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Conference SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

DAY 1 » THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ACSUS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – (Azure)

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

WELCOMING RECEPTION – (Ballroom)

Special Guests: Craig Weichel, *Consul General of Canada in Seattle* and Tami Hohn (Puyallup), *University of Washington*

DAY 2 » FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 am – 8:45 am

MORNING PLENARY – (Ballroom)

Keynote Speaker: Tony Penikett, *Simon Fraser University Centre for Dialogue*

“Malice or Mismanagement: North America’s History of Broken Treaty Promises”

9:00 am – 10:15 am

SESSION 1 & STUDENT COLLOQUIUM – (Breakout Rooms)

10:15 am – 10:30 am

REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)

10:30 am – 11:45 am

SESSION 2 & STUDENT COLLOQUIUM – (Breakout Rooms)

12:00 noon – 2:30 pm

ACSUS AWARDS LUNCHEON and ENDERS SYMPOSIUM – (Ballroom)

“Where is the Canada-United States Relationship Headed?: Political Realities in 2025.”

CO-CONVENERS and MODERATORS:

Christopher Kirkey, *SUNY Plattsburgh*

Amy Sotherden, *SUNY Plattsburgh*

PANELISTS:

Jeffrey Ayres, *Saint Michael’s College*

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

Kathrine Richardson, *San Jose State University*

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

SESSION 3 – (Breakout Rooms)

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm

REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

SESSION 4 – (Breakout Rooms)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

BUSINESS MEETING – (Azure)

Middle Atlantic & New England Council for Canadian Studies

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

EVENING RECEPTION – (Ballroom)

Sponsored by: Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie du Québec



DAY 3 » SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 am – 8:45 am	MORNING PLENARY – (Ballroom) “The State of Québec-U.S. Relations” PANELISTS/EDITORS: Frédéric Gagnon , <i>Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)</i> Chris Kirkey , <i>SUNY Plattsburgh</i> Stéphane Paquin , <i>École nationale d’administration publique (ÉNAP)/ Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR)</i>
9:00 am – 10:15 am	SESSION 5 & STUDENT COLLOQUIUM – (Breakout Rooms)
10:15 am – 10:30 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)
10:30 am – 11:45 am	SESSION 6 & STUDENT COLLOQUIUM – (Breakout Rooms)
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm	LUNCHEON and KEYNOTE ADDRESS – (Ballroom) Keynote Speaker: André Lecours , <i>Professor of Political Science, University of Ottawa</i> “Alberta, Québec, and Canadian Federalism in the Trump Era”
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	SESSION 7 – (Breakout Rooms)
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	SESSION 8 – (Breakout Rooms)
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	EMERGING SCHOLARS COLLOQUIUM DEBRIEFING SESSION – (Azure)
3:15 pm – 5:45 pm	VISUAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROJECT WORKSHOP – (Cobalt) <i>Reserved for invited participants only.</i> COORDINATOR – Patrick James , <i>University of Southern California</i>
4:30 pm – 5:45 pm	STRATFORD FESTIVAL FILM SCREENING – (Azure) MODERATOR – Dennis Moore
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	EVENING RECEPTION – (Ballroom)

DAY 4 » SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 am – 10:15 am	SESSION 9 – (Breakout Rooms)
10:15 am – 10:30 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)
10:30 am – 11:45 am	SESSION 10 – (Breakout Rooms)
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm	LUNCH and ACSUS BUSINESS MEETING – (Ballroom)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



SARA BETH KEOUGH

*Saginaw Valley State
University*

Bienvenue à la 27^{ème} conférence bisannuel d'ACSUS !

Two and a half years ago, when we created the theme for this conference, *Canada: Spaces of Change*, no one could have anticipated the amount of change we would experience between biennial meetings. The longstanding partnership between Canada and the United States has been destabilized and has shifted, and we are still waiting to see what the new relationship will look like in the coming years. Out of these challenges comes opportunity. Canadian Studies in the United States has never been more needed. The saliency of our conference theme and the importance of organizations such as ours has never been greater. Our core mission—to explain Canada and Canada-U.S. relations to Americans and to foster dialogue and community among scholars—is as vital and as critical as ever.

