



Call for Proposals

ACSUS 2022 26th Biennial Conference

Canada: Near and Far

November 16-19, 2023

Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Washington, D.C.

** The deadline for proposal submissions has been extended to April 15, 2023**

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS), the Association will host its 26th biennial conference, November 16-19, 2023, in Washington, D.C. The conference is open to all proposals with a significant Canadian focus. We welcome papers and panel proposals from students, professors, independent scholars, and practitioners on all diverse and critical perspectives related to the theme, **'Canada: Near and Far'**. ACSUS encourages panels and papers addressing subjects in the following categories:

- Border Issues, Integration, Trade, and Economics
- Critical Cultural Studies and Philosophy
- Energy and the Environment
- Foreign Policy and Defense
- Gender, Identities, Minorities, and Diversity
- History
- Indigenous and Settler Colonial Studies
- International Relations
- Law, the Constitution, and Land Claims
- Literature, Film, Music, and the Arts in English
- Literature, Film, Music, and the Arts in French
- Politics and Public Policy
- Québec Studies and the Francophone Presence in North America
- Teaching of Canada and Education Through Diverse Perspectives
- The North and Arctic Studies Through Diverse Perspectives
- Students' research

Canada: Near and Far.

Just exactly what Canada is both domestically and internationally has been a question since its inception. Whether looking from the inside out, the outside in or even from one part of Canada to another, one's viewpoint can shape conclusions. ACSUS seeks to help unwrap the riddle that is Canada by providing an opportunity for scholars and thinkers with perspectives from near and far to enhance our understanding of Canada. In the process, we look to address many questions. How is Canada perceived and portrayed from outside its borders, and by the international community? How is Canada understood by its expatriates? What role does the border have in creating or working against familiarity, or belonging? How has the coronavirus pandemic shaped Canadian relationships both locally and with the rest of the world? In recognition of ACSUS's 50 years of work, what role do non-governmental agencies around the world play in shaping Canada's relationships with the world? Finally, as a professional organization dedicated to the promotion of Canadian Studies, what is ACSUS's role in these larger questions? Proposals that touch on these themes through diverse and critical perspectives are especially encouraged, though, as always, submissions on all subjects addressing Canada and Canadian-American relations are welcome.

The conference venue is the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, an upscale hotel located minutes from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and 4 miles from the White House. Washington D.C. offers a broad range of cultural and social experiences, including some of the nation's most iconic landmarks and museums just a short Metro ride away. Accommodations are provided at the special ACSUS conference rate of **\$159** (single or double occupancy). For a detailed overview of this property, please see the [Hyatt Regency Crystal City's website](#).

The conference proposal schedule and registration fees, *which includes a required 2-year ACSUS membership valued at \$120 USD*, are as follows:

- (1) The updated final date to submit a conference proposal to the [ACSUS website](#) is **April 15, 2023**.
- (2) Confirmations will be sent out to participants by **April 30, 2023**.
- (3) For individuals who stay at the [Hyatt Regency Crystal City](#), the early conference registration fee is **\$359 before August 1, 2023**. To receive this discounted members' registration rate, individuals must first make a hotel reservation with the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. At the time of [on-line registration](#) for the conference, you will need to enter your assigned hotel confirmation number to secure the reduced registration rate.
- (4) For individuals who stay at the [Hyatt Regency Crystal City](#) and who register **after August 1, 2023**, the registration fee is **\$399**.
- (5) For individuals who opt to stay at a non-conference hotel, registration fees are **\$459**.

- (6) For individuals residing in the greater Washington D.C. region, registration fees are **\$359** before August 1, 2023, and **\$399** after August 1, 2023.
- (7) A one-day registration fee is available at **\$150** for non-members. Accepted presenters who register at the one-day rate will be also required to purchase an ACSUS membership at the appropriate fee.
- (8) Registration for undergraduate and graduate students is sharply discounted at a rate of **\$125**, which includes a 2-year ACSUS membership.
- (9) For individuals who are retired and stay at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, the registration fees are **\$299 before August 1, 2023**, and **\$339 after August 1, 2023**. For retirees who do not stay at the conference hotel, the registration rate is **\$399**.

NOTE: all registration fees and room rates listed above are in USD. All presenters must register for the conference by **September 21, 2023**; individuals not registered by this date will not be listed in the printed and on-line conference program.

Conference registration refunds will be honored until **October 3, 2023**.

ACSUS has an online access platform on our website, allowing for conference paper/panel submissions and membership registrations. Scholars interested in submitting a proposal for the conference should upload an abstract of not more than 300 words (including a working title), along with a brief vitae (2 pages maximum), via www.acsus.org no later than **April 15, 2023**. Paper presenters must be current ACSUS members in good standing, and submissions from graduate students and exceptional undergraduates are warmly welcomed. Confirmations regarding participation at the conference will be sent out by **April 30, 2023**.

If you have inquiries, kindly send your questions to the ACSUS conference program chair, Dr. Alexandre Couture Gagnon – alexandre.couturegagnon@utrgv.edu.

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Teaching of Canada and Education Through Diverse Perspectives

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The North and Arctic Studies Through Diverse Perspectives

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Washington DC sits on the ancestral lands of the Anacostan (Nacotchtank), Piscataway and Pamunkey peoples. ACSUS is an organization committed to the principles of equity, justice, and diversity and works to ensure meaningful inclusion.