

ACSUS Executive Council Meeting

13:00 - 16:00 Thursday, 13th November, 2025

Welcome Reception

18:30 - 20:00 Thursday, 13th November, 2025

Sponsored by: Center for Canadian Studies at Western Washington University and The Canadian Studies Center/Arctic and International Relations, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington Center for Canadian Studies and Arctic and International Relations; Consulate General of Canada to the United States in Seattle

Friday Morning Plenary

08:00 - 08:45 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Keynote Speaker: Tony Penikett

Title: "Malice or Mismanagement: North America's History of Broken Treaty Promises"

This presentation will focus on the agreements we the people make and the ones we break. From the beginning, the colonization of North America was a disaster for Indigenous peoples. Settlers and settler governments stripped First People of their lands, killed them, infected them, destroyed or declared illegal their governing system, and stole their children. If governments continue to make promises they do not plan to keep, this will further undermine public confidence in our fragile democracies.

Session 1A: Indigenous Youth in Quebec Literature and Film

09:00 - 10:15 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Miléna Santoro

Featuring Indigenous Youth in films by Barnaby, Morin, Verreault and Deer

Milena Santoro

Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA

Challenges and Resilience in Indigenous Teens in *Manikanetish* by Naomi Fontaine and *L'or des mélèzes* by Carole Labarre

Juliette Rogers

Macalester College, Saint Paul, USA

A Political Education: Enacting Indigenous Sovereignty in Québec Cinema

Ioana Pribiag

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA

Session 1B: Student Colloquim: Quebec Studies and French Presence in North America

09:00 - 10:15 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: David Stewart

How do State and Substate Conceptions of Nationalism Influence Public Attitudes towards Refugees: Public Opinion of Afghan and Ukrainian Refugees in Canada and Quebec.

Herbert McCullough

University of North Texas, Denton, USA

Cross-Border Governance in Marine Conservation: The Case of the North Atlantic Right Whale

Owen Temby¹, Antonia Sohns², Evelyn Roozee², Dongkyu Kim³, Gordon M. Hickey²

¹The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, USA. ²McGill University, Montreal, Canada. ³The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, USA

La judéité célébrée ou perdue ? Aaron d'Yves Thériault comme espace de changement de la judéité québécoise

Marcin Janczak

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Exile and Exploitation in Les Oiseaux ivres by Ivan Grbóvic (2021)

Kirsten Smith

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Minneapolis, USA

Session 1C: Student Colloquium: Politics and Public Policy

09:00 - 10:15 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Devan Blackwell

Trudeau and Mulroney, Habermas and Rawls: Rethinking changing visions of Canadian nationhood and political legitimacy

Britt Leake

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, USA

Uprooting Migrant Lives: A Comparison of News Media about Immigration and Farm Work in Canada and the United States

Anneka Bosse

York University, Toronto, Canada

The Battle for Canadian Ears: Public, Private, and Policy Questions in the Changing Space of Music Broadcasting

Christine Cooling

York University, Toronto, Canada

Session 1D: Student Colloquium: Filming the North

09:00 - 10:15 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Christina Keppie

Spaces of Struggle, Spaces of Change: Northern Quebec on Screen

Isis Luxenburger

Saarland University, Saarbruecken, Germany

Journeys Through Another Last Frontier: Early Diaries to YouTube Vlogs in the Canadian Arctic

Alex Henry

University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Refreshment Break (Sponsored by Michigan State University Center for Canadian Studies)

10:15 - 10:30 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Session 2A: Roundtable: Canada-US Relations in the Trump Era

10:30 - 11:45 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Laurie Trautman

Panelists: Laurie Trautman, Western Washington University

André Lecours, University of Ottawa

Canada-US Relations in the Trump Era

André Lecours¹, Laurie Trautman², Andr  e Bissonnette², St  phane Paquin³, Fr  d  rick Gagnon⁴

¹University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada. ²Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA. ³ENAP, Montr  al, Canada. ⁴UQAM, Montr  al, Canada