Les idées sur l'espace et le lieu, ainsi que les changements qui se produisent à l'intérieur et entre eux, sont au cœur des recherches en sciences sociales et en sciences humaines. And, in that light, I want to highlight a few positive

changes present at this conference. ACSUS is pleased to support and highlight the Emerging Scholars Colloquium, a group of students who organized prior to our last conference and solidified their place in our organization. The Stratford Theatre Festival in Ontario, in its cross-border outreach efforts, has joined our list of conference sponsors, and attendees will have the opportunity to screen and discuss two short films produced by the festival. Some of our regular attendees and institutional supporters are not able to be with us at this biennial meeting in Seattle. We miss them, and we understand why they feel they can't come. At the same time, we welcome new partners joining us, like the University of California Berkeley's Canadian Studies Program and the new Québec Delegation in Seattle, which opened recently, this past summer.

Comme beaucoup d'entre vous, je suis certain d'avoir des inquiétudes concernant la situation mondiale actuelle, mais une chose qui ne m'inquiète pas est la force et la résilience d'ACSUS et de ses membres. This conference is a quintessential example of what we can do in uncertain times. What you will experience in the next few days is the product of two years of planning and would not have been possible without the incredible work of the ACSUS Executive Council and Officers. I would like to especially thank Past President, Christina Keppie, Treasurer, Andy Holman, Chief Information Officer, Eric Weeks, Secretary, David Rovinsky, and Awards Committee chair, Miléna Santoro, for their incredible hard work, help, and support. I greatly appreciate the time and efforts of all members of the Executive Council, the work of Section Chairs, the Awards committee members, and all the institutions who support the conference and our organization.

Bonne conference!

Dr. Sara Beth Keough

President/Présidente

Association for Canadian Studies in the United States/l'Association des Études
canadiennes aux États-Unis



Dear Dear Conference Participants,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Seattle for the 2025 Biennial Conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States.

The success of the Canada-U.S. partnership lies in the value it delivers to both countries—from nearly eight million American jobs tied to trade with Canada to almost 25 million American homes powered by reliable Canadian energy. Yet, as the U.S. shifts toward an “America First” policy, this partnership is being questioned.

In this context, Canadian studies in the U.S. are more important than ever. They provide a grounded, fact-based understanding of the importance of this unique relationship for both countries, and the impact of changing bilateral dynamics.

At a time when Canada-U.S. relations are under mounting stress, organizations like ACSUS offer a unique opportunity to reinforce the values that tie our countries together.

Through academic connections, research sharing, and Canadian studies programs across U.S. campuses and vice versa, we are investing in the future of the relationship.

Although the overall geopolitical environment may change, the mission of supporting our shared prosperity and competitiveness must endure.

Sincerely,

Craig Weichel
Consul General of Canada
to the Pacific Northwest & Alaska

Canada

Québec



Au nom du gouvernement du Québec, j'ai le plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue à Seattle à l'occasion du 27e congrès biennal de l'Association d'études canadiennes aux États-Unis (ACSUS).

Cette rencontre se tient à un moment charnière, alors que les regards du monde sont tournés vers la relation entre le Canada et les États-Unis — à la fois pour les défis que nos nations doivent relever en tant que voisins et pour les occasions historiques de partenariats qui s'offrent à nous. Les réflexions, les idées et les perspectives à long terme qui émergeront de vos travaux sont plus essentielles que jamais, tout comme notre engagement commun à renforcer les liens entre nos peuples dans un esprit d'ouverture et d'échange constructif.

Le ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie du Québec est un partenaire de longue date de cette importante conférence et est fier de renouveler sa collaboration pour l'édition de cette année.

