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Letter From The President

Later this year, four new councilors and a Vice President will join the ACSUS executive council. I encourage individuals interested in running for the position of councilor or Vice President to submit their consent form along with the appropriate letters of support by April 1. Members will have an opportunity to vote beginning in June. New board members will be introduced to the membership during the 20th Biennial ACSUS conference in San Diego, November 18-22, 2009.

This November's biennial will build on the success of the well attended conference that ACSUS held in Toronto in 2007. The San Diego Biennial promises to be an equally impressive and well subscribed event. The proposals deadline resulted in an impressive amount of material. We are extremely pleased by the diversity, international scope, and sheer number of proposals that we have received from across the Americas and the global community.

The Westin Gaslamp Quarter located in the heart of the city center will host the conference. Given that we have a projected 15 percent increase in attendance numbers, we strongly advise that you book your room well in advance. Discounted group rates are available for attendees. Due to a completely full program and sustained strong demand by individuals still wishing to submit proposals, all participants must register by August 21 to secure their place on the conference program.

I am pleased to report on the progress of our recent partnership with Routledge publishers which promises to significantly raise the visibility and accessibility of ARCS. The first redesigned issue of ARCS will be available shortly. Throughout 2009, the entire archive of the ARCS journal will be released in an online digitized and searchable database. Increased global visibility and reach is valuable not just for ACSUS and the journal but also contributing authors whose research will receive much wider exposure.

The past few months have been a busy period for ACSUS. We held several important conferences including the biennial 'Enders State of The Canada-US Relationship' forum which took place in Ottawa last October in partnership with Carleton University and the Network of North American Studies in Canada (NNASC). Former US Ambassador to Canada, David Wilkins, hosted a reception at his residence in recognition of the event.

In November, we held a joint conference in Quebec City with the American Council for Quebec Studies (ACQS) to commemorate Quebec's 400th Anniversary. The program featured a plenary exploring the Acadian perspective on the



President, Patrick James



Anniversary featuring Herménégilde Chiasson, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. A plenary on the Northern Perspective featured Pita Aatami, President, Makivik Corporation and Nunavik, and Matthew Mukash, Grand Chief of the Quebec Cree.

In January, ACSUS held a conference on *North American Perspectives on Borders and Security: Developing a Policy Narrative* at San Diego State University. The event was a partnership with the North American Center for Transborder Studies (NACTS), Arizona State University, the Border Policy Research Institute (BPRI), Western Washington University, the Center for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), and the Government of Canada.

In August, the inaugural ACSUS Northern Canada Faculty Development Institute with Study Tours will take place in Northern Quebec. The Institute is a partnership with the Raoul-Dandurand Chair in Strategic and Diplomatic Studies at the University of Quebec at Montreal, the Government of Quebec, Hydro-Quebec, Makivik Corporation, the Government of Canada, and Xstrata Corporation. The prototype Institute and Study Tour will take place August 3 – 15 in Northern Quebec (James Bay and Nunavik).

The best way that you can support these valuable programs is by maintaining your membership in ACSUS. If you have not already done so, I strongly encourage you to renew for 2009 via our website at www.acsus.org.

I look forward to seeing many of you later this year at the Biennial conference in San Diego.

Sincerely,
Patrick James, ACSUS President

Canada's Bipolar Response to Obama Trip

by David Archibald, ACSUS Executive Director

Published Feb. 25, 2009 in *Embassy Magazine*

Five days following the inauguration of Barrack Hussein Obama, the world celebrated another larger than life figure known in equal measure for his poetical politics and inspiring prose. January 25th marked the 250th Anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. This Scottish luminary is best known for taking his nation's pulse and inspiring renewed confidence in a dispirited people.

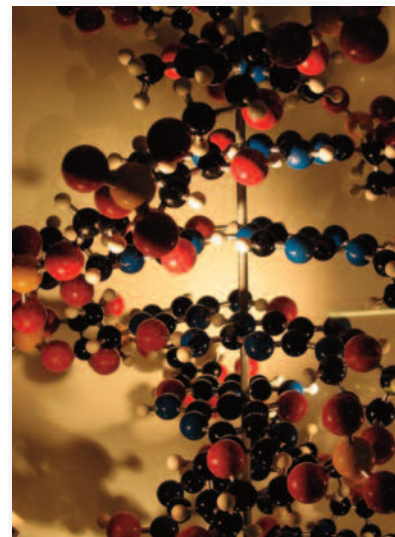
Alluding to Burns', " Hardeep Singh Kohli recently wrote in the *Independent*:

Much as we would like to think that we are of such seismic significance in the collective English psyche, in truth we are but an irrelevance to the English; we are a beautiful, small "region" abutting the North of England

Reading these lines, I reflected on the Canadian media's hue and cry in previous weeks over Washington's perceived indifference toward its own Northern neighbour.

"Canadian Ministers Get Cold Shoulder in Washington," The *Globe* reported on December 3, 2008 citing that Industry Minister Tony Clement and Ontario Economic Development Minister, Michael Bryant, failed to secure meetings with any high level US officials during a visit to Washington in November to discuss the auto industry (this was subsequently disputed by Clement).

Embassy Magazine tested the bathwater last month and concluded "Congress Lukewarm on Canada". The report called attention to Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon's visit trip to Washington where he "had difficulty getting the





attention of senior Congressional leaders.' The article continued, "the Congressional brush-off of Canadian dignitaries is becoming habitual." The metaphoric headline in the *National Post* on January 19 pleaded "Mr. Obama, tear down that border."

Then came the announcement on January 28 that Obama's first foreign visit would be to Canada. The encouraging words of White House spokesman Robert Gibbs were picked up widely by the Canadian press: "Canada is a vitally important ally. The president looks forward to the opportunity to speak with Prime Minister Harper and visit our neighbour to the north," said.

