



The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States

From our President:

Dear All,

After the disturbing news that the Canadian Government has cut funding for all Associations for Canadian Studies in the world, we have immediately started a climb to a better future than ever for ACSUS. Even before this news, my Strategic Plan included a fundraising campaign to help us become stronger and better. We are going full speed ahead with this plan and definitely are aiming to create an even more solid ACSUS than ever. I and so many of you have made ACSUS a high point of our lives, presenting our research on Canada, maintaining friendships at the Biennials, have been what we are all about. David and I plan to do everything in our power to keep ACSUS afloat. What would we do without ACSUS?

What can you do to help? Stay calm and positive. Go to our Website, www.acsus.org. Pay your dues now and, if you can, donate to the Fund for the Future. Already many of our colleagues have already done so. Our 2013 Biennial in Tampa will definitely go on.

Start thinking about sessions you wish to organize, papers you would like to present. I plan on making it the biggest and best Biennial ever.

With all my best wishes for your summer break. Keep the faith!

Sincerely,

Myrna

Myrna Delson-Karan, Ph.D.

President, ACSUS

From our Director:

Dear Friends,

I know many of you have been pre-occupied with the recent announcement by the Canadian Government that funding for the Understanding Canada program has been discontinued. The mobilization of the global Canadian studies community so quickly after the news went public is testament to the energy, commitment, and deep investment shared by thousands of scholars around the globe who study Canada. This dynamism will be important as we think creatively about how to build a sustainable future for the field of Canadian studies in the US, and for ACSUS.

Fund development is now the primary focus of our governing board. You can rest assured that we are exploring every angle in order to diversify our funding sources and find the most sustainable arrangement for ACSUS.

How can you help? In order for ACSUS to continue to deliver high quality programming, please ensure that your dues are current, and consider contributing to the Fund for the Future. You can check on the status of your ACSUS membership and contribute to the Fund for the Future at www.acsus.org.

Sometimes I find it instructive to go back to the dictionary and revisit the definition of a word we all take for granted: as-so-ci-a-tion. Noun: A group of people organized for a joint purpose. The loss of government financial support, as disruptive as this may be, changes very little about who we are. It has not changed the "joint purpose" which brings us together—creating greater awareness of Canada, with the goal of improving our understanding of Canada's history, literature, arts, peoples, cultures, politics, economy, and role in the international community.

The next few months will be very fluid as we adjust to the recent news, but it is important that we remain focused on sustaining what has taken us forty years to build. I would like to end with one of my favourite quotes by Susan Sontag: "What do we have from the past? Art and thought. That's what lasts. That's what continues to feed people and give them an idea of something better."

Bon Courage,

David Archibald

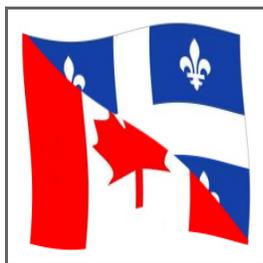
Executive Director, ACSUS



Les Divines
published by
**Myrna Delson-
Karan**

We wish to announce the publication of Myrna Delson-Karan's translation from the French into English of the Quebec author, Denise Boucher's play *Les Divines*. The English title is *The Divine Sisters*.

It is published by Guernica. Editions in Toronto. The ISBN number is: 978-1-55071-356-5. This play is a sequel to Boucher's *Les Fées Ont Soif (The Fairies are Thirsty)* It is an exploration of feminism in its portrait of seven daughters who reunite in a ritual wake for an idealized mother.



REQUEST FOR COLLOQUIUM PAPERS

Announcing the production of the first English-language comprehensive book - Québec and the World: Foundations, Regions, Actors & Issues - on Québec's engagement with the international community. This effort, led by the Center for the Study of Canada & Institute on Québec Studies at SUNY Plattsburgh and the Québec Studies Program at McGill University, will result in a much needed scholarly treatment of Québec that will benefit college and university students and facul-

ty in the United States, Canada and throughout the international community.

To facilitate production of the book Québec and the World: Foundations, Regions, Actors & Issues, an author's workshop/ colloquium will first be convened. Designed to be purposely interdisciplinary in nature, scholars from history, political science, sociology, economics and business, and culture are encouraged to participate in this project. The colloquium will focus on four key thematic sections:

Foundations – The historical development of Québec's engagement with the international community, Québec's impact on Canadian foreign policy, the role of francophones in Canadian foreign policy, the role of Québec Studies as a tool of public diplomacy.

World Regions – North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, the North/Arctic

Actors – La Francophonie, UNESCO, Civil Society, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), France, Haiti, Federated States, First Nations, Inuit, Diasporic Communities, the Council of State Governors, the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers conference

Issues – Education, Energy, Environment, Security, Trade, Investment, Immigration, Identity, Feminism and Culture

To facilitate the planning of the Québec's International Relations: Foundations, World Regions, Actors & Issues colloquium the following timeline has been established: interested colloquium participants are required to submit a proposal - an abstract not to exceed 300 words (explaining the theoretical approach/ empirical evidence to be examined), proposed title and current vitae to the colloquium coordinator no later than June 1, 2012. A maximum of 20 proposals will be accepted for the colloquium.

