culture featuring art, music, and poetry at the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia.

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seen from the funiculars which are used as public transportation in the city.

Because of the abundance of bridges in the city, ACSUS is promoting a theme of "Bridges" for the 1999 Biennial. This theme is not meant to be restrictive but rather is meant to entice people to think about the multidisciplinary nature of Canadian studies in a new way. The Call for Proposals, listed here in *Update*, was mailed to all ACSUS members earlier in the fall.

### ACSUS '01

Planning ahead, ACSUS has just selected San Antonio, Texas, as the site of the 2001 ACSUS Biennial. We will meet at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, at the heart of the River Walk (Paseo del Rio) and only a few blocks from the Alamo. The city, warm in hospitality and warm in November, should be an exciting place for our first conference of the new millennium.

### Membership Survey

ACSUS had a preliminary membership survey conducted on its behalf earlier this year. Several members were contacted by telephone to determine satisfaction of membership in the Association and what ACSUS could deliver in addition to its current offerings. A more extensive survey will be conducted later by e-mail; your quick responses would be most helpful as we tailor our benefits to help you get the most out of your membership in ACSUS.

Meanwhile, please contact me if you have any suggestions on ACSUS membership, its conferences, its publications, or any other service. We need your input!

### Elections

In January we will issue a call for nominations for the 1999 elections which will select a new president, vice president, and four councillors

for the term 1999-2003. Please consider service to ACSUS and contact a current member of the Executive Council or me if you have questions about what is involved in being a member of the ACSUS "Board of Directors."

### Other Programs

Announcements for the 1999-2000 Thomas O. Enders Fellowship have been mailed to ACSUS members in the U.S. The deadline for the 1998-99 Publication Subvention program is January 1. And the next ACSUS Distinguished Dissertation Award will be presented in Pittsburgh; students who will complete the PhD between September 1997 and August 1999 are eligible. Full details about these and other ACSUS programs are available at the web site or from the Secretariat.

David N. Biette, Executive Director

# ACSUS News

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ACSUS would like to thank Leonard Preyra of Saint Mary's University for serving as on-site coordinator for the Colloquium. ACSUS also would like to thank the following sponsors who helped make this year's Colloquium possible: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture, Greater Halifax Partnership, Saint Mary's University, Nova Scotia Petroleum Directorate, *Atlantic Progress Magazine*, the New England Canada Business Council, and the National Consortium on Teaching Canada.

The final program for the Colloquium can be found at the ACSUS Web site: <<http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu/acsus/aconfind.htm>>. The next *ACSUS-in-Canada Colloquium* will be held in Calgary or vicinity on a yet-to-be determined theme in the year 2000. Please send suggestions to ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105; Tel: (202) 393-2580; Fax: (202) 393-2582; e-mail: <[acsus@nicom.com](mailto:acsus@nicom.com)>; Web: <<http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu>>.

## Indigenous Peoples Issues Circle

A new study group of ACSUS was formed at the 1997 Biennial Conference in Minneapolis. The Indigenous Peoples Issues Circle (IPIC) exists to promote interest in areas of Canadian studies relating to and concerning the indigenous peoples of Canada. It seeks to foster the sharing of expertise, knowledge, and experiences between all interested parties, especially indigenous peoples, academics, and government agencies. It is committed to furthering interdisciplinary teaching and research as an appropriate means of incorporating indigenous peoples and issues, including those that transcend national boundaries, into all areas of Canadian studies. It strives to develop methodologies and perspectives which are culturally sensitive and appropriate, and hopes to encourage a more informed awareness and understanding of past, present, and future aspects of the experience of indigenous peoples.

ACSUS invites all scholars with an interest in indigenous peoples and issues to join the IPIC. For further information, please contact Phil Bellfy, Department of American Thought and Language, 262 Bessey Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1033; Tel: (517) 355-4666; Fax: (517) 353-5250; e-mail: <[bellfyph@pilot.msu.edu](mailto:bellfyph@pilot.msu.edu)>; or Karen N. Rogers, Department of History, Tacoma Community College, 6501 S. 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466; Tel: (253) 566-5000; e-mail: <[knrogers@aol.com](mailto:knrogers@aol.com)>.

## THOMAS O. ENDERS ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED

The ACSUS Executive Council has approved the following resolution formally establishing the Thomas O. Enders Endowment:

### WHEREAS,

Tom 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 United States and Canada; and

### WHEREAS,

Tom Enders' family, in particular his wife, Gaetana Enders and his children, his friends and colleagues, as well as the members of the Executive Council of ACSUS, in particular its former President and Director of Development, Peter Karl Kresl, wish to honor his life work and accomplishments by endowing ACSUS with funds in the name of Tom Enders to support the Association's mission of supporting research, scholarship, discussion, and publication of ideas and information concerning Canadian studies and Canada-U.S. relations; and,

### WHEREAS,

the ACSUS Executive Council is honored and appreciative to establish, receive, and administer an endowment fund in the name of such an important figure in Canadian-U.S. relations as Tom Enders for the purpose of supporting the ACSUS mission of research and scholarship about Canadian studies and Canada-U.S. relations; and,

### WHEREAS,

the ACSUS Executive Council wishes to obtain guidance and suggestions in the application and administration of such an endowment fund from the Enders family, from geographically diverse representatives of Canada, from a U.S. academic, and from ACSUS leaders;

### BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT,

The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) create *The Thomas O. Enders Endowment* as a separate, permanently restricted endowment of ACSUS, to encourage advanced scholarship on Canada and Canadian-U.S. relations with the goal of increasing mutual understanding between the United States and Canada on diverse bilateral issues.

## Mildred Schwartz To Be First Enders Fellow

The Thomas O. Enders Endowment has selected Mildred A. Schwartz, Professor of Sociology and Political Science at the University of Illinois at Chicago, to be the first recipient of the Thomas O. Enders Fellowship for the 1998-99 academic year.

Professor Schwartz will hold the Thomas O. Enders Chair in Canada-U.S. Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences of The University of Calgary and has been appointed a visiting professor. In addition to her research, she will give several public lectures to be known as the Thomas O. Enders Lectures.

Professor Schwartz's major ongoing research focuses on continuity and change in political protest movements and parties in western Canada and the United States.

She is currently working on a book examining the strategies used by these movements and parties to sustain themselves in the face of external and internal pressures that might lead to their disintegration. At Calgary she will be working to complete the book.

A second project Schwartz will expand upon at The University of Calgary concerns how NAFTA has stimulated the formation of transnational ties among groups, including groups initially opposed as well as supportive of the trade agreement. Most recently, she presented a paper at the International Sociological Association world congress in Montreal entitled, "Political Parties and NGOs in the NAFTA Debates: Creating Cross-Border Ties."

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# Canadian Politics on the World Wide Web

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by Stephen H. Ullman, Department of Political Science, SUNY Brockport

Mrs. Foss, my fifth-grade teacher, first piqued my interest in Canada when she assigned me “the Maritime Provinces” as the topic of a major class report. Ever the ardent correspondent, I contacted all three provinces’ tourism bureaus which subsequently inundated me with innumerable maps, pamphlets, and view books. For two or three years I kept these materials in a paper bag which I religiously carted back and forth from my home in Belmont, Massachusetts, to my grandfather’s apple farm in Antrim, New Hampshire .

In 1969 Professor William Flanigan of the University of Minnesota’s Department of Political Science launched me on a more systematic study of Canadian politics. Another member of the Department had rejected my request that he supervise my comparative research on Canadian and American patterns of political socialization because he believed (wrongly, it turns out) that there just were not differences in the way young Americans and Canadians develop their psychological orientations toward the political system. Professor Flanigan thought otherwise and agreed to become my dissertation adviser—a decision for which I will be eternally grateful.

I spent January and February of 1970 collecting data on the political socialization of Cape Breton’s racially diverse young people. While gathering data in and around Sydney, Nova Scotia, I immersed myself in CBC radio and television, the *Cape Breton Post*, the *Halifax Chronicle-Herald*, and occasionally a *Montreal Gazette* or *Toronto Globe and Mail*. In August, 1970, my wife Marcia and I moved to Brockport, New York, approximately 140 road miles and seventy air miles from the CN Tower. I soon started monitoring Canadian politics over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation’s Radio 740 (the former CBL and the current Radio One)—a pattern I have continued for the ensuing twenty-seven years. With the aid of rabbit ears, I also discovered that I could watch the CBC’s Channel 5 and CTV’s Channel 9 out of Toronto and the CBC’s Channel 12 and Radio Canada’s Channel 44 broadcasting from Peterborough. These television stations have permitted me to witness the march of events in Canadian politics from the October 1970 FLQ crisis to the 1997 Ontario teachers’ strikes.

Yet, despite my access to all manner of

radio and television data sources, I found myself increasingly in need of extended print accounts of contemporary episodes in Canadian politics and government. At least during the 1970s and early 1980s, print sources were readily accessible and, even for a college professor, affordable. In the mid-1970s a subscription to the *Globe and Mail* cost just about as much as the lamentable Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle* (known locally and quite appropriately as the D and C). Moreover, the *Globe* would arrive in my mailbox the day after publication. I also subscribed to *Hansard*, the daily verbatim account of events in the House of Commons for only \$5 per session. Unfortunately, about fifteen years ago the subscription fee for *Hansard* skyrocketed as did a mail subscription to the *Globe*, even for Americans living less than three hours away from Toronto. To add insult to economic injury, the daily editions of the *Globe* started arriving four and five days after its publication date. Daily print accounts of Canadian politics had simply gotten too costly and inconvenient for this particular political scientist.