The sweetness and light continued against a backdrop of angst over "Buy American" protectionist posturing on display in Washington. On February 8 the *Montreal Gazette* proclaimed: "Obama's visit to Ottawa will be short, but possibly sweet." In slightly less poetic language, the *Vancouver Sun* reported a few days earlier that Obama's visit would be a "low-key pit stop," a sharp contrast to George W. Bush first visit in 2004 where "thousands of demonstrators clogged the streets around Parliament Hill and candlelight vigils were held in protest."

The rollercoaster ride continued. *The Victoria Times Colonist* declared on February 9: "Border security bigger threat than 'Buy American'." On February 6, the *Vancouver Sun* had implied that "The border is the next threat to trade."

In the lead up to the Academy Awards this past weekend, *Globe* readers may have thought that Obama, impressed by his recent visit to Ottawa, had just handed the Canadian people an Oscar for Best Ally: "Obama likes us, he really likes us" a *Globe* headline

DNA is a useful analogy in understanding the Canada-US relationship. Both countries form a double helix which, if unraveled, will produce some very unpleasant side effects.

gushed in celebratory fashion on Saturday. Nevertheless, an ever present satirical subtext suffused the piece, cautioning Canadians against becoming too star struck in the heat of the moment. The Obama visit was "Light on substance, but strong on love," reported the *Ottawa Citizen*: "Barack Obama has enormous political capital at his command. That he doesn't seem inclined to use it against a Canada he claims to love suggests we could be fast friends with major benefits."

This metabolic shift from famine to feast was enough to make heads spin. Was this bipolar response linked somehow to a unique strand of Canadian DNA stretching back to the very Scottish shores from where so many early Canadians had set sail? Where is Canada's Robert Burns today? In a January *New York Times* article, Michael Ignatieff illuminated the asymmetry in Canada-US relations with the following insight:

Every generation, they are all obsessed with the idea of how to maintain a Canadian empire in the face of America, this behemoth right next door."

Whether it is security, trade and commerce, water policy, the environment, or energy, this relationship is a partnership which cannot be decoupled as easily as US congressional leaders would like to believe.

Our Northern neighbor is 'beautiful', yes, but hardly 'irrelevant.' Canadians should also understand that the 'behemoth' next door is not the United States, but the US Congress. Rather than main street America, it is Capitol Hill which is most in need of an education about the beautiful—and lest they forget, highly relevant "region" abutting our North. Last week, Canadians had a valuable opportunity to impress upon Obama just how relevant their country really is. As Harper and his Ministers begin heading south this week, these snowbirds will try to prove that they are much more than just fair weather friends.

David Archibald
Executive director



ELSA LAM RECIPIENT OF GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CANADIAN STUDIES (ICCS)

Elsa Lam, a graduate student at Columbia University, is the recipient of an ICCS scholarship for a project entitled “Wilderness nation: Building Canada’s Railway landscapes, 1884—1929.” On learning the news, Lam said “I’m honored to be awarded this scholarship - and excited to delve into the Glenbow archives in Calgary for my research. In this phase of my work, I’ll be looking up original documentation on the CPR’s ready-made farm program, as well as their hotels in the Canadian Rockies.” The scholarships are intended to facilitate the renewal of the community of Canadianists by supporting the work of young scholars, by enabling successful candidates to spend 4-6 weeks at a Canadian university or research site other than their own doing research related to their thesis or dissertation in the field of Canadian Studies. The scholarship is not intended to initiate a thesis or dissertation but rather to provide access to crucial scholarly information and resources in Canada in support of a thesis /dissertation that is close to or at the point of writing. Eligible applicants include students in the social sciences or humanities who are in the process of preparing a graduate thesis or doctoral dissertation on Canada at the Master’s /Ph.D level. See: <http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/>



NORTH AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES ON BORDERS AND SECURITY: DEVELOPING A POLICY NARRATIVE

On January 12, 2009, leading North American scholars, researchers, and policy-makers convened at San Diego State University to discuss the current status of North American border security, and policy options for the future. The all-day conference, ‘North American Perspectives on Borders and Security: Developing a Policy Narrative’ took place in partnership with the North American Center for Transborder Studies (NACTS), Arizona State University, and the Border Policy



Research Institute (BPRI), Western Washington University. Additional partners included the Canadian Government and the Center for International Governance Innovation.

Border Security is a critical issue affecting the San Diego region, the entire U.S.-Mexican border, and the U.S.-Canadian border. The contentious nature of discourse surrounding border security often leads to grid-lock in the identification of real solutions. Although the issues facing the US-Mexican and US-Canadian borders are not the same, border policy in all three countries has been, and will continue to be increasingly shaped by forces such as security politics, deepening economic integration, and ecological changes.

The overarching objective of the conference was to establish a framework for linking the academic and policy communities to create an interface of useful suggestions. Papers presented a perspective on the topic which translated clearly into policy. The workshop generated a diverse dialogue between scholars and policy practitioners and was intended to be a policy relevant exercise in establishing North American border policy best practices.

In the opening session, Rick Van Schoik, Director of NACTS, ASU, set the framework for the day’s discussion stressing the need to envision the border as a system and establishing a “tri-ologue” or tri-national approach to North American borders. The new US administration offers an opportunity to reconceptualize security at the borders and separate fear and other false perceptions from reality and actual risk. The role of the academic is to anticipate and synthesize thinking on borders and contribute to the policy discourse by engaging multiple levels of government and policy specialists. There needs to be more space for locals, subnational groups, and NGOs to become involved in the dialogue so that the discourse on borders and security is not just a federally driven policy approach. An approach to borders and security must be a whole of government engagement, and not just the security sector making decisions. Localism and regionalism are vital components in this process which will lead to improved joint risk assessment.