Session 2B: National Dreaming: The United States in Canadian Philosophy

10:30 - 11:45 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Janet Wesselius

Canadian Nationalism: Revisiting George Grant's "Lament" in an Age of Trumpism

Joseph McGinn

Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, USA. St. Stephen's University, St. Stephen, Canada

"It's not America first. It's humanity first": Wab Kinew and Indigenous Nationalism

Janet Wesselius

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

Canada's Manifest Destiny

Eric Wilkinson

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Milwaukee, USA. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Session 2C: Student Colloquium: Reflections on Canada's Past

10:30 - 11:45 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Christina Keppie

Making the News in America: Coverage of the Canadian Abortion Debate in U.S. Newspapers, 1969-1988

Hailey Baldock

York University, Toronto, Canada

What 1930s Educational Surveys Can Tell Us About Canada-United States Relations, Then and Now

Ashley Schepis

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, USA

Pure Milk in Montreal: Scientific Mothering Across the U.S.-Canadian Border

Lydia Mathews

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, USA

Session 2D: Student Colloquium: Migration and Economics

10:30 - 11:45 Friday, 14th November, 2025
Chair: Sara Beth Keough

Migration, Precarity, and the Quest for Home

Winona Angelie Arador

York University, Toronto, Canada

“USMCA in Crisis: Canada’s Role in Navigating Trade and Climate Tensions in North American Agriculture”

Joan Carrillo

Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Unidad Xochimilco, Mexico City, Mexico

Migration in Canada: Human Mobility and Its Impact on Economic Transformation

Jesús Ángel Saavedra Cruz

Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Unidad Xochimilco, Mexico City, Mexico

Session 2E: Student Colloquium: Teaching and Education in Canada

10:30 - 11:45 Friday, 14th November, 2025
Chair: Christine Cooling

SHIFT Centre: A Space of Transformative Change

Devan Blackwell

Hampton University, Hampton, USA

Bridging Borders for Cultural Competence: Lessons from Toronto and Massachusetts Classrooms

Raphaella Pastos

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, USA

Working While Parenting at Trent – A Photovoice Study of Trent Working-Parent Experiences

Angela Slater-Meadows

Trent University, Peterborough, Canada

Awards Lunch and Enders Symposium

12:00 - 14:30 Friday, 14th November, 2025

"Where is the Canada-United Relationship Headed?: Political Realities in 2025."

Organized by Dr. Chris Kirkey and Amy Sotherdon

The 2025 Enders Symposium examines a range of pressing demands currently reshaping the direction of relations between Ottawa and Washington. With the Trump administration publicly committed to advancing and securing a "new" relationship with Canada, what are the implications for Canada? What policy choices are available to Canada? How does Canada, in fact, manage the relationship at a time of uncertainty? And what precisely is the United States seeking in a redefined U.S.-Canada relationship?

Co-convenors and moderators:

Christopher Kirkey, State University of New York, Plattsburgh

Amy Sotherden, State University of New York, Plattsburgh

Plenary panelists:

Jeffrey Ayres, Saint Michael's College

Raymond Blake, University of Regina

Julie Barker Holland, Independent Scholar

Stéphane Paquin, École nationale d'administration publique (ÉNAP)/Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR)

Kathrine Richardson, San Jose State University

Session 3A: Canada in the 19th and 20th Centuries

14:45 - 16:00 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Guillaume Teasdale

Unintended Consequences: From Canada's Wartime Elections Act of 1917 to Bill C-38 Legalizing Same Sex Marriages

Matthew Smith

SUNY Plattsburgh, Center for the Study of Canada, Plattsburgh, USA

"The Historical Agency of Canadian Nuns in U.S. Healthcare: Plattsburgh, New York, as a Case Study, 1910-1963"

Mark Richard

SUNY Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, USA

Where Did They Go? French-Canadian Settlers in the Northern Borderlands, 1790–1840