Confirmed participants will be required to

submit their draft contributions by October 15, 2012. The public colloquium/ author's workshop will be convened in Montreal, November 15-17, 2012.

We invite you to directly participate by contributing a chapter. In appreciation of your contribution to Québec and the World, we will underwrite hotel accommodations in Montréal for two nights, an opening evening reception and all meals associated with your participation in the Nov 2012 colloquium.

Stéphan Gervais, McGill University; Christopher Kirkey, SUNY Plattsburgh; David Meren, Université de Montréal; Stéphane Roussel, UQAM; Jarrett Rudy, McGill University.

Congratulations to the Winners of the Enders Graduate Fellow- ships in Canada-US Relations run by ACSUS!

Kudos to Carla Mendiola for her research proposal, "Understanding the Impact of Changing Border and Immigration Policies on Border Communities: Madawaska and Edmonton, Maine" and to Iian Kivilen Davis for his research proposal, "Regulating the International Media Deluge : Case Studies of Al Jazeera and China Central TV Seeking Canadian Publics 1880-1930"
We wish them good luck in their future research, made possible by the Enders Foundation and executed by ACSUS.



Border Policy Brief News

The latest edition of the Border Policy Brief is posted at: www.wvu.edu/bpri

Titled "Federal Initiatives Can Be at Odds with Regional Ones," the article discusses instances in which initiatives included within the Canada – U.S. Beyond the Border Action Plan are at odds with the conditions prevailing within the Cascade Gateway, or with successful initiatives already present in that region. The article suggests that good communication between the region and the capitals must be maintained if harm is to be avoided.

Additionally, the results of some BPRI-funded research conducted by Steven Globerman and Paul Storer have just been published in the *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*. Their article is titled "Regional and Temporal Variations in Transportation Costs for U.S. Imports from Canada" and is accessible at <http://www.jrap-journal.org/pastvolumes/2010/v41/index412.html>. It evaluates whether transportation costs for U.S. imports from Canada increased in the post-9/11 era, thereby contributing to a "thickening" of the border. It also identifies whether changes in such costs varied across customs districts.

ACSUS RESEARCH PODS

It was agreed at the ACSUS biennial meeting in Ottawa in 2011 that one way to add intellectual punch to the Tampa biennial was to form groups of scholars called research pods, which would focus on key issues in Canadian Studies. Ken Holland will facilitate these pods. Key research areas selected are: (1) Canadian Foreign Policy; (2) Canadian Domestic Politics; (3) Environmental Management and Natural Resources in Canada; (4) the Canadian Economy and International Trade; 5) Energy in Canada. Each research group chair will invite other scholars to join his or her pod and to form a panel for the 2013 ACSUS biennial. Group chairs will work with their members to present papers to the ACSUS Occasional Paper Series and to the *American Review for Canadian Studies* for publication. Anyone interested in chairing a pod or serving as a research group member is asked to contact Ken at kmholland@bsu.edu.

Second Annual Binational Executive Seminar on Canada-United States Relations

June 4th - 8th, 2012

Sheraton-at -the Falls, Niagara Falls, New York

The Binational Executive Seminar (BES) on Canada-US Relations aims to provide those who are actively engaged in the legislative management of the Canada-US relationship with the background necessary to make informed and appropriate decisions. The BES is an intensive five-day overview of key aspects of each country's political process and in-depth briefings on key policy sectors. Accommodations and most seminar sessions will be held in the conference facilities of The Sheraton at the Falls, Niagara Falls, NY and at various other venues in the beautiful binational Niagara region. Seminar sessions will be led by academic, think tank, and private sector experts.

Approximately 12 seminar participants will be selected from legislative staffs at all levels of government across Canada and the US. Local expenses (accommodation and food) will be covered for these participants. The BES will also be open to a limited number of graduate students who will be able to register for a graduate course based on the seminar sessions at the University of Buffalo - The SUNY.

2012-13 ICCS Doctoral Student Research Grant Awarded to Georgia Institute of Technology Ph.D. Candidate

Diane
Alleva
Caceres



"I'm thrilled that the Doctoral Student Research Award in Canadian Studies will support me in my dissertation research. This funding is helpful since Canada is one of 2-3 country case studies I'll compare. My project builds on previous studies that have combined an industry focus within a sub-national context in order to understand the wider implications for national patterns of industrial growth.

Specifically I'm interested in explaining why we see variation in innovation strategies and performance of high-tech industries, such as bioscience, across similar, open and developed countries and their sub-national jurisdictions.