The first panel of the day, North Americans (Movements and Migrations) featured Christopher Brown, New Mexico State University, Department of Geography, “Collaborative Research on Transboundary Water Resources. Brown discussed Transboundary Watersheds with focus on the Santa Cruz River Watershed and the Tijuana basin. Management frameworks differ from state to state, influenced by language and cultural barriers, different legal frameworks, and resource and technical asymmetries. Brown used maps of shared watersheds—Hydroregionalization of the US Mexico border to demonstrate the importance of comparative research. Brown noted that the POST



9/11 Context led to security being prioritized above all else. For example, the REAL ID Act allowed for sweeping waivers of environmental rules & regulations.

In speaking to the importance of the local and regional level in border management discourse, Jill Holslin, San Diego State University and Grantmaking Committee for Foundation for Change, San Diego, raised the possibility of working with philanthropic organizations and the small local organizations and groups which are supported by them. These groups have local knowledge that is essential in understanding the problems of regions. Holslin described a group in Tecate—Comite de Mujeres Lluvia del Sur, a group of migrants from central and southern Mexico who moved north to Tecate to work in the maquiladoras. They have claimed a neighborhood in the southern outskirts of Tecate, worked to clean up the valley, started an organic garden by bringing in fresh, uncontaminated soil and getting an expert gardener to teach them sustainable gardening practices, and lobbied state government to claim ownership of the land. But, federal policies on either side of the border—implemented without consulting from them—could destroy everything they have accomplished.

Panel 2: **North America (Economy, Trade and Security)** began with Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, University of Victoria, “Pan American Border Security Research in Comparative Perspective.” Brunet-Jailly’s presentation was intended to articulate a model of Border Security. A comparative look at the differences between the North American system and the EU system showed that there are two different notions of security, Homeland Security and a Perimeter strategy respectively. Brunet-Jailly reviewed four overlapping and integrated lenses to help us understand borderland studies: (1) local cross border culture; (2) policy activities of multiple governments; (3) local cross border political clout; (4) market forces and trade flows. Brunet-Jailly argued that the more a borderland region is straddled by forces of culture, market flows, and political clout, the more the border is porous, and the more integrated the region is.

Geoffrey Hale, University of Lethbridge, “Beyond Borders and Bridges: Border Security and Management in a Fragmented North,” posited that the challenge of Border security is influenced by contested and varied priorities and policies in each country. Pushing back the border strategy is not working given that the vast majority of trade & travel is still an “indeterminate risk?” National states are not unitary actors—North American policy coordination is constrained by institutional fragmentation within national governments and domestic checks & balances which reinforces competing institutional, public discourses. Hale advocated more broadly shared principles, clarity in objectives, and shared threat perceptions; building communities of interest; fostering improved administrative cooperation; stakeholder engagement; institutionalizing consultation with societal stakeholders; regional innovations in border communities; and expanding regional and cross-border advisory councils.

A Lunch Panel featured Mark Baza, Trade Corridor Improvement Fund, and Mario Orzo, Caltrans discussing the role of Public-Private partnerships in the Otay Mesa Port of Entry/SR 11 Toll Road. The project concept is to provide a toll POE at no cost to the federal government.

Panel 4: **North Americanism (Our Common Future).** Daniel Drache, York University, “Thick Borders and the Challenge of Policy Coordination post-Bush,” spoke about how the configuration of the Canada-US Border has changed tremendously since 9/11 which translates into transaction costs of 3% for Canadian business versus perhaps 5% for Mexican business. Drache questioned the efficacy of the DHS-Doctrine of Risk Avoidance. Is there really much of a difference between risk management or risk avoidance? He presented the following set of

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challenges: (1) principle threats to Canadians—gun trafficking & drugs; (2) intrusion of Homeland Security into domestic security in Canada. Drache cited the Mahar Ahrar Case to demonstrate its influence in shaping and shifting Canadian public opinion toward risk management.

Victor Konrad, Carleton University and the Border Policy research Institute, Western Washington University, presented “A Discourse Pattern for Developing a Policy Narrative on North American Borders” in which he advocated a collaborative discourse that engages re-bordering on a platform of trust. Konrad stated that we have failed to identify what we are doing and that the media is establishing those images for us. A recognized brand to define and acknowledge re-bordering was proposed. A recommendation for integrative processes and alignment of policies and process was stressed

Stephen Clarkson, University of Toronto, presented “A Policy Perspective on a Common Continental Approach to Border Security.” Clarkson promoted the idea that the root causes of border problems are attributable to the US which has caused insecurity in the periphery. Economic integration has increased vulnerability of Canada and Mexico Clarkson cited US arms sales and corn exports to Mexico as examples that promote border insecurity on the US-Mexico border. He advocated a paradigm shift from a security centric approach to a more continentalist model with strengthened trilateral institutions and intergovernmental connections.

The final set of papers for the day formed the panel, **The governance & performance of borders.** Donald Alper, Border Policy research Institute, Western Washington University, delivered the BPRI Border performance paper which presented Data based on four ports of entry in Cascadia. The study was intended to be replicable.



Alper posited that performance on the border should be measured by hard metrics—but also by soft metrics, including effectiveness of regional cooperative measures, cost-benefits analysis of measures. The NACTS Border performance paper was then presented by Rick Van Schoik, Arizona State University, followed by comments from Sukumar Periwal, Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, Office of the Premier, Government of British Columbia. A wider interchange of ideas ensued with public sector actors.