Now dependent on academic journals, books, and *Maclean’s* for my print information, I tried to importune various Foreign Affairs officials to provide ACSUS members with subsidized subscriptions to Canada’s national newspapers, but with no luck. This failure to develop an affordable, practicable conduit to written accounts of contemporary Canadian politics and government was especially disappointing given the status of Canadian politics as a research field within the American discipline of Political Science. To be brutally frank, a research specialty in Canadian politics is not calculated to bring fame and fortune to the newly minted Ph.D. My guess is that the vast majority of American political scientists who specialize in Canadian politics do so because of their sheer fascination with the subject matter. So when my access to print coverage of Canadian politics dwindled, I became, for the first time in my career, somewhat discouraged about teaching and researching Canadian politics.

And then about two years ago I got involved with the Internet and especially with the World Wide Web. I discovered an astonishing array of Web-based sources of information which my students and I now utilize to great advantage.

Let me first direct present and future Web users to “Canadiana—the Resource

Page” <<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/Unofficial/Canadiana/>> (case-sensitive address), a giant collection of hyperlinks which take the researcher to a myriad of useful sites. For instance, students and professors interested in radio accounts of Canadian politics might consult the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation page <<http://www.radio.cbc.ca/>> where they can listen to RealAudio® versions of the latest editions of “World Report,” “The World at Six,” “The World This Weekend,” and, my personal favorite, “The House” hosted by Jason Moscovitz.

If one night you miss Peter Mansbridge on CBC Television’s “The National” <<http://www.tv.cbc.ca/national/pgminfo/transcripts.html>> you can read a transcript of that evening’s program through a link accessible from “Canadiana—the Resource Page.” Directly from “Canadiana—the Resource Page,” one also has access to “Newscan” <<http://www.cdnemb-washdc.org/newscan.html>>, a weekly summary of Canadian newspaper stories drawn from several Canadian press organizations and compiled by the Canadian Embassy staff in Washington. On “Newscan,” students will find hyperlinks to the *Ottawa Citizen* and the *Globe and Mail*. Furthermore, “Canadiana—the Resource Page” connects Web users to a page called “Canadian Publications Online” <<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/Unofficial/Canadiana/CA-zines.html>> (case sensitive address), a collection of hyperlinks to online versions of newspapers, popular magazines, regional magazines, trade newspapers and magazines, journals, and newsletters as well as exclusively online news services. Although some of these hyperlinks are dated, “Canadian Publications Online” nevertheless makes it possible for students to read newspapers from every province (and at least in the cases of New Brunswick, Quebec, and Ontario newspapers) in both official languages. Students will be able to sense Canada’s political diversity by perusing the *St. John’s Evening Telegram*, the *Halifax Herald*, Quebec City’s *Le Soleil*, and *Le Devoir* <<http://www.ledevoir.com/>>.

A second large, multiple-source data base devoted to Canada is “Yahoo! Canada” <<http://www.yahoo.ca/>>, a hierarchical listing of various sources of information on topics including arts and humanities, business and the economy, computers and the Internet, education, government (federal, provincial, and municipal), health, news and media,

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# Member Updates

## William Metcalfe Retires

William Metcalfe was honored by more than seventy Canadian studies colleagues at a retirement dinner held in Burlington, Vermont, on April 4, 1998.

Metcalfe retired after a career of 35 years, distinguished for its quality, variety, and service as teacher, scholar, editor, essayist, administrator, and musical impresario. During his tenure at the University of Vermont, he served as the Chair of the Department of Music from 1973 to 1978, Chair of the Department of History from 1980 to 1987, and provided continuous leadership to UVM's Canadian Studies Program from its inception in 1963, serving as Assistant Director from 1964 to 1985 and as Director from 1986 to 1997.

Metcalfe is a charter member of ACSUS (1971) and played a leading role in its maturation. From 1973 to 1990, he edited *The American Review of Canadian Studies*, which under his direction grew from a newsletter to become a respected quarterly journal. He served on several editorial boards, grant committees, and prize juries in the United States and Canada. He also served on numerous advisory bodies dealing with cultural affairs and was the editor of two widely used textbooks: *Understanding Canada: A Multidisciplinary Introduction to Canadian Studies* (1982) and *Northern Exposures: Scholarship on Canada in the United States* (1993). ACSUS honored Metcalfe in 1993 with the Donner Medal for lifetime achievement in promoting Canadian studies in the United States.

Metcalfe remains quite active in the world of music. He recently celebrated his 25th year with the Vermont Mozart Festival, an organization which he helped form, and continues to conduct several concerts each year.

## Jeanne Braun Leaves Consulate Post

Jeanne Braun has left her position as Academic and Cultural Affairs Officer at the Canadian Consulate General in Chicago to become of Manager of Membership and Membership Sales with the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau. ACSUS thanks Jeanne for her many years of service of promoting Canadian studies in the Midwest and wishes her the best of luck in her new position.

## George Elliott Clarke Receives Prestigious Award

Poet and playwright George Elliott Clarke was awarded the first-ever Portia White Prize. Administered by the Nova Scotia Arts Council,

the Portia White Award is one of Canada's richest arts awards and was presented to Clarke by Nova Scotia Premier Russell MacLellan. Clarke is an Assistant Professor of English at Duke University, and his works include *Whylah Falls* and *Deeper Blues*.

## Myrna Delson-Karan Honored

On May 5, 1998, at a reception in her honor at the French Embassy, Myrna Delson-Karan, Education Attaché at Québec Government House in New York City, was promoted to the rank of Commandeur dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques. In an award speech, Pierre Buhler, Cultural Counselor at the French Embassy, hailed Delson-Karan's "efforts to make Québec literature known throughout the world" and praised her as "one of the most respected and admired ambassadors of the French language." ACSUS congratulates Delson-Karan on this distinguished honor.

## David Rovinsky

David Rovinsky's "The Ascendancy of Western Canada in Canadian Policymaking," a Policy Paper on the Americas published by the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., has been the subject of numerous newspaper and journal articles in Western Canada since its release last spring. Since that time, Rovinsky has accepted a teaching position at Siena College in Albany, New York. For more information or to order "The Ascendancy of Western Canada in Canadian Policymaking," contact the Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1800 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006; Tel: (202) 887-0200; Fax: (202) 775-3199; e-mail: <books@csis.org>; Web: <http://www.csis.org>.

## Jennifer Gauthier Participates in ICCS Summer Seminar

Jennifer Gauthier, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Cultural Studies at George Mason University, took part in the annual week-long Summer Seminar in Canadian Studies sponsored by the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) in conjunction with Carleton University and the University of Ottawa.

According to Gauthier, "the seminar was great." Highlights of the week included a visit to Wilson House at Meech Lake, an address by Phil Fontaine, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, a briefing by Stéphane Dion, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, the day after the Supreme Court decision on Quebec's legal right to separate from Canada, and an

address by Mitchell Sharp, Advisor to the Prime Minister. The sessions were augmented by trips to The Museum of Civilization, the Museum of Art, and Parliament Hill. The week ended with a cocktail party and "graduation ceremony" at the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Affairs.

For information about participating in the ICCS Summer Seminar in Canadian Studies in 1999, please contact ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105; e-mail: <acsus@nicom.com>; Web: <http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu>; or ICCS, 325

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## New Members

ACSUS welcomes the following new members who have joined the Association in recent months:

**Robert B. Campbell**,  
Yale University (CT)

**Peter Thomas Davis**,  
University of Maine

**Laura Detre**, University of Maine

**David Eaton**, University of Texas

**Ron Elliott**, University College of  
Ripon & York St. John (UK)

**Jennifer L. Gauthier**,  
George Mason University (VA)

**Heidi J. Holder**,  
Central Michigan University

**Erin Hurley**,  
City College of New York  
Graduate School

**Scott Jones**, Wolcott, VT

**David L. King**,  
National Defense University (DC)

**Lawrence McAndrews**,  
St. Norbert College (WI)

**Michael H. Millar**,  
University of Northern Iowa

**Joseph Moore**,  
Mansfield University (PA)

**Edward A. Pasko**,  
Purdue University-Calumet (IN)

**Sarah Riegel**,  
Queen's University (ON)

**Timothy J. Rogus**, Government of  
Quebec Trade Office-Chicago (IL)

**Phil Tabakow**,  
Bridgewater State College (MA)

# Calls for Papers

## ACSUS '99

ACSUS invites proposals for its 15th Biennial Meeting to be held November 17-21, 1999 at The Westin William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. People interested in presenting papers or organizing panels on topics involving Canada, Canada-U.S. relations, and North America are encouraged to submit abstracts. Deadline for submissions is February 1, 1999.