Guillaume Teasdale

University of Windsor, Windsor, Canada

Session 3B: Author Meets Critics: Daniel Macfarlane's Natural Allies and Lives of Lake Ontario

14:45 - 16:00 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Owen Temby

Panelists:

Daniel MacFarlane, Western Michigan University

Morna McEachern, University of Washington

Owen Temby, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Alexandre Couture Gagnon, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley

Jonathon Zimmer, Queen's University

Author Meets Critics: Daniel Macfarlane's Natural Allies and Lives of Lake Ontario

Owen Temby

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, USA

Session 3C: Roundtable: Boundaries, Ecosystems, and the Canada-U.S. Relationship:

Educating the Next Generation of Cross-Border Scholars

14:45 - 16:00 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Jennifer Bettis

Panelists:

Kyla Sweet, Western Washington University

Christina Keppie, Western Washington University

Cindy Elliser, Western Washington University

Jennifer Bettis, Western Washington University

Boundaries, Ecosystems, and the Canada-U.S. Relationship: Educating the Next Generation of Cross-Border Scholars

Jennifer Bettis, [Christina Keppie](#), Cindy Elliser, Kyla Sweet

Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA

Session 3D: Education for Colonialism in Canada and the United States

14:45 - 16:00 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Steven Hayward

Hide and Seek: Indigenous Remains and Non-Indigenous Architecture at McGill University

[Annmarie Adams](#)

McGill University, Montreal, Canada

The Grey Nuns Mother House and Concordia University: Confronting the Difficult Legacies

Peter Gossage

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

Educators for Colonization: Bridgewater Normal School, 1880-1910

Andrew Holman

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, USA

Refreshment Break

16:00 - 16:15 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Session 4A: Roundtable: The Columbia River Treaty: Ecosystem Values and Governance

16:15 - 17:30 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Morna McEachern

Panelists:

Mary (Tuti) Baker, Western Washington University

Morna McEachern, University of Washington

Stan de Mello, University of Washington

The Columbia River Treaty; Adding Ecosystem Values as a Third Leg

Morna McEachern¹, Mary (Tuti) Baker², Stan de Mello¹

¹University of Washington, Seattle, USA. ²Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA

The Columbia River Treaty and Questions of Governance

Morna McEachern

University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Session 4B: Canada in a Time of Rising Authoritarianism: Sequel in Seattle

16:15 - 17:30 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Ken Holland

Panelists:

Ken Holland, University of Utah

Chris Kirkey, SUNY Plattsburgh

David Plazek, Vermont State University

Canada in a Time of Rising Authoritarianism: Sequel in Seattle

David Plazek¹, Christopher Kirkey², Kenneth Holland³, Charles Doran⁴

¹Vermont State University, Johnson, USA. ²SUNY Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, USA. ³University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA. ⁴Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington, USA

Session 4C: Pedagogical Considerations in Canadian Studies 1

16:15 - 17:30 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Rebecca Malouin

Canadian Participation in US-Canadian Transnational Theological Education Accreditation

Soren Hessler

Emory University, Atlanta, USA

Understanding Canada? Challenges and Opportunities for the Education System in Canadian Studies.

Steven Paille

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, USA

Comprehending Canada Through Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL): An International COIL Summer Course on Canadian Studies

Jeffrey Ayres¹, Denisa Krásná², Richard Nimijean³, Magdalena Fiřtová⁴, Tomáš Pospíšil²

¹Saint Michael's College, Colchester, USA. ²Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. ³Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

⁴Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

Teaching Canadian Studies Today: A Case Study

Rebecca Malouin, Mitch Goldsmith

Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA

Session 4D: Cross-Border Relationships in the 21st Century

16:15 - 17:30 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Chair: Laurie Trautman

The Cascadia Innovation Corridor: The Role of Social Entrepreneurship in the Making of a North American Innovative Cross-border Region

Kathrine Richardson

San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, USA

Para-political organizations and the informal nature of policy formation across the Canada/US border

James Hundley

Rowan University, Glassboro, USA

(Re)Bordering during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Implications for the future of borders in North America

Laurie Trautman^{1,2}, Edward Alden^{3,4}

¹Border Policy Research Institute, WWU, Bellingham, USA. ²Canada Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C., USA.

³Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA. ⁴Council on Foreign Relations, New York, USA

Addressing Sexual Violence Policies at College Campuses in Canada and the United States

Kim MacInnis

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, USA

Business Meeting: Mid-Atlantic New England Council for Canadian Studies

17:30 - 18:30 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Emerging Scholars Debriefing Session

17:30 - 18:30 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Evening Reception

18:30 - 20:00 Friday, 14th November, 2025

Sponsored by: Délégation du Québec à Seattle ; Ministères des Relations Internationales et la Francophonie du Québec;

Breakfast Plenary: The State of Quebec-U.S Relations

08:00 - 08:45 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

The editorial team - Drs. Frederick Gagnon, Christopher Kirkey, and Stephane Paquin - of two new books (*The Québec -United States Relationship: Political, Security, Economic, Environmental, and Cultural Dynamics*, Palgrave Macmillan 2025; and, *Québec – États Unis: Dynamiques politiques, sécuritaires, économiques, environnemental et culturelles*, Presses de l'Université Laval, early 2026) introduce and examine various features of contemporary Québec-U.S. relations. These works offer a review of the most salient topics, issues, and policies that inform and are relevant to this longstanding North American partnership.

Session 5A: Roundtable: Brethren Dwelling in Unity" no more?: Challenges and Shifts in the Cascadia Cross-Border Region

09:00 - 10:15 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Christian Leuprecht

Panelists:

Laurie Trautman

Jamie Ferrill

Christian Leuprecht

"Brethren Dwelling in Unity" no more?: Challenges and shifts in the Cascadia cross-border region

Christian Leuprecht

Session 5B: Pedagogical Considerations in Canadian Studies 2

09:00 - 10:15 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Patrick James

Salish Sea Studies: Connecting across borders through the Salish Sea

Cindy Elliser

Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA

“Welcomed, Supported, Represented”: Using Canadian Children’s Literature as a Tool to Prepare U.S. Teacher Candidates to Teach Multilingual Migrant and Displaced Children.

Jeanne Ingle

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, USA

The role of elementary school challenge in postsecondary access: Application of mixed methods to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Cohort Studies

Robert Brown¹, Patrick James², Gillian Parekh¹

¹York University, Toronto, Canada. ²University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA

Session 5C: Student Colloquium: Emerging Student Research at the University of Washington

09:00 - 10:15 Saturday, 15th November, 2025
Chair: Nadine Fabbi

Canada and the International Dimension of the Vietnam War

Johnathan Tran

University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Melodies, Memory, and Mobilization: Language, Cultural Preservation and Pride in Contemporary Inuit Music

Ruby Keller

University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Petitions to Preserve: Marine Space and Continuity of Ditidaht Political Autonomy

Jordan Ferrand-Sapsis

University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Session 5D: Student Colloquium: Policy and the State: Past and Present

09:00 - 10:15 Saturday, 15th November, 2025
Chair: James McHugh

Dammed if you do and Damned if you don't: The History of the Site C Dam Project and Cross-Border Demands for Power

Jonathon Zimmer

Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

Leslie Armour's Theory of the State

Eric Wilkinson

McGill University, Montreal, Canada. University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Refreshment Break

10:15 - 10:30 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Session 6A: Considering Lacrosse in Canadian History

10:30 - 11:45 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Andrew Holman

Discussant: Andrew Holman

Canada's game in the Pacific Northwest borderlands: The rise and fall of the Bellingham Lacrosse Club, 1904-1907

Derek Moscato

Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA

The Canadians of Carlisle: Place and Nation at an American Indian Boarding School

