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Election of Officers and Councillors 2001

ACSUS elects officers and members of the Executive Council at two-year intervals by mail ballot. Ballots and the biographical information on candidates presented here have been mailed to Association members who have paid 2001 dues. Ballots will be tabulated by an independent consulting firm. In order to be counted, ballots must be returned by September 21, 2001.

The ACSUS Committee on Nominations and Elections (Greg Mahler, chair; Tina Mitchell, John Thompson) has put together the slate of candidates listed below. Each candidate has been nominated in accordance with ACSUS by-laws. Nominees for the positions of President and Vice President are exceptional candidates who have served previously on the Executive Council. The women and men nominated for the Executive Council all have accomplishments and experience in Canadian studies. Together they represent a broad disciplinary coverage in

Canadian studies, and show an extensive regional distribution of affiliations throughout the United States.

Four new Executive Council members will replace colleagues who will be retiring from the Council:

- Mark J. Kasoff, Business and Economics, Bowling Green State University
- Constantina Mitchell, French, Gallaudet University
- John Herd Thompson, History, Duke University
- Robert K. Whelan, Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans

Newly elected councillors will join the following councillors whose terms continue through November 2003:

- Michael Broadway, Geography, Northern Michigan University
- Melissa Haussman, Political Science, Suffolk University

■ Patrick James, Political Science, University of Missouri

■ Elizabeth Mancke, History, University of Akron

The President and Vice President each will serve a two-year term lasting from November 2001 through November 2003; the President will continue to serve on the Executive Council through November 2005 in the position of Past President. Each elected councillor will serve a four-year term lasting from November 2001 through November 2005.

The slate of candidates and biographical information for each candidate follows. Candidates were all asked several questions about why they want to serve on the Council. Their replies, as well as their biographies, can be found online at the ACSUS web site (www.acsus.org), or by contacting the ACSUS Secretariat. ■

Notes from the National Office

This brief newsletter brings you information on the candidates for the ACSUS 2001 election for the Association's Executive Council—its board of directors. You'll find biographies of candidates as well as information on what exactly the Executive Council is and what the responsibilities of councillors are. Additional information can be found at the ACSUS web site (www.acsus.org), including replies to a series of questions each candidate was asked about why he or she wants to serve.

Our fall newsletter will have more news as well as the schedule for the San Antonio conference. Meanwhile, tune in to the web site! We'll soon be announcing the featured speakers and the authors at the web site.

I look forward to hearing from you.

David N. Biette, *Executive Director*

Nominee for President

THOMAS G. BARNES is a professor of history and law and co-chair of the Canadian studies program at the University of California, Berkeley. He joined its faculty in 1960 after teaching for five years at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He came to Canadian studies from early modern British history and English legal history largely through deep familial ties. Barnes co-founded the program in 1982 and since has published extensively in Canadian history, especially on

early Nova Scotia and the Acadians. He has presented papers at every ACSUS biennial since 1987 and also presented a paper at the ACSUS-in-Canada Colloquium in Halifax in 1998. Barnes served as a member of the Executive Council, 1987-1991, as a section chair for history and geography (1987), and has been on the editorial board of *ARCS* since 1995. He is currently Vice President of ACSUS. E-mail to: barnest@law.berkeley.edu. ■

Nominee for Vice President

GEORGE SULZNER is a professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he served as chair of political science from 1988-93, and has taught Canadian government and politics since 1985. He has authored/co-authored three books and 35 other publications, 11 of which focus on Canadian politics and administration. Additionally, he has given papers, been a discussant, and/or chaired panels at every

ACSUS conference since 1985. Sulzner was director of the Five College Canadian Studies Program, 1985-87; President of MANECCS, 1994-98; member of the Executive Council of ACSUS, 1993-97; section chair, Politics/Public Policy, ACSUS 1999; and external reviewer, Title VI Grant Program, Northeast National Resource Center for the Study of Canada, in April 1999. E-mail to: dove@polsci.umass.edu. ■

Background Information for 2001 Executive Council Election

What Is the Executive Council?

The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia. It is governed by an Executive Council, comprised of the four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Past President) and eight councillors.