Categories of proposals are as follows:

**PAPERS and POSTERS:** Papers and posters with a Canadian focus will be considered for inclusion in the program.

**PANELS and ROUNDTABLES:** Preorganized sessions are encouraged. Pre-organized paper panels should have three paper presenters, a chair, and a discussant. In most cases panel proposals will be either accepted or rejected in their entirety.

**WORKSHOPS:** Presentations concerned with discussing scholarship in specific fields, work currently in progress, or new approaches, techniques, technology, models, etc. will be considered for workshops. Open

discussion is especially encouraged. Only a limited number of workshops will be accepted.

**PLENARY SESSIONS and CURRENT ISSUES PRESENTATIONS:** We encourage suggestions from all ACSUS members as to appropriate topics and possible participants. Plenary sessions and special sessions on current issues will be organized by the Program Chair and the ACSUS Secretariat.

All proposals or papers, whether individual or part of a preorganized panel or roundtable, require abstracts. The abstract should be **200-400 words, typewritten, single-spaced**. Abstracts should include a statement of thesis or significance, methodology, and goals. All program participants must be current members of ACSUS.

In order to ensure high quality panels and presentations, all paper presenters must send a copy of their working papers to their chair, discussant, and the program chair by October 15, 1999. It is vital to the integrity of the panel and session that the paper be distributed on time. Papers do not need to be completed with footnotes and bibliography by that time, only a working paper is required. **PAPERS WHICH**

**ARE NOT DISTRIBUTED ON TIME MAY BE DROPPED FROM THE PROGRAM.**

Generally, 15 minutes will be allowed for each presentation. Chairs are responsible for strict adherence to this rule. The remainder of the time on the panel should be devoted to discussion among the panelists and the audience, moderated by the discussant.

Those desiring to serve as chair or discussant should inform ACSUS and indicate their field of interest and expertise, so that they can be placed on an appropriate panel. Assignments will be made if an appropriate non-preorganized panel is available.

Participants are strongly encouraged to send abstracts and proposals electronically to <acsus@nicom.com>. If this is not possible, abstracts must be submitted on proper forms. To request proposal forms or to pose any questions, please contact ACSUS '99, Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105; Tel: (202) 393-2580; Fax: (202) 393-2582.

## Southwest Association for Canadian Studies

The Southwest Association for Canadian Studies (SWACS) will hold its biennial meeting January 28-31, 1999 at the Holiday Inn Select in New Orleans, Louisiana. Abstracts for presentations (20-minute maximum) are invited from all disciplines related to Canadian studies, including history, economics, political science, literature, sociology, anthropology, business, and the arts.

In 1999 the state of Louisiana will be celebrating "Franco-Fête," a year-long celebration in honor of the 300th anniversary of the arrival of the French in Louisiana. Therefore, proposals are especially encouraged that explore the connections between French Canada and Louisiana. A special session on this theme will focus on urban vestiges of French America, the French-Canadian diaspora, and the French Canadian contribution to American history, geography, culture, music, and food. Speakers include Dean Louder (Université Laval), Bob Stebbins (University of Calgary), Barry Ancelet (University of Southwestern Louisiana), and Nick Spitzer (University of New Orleans).

The deadline for submissions is November 1, 1998. All abstracts (not to exceed 200 words) and inquiries should be sent to Robert Whelan, Associate Dean, College of Urban and

Public Affairs, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70148; Tel: (504) 286-6520; Fax: (504) 286-6272.

## Western Social Science Association

Canadianists are invited to submit proposals for papers or panels for the Canadian Studies Section of the 1999 Western Social Sciences Association (WSSA) Conference to be held April 21-24, 1999 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. The following information must be included in each proposal: title of presentation; name, affiliation, address, telephone, e-mail address, and fax number of author(s); and an abstract not exceeding 150 words. Submit proposals by November 1, 1998 or direct inquiries to Diddy Hitchins, WSSA/Canadian Section Program Chair, Canadian Studies, University of Alaska Anchorage, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508; Tel: (907) 786-4856; Fax: (907) 786-4647; e-mail: <afdhl1@uaa.alaska.edu>.

## British Association for Canadian Studies

The British Association for Canadian Studies (BACS) will hold its 1999 Annual Conference March 29-April 1, 1999 at Royal Holloway College London on the theme, "Fin de Siècle Canada." The phrase "fin de siècle" connotes images of social decadence and upheaval. This

conference poses the question whether Canada has experienced in the past "fin de siècle" anxieties and whether it is doing so now. As the century draws to a close, it is an appropriate time to take stock of the social, political and economic concerns that face Canadians. It is also appropriate to examine whether the "fin de siècle" anxieties faced in other parts of the Western World in the late nineteenth century had Canadian resonances.

All inquiries and abstracts of no more than 250 words on the above theme, or on the usual range of Canadian Studies topics, should be submitted no later than November 30, 1998 to the following address: Jodie Robson, Administrative Secretary, BACS, 21 George Square, Edinburgh, Scotland EH8 9LD; Fax: (+44) 131 662 1118; e-mail: <jodie.robson@ed.ac.uk>.

## The Colby Quarterly

The Colby Quarterly is seeking submissions on the following topic: "Postmodern Narratives/Telling Stories: Ironic Revisions of History and Subversions of Ideology." Articles may deal with non-English texts but must be written in English. Submissions should be sent to Jane Moss or Douglas Archibald, Colby College, Waterville, ME 04901 by February 1, 1999 for the September 1999 publication date.

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# Canadian Studies at Texas A&M University

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by Kelly Jett Murphrey, Associate Director,  
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The Canadian Studies Program in the Center for International Business Studies (CIBS) at Texas A&M University (TAMU) was founded in 1989 to promote deeper and broader understanding of Canadian culture, institutions, and commercial issues among TAMU business students, faculty, and the public. Given the enormity of Canada-U.S. trade, promoting awareness of and empathy for the Canadian people, their institutions, culture, and national issues becomes a truly important goal both for education and research in the United States, and especially in the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business at Texas A&M.

The Canadian Studies Program at TAMU has brought together the skills and interests of many professors, students, and people in business for the benefit of multiple audiences. TAMU's Canada-related research output has expanded significantly over the years, focusing on business and public policy issues of interest both to Canadians and Americans. The core educational program is supplemented by this research as well as the development of new international courses so that the students, enrolled in one of North America's largest business schools (6,300 undergraduate business students), are exposed to Canadian culture, institutions, and business opportunities. A&M faculty travel frequently to Canada and the campus regularly welcomes Canadian business and government leaders. Students participate regularly in the Concordia MBA International Case Competition. Twice a year, the Canadian Studies Program issues a call for new research proposals to all members of the faculty of the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business, thus promoting

new knowledge and understanding of Canada and its role in the world.

Each autumn the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business conducts an annual Canadian Business Day for its students and faculty. Executives currently working for Canadian multinational firms active in the Southwest region of the U.S. are invited to the TAMU campus to address international business classes and to meet with students. During these annual visits, Canadian business leaders have the opportunity to speak to between 300 and 500 graduate and undergraduate business students.

In recent years, the Canadian content of courses offered in the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business has increased significantly, thanks to the growing interest of TAMU faculty and students. The Canadian Studies program also has benefitted significantly from the assistance of the Canadian Government through its consulate in Dallas and Embassy in Washington, which have provided support for a growing collection of Canadian-published books, journals, and data sources. The bulk of the collection are shared in TAMU's main campus libraries: the Sterling C. Evans Library and the R. C. Barclay Reference and Retailing Resources Center, adjacent to the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business.

Two notable new courses have recently been offered at the graduate level dealing with Canadian and North American issues. The first, "Regional Integration in the Americas," a graduate course taught by Lorraine Eden, was first offered in Spring 1997 and is now cross-listed with course offerings of the Bush School of Government and Public Service. Eden's course is one of a handful of graduate course offerings in the United States containing in-depth international economic, political,

business, and cultural content on the North American regional integration process. In the spring of 1998, Texas A&M pioneered a trilateral graduate seminar on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) via interactive video teleconferencing. The course was taught simultaneously at Carleton University in Ottawa, the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City, and Texas A&M. Twenty students at each site had the opportunity to interact with each other, the three professors, and various invited speakers. For more information about the NAFTA course, visit <<http://mgmt.tamu.edu/mgmt.www/nafta/index.htm>>.

Texas A&M and the Southwest are fortunate by virtue of their location and an inherent philosophy which favors free and open dialogue and freedom for both ideas and markets. The university and the surrounding region are able to serve as an important conduit for the flow of Canadian products, technical know-how, and culture to the Southwest, Mexico, and Central and South America. Indeed, recent developments in Canada and neighboring countries to the South suggest there are even stronger prospects for rapid economic growth and development of Canadian-Southwestern linkages in the future which will benefit all of the Americas.

For more information on the Canadian Studies Program at the Lowry Mays College and Graduate School of Business at Texas A&M University, please contact Dr. Kelly Murphrey, Center for International Business Studies, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4116; Tel: (409) 845-1683; Fax: (409) 845-1710; E-mail: <[Kjett@tamu.edu](mailto:Kjett@tamu.edu)>; Web: <<http://cibs.tamu.edu/canada.htm>>.