In a concluding commentary, Van Schoik reviewed the following recommendations: **URGENCY:** Communicate the urgency of the border. **RISK:** Separate risk from threat and allocate funds according to risk not perceived threat. **JBMA/C:** Establish trinational Joint Border Management Authority (JBMA) with local transborder advisory councils, to plan, build, and operate ports of entry and other transnational facilities. **EXCHANGE:** Encourage exchange of educators, students and researchers and even staffers by funding the appetite. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Create and disseminate a coherent border message.

All presentations will be available in a multi-media library platform on the Center for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) Portal for North America website. See: <http://www.portalfornorthamerica.org/>.

NORTHERN CANADA FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES WITH STUDY TOURS NORTHERN QUEBEC (JAMES BAY AND NUNAVIK), AUGUST 3 - 15, 2009

The purpose of the ACSUS Northern Canada Faculty Development Institutes with Study Tours is to provide to ACSUS members who are faculty at US universities, teaching about Canada, the interdisciplinary foundation to be able to teach about the Canadian North with the benefit of some experience. Due to climate change, the Arctic and Northern Canada have been thrust into high profile and



faculty who teach about Canada increasingly find that they must address pressing public policy issues facing the north in their course content, but few have any knowledge or understanding of the far north, and virtually none have actually experienced the far North. The ACSUS Northern Canada Faculty Development Institutes with Study Tours are designed to provide intensive introductions to regions of the Canadian North during five days of preliminary briefings based at

appropriate universities in the south of Canada. Participants will then have the opportunity to travel to the northern region for a week-long immersion experience, to witness how the public policy issues introduced during the institute are playing out in northern communities. Participants will have the opportunity not only to observe the reality of the northern region but will visit communities and meet with indigenous elders, government agencies, youth, and other groups to gain understanding of what life is like in the north and the contemporary challenges being faced by northern peoples.

The prototype Northern Canada Faculty Development Institute with Study Tour will take place from August 3 – 15, 2009. ACSUS' first Northern Faculty Development Institute and Study Tour will focus on Northern Quebec (James Bay and Nunavik). ACSUS has partnered with the Raoul-Dandurand Chair in Strategic and Diplomatic Studies at the University of Quebec at Montreal to develop and offer this institute and study tour. ACSUS plans to develop and offer a series of three such Northern Canadian Faculty Development Institutes with Study Tours, to Northern Quebec, Nunavut, and the North West Territories, and hopes that there will be subsequent regular offerings of the series. Each ACSUS institute and study tour will be offered in partnership with a Canadian university.

Support for this program has been generously provided by the Government of Quebec, Hydro-Quebec, Makivik Corporation, the Government of Canada, and Xstrata Corporation.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON OFFERS INNOVATIVE NEW COURSE ON ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY

In January, the Canadian Studies Center at the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies rolled out an innovative new course on Arctic Sovereignty to address how climate change is dramatically altering the foreign policy of Arctic countries.



The course includes a unique student led Task Force which recently spent a week in Ottawa on a fact-finding mission meeting with scientists, lawyers, Foreign Affairs Canada, Inuit associations, and foreign embassies. *Arctic Sovereignty* was developed by Nadine Fabbi, Associate Director of the Canadian Studies Center in the Jackson School of International Studies, and Vincent Gallucci, professor in the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences and director of the Center for Quantitative Sciences in



Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife.

The course is part of a wider circumpolar initiative for the Center to address new and innovative directions in international studies and the emerging international interest in the Arctic region. In 2008, the Canadian Studies Center at UW became a member of the University of the Arctic—an international network of 116 institutions and organizations that comprise a “university without walls” dedicated to creating a strong, sustainable circumpolar region.

The course syllabi for Arctic Sovereignty poses three pivotal questions for students to contemplate: (1) Who has rights to the resources lying under the seabed? (2) Is the Northwest Passage an “international strait” or, as Canada claims, “internal waters?” (3) What of the Inuit claim that sea ice constitutes traditional territory?

A range of circumpolar issues, from natural resources to fishing and navigation rights, have no regional governing body to legislate over increasingly divergent national level interpretations and opinion surrounding contested claims in the circumpolar region. An inclusive and wide reaching policy discourse is critical in shaping a regional consensus among the national stakeholders in the North. Students in the Arctic Sovereignty course are expected to play a contributing role by directly engaging the broadening international dialogue on circumpolar dispute resolution challenges. They will present a range of policy recommendations while remaining sensitive to aboriginal communities in the region.

QUÉBEC ET LES AUTRES: 400 YEARS OF INTERACTIONS/QUEBEC AND CANADA: 400 YEARS OF CHALLENGES

In November, the American Council for Quebec Studies (ACQS) and ACSUS combined the Sixteenth Biennial ACQS Conference with the 7th Biennial ACSUS-in-Canada Colloquium in Quebec City. ACQS and ACSUS used Quebec’s 400th anniversary to focus on the province’s cultural, political, and economic relationships within and outside Canada from interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary perspectives. Participation from US, Canadian and international scholars guaranteed an inclusive program which stimulated a dialogue relevant to the wider discourse on Quebec’s intercultural and intergovernmental relations. The event also addressed important Acadian perspectives. ACSUS AND ACQS constitute the two largest professional associations



devoted to Canadian and Quebec studies.

The diversity of participation promoted interdisciplinary dialogue and interaction between the social sciences and humanities. Partners included the Government of Canada; the Government of Quebec; Canada Economic Development Quebec; the Government of New Brunswick; the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA); the Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU); the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages for New Brunswick; Makivik Corporation; the Woodrow Wilson Center’s Canada Institute. Proceedings will be published in *Québec Studies/ACQS* and the *American Review of Canadian Studies/ACSUS* in 2009.