Cameron Tardif

Cornell University, Ithaca, USA

Session 6B: Quebec Literature and Poetry in French

10:30 - 11:45 Saturday, 15th November, 2025
Chair: Isabelle Fournier

“Revenge is a dish best served cold: the trope of the avenging Amerindian in three Quebec novels”

Sandra Hobbs

independent scholar, Kelowna, Canada

Jouer un rôle et en sortir : l'« immigrante de service » dans *Khiêm. Terres maternelles* de Djibril et Yasmine Phan Morissette

Louise-Hélène Filion

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

Jardiner dans les ruines post-apocalyptiques : un retour à la terre dans la science-fiction québécoise

Isabelle Fournier

Trent University, Peterborough, Canada

Session 6C: Student Colloquium: People and Practices on the Margins

10:30 - 11:45 Saturday, 15th November, 2025
Chair: Christina Keppie

Parallel Oppressions: Comparing the Treatment of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and Palestinians under Israeli Rule

Nir Hagigi

Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

Wabanaki Legalities: Indigenous Land, Property Law, and Jurisprudence on the Maritime Peninsula, 1700-Present

Joseph Wroblewski

Canadian-American Center, Orono, USA

Unpacking the Influence of Climate Change Discourses on the Future of Lobstering in the Northwest Atlantic

Clea Harrelson

University of Maine, Orono, USA

Session 6D: Student Colloquium: Reading Canada

10:30 - 11:45 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Miléna Santoro

Du mal d'Europe à une vision pancanadienne idyllique : *Neuf jours de haine* (1948) de Jean-Jules Richard

Alexis Lacasse

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

The Touch of the Land: *The Settler Woman's Erotic Engagement with Canadian Landscape and Animals in Back to God's Country*

Amy Anderson

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

'Gnarly' Stories: (Re-)Writing Justice in Katherena Vermette's *The Strangers* (2021) and Louise Erdrich's *The Sentence* (2021)

Benjamin David

Université Paul-Valéry, Montpellier, France

Lunch Plenary: Alberta, Québec, and Canadian Federalism in the Trump Era

12:00 - 13:30 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Speaker: André Lecours, Professor of Political Science, University of Ottawa

Description:

Territory has always been central to Canadian federalism and politics. Nationalism in Québec and Western alienation represent two political forces that have shaped the federation since its inception. The territorial proximity to the United States has also factored heavily into Canada's political development, from the creation of the federation itself to free trade as well as security and border issues, among other things. As the political development of Québec nationalism and an Alberta-centred new phase of Western alienation was unfolding in the early 2020s came the external shock of the second Trump presidency. This keynote speech will discuss the contemporary manifestations and impact on Canadian federalism and politics of the Alberta push for increased autonomy, or even independence, as well as the current dynamics of nationalism in Québec, with the possible return of the Parti québécois (PQ) to power, all in the context of the multiple pressures brought onto the Canadian federation by the current Trump administration.

Session 7A: Roundtable: The Upper Saint John River Valley (Madawaska Region) Borderlands from the Treaty of Washington of 1842 to 9/11 and COVID: Diachronic and Synchronic Perspectives

13:45 - 15:00 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Paul Buck

The Upper Saint John River Valley (Madawaska Region) Borderlands from the Treaty of Washington of 1842 to 9/11 and COVID: Diachronic and Synchronic Perspectives

Paul Buck, Lisa Lavoie, Madeline Soucie

University of Maine at Fort Kent, Fort Kent, Maine, USA

Session 7B: Prime Ministers, Diplomacy, and Taxes

13:45 - 15:00 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: David Plazek

Canadian and U.S. Deferred Tax and Reconciliation Practices: Convergence and Divergence vis-à-vis the Economy

Susan Borkowski

La Salle University, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Realist or Liberal: Lester Pearson's Time as Prime Minister

David Plazek

Vermont State University, Johnson, USA

Freedom and the Rhetoric of Canadian Prime Ministers Since Mackenzie King

Raymond Blake

University of Regina, Regina, Canada

Can Systemist International Relations capture the complexities of paradiplomacy?