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## Summary of Biennial Conference Evaluations

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The ACSUS staff along with a special Conference Committee consisting of Patrice LeClerc of St. Lawrence University, Elizabeth Elliot-Meisel of Creighton University, and Linda Di Biase of the University of Washington have had an opportunity to review the evaluations from the 14th ACSUS Biennial Conference held in Minneapolis. In general, response was very positive. Most people submitting evaluations agreed that the overall quality of papers presented in Minneapolis was higher than it had ever been at an ACSUS conference. As for the exchange of ideas, one respondent observed that "discussions following presentations were much more

lively than usual, as were networking opportunities between sessions."

Concern was expressed over trying to include too many participants in one individual session. More than one person suggested that three be the maximum number of paper presenters per session. The verbatim reading of papers also was frowned upon by many submitting evaluations. In addition to these criticisms, numerous chairs and discussants expressed frustration over not receiving copies of papers in advance of the conference. Finally, there were several calls to increase the diversity of the conference program.

In response to a survey about potential sites

for future biennial meetings, Minneapolis attendees indicated their preference for site that offers easy transportation access and is home to many cultural and historical attractions. Enough interest was expressed in possibly moving the conference to a date earlier in the fall that ACSUS will explore this option in planning for future biennial conferences.

If you have any suggestions concerning ways to improve the biennial conference, please let ACSUS know. Contact us at 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105; Tel: (202) 393-2580; Fax: (202) 393-2582; e-mail: <[acsus@nicom.com](mailto:acsus@nicom.com)>; Web: <<http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu>>.

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# Grants and Awards

## **1998-99 Canadian Studies Grant Programs**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, through the Canadian Embassy and Canadian Consulates General throughout the United States, administers a series of grant programs to promote Canadian studies in the United States. These programs are designed to increase knowledge and appreciation of Canada in the United States through the support of teaching, research, and program activities in a wide range of disciplines. A descriptions of programs whose deadlines have not passed follows below:

*Faculty Enrichment (Course Development) Program* provides faculty members with an opportunity to develop or redevelop a course with substantial Canadian content that will be offered as part of their regular teaching load. Deadline: October 31, 1998.

*Graduate Student Fellowship Program* offers doctoral students an opportunity to conduct part of their dissertation research in Canada. The program is intended for full-time students at accredited four-year colleges and universities and whose dissertations are related in substantial part to the study of Canada. Deadline: October 31, 1998.

*Matching Grant Program* provides matching support for Canadian studies programs and projects that receive funding from foundations or other funding institutions. Matching grants are usually provided on a one-to-four matching basis. No specific deadline applies.

For additional information, contact the Academic Relations Office, Canadian Embassy, 501 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001; Tel: (202) 682-7717; Fax: (202) 682-7791; e-mail: <daniel.abele@washdc02.x400.gc.ca>; Web: <<http://www.cdnemb-washdc.org/academic/academic.html>>.

## **Canadian Studies Program Enhancement and Conference Grant Programs Recipients**

The Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. is pleased to announce the grant recipients for the 1998-99 Canadian Studies Program Enhancement and Conference Grant Programs. The Canadian Studies Grants Programs are administered by the Government of Canada through the Canadian Embassy in cooperation with Canadian Consulates General throughout the United States.

Program Enhancement Grants encourage scholarly inquiry and multidisciplinary professional academic activities that will

contribute to the development and/or expansion of a Canadian Studies Program at American institutions. The grant is intended for four-year U.S. colleges and universities and research institutions. The following institutions have received support from the Canadian Studies Program Enhancement Program:

*University of Alaska Anchorage*, Canadian Studies Program, Diddy Hitchins, Director

*Boise State University* (Idaho), Canadian Studies Program, T. Virginia Cox, Director

*Bowling Green State University* (Ohio), Canadian Studies Center, Mark Kasoff, Director

*Bridgewater State College*, (Massachusetts), Canadian Studies Program, Anthony Cicerone, Director

*University of California, Berkeley*, Canadian Studies Program, Thomas Barnes and Nelson Grayburn, Directors

*Center for Strategic and International Studies* (Washington, D.C.), Canada Project, Christopher Sands, Research Associate

*University of Central Florida*, Canadian Studies Program, M. Elliot Vittes, Director

*University of Cincinnati*, Canadian Business Studies Program, Stephen Salter, Director

*Clarkson University* (New York), Canadian Studies Program, Jon Vilasuso, Director

*Eastern Connecticut State University*, Canadian Studies Program, Irene Glasser, Director

*Franklin College* (Indiana), Canadian Studies Program, William Bridges, Director

*Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies* (Washington, D.C.), Center of Canadian Studies, Charles Doran, Director

*Lehigh University* (Pennsylvania), Canadian Studies Institute, Judith McDonald, Director

*University of Maine, Orono*, Canadian-American Center, Stephen Hornsby, Director

*Mansfield University* (Pennsylvania), Canadian Studies Program, Robert Timko, Coordinator

*University of Memphis* (Tennessee), Canadian Studies Program, Kenneth Holland, Director

*Michigan State University*, Canadian Studies Center, William Joyce, Director

*University of Nebraska—Lincoln*, Canadian Studies Program, Frances Kaye, Director

*Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium*, Linda Di Biase, Coordinator

*San Diego State University* (California), International Business Program, Steven Loughrin-Sacco, Coordinator

*State University of New York at Buffalo*, Canada-U.S. Legal Studies Center, Munroe Eagles, Director

*State University of New York at Plattsburgh*, Center for the Study of Canada, Richard Beach and Jeanne Kissner, Directors

*Vermont Law School*, Canadian-U.S. Law and Public Policy Institute, Richard Brooks, Coordinator

*University of Washington*, Canadian Studies Center, Anthony Chan, Director

*Wayne State University* (Michigan), Canadian Studies Program, John Bukowczyk, Director

**Western Kentucky University**, Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program, James Baker, Coordinator

**Western Washington University**, Center for Canadian and American Studies, Donald Alper, Director

Conference Grants are intended for four-year U.S. colleges and universities and research institutions that undertake a major conference on a Canadian, Canada-U.S. or North American issue. The following conferences have received support from the Canadian Studies Conference Grants Program:

"Issues in Canadian and U.S. Banking Practices and Policies," **Clarkson University** (New York), Jon Vilasuso, Coordinator

"Nunavut: An Inuit Homeland," **Duke University** (North Carolina), John Thompson and Frederick Mayer, Coordinators

"Race and Geography," **University of Kentucky**, Richard Schein, Coordinator

"Sustainability of Salmon Fisheries: Binational Perspectives," **Michigan State University**, William Taylor, Coordinator

"Crossing the West(s): Inventing Frontiers," **St. Lawrence University** (New York), Robert Thacker, Coordinator

"Bilateral Trade Relationships Between Canada and the Southwestern United States," **Texas A&M University**, S. Kerry Cooper, Coordinator

"The Law of the Mountains in Northeast America," **Vermont Law School**, Richard Brooks, Coordinator

### **International Council for Canadian Studies**

The International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) is pleased to announce three new programs in support of Canadian studies made possible through the Endowment Fund of the International Council for Canadian Studies and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada.

The **Canadian Studies Academic Internship Program** enables young Canadian and foreign academics who have completed a doctoral thesis on a topic primarily related to Canada to visit a Canadian or foreign university with a Canadian studies program for a teaching or research internship. The **Resource Sharing Program in Canadian Studies (Associations)** facilitates international collaborative scientific activities in Canadian studies by providing assistance to national and plurinational associations of Canadian studies and/or Associate members of ICCS. The **Resource Sharing Program in Canadian Studies (Centers & Programs)** facilitates international collaborative scientific activities in Canadian studies by providing assistance to centers and programs of Canadian studies abroad.

Other ICCS programs include the ICCS Graduate Student Thesis/Dissertation Scholarship, the National Capital Research Scholarship, the Canadian Studies Foreign Speakers Program, and the Program for International Research Linkages. For more information on

these programs as well as other ICCS awards, scholarships, and programs, please contact Linda Jones, Academic & Public Relations Officer, International Council for Canadian Studies, 325 Dalhousie, S-800, Ottawa, ON K1N 7G2 Canada; Tel: (613) 789-7834; Fax: (613) 789-7830; e-mail: <contact@iccs-ciec.ca>; Web: <<http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/info/awards/e-awards.html>>.

### **Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program**

The Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States is pleased to announce twenty new Canada-U.S. Fulbright Scholarships available annually beginning in the academic year 1998-99. Ten awards will benefit Canadians bound for the United States, and ten scholarships will go to Americans coming to Canada. Consistent with the Canada-U.S. Fulbright mandate, the awards will support graduate study and research on Canada, the United States, and the relationship between the two countries.

Deadlines for these awards and all other graduate Fulbright scholarships are October 23, 1998 for applicants from the United States. For additional information, please contact the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program, 350 Albert Street, Suite 2015, Ottawa, ON K1R 1A4 Canada; Tel: (613) 237-5366; Fax: (613) 237-2029; e-mail: <info@fulbright.ca>; Web: <<http://www.usis-canada.usia.gov/fulbrigh.htm>>; or The Institute of International Education, 809 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017; Tel: (212) 984-5330; Fax: (212) 984-5325; e-mail: <webmaster@iie.org>; Web: <<http://www.iie.org/fulbright>>.