Je suis particulièrement heureux que l'ACSUS ait choisi Seattle — le siège de la plus récente représentation diplomatique du Québec aux États-Unis depuis mai 2025 — comme ville hôte de cette édition. Seattle est un lieu où les liens entre le Canada et les États-Unis sont profondément valorisés, et il n'existe pas de meilleur endroit pour réfléchir à l'avenir de cette relation et contribuer à la façonner.

Je tiens à remercier l'ACSUS et chacun d'entre vous pour votre présence, votre ouverture d'esprit et votre participation constructive. Je vous invite chaleureusement à vous joindre à nous lors de la réception du Québec, le 14 novembre prochain.

Je vous souhaite une excellente conférence!

On behalf of the Government of Québec, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Seattle for the 27th biennial conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS).

This year's gathering takes place at a pivotal moment, as the eyes of the world are on the U.S.-Canada relationship—both for the challenges our nations face as neighbors and for the historic opportunities for partnership that lie ahead. The insights, ideas, and long-term perspectives that will emerge from your sessions are more essential than ever. So too is our shared commitment to fostering people-to-people connections through open-minded and constructive dialogue.

The Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie of Québec has been a long-standing partner of this important conference and is proud to renew its collaboration for this year's edition.

I am especially delighted that ACSUS has chosen Seattle—the home of Québec's newest diplomatic representation in the United States, since May 2025—as this year's host city. Seattle is a place where the bond between the U.S. and Canada is deeply valued, and there could be no better setting to reflect on and shape the future of our relationship.

I wish to thank ACSUS, and each of you, for coming together in a spirit of hope and constructive engagement. I warmly invite you to join us at the Québec reception on November 14.

Have a wonderful conference!
Cordialement,

David Ruiz | Délégué / Delegate
Délégation du Québec à Seattle / Québec Government Office in Seattle



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Tony Penikett
Simon Fraser University
Centre for Dialogue

“Malice or Mismanagement: North America’s History of Broken Treaty Promises”

Friday, November 14 – 8:00 am to 8:45 am – (Ballroom C)

Tony Penikett spent twenty years crafting and debating policies in Canada’s House of Commons and the Yukon Territorial Legislature, then ten years as a provincial negotiator of Indigenous treaties and public sector collective agreements before retiring to a life of teaching and writing at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver and the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Abstract: This presentation will focus on the agreements we the people make and the ones we break. For centuries, there was obvious and undeniable malice in the overwhelming majority of settler-Indigenous interactions, a painful record that only began to abate in a more liberal post-war wave in the middle of the 20th century. Yet Indigenous-Settler issues are far from resolved. Governments in both the U.S. and Canada have passed from the dark period of malice into enlightenment, into celebrations of good intentions, but they are weighed down by a record of enduring and widely tolerated mismanagement. And for Indigenous people still struggling against the history, habits, practices, rules, and regulations of oppression and dispossession, the difference between *malice* and *mismanagement* may seem largely semantic. The deck remains stacked against them, and will do so until people and governments across the continent recognize the extent of current failure and embrace. In a confederal state like Canada, despite good intentions, National Reconciliation remains a complicated business of competing jurisdictions and cultural complexities. What seems somewhat more promising are regional or “nation to neighbour” agreements between First Nations and provincial or territorial administrations, such as the Yukon Territory’s Umbrella Final Agreement, subsequent land claims treaties, and aboriginal self-government accords. If governments continue to make promises they do not plan to keep, this will further undermine public confidence in our fragile democracies.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



André Lecours
Professor of
Political Science
University of Ottawa

“Alberta, Québec, and Canadian Federalism in the Trump Era”

Saturday, November 15 – 12 noon to 1:30 pm – (Ballroom C)

André Lecours is Full Professor in the School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa where he holds the Forum of Federations and University of Ottawa Research Chair on Comparative Federalism. He is also a former President of the Canadian Political Science Association and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. His main research interests are nationalism and federalism. His most recent books are *Nationalism, Secessionism, and Autonomy* (Oxford University Press, 2021) and the co-edited collection *Fiscal Federalism in Canada. Analysis, Evaluation, Prescription* (University of Toronto Press, 2023).