The Executive Council acts as and is known to outsiders as the Association's Board of Directors. Thus, officers and councillors are legally the "corporation's" officers and directors. The "board's" single most important legal duty is prudently managing the affairs of the organization. This does not mean personally overseeing day-to-day affairs; that is the job of the organization's paid professional staff. The ultimate responsibility for actions or inactions of the nonprofit as a legal entity rests with the board—for ACSUS, the Executive Council.

As a volunteer board member, the councillor (director) and paid staff have a "fiduciary duty" to the organization, which includes duties of care, loyalty, and obedience. In simple terms, this means that they are required to act reasonably, prudently, and in the best interests of the organization, to avoid negligence or fraud, and to avoid conflicts of interest. The Duty of Care requires board members (1) to be reasonably informed; (2) to participate in decisions; and (3) to do so in good faith and with the care of an ordinarily prudent person in similar circumstances.

Specific Responsibilities of the ACSUS Executive Council

The responsibilities for the ACSUS Executive Council are spelled out in Article 4.01 of the ACSUS by laws and list some of the kinds of activities the Council is involved in:

"The responsibility for the general conduct of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in a board, known as the Executive Council, which shall have the full power and authority to do all acts and perform all functions which the Association might do or perform, including setting dues, approving

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

Base membership fees are as follows: individual-\$60 one year, \$110 two years; institutional-\$115 one year, \$210 two years; student-\$30 one year, \$50 two years; life \$1000.

For additional information about ACSUS programs and activities, please contact ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1151; Tel: 202-393-2580; Fax: 202-393-2582; e-mail: info@acsus.org; Web: www.acsus.org.

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President: Donald K. Alper, *Western Washington University*
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EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS 1997-2001

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 1999-2003

Michael Broadway, *Northern Michigan University*; Melissa Haussman, *Suffolk University*; Patrick James, *University of Missouri*; Elizabeth Mancke, *University of Akron*

The American Review of Canadian Studies

Robert Thacker, Editor; Janet McFarland, Managing Editor

Executive Director: David N. Biette; Assistant to the Director: David Archibald;
Senior Advisor: Norman T. London

budgets, allocating funds, determining formation and location of the secretariat, appointing the executive director, determining the nature of the biennial conference, and appointing the editors of the journal, except it shall not have the power to modify the substance of official action taken by the membership or to amend the Articles of Incorporation. Members of the Executive Council must be members in good standing of the Association."

One of the major responsibilities of serving on the Council is attending and actively participating in the annual Executive Council meeting. Ideally, the meeting serves as a forum to discuss strategic questions of mission, direction, values, and financing. In an odd-numbered year, the meeting takes place immediately preceding and at the same place selected for the biennial meeting of the Association (San Antonio in 2001 and Portland, Oregon in 2003); in an even-numbered year, the meeting takes place at the call of the President at a time and place he or

she shall select. Occasionally the meeting in the even-numbered year takes place in the fall in conjunction with a Canadian studies related conference. Members of the Council are asked to use all available resources to get themselves to the annual meeting, using any monies available from their university for travel expenses, then any personal funds. During the past several years, in exceptional cases ACSUS has been able to cover some expenses that councillors or their universities were unable to cover.

Due to the increasing necessity for fund raising, as members of a board of directors, councillors will be asked to be actively involved in ACSUS' fund raising efforts and to make a financial contribution to the Association (at whatever level they are comfortable with).

Councillors also are asked to serve on at least one committee. For descriptions of current committees, please contact the ACSUS secretariat or visit the ACSUS web site: www.acsus.org. ■

Nominees for Councillor

JEFFREY M. AYRES is an associate professor of political science at Saint Michael's College, Colchester, Vermont, and adjunct faculty in the Canadian studies program at the University of Vermont. He is the author of *Defying Conventional Wisdom: Political Movements and Popular Contention Against North American Free Trade* (University of Toronto Press, 1998), and several articles on Canadian studies. His areas of specialization include comparative and international politics, with research and teaching interests in political economy and transnational social movements, as well as Canadian and North American politics. Ayres is a recent recipient of a Faculty Enrichment Grant from the Government of Canada to enhance his existing "Introduction to Canadian Politics" course, and has presented his research at ACSUS biennial conferences and ACSUS-in-Canada colloquiums since 1995. He has also been assistant editor for *The American Review of Canadian Studies* since 1997. E-mail to: jayres@smcvt.edu.