Key issues addressed by the joint ACQS/ACSUS conference fell within two spheres of inquiry: (1) Quebec and Canada: 400 years of challenges; (2) Québec et les autres: 400 years of interactions. Given that ACQS is an academic association populated by a disproportionate number of humanities scholars, the partnership with ACSUS was an important means to introduce policy research to the program and engage the social science community ensuring a diverse, well represented academic program and attendance while providing opportunities for the two communities to interact with Canadian and US colleagues. The confluence of this interdisciplinary objective and the occasion that the 400th Anniversary provided for exploring Quebec’s past, present, and future relations within and outside Canada, served as the context for the program. The material presented in the program was highly relevant both in terms of its contributions to the wider discourse on intercultural, intergovernmental, and transnational relations, and the implications these levels of interaction have on Quebec’s cultural legacy and creation of collective memory.

Theme one, ‘Quebec and Canada: 400 years of challenges’ was broadly focused on political, economic, and cultural divergence and convergence issues between Quebec and the federal government during the course of the province’s history. The contestations in Quebec’s relationship with the rest of Canada has introduced cultural and political space for the province to reinvent itself and present a youthful, constantly evolving image which is profiled in greater relief when juxtaposed with the rest of the country. The ‘challenges’ framework offered participants the chance to raise important public policy questions arising from the Conquest, the Quebec Act, and Confederation, through to the role of the church, conscription debates, Patriation, threats of separation, Bill 101, Meech Lake, the rights of native peoples, and immigration, etc.

Conscious that Acadians regarded 2008 as the 404th Anniversary of the French presence, a panel was organized to look at Acadian perspective on the Anniversary. We examined how economic opportunities have been



created for francophone minorities in the Atlantic provinces by way of the Official Languages Act. Monique Collette, Deputy Minister and Chair of ACOA; Michel Carrier, Language Commissioner for New Brunswick; Yvon Fontaine, Recteur of Université de Moncton and Chair of AAU; and Herménégilde Chiasson, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick shared important context and insight.

The Northern perspective was presented by Pita Aatami, President, Makivik Corporation (Nunavik) and Matthew Mukash, Grand Chief of the Quebec Cree during a plenary session.

Theme two, 'Québec et les autres: 400 years of interactions' primarily focused on the North American and global space within which Quebec has projected itself and has evolved. This track included explorations of Quebec's trade and diplomatic relations with the US, including a look at Quebec's 'trade corridors, and NAFTA climate change cooperation. A review of foreign policy looked at Quebec's response to Canada's involvement in Afghanistan, and attitudes toward the use of force and democratization. Presentations also examined how Quebec's political culture has been shaped and reflected outside Quebec, including the role played by foreign media.

A number of Quebec cinema panels viewed film through the lens of globalization and cultural identity while several literature roundtables focused on the ties that link immigrant writers to their place of birth and how immigrant identities are negotiated, mediated and constructed within Quebec.

ACSUS ANNOUNCES HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP WITH ROUTLEDGE PUBLISHERS

ACSUS announces a new partnership with Routledge, a distinguished publisher at the forefront of academic publishing. The partnership will significantly raise the visibility and accessibility of *The American Review of Canadian Studies* (ARCS), the quarterly journal published by ACSUS.



In the next several months, the global Canadian studies community will finally have access to valuable new research tools and resources when the entire archive of the ARCS journal is made available on-line in a digitized, searchable platform.

All future issues of ARCS will be available in both print and E-ditions. Access will be restricted to members of ACSUS.

Features being introduced in 2009 include:

- A Manuscript Central submission and peer-review tracking system
- Digitization of entire back archive of ARCS
- Access to articles by members via informaworld--state-of-the-art electronic publishing which includes: rich reference linking; articles in PDF and HTML;
- Functionality such as intuitive searches and RSS feeds.

The Routledge partnership will increase exposure to the journal through a coordinated marketing and outreach strategy guaranteeing that ARCS and ACSUS are featured and promoted at 60 major discipline-related conferences and cross-promotional meetings each year. Increased visibility and global reach is valuable not just for ACSUS and the journal but also contributing authors whose research will receive much wider exposure.

ABOUT ROUTLEDGE

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The American Review of Canadian Studies (ARCS) is a refereed, multidisciplinary, quarterly journal. Published by the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS), ARCS examines Canada and the Canadian point of view from an American perspective. Its articles—both interdisciplinary and disciplinary—explore Canada's arts, cultures, economics, politics, history, and society, recognizing Canada's distinctive position in the world. The journal's editorial office is located at Western Washington University. Professor John Purdy is the Editor.

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For full guidelines, visit:

<http://www.acsus.org/display.cfm?id=420>

ACSUS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2009 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are accepted by the ACSUS Committee on Nominations and Elections for the positions of Vice President, and Councilor (four openings). The President and Vice President each will serve a two-year term lasting from November 2009 through November 2011; after the term expires, the President will continue to serve on the Executive Council through November 2013 in the position of Past President. Each elected Councilor will serve a four-year term lasting from November 2009 through November 2013. Nominations may be made by any member in good standing and endorsed by three (3) additional members in good standing. The nominee, who must be a member of ACSUS in good standing, must consent in writing on the proper form, available at www.acsus.org. All nominees for the position of Vice President must be resident in the United States and have served previously on the Executive Council.

Nominations must be received by April 1, 2009. See:

<http://www.acsus.org/display.cfm?id=390>

NEWS FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

On February 24, 2009, the BPRI co-hosted a conference in Washington, D.C., titled "*Border Challenges and Regional Solutions: 2010 Olympics and the Pacific Northwest Experience.*" Also hosting the conference were the Canada Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center, the Canadian Embassy, and PNWER (the Pacific Northwest Economic Region).