Abstract: 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-centered 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.



AWARDS



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Milena Santoro (Chair), *Georgetown University*

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2025 DONNER MEDAL RECIPIENT

Nadine Fabbi, *University of Washington*

This year's recipient of the Donner Medal, Dr. Nadine Fabbi, has built a decades-long career in service to the Canadian Studies community, as a visionary administrator, teacher, and intellectual leader in the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies at the University of Washington, one of the two largest and most active Canadian Studies Centers in the U.S. She is universally esteemed for her devotion to student learning, creating cross-border exchange programs and student internship opportunities, developing courses on the Arctic, and supporting training in Indigenous languages. She has nurtured colleagues across the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium, actively collaborated with the Consulate General of Canada, hosted numerous Fulbright scholars, and worked tirelessly to promote better cross-border understanding and relationships. Both before and after obtaining her Ph.D. in 2015, Dr. Fabbi has also amassed an impressive record of public speaking and publications, and has garnered respect for her dedication to and advocacy on behalf of Indigenous nations and knowledge, a commitment that culminated in the development of the first Arctic Studies minor in the U.S. south of Alaska. Dr. Fabbi's engagement, boundless energy, generosity of knowledge and expertise, and exemplary interpersonal skills have made her the beating heart of University of Washington's Canadian Studies Center, and an inspiration to Canadianists in the U.S. and internationally. She richly deserves the recognition of the Donner Medal, for distinguished achievement, scholarship, and program innovation in Canadian Studies.



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2025 GEORGE SULZNER AWARD

Amy Sotherden, *SUNY Plattsburgh*

Amy Sotherden is this year's recipient of the George T. Sulzner Award for Outstanding Service, created to recognize those who have made a lasting contribution to the success of ACSUS's mission and to Canadian Studies more broadly. Her promotion of the study of Canada throughout the K-12 and higher education communities, her support of the development of future generations of Canadian specialists through the CONNECT initiative, her ten years of service as Secretary of ACSUS and her organizational support for multiple ACSUS biennials, and her collaboration with many institutional and academic partners such as the United States Department of Education, Fulbright Canada, the Canadian-American Center at the University of Maine, the National Council for Social Studies, and the American Council for Québec Studies, have all served to showcase her considerable talents and, more importantly, her selfless devotion to serving the Canadian Studies community well beyond the walls of the Center for the Study of Canada & Institute on Québec Studies at the State University of New York, Plattsburgh.



2025 ENDERS/ACSUS 50 RESEARCH AWARD

Dr. Emma Elliott (Cowichan), *University of Washington*

Project Title: "Indigenous Sovereignty and Cross-Border Jurisdiction: First Nations Children in the U.S."

Abstract: This study examines how legal frameworks in Canada and the United States fit poorly the transnational nature of many First Nations communities. She focuses on the dilemma of the many First Nations children from Canada who are in the U.S. social welfare system and whose legal status remains ambiguous. She proposes a new jurisdictional framework that can address their situation and revisit the broader definition of Indigenous sovereignty in North America.



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2025 RUFUS Z. SMITH PRIZE

Peter Thompson, *University of New Brunswick*

Article Title: “Practicing Self-Care on a Highway in the Middle of Nowhere”: Ashley McKenzie’s Cape Breton,”
Published in ARCS Vol. 55, No. 1 (2025)

Abstract: The article examines the way in which filmmaker Ashley McKenzie depicts changes in Cape Breton’s landscape and its economic and social fabric. McKenzie’s films, *Werewolf* (2016) and *Queens of the Qing Dynasty* (2022), give us a vocabulary for understanding the island in the cost-of-living era: they move our gaze to Cape Breton’s experience of opioid addiction; a collapsing mental health system; an influx of international students who McKenzie depicts as a new class of labor to be exploited; a particularly grim version of the “gig economy”; a mismatch between expectations around gender and patterns of work; and non-normative sexuality in a marginal place. The article explores how McKenzie’s films document the impacts of economic change in industrial Cape Breton and looks specifically at her portrayal of “noxious deindustrialization.”