### **Fulbright Fellowship on the Information Revolution and International Security**

The Téléglobe Dandurand Chair of Strategic and Diplomatic Studies of the Université du Québec à Montréal invites applications from American post-doctoral candidates for a Fulbright fellowship for the 1999-2000 academic year. The objective of the program is to promote mutual understanding between people of the United States and Canada. The grant is competitive and will be awarded on the basis of excellence in academic and personal qualifications. While in residence, the Fellow is expected to do research on the impact of new technologies of information and communications on international relations, particularly as it relates to security problems. For further information, please contact The Canadian-U.S. Fulbright Program, 350 Albert Street, Suite 2015, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1A4; tel: (613) 237-5366, fax: (613) 237-2029, e-mail: <info@fulbright.ca>.

### **The James J. Hill Reference Library**

The James J. Hill Reference Library will award a number of grants of up to US\$2,000 to support research in the James J. Hill and Louis W. Hill papers. The Hill papers are a rich source for the study of the railroad industry, tourism and

Glacier National Park, political developments in the nation and the Northwest, national and regional economic development, agronomy, and many other topics concerned with the upper Midwest, Pacific Northwest, and Western Canada. Principal correspondents include J.P. Morgan, Mark Hanna, Edward Tuck, E.H. Harriman. American presidents from Grover Cleveland to Woodrow Wilson, Charles Pillsbury, Marcus Daly, George Stephen, Donald Smith, and many others. The deadline for applications is November 1, 1998, and the awards will be announced in early 1999. For more information, contact W. Thomas White, Curator, James J. Hill Reference Library, 80 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102; Tel: (612) 265-5441; Fax: (612) 222-4139; e-mail: <white@jjhill.org>.

## **Member Updates**

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### **Jeffrey Ayres**

Jeffrey Ayres recently accepted a position in the Political Science Department at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont, after having taught at Lake Superior State University for four years. Ayres' *Defying Conventional Wisdom: Political Movements and Popular Contention Against North American Free Trade* was published by the University of Toronto Press this summer.

### **David Massell Summer Course**

David Massell of the University of Vermont taught a unique course this summer: "Discovering Canada by Canoe." Along with a certified canoe instructor, Massell immersed his students in the history and landscape of the Canadian North through direct exploration of the region by canoe. Students spent five days developing the necessary paddling and outdoor skills while investigating topics ranging from sub-arctic ecology to land use through time. The course culminated in a week-long descent of the upper tributaries of the Saguenay River.

### **Karen Gould New ICCS President-Elect**

Karen Gould, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Old Dominion University and President of ACSUS from 1993 to 1995, was elected President-Elect of the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) this past May. Gould will become the first ICCS president from the United States in the organization's history when she assumes office next May. ACSUS congratulates Gould on her election to this noteworthy office and wishes her all the best during her tenure.

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# Canadian Politics on the World Wide Web . . . *Continued from page 4*

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recreation and sports, reference, Canada's regions and provinces, science, social science, and society and culture. In the site's Government section, students will find extensive resources on federal, provincial, and local government institutions, intelligence organizations, and the military. "Yahoo! Canada" also provides voluminous materials related to issues such as national unity.

The National Library of Canada <<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/>> offers a virtual tour of the National Library, an electronic collection of formally published Canadian online books and journals, a search mechanism for the entire NLC Web site, and a guide to Canadian Political Science resources <<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/services/escience.htm>>. ResAnet is a Web based interface to the National Library Catalogue <<http://www.amicus.nlc-bnc.ca/wapp/resanet/introe.htm>>.

Also falling under the category of large, Web-based, multiple-source data bases devoted to Canada is the University of British Columbia's political science bibliography <<http://www.library.ubc.ca/poli/>>. Its Canadian Politics hyperlinks are particularly useful. For example, the UBC bibliography boasts excellent maps tracing the ethno-linguistic and regional divisions in voting on the 1995 Quebec referendum. This Web site can connect students to the "Bibliography of Canadian Government and Politics" known as CPOL, which is an extensive collection of citations regarding Canadian politics and government.

The "Canadian Studies in the United States" Web site jointly administered by SUNY Plattsburgh and ACSUS <<http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu/>> sends cybernauts off to various Canadian newspapers and magazines, data bases on Canadian business and finance, sundry Canadian government Internet resources, information about upcoming academic conferences and Canadian Studies grants, plus a fine listing of Canada-related list-servs, news groups, search engines, and outreach programs for public school students.

Three other multiple-source data bases devoted to Canada are worth noting. Clarkson University's "Information about Canada" page <<http://phoenix.som.clarkson.edu/~canweb/>> is a collection of hyperlinks to data sources devoted to Canadian culture, business and economics, federal political parties, government and law, history, literature,

population, cities, provinces, and news and current events. The Canadian Political Science Association maintains a Web page <<http://www.sfu.ca/igs/cpsares.html>> which the CPSA labels "Electronic Resources of Interest to Canadian Political Scientists." Finally, "Politics Canada" <<http://politicscanada.com/>> assumes a *Congressional Quarterly* approach to Canadian government and contains thoughtful pieces about current political topics. On this Web page, the reader will find lists of cabinet members, background sketches of MP's, hyperlinks to federal and provincial parties, recent party platforms, recent poll results, and archived stories on a variety of topics.

Many prominent Canadian newspapers also maintain sites on the World Wide Web. The first on-line newspaper which I discovered was *The Daily News Worldwide* <<http://www.hfxnews.southam.ca/>>. I will be forever grateful to its staff for leading the way for other Canadian publishers to offer electronic versions of their newspapers and magazines. It was the *Daily News Worldwide* which really brought American analysts of Canadian politics in from the journalistic cold, and the *Daily News Worldwide* continues to provide excellent coverage of Nova Scotia developments.

The first place I would suggest a person interested in monitoring daily events in Canadian politics should go is the CANOE (CANadian Online Explorer) Web site <<http://www.canoe.ca/>>. C-News <<http://www.canoe.ca/cnews/home.html>>, which bills itself as Canada's top site for news and features, is the section of the CANOE Web site most relevant to students of Canadian politics and government. Through this site's Top Stories link, readers can access a Politics hyperlink which takes them to sagacious, analytical pieces. The Politics page, moreover, plugs the reader into the five national parties, several regional news tickers, and overviews of the provincial and territorial political systems. Finally, CANOE provides links to various Sun publications including the *Toronto Sun*, *Edmonton Sun*, *Ottawa Sun*, *Calgary Sun*, *London Free Press*, the *Halifax Herald*, the *New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal*, plus *Chatelaine* and *Maclean's*.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's "Newsworld Online" site <<http://www.newsworld.cbc.ca/>> supplies a slew of up-to-the-minute stories. "Newsworld" also has a News In Depth section which offers articles on topics such

as national unity with umpteen hyperlinks to related topics such as "coureurs de bois," "conscription crises," and the "neverendum."

The *Montreal Gazette* <<http://www.gazette.qc.ca/>>, Quebec's largest English language newspaper, provides an insightful glimpse into Conrad Black and Company's take on provincial politics. I wish the *Gazette* were more generous in its treatment of Canadian and Quebec news, however.

Perhaps the biggest World Wide Web disappointment for students of Canadian politics is the *Globe and Mail* <<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/>>. Wherever I have traveled in Canada from Sydney to Vancouver I (like so many other Canadianists) have sought out the regional edition of Canada's self-proclaimed national newspaper. "GlobeNet: Canada's National Web Site," however, is one of the least generous of all of the major Canadian news-oriented Web sites. The *Globe* averages six full text stories a day in its Front Page news section. Moreover, the articles the *Globe* offers in its Commentary and Facts and Arguments Essay sections, at least in terms of volume, are no great shakes either. What a sad contrast the *Globe* presents when compared to other electronic "newspapers of record" such as the *Times* of London, which furnishes online readers with hundreds of stories each day, and the *New York Times*, which contains eighty or ninety each day.

The *Ottawa Sun* and the *Toronto Star* are much more forthcoming sources of news. In the Top Stories section of the *Ottawa Sun* <<http://www.canoe.ca/OttawaSun/home.html>> (case-sensitive address), the reader finds full text versions of twenty or thirty news stories, many devoted to vital Canadian issues. Throw in the musings of columnist Douglas Fisher and you have a most informative mix. The *Toronto Star* available at <<http://www.thestar.com/>> is also a most satisfying electronic newspaper insofar as Canadian news is concerned. On a typical day one can read fifteen to twenty stories on various Canadian topics. And if you choose to subscribe (through e-mail at no charge), the *Toronto Star* periodically sends you bulletins about the changes it is contemplating making to its online edition.

Canadian government-based resources represent another category of political information available on the World Wide Web. The central Government of Canada Web site <<http://canada.gc.ca/>> is an

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# News and Notes

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## NCTC Outreach Efforts Continue

The National Consortium for Teaching Canada (NCTC) continues to provide curriculum materials and curriculum development sessions for the K-12 community in the United States.