Neal Carter¹, Patrick James²

¹Brigham Young University, Rexburg, ID, USA. ²University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA

Session 7C: Canada and Competing Indo-Pacific Visions of China and the U.S.: Caught in a Foreign Policy Dilemma

13:45 - 15:00 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Ken Holland

Panel of contributing authors to the Palgrave-Macmillan 2024 book of the same name.

Chair: Kenneth Holland

Panelists:

Kenneth Holland

Jeff Kucharski

Session 7D: Agency and Indigenous Peoples

13:45 - 15:00 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Tony Penikett

Malice or Mismanagement: Modern Indigenous treaties and Implementation Failures

Tony Penikett

Simon Fraser University Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver, Canada

Bilingualism, biculturalism, and identity among the Mi'kmaw First Nations people of Nova Scotia: Preliminary thoughts and findings.

Simone Poliandri

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, USA

Blockades, Self-Help Remedies, and Indigenous Opposition: When is it legally permissible for Indigenous peoples to use direct action to prevent resource extraction in their territories?

Cheryl Suzack

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Session 7E: Quebec in Music and Media

13:45 - 15:00 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: David Stewart

Quebeckers' Delight? Early Rap's Reception in Québec

Claire Fouchereaux

Indiana University, Bloomington, USA

History and Memory in the Age of Social Media: A Québec Case Study

Alexandre Turgeon

Université Laval, Québec City, Canada

"Nous voulons un pays": Discourse on Identity, Nationhood, and Sovereignty in Parti Québécois Instagram Posts

Yulia Bosworth

Binghamton University, Binghamton, USA

Refreshment Break

15:00 - 15:15 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Session 8A: Music and Media in Canadian Context

15:15 - 16:30 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Jennifer Bettis

Bordered by Crisis: The Impact of Public Policies and Media Representation on Canada-US Border Communities

Jennifer Bettis, [Andréanne Bissonnette](#)

Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA

The Berliner Revolution: 125 Years of Sound Recording in Canada

[Jonathan Slater](#)

SUNY Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, USA

The construction of action news: Irv Weinstein, broadcast diplomacy, and the heyday of Channel 7's Eyewitness News

[Derek Moscato](#)

Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA

Session 8B: North America in the Trump Era

15:15 - 16:30 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: David Rovinsky

Understanding the Trump Factor in Canadian and US Relations: When There is No Understanding

Robert Smith

University of Illinois Springfield, Springfield, USA

The 51st State: Tariffs, the Border, and Concepts of Nation in Canada in the Face of American Expansionist Ambitions

Anne MacLennan

York University, Toronto, Canada

Trump Effect? Trends and Drivers of Irregular Migration across the US-Canada Border

Christian Leuprecht

Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada

How Mexico perceives Canada under the Trump administration 2.0

Bendreff Desilus

Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana (Unidad Xochimilco), Mexico, Mexico. Universidad La Salle Mexico, Mexico, Mexico

Session 8C: Borders, Monuments, and Memorials

15:15 - 16:30 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Eric Weeks

Hospitality at Roxham Road, Quebec. An ethnographic essay on the frontier

Chedly Belkhodia

Concordia University, Montreal, Canada

The Malden, Ontario, Lunatic Asylum: Exploring the Challenges of Historic Site Interpretation

Rebecca Mancuso

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, USA

Cross-Border Monuments: Collaborative Memorials in Canada and the United States

Eric Weeks

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, USA

Visual International Relations Project Workshop

15:15 - 17:45 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Chair: Patrick James

Pre-registration required.

The Visual International Relations Project (VIRP) archive contains over 1000 diagrams that have been created using the systemist method, with each diagram representing the contents of an academic publication. A considerable number of items in the VIRP archive pertain to Canadian Studies and the systemist technique can be applied in any discipline across the humanities and social sciences. The workshop will introduce the systemist method, which can become a career-long tool for students and faculty alike.