Two New Working Papers are available online at www.wwu.edu/bpri. The first, authored by Paul Storer and Aaron Hayman, is titled "Streamlining of NAFTA Tariffs: Benefits for Washington State ." The article estimates the benefits that might accrue following the implementation of minor modifications to tariffs imposed under NAFTA. The authors reveal that significant benefits can be realized, at little or no cost in terms of reduced tariff revenue.

The second paper, authored by Sara Singleton, is titled "Not our borders: Indigenous people and the struggle to maintain shared lives and cultures in post-9/11 North America." This paper looks closely at the situation of indigenous tribes whose homelands straddle a border (either the U.S.-Mexico border, or the Canada-U.S.). Heightened border security and new border-crossing processes have had a disproportionate impact upon such tribes.

Last but not least, Western is pleased to welcome Victor Konrad as Visiting Fellow from January through June 2008. Dr. Konrad is engaged in a project to define breaking points in border policy between Canada and the U.S. He brings a wealth of experience to the BPRI, having served as Director of the Canadian-American Center at the University of Maine, inaugural Director of the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program, and president of ACSUS. We are excited to welcome him to campus and look forward to his tenure at the BPRI.

WWU's Center for Canadian-American Studies Celebrates 30 Years of "STUDY CANADA"

Last summer, the Center for Canadian-American Studies at Western Washington University marked the 30th anniversary of its annual STUDY CANADA Summer Institute for K-12 Educators, the oldest and best-known Canadian Studies outreach program of its kind in the US. The strong support of both the US Department of Education and the Government of Canada must be acknowledged since Title VI Grants and Embassy of Canada Outreach Grants have been awarded since 1988 and 1978, respectively, to fund STUDY CANADA'. Visit: <http://www.wwu.edu/canam/>



CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS IN TRANSITION: THE U.S. ELECTIONS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Every two years, the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) organizes a symposium—the ACSUS Thomas O. Enders Symposium—and produces a special issue of the *American Review of Canadian Studies* (ARCS) on the state of the relationship between Canada and the United States. This project is dedicated to the memory of Thomas O. Enders, the late U.S. Ambassador to Canada. The 2008 symposium took place on October 24th at Carleton University in collaboration with the Network of North American Studies in Canada (NNASC) and was titled “Canada-U.S. Relations in Transition: The U.S. Elections and Future Prospects.”



The conference focused on the pending elections in the United States as well as the Canadian election and their implications for the Canada-U.S. relationship. The symposium focused on a range of important policy areas: religion and politics, energy and the environment, race and ethnicity, borders, and North American relations.

Speakers at the symposium included Marilyn Lashley (Howard University) Jonathan Malloy (Carleton University), Honourable Paul Frazer, Jason Ackleson (New Mexico State University), Mike Pasqualetti (Arizona State University), Michael Hawes and Jennifer Regan (Network on North American Studies in Canada), and Carol Wise, University of Southern California. The symposium proceedings will be published in a special issue of ARCS.

Following the conference, US Ambassador to Canada, David Wilkins, hosted a reception at his residence and expressed how bitter-sweet such occasions are. This was one of the last social events hosted under his ambassadorship.

GREETINGS FROM THE INSTITUTE ON QUÉBEC STUDIES AT SUNY PLATTSBURGH

Greetings from the Institute on Québec Studies! This year begins with much excitement and to add to the momentum, I am delighted to invite you and your membership to the Québec Winter Symposium (QWS) 2009.

We are pleased to announce that the title of our 21st Annual QWS is: “Struggle, Identity and Survival: The Haitian Immigrant Experience in Montréal.” This year’s program will be held Friday through Sunday, March 27-29, at the Novotel in downtown Montréal.

Since its inception in 1988, the annual Québec Winter Symposium (QWS) provides a unique professional development opportunity for professors interested in Québec Studies and is conducted in French. Consistent with past programs, participants will be provided with presentations by leading academic specialists, briefings by significant literary and cultural contributors, as well as cultural activities relevant to our program theme.

Registration is now open! The cost for registration is USD \$399 which includes: all program meetings, two nights single hotel accommodations, full daily breakfast, one lunch, one dinner and cultural activities. Space for participation in our program is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Best wishes to you – May your passion in Québec continue to grow stronger this year!

All the best,

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2009 CANADIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE GRANTS EVENTS

The Canadian Government provides support for teaching, research, conferences and program activities that further the knowledge and understanding of Canada in the United States. Projects that focus on the diverse aspects of Canada-U.S. relations are of particular interest. Priority topics include bilateral trade, Canada-U.S. border issues, security cooperation, environmental and natural resources issues, and cultural relations. Learn more about the Canadian Studies Grant program here:

http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/washington/studies-etudes/index.aspx?lang=eng&menu_id=355&menu=L

Listed below are forthcoming events supported by Canadian Studies Conference grants. These grants are designed to assist four-year U.S. colleges and universities and research institutions to hold a conference addressing important and timely issues about Canada or Canada-U.S. relations and to publish the proceedings.

Afghanistan

U.S.-Canada Cooperation in Rebuilding Higher Education in Afghanistan. This conference will bring together key representatives of the United States, Canada and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to explore ways in which the three nations can cooperate in the rehabilitation and development of higher education in Afghanistan. Washington, DC, May 2009.

Canada-U.S. Border

Boundary Waters Treaty Centennial Symposium. This Symposium, combining a live event with a written publication, will focus on the 100-year anniversary of the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty between the United States and Canada. Detroit, MI, March 2009.

'*Institute Impacts*' is a conference that will measure the influences that the International Canadian Studies Institutes (ICSI) have had on individual faculty, staff, universities, and students through positions attained, courses created, research conducted, projects undertaken, cross border exchanges, study tours organized, and students going to Canada to study. Seattle, Washington, 15-16 October 2009.