The NCTC recently teamed up with the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) to publish *Introducing Canada: Content Backgrounders, Strategies, and Resources for Educators*. The text, edited by William Joyce and Richard Beach, serves as a primer for K-12 educators with chapters on geography, history, economics, government, culture, and society. Contributors also identify valuable teaching strategies, publications, videos, and CD-ROMS for use in the classroom. The cost of the text is \$14.95 and is available through the NCSS by calling (800) 683-0812.

The NCTC also will conduct six curriculum sessions at the NCSS Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, from November 19-22, 1998. Members of the NCTC will be conducting sessions on Nunavut, the "Underground Railroad," Canadian-American relations, and multi-cultural Canada.

For more information about the NCTC, please contact John Preston at Tel: (802) 656-3062 or consult the NCTC Web site at <[www.uvm.edu/~canada/nctc](http://www.uvm.edu/~canada/nctc)>.

## Western Washington University Conferences

The Center for Canadian-American Studies at Western Washington University sponsored two important conferences over the summer. One of the most pressing issues in U.S.-Canadian relations—how to preserve the

shared marine and fresh water environment of the Puget Sound-Georgia Basin international region—was the topic of a cross-border conference, "Shared Waters/Shared Stewardship," held May 27-28, 1998 at Western Washington University. Experts from the U.S. and Canadian governments, tribes/First Nations, citizens' groups, private sector interests, and universities focused on planning efforts to anticipate and address environmental problems stemming from rapid growth and development in the Puget Sound-Georgia Basin area. Drawing on comparative cases from other areas along the 49th Parallel, conference participants explored innovative strategies and frameworks for transboundary environmental governance. Over one hundred people were in attendance for the two days of the conference.

An interdisciplinary international workshop, "Communicating Across Cultures: The Ethics of Representation," held June 21-25, 1998 provided opportunities for dialogue across cultural, national, and disciplinary boundaries. Organized by Valerie Alia, Western Washington University's first Distinguished Professor of Canadian Culture, the workshop deliberations will form the core of a book focusing on ethical issues involving the representation of aboriginal and other minority communities. The purpose of the workshop was to identify principles for the conduct of ethical cross-cultural communication. During the five day workshop, a group of distinguished Canadian participants along with scholars, artists, and writers from Greenland, Norway, Scotland, South Africa, Germany, and Australia met together in an extensive group discussion.

For additional information concerning these and future Canadian studies conferences at Western Washington University, please contact Donald K. Alper, Director, Center for Cana-

dian-American Studies, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9110; Tel: (360) 650-3728; Fax: (360) 650-3995; e-mail: <[canam@cc.wvu.edu](mailto:canam@cc.wvu.edu)>.

## Nisga'a Final Treaty Agreement

The Nisga'a Final Treaty Agreement, initialed by the Nisga'a, British Columbia, and Canada in August sets aside approximately 2,000 square kilometers of the Nass River Valley in northwestern British Columbia as Nisga'a lands and establishes a Nisga'a Central government with jurisdictions similar to that of municipal governments. Once ratified, the Final Agreement will become British Columbia's first Treaty since 1899.

Background information on the Treaty Agreement is available on the Web site of the Federal Ministry of Indian and Northern Development <<http://www.inac.gc.ca>>. The Nisga'a Tribal Council Web site <<http://www.ntc.bc.ca>> also has related information.

## IntelliSearch

IntelliSearch, a new fee-for-service custom research department of the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, allows off-site researchers to contract with Canada's largest public reference library to locate key information resources. Within 24 to 48 hours, library researchers can compile and send via fax, courier, or mail information packages ranging from electronic news clippings to company and industry profiles. IntelliSearch also provides a wide variety of document delivery services. For more information about IntelliSearch, please contact Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4W 2G8 Canada; Tel: (416) 393-7241; Fax: (416) 393-7169; e-mail: <[intellisearch@mtrl.toronto.on.ca](mailto:intellisearch@mtrl.toronto.on.ca)>.

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# Canadian Studies Publication Grant Program

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The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) has awarded a publication subvention grant to The University of Nebraska Press for Paul D. Kroeber's manuscript, *Reconstructing a Native Language Family: The Comparative Syntax of Salish*.

The Canadian studies publication grant program is designed to promote the publication in the United States of scholarly books and monographs in the social sciences, business, environment, humanities, law, and fine arts with a unique relevance to Canada or

the Canada-U.S. bilateral relationship. The purpose of the grant program is to assist U.S. publishers by defraying the costs of publication with a direct subvention for worthy manuscripts.

Up to four grants of \$5,000 each may be awarded annually. The program is made possible with the assistance of the Government of Canada.

Grants will be made to U.S. publishers working with academics at accredited four-year U.S. colleges and universities, or with scholars at American research and

policy-planning institutes. All authors must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

Guidelines are available by calling the ACSUS secretariat at (202) 393-2580 or by consulting the Association's web site at <<http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu/acsus/pubsub.htm>>. Applications for the 1998-99 competition may be submitted throughout the year, but not later than January 1, 1999. Applications should be sent to ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105.

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# Recent Releases

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## ***Creating The Peaceable Kingdom and Other Essays on Canada***

In *Creating The Peaceable Kingdom and Other Essays on Canada*, a collection of essays edited by Victor Howard, "the peaceable kingdom" is revealed as being not always peaceable, often mysterious, deadly serious, still good-hearted, dutiful, and the good twin to the United States. Topics include: Canada in Vietnam, Quebec films, political leadership, Great Lakes ecology, Quebec and the United States, Canadian elections and the American media, topographical poetry and the "Quebec Model," Canada-U.S. defense policy, arts and the government, the last British settlement in the United States, the growth of the Detroit-Windsor border, and the ideal of "The Peaceable Kingdom."

Contributors include: Elspeth Cameron, Joseph T. Jockel and Joel Sokolsky, D.M.R. Bentley, Louis Balthazar, Henry Regier, Gordon Stewart, Henry Garrity, Philip Kokotailo, Donald Barry and John Hilliker, William Joyce, Paul Demers, and Daniel Jacobson. To order or to request additional information, contact Michigan State University Press, 1405 South Harrison Road, 25 Manly Miles Building, East Lansing, MI 48823-5202; Tel: (517) 355-9543; Fax: (800) 678-2120; Web: <<http://www.msu.edu/unit/msupress/canada>>.

## ***Media Policy, National Identity and Citizenry in Changing Democratic Societies: The Case of Canada***

This volume contains the final versions of the papers presented and discussed at a conference held October 6-7, 1995 at Duke University. The theme of the conference, "Media Policy, National Identity and Citizenry in Changing Democratic Societies: The Case of Canada," addresses a set of related issues that have increased in importance throughout this fading century and promise to be more important in the 21st century. Contributors to this volume, edited and introduced by Joel Smith, include John Keane, Elihu Katz, Lee B. Becker, Marjorie Ferguson, John Jackson, Marc Raboy, Robert E. Babe, Thelma McCormick, John Meisel, Keith Acheson and Christopher Maule, Richard Collins, and Paul Rutherford. Please direct all order inquiries to Canadian Studies Center, Duke University, Box 90422, Durham, NC 27708-0422; Tel: (919) 684-4260; Fax: (919) 681-7882.

## ***A Likely Story: The Writing of Robert Kroetsch***

The Spring 1998 issue of the award-winning literary journal *The New Quarterly* makes available the entire proceedings of a "A Likely Story: The Writing of Robert Kroetsch," a symposium held in June 1997 at St. Jerome's University on the University of Waterloo campus. This *New Quarterly* issue presents extraordinary essays on Kroetsch's words and ideas by renowned Canadian literature scholars such as John Moss, Russell Brown, Simone Vauthier, and Laurie Ricou. Prominent Canadian writers like George Bowering, Rudy Wiebe, Dennis Cooley, Aritha van Herk, and Stan Dragland add their voices to the mix with stories, poems, and creative prose pieces. To order or subscribe, contact *The New Quarterly*, ELPP, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1 Canada; Tel: (519) 885-1211 ext. 2837; e-mail: <[mmerikle@watarts.uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mmerikle@watarts.uwaterloo.ca)>.

## ***Indépendance et démocratie***

Les textes réunis dans ce volume par Pierre Drouilly constituent une analyse continue de la conjoncture politique québécoise des années 90, de l'après Meech jusqu'aux élections fédérales de 1997. Référendum de Charlottetown en 1992, élections fédérales de 1993, élections québécoises de 1994, référendum de 1995 : c'est à travers l'analyse des résultats de ces différentes consultations électorales ou des différents sondages d'opinion et de l'interprétation que l'on doit en faire, que se révèle le fonctionnement de la démocratie québécoise.

*Indépendance et démocratie* s'adresse aux milieux politiques, aux milieux journalistiques, aux milieux académiques, mais aussi au simple citoyen intéressé par la vie politique et préoccupé par l'avenir du Québec. Pour plus d'informations, veuillez contacter Harmattan Inc., 55, rue Saint-Jacques, Montréal, (Québec) H2Y 1K9 Canada; Tel: (514) 286-9048.

## ***Writing Acadia: The Emergence of Acadian Literature, 1970-1990***

The phenomenal development of writing and literary creation among the francophone communities of eastern Canada has gone largely unnoticed and unprobed outside the fragmented land of Acadia. *Writing Acadia* by Hans R. Runte attempts to observe from a distance the invention of literature in oral Acadia, and to interpret, assess, and order the manifold manifestations of the transition

from epic story-telling to writing as a means of nation-building. Having begun to write, modern Acadia has truly (re)written herself into existence, an existence now threatened by postmodern un-writing of literature.