Because of the unique interdisciplinary nature of INTA's Ph.D. program in International Affairs, Science and Technology, I've been able to explore this question through multiple lenses while bridging disciplines. This flexibility has been one of the key factors in my success so far, along with tremendous faculty encouragement and a very collegial group of Ph.D. students." The grant amount is US\$8,568



Canada and Afghanistan:

A Political, Diplomatic, Security, Economic & Social Assessment

CALL FOR CONFERENCE

PAPERS

The Center for the Study of Canada at State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, and the Center for International Development at Ball State University and the International Journal, are pleased to convene an international scholarly conference to examine comprehensively and evaluate the impact of Canada's engagement in Afghanistan. The conference, titled Canada and Afghanistan: A Political, Diplomatic, Security, Economic & Social Assessment, will be convened at the Ball State Indianapolis Center in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 11-13, 2012. Dr. Christopher Kirkey, Director of the Center for the Study of Canada, and Dr. Kenneth Holland, Director of the Center for International Development at Ball State University, will serve as the conference coordinators. We invite submissions from doctoral candidates, junior academics, established scholars and practitioners. The deadline for proposals is May 31, 2012. Contact Chris Kirkey or Ken Holland for details.

Conference Participation, Timing, Results:

Please forward an abstract not to exceed 300 words (explaining the theoretical approach/empirical evidence to be examined), proposed title and current vitae to the conference coordinators (kirkeycj@plattsburgh.edu and kmholland@bsu.edu) no later than May 31, 2012. All submissions will be examined by a peer review panel and individuals will be contacted no later than June 5, 2012. A maximum of 15 proposals will be accepted for the conference.

Proposals Due: May 31, 2012

Conference Dates: October 11-13, 2012

**Conference Venue: Ball State University, Indianapolis Center,
50 South Meridian, Indianapolis, IN 46204**



American Council on Québec Studies Biennial

Venez nombreux!

Please come to the ACQS 18th Biennial Conference, which will take place from November 8-11, 2012 in Sarasota, Florida at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The theme will be:

"North/South - Quebec- Nord/Sud"



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GOVERNOR GENERAL'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR CANADIAN STUDIES

Ottawa, April 25th, 2012 - The International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) is pleased to announce that the Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies will be presented to **Simon Langlois** next **May 26th** during the ICCS banquet to be held in Ottawa. Each year, this award honours a researcher who makes an important contribution to the international development of Canadian studies.

Simon Langlois earned his doctorate in sociology from Université de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV). He has been teaching for more than 35 years at Université Laval and is currently Director of the university's sociology department. He has published six books, alone and in collaboration, and has edited a dozen works and seven special journal editions, in addition to publishing more than a hundred contributions

including scientific articles and book chapters.

His writings make a significant contribution to Canadian studies; he has studied Quebecois society by examining relationships between Quebec and French-speaking communities in Canada, always keeping in mind the place which Quebec occupies within the country. **Simon Langlois** has also been interested in the analysis of social stratification. He is also an expert in the analysis of household consumption, a theme on which he has published many studies.

Simon Langlois also coordinates the international group Comparative Charting of Social Change (CCSC). He is a past-president of the *Association canadienne des sociologues et anthropologues de langue française*.

ACSUS is proud to announce the 2012 winners of the Fund for the Arts Grants **The Curtis Institute of Music** :

Project: Concert and conversation, featuring one-handed Canadian violin prodigy, Adrian Anantawam and screening of the documentary, "Adrian Anantawan: The Story Behind the Notes."

The University of Oregon

Project: "Northern Lights: A Festival of Québec Films" Presentations by film scholars Michael Najjar, (Denis Villeneuve "Incendies", Miléna Santoro, (Ghilaine Côté's " Elles étaient cinq," and C. Bryan Barnett.(Eric Canuel's "Bon cop, Bad cop.")

University of Washington

Project: " The Art and Inuit in the Hearts of Cartoonists", featuring Terry "Aislin" Mosher, a renowned political activist and 'nasty cartoonist' whose work has supported political causes of the Canadian Arctic for decades.

University of Washington

Project: Barry Pottle, Inuk photographer, originally from Nunatsiavut, Canada, gives a one-hour lecture and slide-show on his exhibit, "Foodland Security." He speaks about the importance of the very new development of political photography in the Inuit tradition.



ACSUS OCCASIONAL PAPERS SERIES IN PUBLIC POLICY

The electronic, peer-reviewed Occasional Papers on Public Policy series is designed to highlight ongoing policy relevant research in Canadian domestic and foreign

policy, and at the federal, provincial, and city level.

We also invite submissions on issues of public policy that pertain to cross-border relations between Canada and the United States, or to policies in one of these countries that have implications for the other.

As with ARCS, the e-journal is multi-disciplinary and invites submission from

all fields of policy inquiry. Every effort is made to ensure that all submissions receive a rapid review process.

Papers that have been presented at ACSUS meetings are especially welcome. Papers may be of any length and should be submitted electronically to:

Professor Munroe Eagles, University at Buffalo - The SUNY, eagls@buffalo.edu