A Workshop on Comparative Family Law. The Women and International Law Program will host the second "Workshop on Comparative Family Law," at American University. The Workshop will bring together top scholars of comparative law and family law to discuss the changing legal regulation of intimate and family lives, with a

particular emphasis on comparing the legal regimes of the U.S. and Canada. Washington, D.C., Spring 2009.

Environment

Managing Ecosystems of Regulated Rivers and Watersheds: A conference series highlighting 50 years of hydroelectric power development and the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway on the International Section of the St. Lawrence River. Cornwall, ON, May 5-7, 2009.

Beyond the Boundary Waters Treaty: Governance, Ecosystem Science and Management in the Connecting Channels. In conjunction with the International Joint Commission centennial celebration of the Boundary Waters Treaty, the University of Buffalo will host this conference to address governance and ecosystem sustainability issues affecting the connecting channels of the Great Lakes, with an emphasis on the Niagara River. Buffalo, NY, June 11-12, 2009.

Immigration

Settlement, Security and Social Justice: Immigrants and Refugees in US-Canada Border Regions. This conference will address issues of migration, settlement, integration, and human rights in the context of demographic shifts along border regions in central and eastern Canada and the northeastern U.S. Burlington, VT, March 16-17, 2009.

QUÉBEC STUDIES PROGRAM

In order to promote a better understanding of Québec in the United States, the Ministère des Relations internationales du Québec (MRI) has established a financial assistance program in Québec studies intended for professors/ researchers/ students at American institutions of higher education.

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

This program has five components:

- Grants for Professors and Researchers
- Grants for Students (MRI/IAQS/ACQS)
- Matching Library Grants
- Grants for Program Enhancement
- Grants for Speakers

Full details on the program can be found at http://www.gouv.qc.ca/portail/quebec/international/usa/etudes/etudes_quebecoises/survol/

ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY: COLD FACTS, HOT ISSUES

Drawing on its strong ties with Canada through its annual Vancouver Summer Law Program amongst other activities, Southwestern Law School organized a one-day symposium entitled "Arctic Sovereignty: Cold Facts, Hot Issues". The symposium brought together leading scholars and government officials from law schools and other organizations throughout the US and Canada. It was one of the first comprehensive US law school symposium focused on Arctic sovereignty.



Panelists discussed marine jurisdictional, territorial and security issues, the impact on the environment and natural resources, and the human factor including indigenous rights and human rights. It was noted that, for the US, legal issues related to the Arctic have created a renewed interest in ratifying the U.N. Law of the Sea Convention.

Canadian and U.S. participants addressed the issues mostly from a positive perspective, defusing and in some cases debunking the sensationalized messaging that appears regularly in the popular press.

More significantly, throughout the day, Canadian and US presenters spoke of the many areas in which our two countries, as well as the other polar countries have cooperated.

Proceedings from the symposium will be published in the Southwestern Journal of International Law. The Journal is distributed to all U.S. law schools, all (CA) state/federal courts, all federal courts of appeal, the U.S. Supreme Court, and over 60 institutions /law schools/private parties throughout the world, including in Canada, Singapore, Japan, Holland, Germany, Spain, Argentina, Venezuela, Mexico to name a few. Circulation is between 600-700 volumes and it is also available in most major law subscription databases.

This report prepared with the assistance of Pam Johnson, Cultural/Academic Relations Officer, Canadian Consulate General Los Angeles.

CANADIAN STUDIES IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Eedited by Patrick James and Mark Kasoff, and published by University of Toronto Press. The field of Canadian Studies is a growing discipline, particularly in the United States. This introductory text offers a thorough and accessible approach to Canadian Studies through comparative analyses of Canada and the United States, their histories, geographies, political systems, economies, and cultures. Canadian Studies in the New Millennium will be of significant value to students, educators, and practitioners.

See: <http://www.utppublishing.com/pubstore/merchant.ihtml?pid=8934&lastcatid=160&step=4>.

GATEWAY TO CANADA: SCHOLARSHIP BRIDGES AND BOUNDARIES

The 2008 Midwest Association for Canadian Studies (MWACS) conference was held jointly with the International Studies Association-Midwest, in downtown St. Louis, Missouri, November 7-9th, 2008.

The two-and-a-half day program included two plenary speakers and eight panels ranging from Canada in the international system, national identity, Canada in education and contemporary political issues. George Eynon, Board Member of the Energy Resources Conservation Board (Calgary, AB) and Joel Sokolsky, Dean of Arts and a Professor of Political Science, Royal Military College of Canada delivered the plenary addresses. Mr. Eynon spoke on the energy relationship between Canada and the US. Professor Sokolsky's discussed Afghanistan and the Transformation of Canadian Defense Policy.

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NEW ERA IN A NEW WORLD: CHALLENGES FACING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Western Social Science Association (WSSA) 51st annual conference., Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 15-18, 2009. Co-chair section coordinator for Canadian Studies: Tim Casey, Political Science, Mesa State College. Principal section coordinator: Thomas Murphy, S.J., Seattle University. The conference includes a Canadian studies section which can be viewed here: <http://wssa.asu.edu/conferences/WSSAPROGRAM2009.pdf>

CANADIAN LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION

ACSUS and the University of Ottawa's School of Management are currently recruiting, by invitation only, for the 2009 program.

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

The Canadian Leadership Orientation Program for US MBAs is designed to familiarize the next generation of American business leaders with Canada, the United States' largest trading partner. The program involves panel sessions and briefings on Canada's economic, industrial structure and financial market structure, the US market and investment strategies of Canadian companies and Canadian market and investment strategies of U.S. companies in Canada, Canadian business practices and Canada-U.S. political and trade relations. It also involves visits to a number of leading Canadian corporations and U.S. subsidiaries.