To order *Writing Acadia*, which also includes samples of Acadian poetry, drama, and prose with accompanying English translations, please contact Editions Rodopi B.V., 2015 South Park Place, Atlanta, GA 30339; Tel: (770) 933-0027; Fax: (770) 933-9644; e-mail: <[orders-queries@rodopi.nl](mailto:orders-queries@rodopi.nl)>; Web: <<http://www.rodopi.nl>>.

## ***Betrayal of Due Process***

*Betrayal of Due Process* by Hedieh Nasheri investigates the criminal justice systems of two common-law nations, the United States and Canada. By focusing on one of the most prevalent practices in the criminal justice system of both countries, plea bargaining, Nasheri makes a historical comparison of guilty plea practices and ideologies. She draws on historical, criminological, sociological, and political perspectives to construct her argument. For ordering information, please address University Press of America, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham, MD 20706; Tel: (800) 462-6420; Fax: (301) 459-2118.

## ***New World Myth: Postmodernism and Postcolonialism in Canadian Fiction***

In *New World Myth: Postmodernism and Postcolonialism in Canadian Fiction*, a comparative study of six Canadian novels, Marie Vautier examines reworkings of myth in the postcolonial context. While myths are frequently used in literature as transhistorical master narratives, she argues that these novels destabilize the traditional function of myth in their self-conscious re-examination of historical events from a postcolonial perspective. Through detailed readings of François Barcelo's *La Tribu*, George Bowering's *Burning Water*, Jacques Godbout's *Les Têtes à Papineau*, Joy Kogawa's *Obasan*, Jovette Marchessault's *Comme une enfant de la terre*, and Rudy Wiebe's *The Scorched-Wood People*, Vautier situates New World myth within the broader contexts of political history and classical, biblical, and historical myths.

For additional information or to order, direct all queries to McGill-Queen's University Press, 3430 McTavish Street, Montreal, QC H3A 1X9 Canada; Fax: (514) 398-4333.

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# Forthcoming Conferences

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## October 1998

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### October 14-17, 1998

The Western Literature Association and the Canadian Association for American Studies will hold a joint annual meeting October 14-17, 1998 at the Banff Center for Conferences in Banff, Alberta on the theme "Crossing the West(s): Inventing Frontiers." New voices, new approaches, and multidisciplinary work on the West will be featured: conference organizers will encourage discussions that complicate the ways in which scholars think about the West as cultural production, historically and actually, and across national boundaries. For more information, contact Robert Thacker, President, Western Literature Association, Canadian Studies Program, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617; Tel: (315) 229-5970; Fax: (315) 229-5802; e-mail: <rtha@ccmaillink.stlawu.edu>.

### October 15-17, 1998

The 13th annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic and New England Conference for Canadian Studies (MANECCS) will take place October 15-17, 1998 at the Sheraton-Burlington Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont. Featured speakers include Madam Justice Beverley M. McLachlin of the Supreme Court of Canada, The Honorable Mary Clancy (Consul General of the Government of Canada to New England), and David Staines (Dean, School of Arts and Humanities, University of Ottawa). For additional information, please contact Christopher Kirkey, MANECCS Program Chair, Canadian Studies Program, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA 02325; Tel: (508) 697-1200, ext. 2434; Fax: (508) 697-1707; e-mail: <ckirkey@bridgew.edu>.

### October 15-18, 1998

The Oral History Association has selected the theme "Crossing the Boundary, Crossing the Line: Oral History on the Border" for its 1998 annual meeting. Transnational issues and migration will be among the many topics to be discussed during the conference proceedings. For further information about the meeting scheduled for October 15-18, 1998 at the Hyatt Regency in Buffalo, New York, please contact Debra Bernhardt, Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012; Tel: (212) 998-2640; Fax: (212) 995-4070; e-mail: <bernhrdt@elmer1.bobst.nyu.edu>.

### October 16-17, 1998

A special conference on "Women, Science, and Health in Post-War North America: Comparative Canadian-American Perspectives, 1940-1980" will be held October 16-17, 1998 at York University in Toronto. Among topics to be discussed during the conference will be the gendered contours of scientific medicine, alternative therapies, institutions and the state, and women's experiences as patients, practitioners, and policy makers in post-World War II Canada and the United States. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Georgina Feldberg, Director, Centre for Health Studies, York University, 214 York Lanes, 4700 Keele Street, North York, ON M3J 1P3 Canada; Tel: (416) 736-5941; Fax: (416) 736-5986.

### October 23-25, 1998

The Midwest Association for Canadian Studies (MWACS) invites you to its 8th biennial conference to be held October 23-25, 1998 at the Radisson Hotel City Centre in Indianapolis, Indiana. Included in the conference proceedings will be a live performance of Canadian playwright Anne Chislett's *Yankee Notions* at nearby Franklin College. Keynote speaker Alicja K. Muszynski (University of Waterloo) will discuss British Columbian fisheries' problems and what they reveal about Canadian-U.S. relations. For more information, please contact Michael Swanson, MWACS Program Chair, Fine Arts Department, Franklin College, 501 East Monroe Street, Franklin, IN 46131; Tel: (317) 738-8242; Fax: (317) 736-6030; e-mail: <swansonm@franklincoll.edu>.

### October 29-31, 1998

The Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies of the University of Alberta and the Robert F. Harney Program in Ethnic, Immigration, and Pluralism Studies of the University of Toronto will sponsor a conference entitled "Ukrainians in Canada and the United States: Cross-Border Interaction and Comparative Experiences, 1890s-1990s." In addition to stimulating new research, conference organizers hope to identify and explain similarities and differences between Ukrainian life in Canada and Ukrainian life in the United States. The conference will take place October 29-31, 1998 in Toronto. For additional information, direct inquiries to Dr. Frances Swyripa, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, 352 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2E8 Canada; Fax: (403) 492-4967; e-mail: <fswyripa@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca>.

## November 1998

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### November 4-5, 1998

The Canadian Studies Program and the Department of French, Italian and Spanish at Brock University will hold its annual multidisciplinary conference, "Two Days of Canada," on Wednesday, November 4 and Thursday, November 5, 1998. The theme for this year's meeting is "Origins and Identities," and topics are expected to include ethnicity, cultures and subcultures, minority writing, literary identity, conflicting and nested identities, and origin versus identity. For more information, please contact Professor Corrado Federici, Canadian Studies Program, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON L2S 3A1 Canada; Tel: (905) 688-5550; Fax: (905) 688-2789; e-mail: <cfederic@spartan.ac.brocku.ca>.

### November 5-7, 1998

The Organization for the History of Canada (formerly OSNHC) will hold its third annual conference, entitled "From Massey to the Masses: Fifty Years of Canadian Cultural Policy." OHC is an inclusive, multidisciplinary organization that involves all those who research, write and study in such fields as political history, political science, international relations, sociology, literature, geography, and cognate disciplines. The 1998 conference will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences (the Massey Commission). For more information, contact OHC Conference '98, Strategic Studies Program, MLT 1104, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4 Canada; Tel: (403) 220-4038; Fax: (403) 282-0594; e-mail: <osnhc@acs.ucalgary.ca>; Web: <http://acs.ucalgary.ca/~osnhc>.

### November 13-14, 1998

The Conference of Defense Associations Institute (CDAI) will hold its First Annual Canadian Military Affairs Symposium November 13-14, 1998 at Legion House in Ottawa. The Symposium's aim is to showcase leading edge research and to strengthen linkages between civilian and military educational institutions. For additional details, please contact Lee Windsor, Conference of Defense Associations Institute for Security and Defense Studies, 359 Kent Street, Ottawa, ON, K2P 0R7 Canada; Tel: (613) 236-5768; e-mail: <cdai@magi.com>; Web: <home.istar.ca/~cda>.

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### November 19-22, 1998

The 11th biennial conference of the American Council for Quebec Studies (ACQS) will take place November 19-22, 1998 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina. The program will feature over fifty panels and roundtables in the humanities and social sciences covering major genres and authors, and historical and topical issues. Confirmed plenary sessions include "The Legacy of 'Rufus Global'," featuring Alan Conter (Broadcast Journalist), Gilles Lapointe (Université du Québec à Montréal), and Patricia Smart (Carleton University), and "Partisan Politics in Quebec in the New Millennium," featuring Guy Laforest (Université Laval), David Cameron (University of Toronto), and Martin Lubin (SUNY Plattsburgh). For additional program and registration information, please contact Richard Vengroff, ACQS '98 Program Chair, c/o Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, U-24, Storrs, CT 06269; Tel: (860) 486-2615; e-mail: <vengroff@uconnvm.uconn.edu>; Web: <http://acqs.plattsburgh.edu:81>.

### November 20-22, 1998

The National Consortium for Teaching Canada (NCTC) will conduct six curriculum sessions at the 78th Annual Conference of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) to be held November 20-22, 1998, in Anaheim, California. For more information, visit the NCTC Web site at <www.uvm.edu/~canada/nctc> or the NCSS Web site at <http://www.ncss.org>.