Participants in the workshop will receive a certificate of completion and be able to use the graphic method of systemism in their research and teaching. A final draft of the diagram will go in the VIRP archive – with the workshop participants listed as co-authors – and include a comment that the entry had been developed during the workshop.

Stratford Festival Film Screening

16:30 - 17:45 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

"I like this place and willingly could waste my time in it."

-- William Shakespeare, *As You Like It*

Join Dennis Moore, former Cultural Affairs Officer at the Canadian Consulate General's Office in Detroit and Co-Chair of the Outreach Subcommittee, Stratford Festival of America Foundation, for the screening and discussion of two films from the Stratford Festival collection.

Sponsored by: The Stratford Theater Festival, Ontario

Evening Reception

18:00 - 19:30 Saturday, 15th November, 2025

Sponsored by The Canadian Studies Program, University of California Berkeley

Session 9A: Multilingual Experiences in Language and Learning

09:00 - 10:15 Sunday, 16th November, 2025

Chair: Isabelle Fournier

Le français, une histoire américaine : Quelques stratégies pédagogiques de l'enseignement du FLE aux États-Unis

Jonathan Cayer

New York University, New York City, USA

Teaching French as a Foreign Language through Indigenous Québécois Literature

Hedwige Meyer, Sarah Kate Moore

University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Acadian Voices, English Voices: Perspectives of le Congrès mondial acadien

Christina Keppie, Asher Woods

Western Washington University, Bellingham, USA

Section 9B: North American Literature and Poetry

09:00 - 10:15 Sunday, 16th November, 2025

Chair: Jenny Kerber

Water Music: Pools of Knowledge in the Poems of Jan Zwicky and Anne Simpson

Jeanne Minahan McGinn

Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia, USA

Negotiating Asian North American Literary Studies in the Age of Trump

Keith Lawrence

Brigham Young University, Provo, USA

"The Canadian Shields, Or How An American-Born Author Became An Award-Winning Canadian Writer"

Nora Foster Stovel

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

Fish, Borders, and the Limits of Managerialism in Recent Creative Nonfiction

Jenny Kerber

Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada

Session 9C: There's a Common Theme in Here Somewhere

09:00 - 10:15 Sunday, 16th November, 2025

Chair: Patrick James

Starvation and the Politics of Cannibalism

Carol Higham

UNC-Charlotte, Charlotte, USA

African Philosophy in Canada or African Canadian Philosophy

Michael Omoge

University of Alberta - Augustana, Camrose, Canada. University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa

Canada, the Arctic Circle, and the Need for a Foreign Intelligence Service

Patrick James¹, Tobias T. Gibson²

¹University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA. ²Westminster College, Fulton, MO, USA

Coping with Climate Change at Lake Ontario: From the Little Ice Age to the Anthropocene

Daniel Macfarlane

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, USA

Refreshment Break

10:15 - 10:30 Sunday, 16th November, 2025

Session 10A: Negotiating Politics at Multiple Scales

10:30 - 11:45 Sunday, 16th November, 2025

Chair: Scott Piroth

The Calgary School at 30: From National Influencers to Alberta Radicals

David Rovinsky

ACSUS, Burlington VT, USA

Addressing Sexual Violence Policies at College Campuses in Canada and the United States

Kim MacInnis

Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, USA

Local Demands on Provincial Policy: Lobbying from the Local Perspective

Eric Zeemering

University of Georgia, Athens, USA

In Person vs. Virtual Participation in Canada's Hybrid Parliament

Scott Piroth

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, USA

Session 10B: Immigration and Border Crossings

10:30 - 11:45 Sunday, 16th November, 2025

Chair: Hidetaka Hirota

"The Swanton Sector Border Crossings, From the 1790s to Today"

John Morton

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, USA

Border Shocks: The Impact of Continuous Policy Shifts on Cross Border Travel

Susan Bradbury

Iowa State University, Ames, USA

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