This year's program will take place during the week of May 31, 2009 in Ottawa. For an example of program highlights visit <http://www.telfer.uottawa.ca/content/blogcategory/121/156/lang.en/>. Details regarding the 2009 program will be updated as they become available.

The Orientation was launched in 2005 as a partnership between ACSUS and the Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa, in cooperation with Foreign Affairs Canada, HEC Montreal, and the Canadian Embassy in Washington.

FOCUS ON THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION FOR CANADIAN STUDIES—SACS

SACS President, Richard Parker

SACS is an organization with a lot of potential. I believe that through commitment and dedication we can grow the organization and make it something special. We are re-launching our journal. I fully expect the *Southern Journal of Canadian Studies* to be available online by the start of Spring Semester. We will redevelop and redesign our website. I look forward to working with our new editor Richard Nimijean to produce a journal that we can use as a vehicle for getting our work noticed by our deans and others seeking to quantify (or perhaps more accurately – justify) our research in Canadian Studies. We will put forth a call for papers in the coming months for a special edition of the journal in memory of Ron Love. I am looking forward to serving as SACS President for the next two years. I believe that we have a bright future ahead of us if we will commit. In 2010, SACS will hold its meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Nashville gives us many opportunities for an enjoyable and a productive meeting. Further details on the 2010 Nashville conference will be forthcoming as we draw closer to that date.



Visit the brand new SACS website:

<http://www.sacscanada.org/>

FOCUS ON THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL FOR CANADIAN STUDIES

MANECCS Announces the Postponement of the St. Lawrence Seaway at 50: An Interdisciplinary Colloquium. The Interdisciplinary Colloquium on the St. Lawrence Seaway that was to be sponsored by MANECCS and hosted by the Diefenbaker Centre in Saskatoon in early May, 2009 has been postponed. However, we are hopeful to be able to convene a similar (though likely broader) symposium in Spring 2010.

2009 Pennsylvania Canadian Studies Consortium Meeting

The 2009 Pennsylvania Canadian Studies Consortium Meeting will be held March 20-21, 2009 at East Stroudsburg University



of Pennsylvania. Faculty and graduate students interested in any Canadian-related topic (including comparative studies) and/or participating in a workshop on teaching Canada across the curriculum are encouraged to attend. For more information about the meeting, please contact Dr. Patricia M. Kennedy, Department of Communication Studies, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Email: pkennedy@po-box.esu.edu; Phone: 570-422-3136 East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania.

Visit the MANECCS website: <http://maneccs.org/>

CANADIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATIONS IN THE US. WHO'S WHO?

Association for Canadian Studies in the US (ACSUS)

- President: Patrick James, University of Southern California: www.acsus.org

Middle Atlantic New England Council for Canadian Studies

- President, Andrew Holman, Bridgewater State College: <http://www.maneccs.org/>

Midwest Association for Canadian Studies

- President, James Endersby, University of Missouri: <http://www.mwacs.org/>

Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium

- Executive Director, Michael Treleaven, S.J., Gonzaga University: <http://www.pnwcsc.org/>

Southern Association for Canadian Studies

- President: Richard D. Parker, High Point University: <http://www.sacscanada.org/>

American Council for Quebec Studies

- President, Juliette Rogers, University of New Hampshire: <http://www.acqs.org/>

UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL SUMMER BUSINESS SCHOOL

The Université Laval Summer Business School program is an introduction to international trade in the context of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). During the three-week program, students will learn about the historical, political, social and economic factors that have shaped Canada's trade policies and how those factors impact trade in other North American countries. Because Québec City offers insights into cultural, institutional and geographical differences, it provides future managers with a real life experience of the challenges of international business. The next

Summer Business School will take place from May 16, 2009 to June 5, 2009. The deadline for application is April 24, 2009.

I had a wonderful time and met so many people I still keep in touch with. I would recommend this program to anyone interested in learning about foreign trade and international agreements. I also fell in love with Québec City and hope to visit again in the years to come!

Meredith Faulkner
Kennesaw State University

Université Laval Summer Business School was exactly what I wanted to get out of a study abroad experience. Befriending students and professors from other cultures, studying international trade, and touring Québec business sites were just a few of the enriching experiences that made the program worthwhile.

Cassie Marks
Kent State University

Learn more about the Université Laval Summer Business School program:

http://english.fsa.ulaval.ca/sgc/international_en/summerbschool

IN MEMORIAM. JEFFREY TENENBAUM (1945-2008)

The Executive Board mourns the recent loss of long-time MANECCS member Jeffrey Tenenbaum, who passed away suddenly on December 9, 2008. A 1968 graduate of McGill University in Montreal, Jeff was a strong supporter of the mission of Canadian Studies in the United States, a mission that he helped to further during the 31 years that he served as a Reference Librarian at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Past President of the Pioneer Valley Association of Academic Librarians, he retired from UMass in December 2003. In recent years, he had worked as a substitute reference librarian at Amherst College. Jeff served on the MANECCS Executive Board as Recording Secretary and was a well-known, perennial presence at the MANECCS biennial conference. His broad knowledge of all things Canadian, his appreciation of the theatre and music (indeed all of the Arts) and his inimitable, dry humor will be sorely missed. As our way of honoring Jeff and his contribution to MANECCS (and Canadian Studies in general), the MANECCS Board invites everyone who knew him to contribute their words of remembrance to be posted here, on this webpage, for members of MANECCS and others in the Canadian Studies community to see and share. Please send your words of remembrance to Marsha Ann Tate, Executive Vice President, MANECCS (mat1@psu.edu). They will be posted promptly. Please visit: <http://maneccs.org/>