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## January 1999

### January 28-31, 1999

The Southwest Association for Canadian Studies (SWACS) will hold its annual meeting January 28-31, 1999 at the Holiday Inn Select

in New Orleans, Louisiana. For more information, see "Call for Papers" section in this newsletter.

### January 30-31, 1999

The Annual Conference of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, in partnership with the Department of Canadian Heritage, Canada's National History Society, Heritage Canada, the CRB Foundation, the Dominion Institute, the Canadian Historical Association, and l'Institut d'histoire de l'Amérique française, will take place January 30-31, 1999 in Montreal, Quebec. The theme of the conference will be "Giving the Past a Future: Conference on Teaching and Learning History in Canada," and questions to be addressed include national standards, teacher training and materials, curriculum development, multimedia tools, popular history, issues of representation, and more. For registration and event information, contact Lynne Darroch, Public Education Coordinator, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, 3463 Peel Street, Montreal, QC H3A 1W7 Canada; Tel: (514) 398-2658; Fax: (514) 398-7336; e-mail: <ldarroch@leacock.lan.mcgill.ca>; Web: <www.arts.mcgill.ca/programs/misc>.

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## February 1999

### February 2-5, 1999

The first World Summit on Nordicity will be held in Quebec City from February 2-5, 1999. This unique international event, to be held at the Quebec City Convention Center, will include conferences, workshops, and an accompanying exhibition under the theme of adapting to the cold. Sub-themes featured during this first edition are habitat, transportation and communications, the environment, tourism, and culture. For more information,

contact The World Summit on Nordicity, 1327, avenue Maguire, bureau 200, Sillery, QC G1T 1Z2 Canada; Tel: (418) 684-3144; Fax: (418) 684-8815; e-mail: <nordicit@riq.qc.ca>; Web: <www.nordicite.org>.

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## March 1999

### March 29-April 1, 1999

The British Association for Canadian Studies (BACS) will hold its 1999 Annual Conference March 29-April 1, 1999 at Royal Holloway College London on the theme, "Fin de Siècle Canada." For more information, see "Call for Papers" section in this newsletter.

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## April 1999

### April 21-24, 1999

The 1999 Conference of the Western Social Sciences Association (WSSA) will be held April 21-24, 1999 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas. For information about the Canadian Studies Section of the Conference, please see "Call for Papers" section in this newsletter.

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## November 1999

### November 17-21, 1999

ACSUS will hold its 15th biennial conference November 17-21, 1999 at the Westin William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. If you have program suggestions or would like additional details about ACSUS '99, please see "Call for Papers" section in this newsletter or contact ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105; Tel: (202) 393-2580; Fax: (202) 393-2582; e-mail: <acsus@nicom.com>; Web: <http://canada-acsus.plattsburgh.edu>.

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### *Directory of Nova Scotia Libraries*

The most up-to-date and comprehensive listing of libraries and archival institutions in Nova Scotia is now available from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. *The Directory of Nova Scotia Libraries, 1998 Edition* provides a listing of over 180 library, archival, and related institutions in Nova Scotia. Entries provide comprehensive data, including subjects collected, hours, key staff names, mailing address, telephone, fax, and e-mail addresses, where applicable. Appendices have

been included to provide additional information. Direct orders and inquiries to Judy Naugler, Administration Section, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, 3770 Kempt Road, Halifax, NS B3K 4X8 Canada; Tel: (902) 424-2454; Fax: (902) 424-0633; e-mail: <nauglejr@gov.ns.ca>.

### **Interdisciplinarity and the Teaching of Canadian Studies**

*Arachne: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the Humanities* announces a special issue of

"Interdisciplinarity and the Teaching of Canadian Studies." Originally presented at the 1995 Association for Canadian Studies conference on this theme, the papers presented in this issue, edited by Tom Gerry, provide useful guidance for anyone involved in the teaching of Canadian studies. To order, please contact *Arachne*, Laurentian University, Sudbury, ON P3E 2C6 Canada; Fax: (705) 675-4870; e-mail: <arachne@nickel.laurentian.ca>.

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### **Cultural Readings: Colonization and Print in the Americas**

This collaborative Web site <<http://www.library.upenn.edu/special/gallery/kislak/index/cultural.html>> presents and interprets a wide variety of texts—books, manuscripts, illustrations, maps, and artifacts—generated by Europe’s colonization of the Americas. Comparative and broad in scope, the exhibition investigates Spanish, French, English, and Dutch “readings” of the New World and the “readings” of Europeans made by many Native cultures.

Topics covered include the literature of colonial promotion, printed images of Natives, Native responses to print, missionary activities, Indian languages, the geographies of the New World, and captivity narratives. Materials shown in “Cultural Readings” are drawn from the collections of the Jay I. Kislak Foundation, the Rosenbach Museum and Library, the University of Pennsylvania’s Department of Special Collections, and the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

### **French-Language Television Available in the United States**

TV5, one of the world’s largest public television broadcasters, has launched a new 24-hour, French-language premium channel for audiences in the United States. Featuring

films, dramatic series, entertainment programs, and multi-national news broadcasts, many of which are from Quebec, TV5 is can be seen via the DISH Network satellite service and is also available for carriage by local cable television operators. For more information about TV5, please contact Claire Bourgeois, Director of Communications, TV5 USA, 1755 boulevard René Lévesque, bureau 101, Montréal, QC H2K 4P6 Canada; Tel: (514) 522-5322; Fax: (514) 522-6572; Web: <[www.tv5.org](http://www.tv5.org)>.

### **La base de données du Centre René-Lévesque**

La base de données du Centre René-Lévesque a été créée en 1988 par la Conférence des peuples de langue française (CPLF). Elle a constitué ainsi la première base de données francophone donnant directement accès à des documents en format plein texte.

Sa mission, en plus de rendre compte des activités de la CPLF, vise à rendre accessibles des textes non-gouvernementaux portant sur différentes facettes des communautés de langue française membres de la CPLF.

Depuis le 6 mars 1998, le site de la Coopérative de services télématiques abrite la composante nord-américaine du Centre René-Lévesque, le serveur étant situé chez

Communications accessibles Montréal, un OSBL. Pour en connaître plus sur le Centre René-Lévesque, vous êtes invité à consulter le rapport présenté lors de la XIV<sup>ème</sup> Conférence des peuples de langue française tenue à Jonquière en août 1997 au site: <<http://www.levesque.org/CPLF/confer/1997/97raprcl.htm>>.

Afin d’atteindre les objectifs du Centre René-Lévesque, des hyperliens ont été intégrés à la base de données vers des documents mis en référence publique sur les sites de la Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne du Canada et de la Société des Acadiens et Acadiennes du Nouveau-Brunswick, en plus des liens pointant déjà vers les collections québécoise et wallonne du Centre René-Lévesque ainsi que vers les documents de la Confédération des syndicats nationaux.

La base de données utilise un engin de recherche permettant de formuler des requêtes en langage naturel. Il s’agit de NOMINO, développé par les laboratoires ATO de l’UQAM et LICEF de la Télé Université. Ce logiciel permet de construire des bases de connaissances en utilisant le langage naturel comme support d’information. NOMINO établit pour ce faire une représentation du contenu du texte. Le moteur de recherche se trouve à l’adresse suivante: <<http://www.cooprl.qc.ca/nomiser/moteur/index.html>>.

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excellent jumping-off point for official governmental information. At this site, Web surfers will discover a handy electronic phone directory which allows them to look up the phone and fax numbers of departments, agencies, and individual officials. The Government’s Webmaster states that the site is the “Internet electronic access point through which Internet users around the world can obtain information about Canada, its government, and its services.” Direct links are provided from this site to government departments and agencies that have Internet facilities. “InfoCan” <<http://www.infocan.gc.ca/>> is a product of the Canada Information Office. “Voices of Canada,” an “InfoCan” site, permits students to monitor other young Canadians’ thoughts. “The Write Place” also allows students to choose a pen pal or register to become a pen pal.

The Cable Public Affairs Channel Online Website <<http://www.cpac.ca/>> provides a

number of links to government Web sites. CPAC indicates that its staff has “...compiled ...[its list of Internet links]...to provide a consistently reliable reference point for finding additional information resources which are available on the Internet.” At the Statistics Canada Web site <<http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/>> (case-sensitive address) readers can find basic statistics about Canada’s physical geography, environment, justice and crime, population elections revenues, expenditures and debt, police and the courts, health, education, families, households and housing, culture, leisure and travel, and the general state of Canada’s economy.

It is still more convenient to do research on Canadian politics from within Canada itself. In Antigonish or Vancouver, scholars have much greater access to hard copies of scholarly journals than does the typical American political scientist. *Hansard* is certainly more affordable in Canada than it is for researchers located in

the United States, and the *Globe and Mail* is much more widely available at a reasonable price and on its day of publication. However, for those of us studying Canadian politics and government from American university postings, the World Wide Web has significantly improved access to vital bibliographical, statistical, scholarly, and journalistic resources. In fact, in just a few years, the Web has become for Canadianists living beyond Canada’s borders an essential conduit to written accounts of contemporary Canadian politics and government.

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