PHIL BELLFY is an assistant professor at Michigan State University (MSU) where he teaches in the university's first-year writing program in the Department of American Thought and Language. He also teaches in MSU's American Indian studies program. He is the author of *Indians and Other Misnomers*, a cross-referenced dictionary of the *People, Persons, and Places of Indigenous Canada and the U.S.* Bellfy has previously taught at Wayne State University in Detroit; Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; and Bay Mills Community College, a tribal college on the Bay Mills Indian Community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. His specialty is comparative Canada and U.S. Indigenous history and policy, especially as it relates to those Indigenous people along the U.S.-Canada border. Bellfy has been active in ACSUS since joining in 1995. He helped organize the ACSUS affiliate, the Indigenous Peoples Issue Circle (IPIC), and has served as IPIC co-chair since its inception in 1997. Bellfy was the Aboriginal Peoples Section Head for the 1999 ACSUS conference. He is an executive board member of the Midwest Association for Canadian Studies, and is the guest editor for the special theme issue of *ARCS* (Spring/Summer 2001) dealing with the Aboriginal People of Canada. E-mail to: bellfy@msu.edu.

CECILIA DANYSK is an assistant professor in the history department and Canadian-American studies program at Western Washington University. She earned her master's and Ph.D. in history from McGill University and taught

previously at Dalhousie University. Danysk is an expert in labor and Canadian prairie agriculture. She is the author of *Hired Hands: Labour and the Development of Prairie Agriculture, 1880 to 1930* (Oxford University Press, 1995), as well as many articles and reviews. Among Danysk's current research projects, she is working on a CD-ROM university textbook. Since 1994, Danysk has acted as an honorary research fellow at the Canadian Plains Research Centre at the University of Regina. She holds positions with several organizations including chair of the Eugene Forsey Graduate Prize Committee in Labour History. She is a member of the editorial board of *Labour/Le Travail*, an elected member of the Canadian Committee on Labour History's executive board, and has also served as a member of ACSUS' Publication Subvention Committee. E-mail to: danysk@wwwu.edu.

MYRNA DELSON-KARAN is an associate professor of French and Québec literature at Fordham University. She just returned to academe after serving ten years as education attaché for the Government of Québec's New York Delegation. Previously, she held professorships at New York University, Hofstra University, and Syracuse University. She has taught multidisciplinary Canadian studies, French, and Québec and Canadian literature and culture. Since becoming a member of ACSUS in 1981, Delson-Karan has participated in every ACSUS conference, reading papers and organizing sessions on business, economics, political science, literature, and philosophy. She has published widely, especially on the work of Gabrielle Roy. She is assistant literary review editor for the *French Review* and also reviews articles on Gabrielle Roy for *The American Review of Canadian Studies*. Delson-Karan is a frequent speaker at professional meetings. In March of 2001, she presented the topic of "Francophony in North America" at a symposium sponsored by the French Embassy and the United Nations. In 1998, the French Government decorated her as

Commander of the Order of the Academic Palms. E-mail to: delsonkaran@yahoo.com.

C. L. HIGHAM is an assistant professor of history at Texas A & M University. In the fall of 2000, the University of New Mexico and the University of Calgary published her first book *Noble, Wretched and Redeemable: Protestant Missionaries to the Indians in Canada and the United States, 1820-1900*. She previously taught Native American history at Winona State University in Minnesota. Higham's specialty is comparative history, focusing on Native/non-Native relationships in the Canadian and United States Wests. She is currently studying how white stories of Indian cannibalism in nineteenth-century Canada and the United States repeated earlier stories of South American cannibalism and in turn, shaped modern anthropology. A member of ACSUS since 1991, she is currently completing a four-year term as an assistant editor for *The American Review of Canadian Studies*. E-mail to: c-higham@tamu.edu.

ANDREW HOLMAN is assistant professor of history and Canadian studies at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. Educated at McGill, McMaster, and York Universities, he received his Ph.D. in Canadian History in 1995. Since his arrival at Bridgewater State in 1996, he has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in Canadian history and Canadian studies. Holman is author of several refereed journal articles and reviews in Canadian history, as well as a book, *A Sense of Their Duty: Middle Class Formation in Victorian Ontario Towns* (McGill-Queen's, 2000). A member of ACSUS and MANECCS, he has presented his research at every conference these organizations have sponsored since 1996. Holman has also been the head coach of the Bridgewater State Men's Ice Hockey Club since 1998; this year he led the Bears to a 10-12-2 record and their first Northeast Collegiate Hockey Association playoff berth. E-mail to: a2holman@bridgew.edu. ■

The Prints of Jessie Oonark

Western Washington University has recently hosted an exhibit of the late Inuit artist Jessie Oonark's prints. The exhibit is scheduled to travel to other universities soon and is available for additional exhibits. Please contact Judith Varney Burch if you would be interested in hosting

the exhibit on your campus. She can be reached through August at inuitjvb@tallships.ca, or at 902-766-4888. From September to May she can be reached at inuitjvb@erols.com, or 804-285-0284.

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Letter from the New ICCS President

Former ACSUS president Karen Gould stepped down as president of the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) in May. The new ICCS president is Serge Jaumain, professor of history at the Université Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium. Jaumain recently sent a letter to Canadianists throughout the world, part of which is reproduced here:

You may have noticed that the International Council for Canadian Studies has a new look. Distributing weekly information on Canadian studies by e-mail is only one of the features of a new communications policy that we hammered out last year. I personally feel that the ICCS can no longer be a vague, distant, and little-known acronym. Our organization should not hide its candle under the proverbial bushel, but should let people know that it actively and effectively serves all Canadianists....

[*ICCS Contact*, our electronic newsletter which is delivered every Friday via e-mail and is]...the flagship of our new communications policy, will allow us to instantly communicate with Canadianists living throughout the world in order to provide them with a selection of useful information. This service now complements our brand new Website (www.iccs-ciec.ca), which I sincerely hope you will visit and include with your favorite bookmarks; a wealth of helpful information, updated regularly, will open up to you.

With the help of the Internet we have been able to make good a shortfall in information for which the Council has often borne criticism. From now on, we will be better able to disseminate information on the many programs available to Canadianists, the activities of the international network, calls for papers, new publications, job openings, and much, much more.

However, our new communications policy cannot meet its objectives without your help. This newsletter is being sent out to an all-too-small number of individuals; our aim is to reach all Canadianists who might be interested in using this informational tool.... *Contact* will also need feeding. Please send us any information that you think may be useful. Lastly, we would like to hear your comments, suggestions, remarks and criticisms, because *Contact* is still in its trial stage and we hope to be able to tailor this newsletter as best we can to your expectations.

And don't forget: you have my ear. Please write me with any suggestions you think will make the ICCS an even more dynamic organization.

*You can reach Jaumain by e-mail at sjaumain@ulb.ac.be. To receive the new *Contact*, send an e-mail request to gleclair@iccs-ciec.ca.*

Important Deadlines

The Donner Medal

Nominations for the 2001 Donner Medal are now being accepted. Nominees can be a person in any field who has made a significant contribution to Canadian studies in the United States during a reasonable period of residence in the United States, even if no longer a resident. Please send nominations by September 15, 2001 to Thomas G. Barnes, Vice President of ACSUS, School of Law, MC 7200, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-7200; fax 510-642-1780. For more information, see the ACSUS web site.

ACSUS Distinguished Dissertation Award

The ACSUS Distinguished Dissertation Award is granted biennially in conjunction with the Association's national conference. Information on the program has been mailed to all ACSUS members and is also available at the ACSUS web site. Students who have completed the Ph.D. degree between August 1999 and August 2001 are eligible for nomination. All application materials must be submitted to the ACSUS executive office no later than September 1, 2001. Send to ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1151.

Thomas O. Enders Fellowship

The 2002-2003 Thomas O. Enders Fellowship will be held in Montreal under a joint program sponsored by the Université de Montréal and McGill University. The Endowment funds an annual award of up to US\$30,000 for up to nine months to support research on some aspect of Canadian studies or Canada-U.S. relations. Application information has been mailed to all ACSUS members and is also available at the ACSUS web site. All application materials must be submitted to ACSUS by September 30, 2001. Send to ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1151. ■