2024 ACSUS-ENDERS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Clea Harrelson, *University of Maine*

Project Title: “Bridging the Lobster Industries of Maine and Eastern Canada”

The Thomas O. Enders Endowment is designed to encourage advanced scholarship on Canada-U.S. relations by funding fellowships for U.S. scholars conducting research in Canada.



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2025 ACSUS-ENDERS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Janessa Marguerite Chinana, *University of Washington*

Project Title: “XáadlaaGa Gwaayaay: Indigenous Border Nationhood and Governance Across Settler-State Borders”

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2025 JEANNE KISSNER AWARD

Gibson Steinert, *Western Washington University*

Paper Title: “The British Fur Trade in the Pacific Northwest: A Means to Lay Claim to the Land”

The Jeanne Kissner Undergraduate Essay in Humanities Award was created in honor of the late Jeanne Kissner, Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Canada at Plattsburgh State University. Professor Kissner was unflagging in her support of Canadian studies education at the undergraduate level and had always hoped that such an award would be established. The award recognizes a high-quality undergraduate essay that presents a scholarly exploration of any Canadian studies theme.

2025 MARTIN LUBIN AWARD

Dante Gerrior, *Bridgewater State University*

Paper Title: “A Hidden Genocide: Examining Indian Residential Schools in Canada”

The Martin Lubin Undergraduate Award in the Social Sciences was created in honor of the late Martin Lubin, Professor at SUNY Plattsburgh, who passed away in September 2011. Originally from Montréal, he had played a key role in the Canadian Studies program at SUNY Plattsburgh for many years. His main research focus was on Québec politics and society.



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2025 ICCS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Dr. Christopher Sands, *Director of Hopkins Center for Canadian Studies, Johns Hopkins University*

By virtue of his sustained, diverse, and significant contributions to the advancement of the understanding of Canada and the furtherance of Canadian Studies, Dr. Christopher Sands has received the ICCS Certificate of Merit. Dr. Sands' scholarly and applied research has significantly shaped our understanding of Canada's relationship with the United States and Canada's role in the broader international system. No matter how complex the subject matter, his research is accessible and impactful to both scholars and policymakers alike. He is a prolific writer and his work has been published widely in academic, think tank, and media outlets. For his sustained commitment to advancing the field of Canadian Studies, his pioneering research on Canada-U.S. relations, and his dedication to fostering meaningful public and scholarly engagement, Christopher Sands is the 2025 recipient of this prestigious award.



2025 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR CANADIAN STUDIES

Dr. Stephen Hornsby, *Professor of Geography and Canadian Studies, University of Maine*

Dr. Stephen Hornsby was the Director of the Canadian-American Center at the University of Maine from 1987-2021. Hornsby enhanced the Center's reputation for scholarly research, strengthened its teaching mission, and supported its outreach in Canadian Studies. His many and varied accomplishments as director ranged from organizing an historical geography conference at Battle Harbour, Labrador (2005), to commissioning Margaret Wickens Pearce to produce the Coming Home to Indigenous Place Names in Canada map (2017) to mark the 150 anniversary of Canadian Confederation. A completely new representation of Canada, this prize-winning map shows only First Nations, Métis, and Inuit placenames along with their English translations. He has served on the Executive Board of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS), and on the Fulbright Committee on Graduate Awards for Canada. For his outstanding contributions to Canadian Studies, ACSUS awarded him the Donner Medal in 2023.



Conference SCHEDULE

* Schedule subject to modification.

DAY 1 » THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ACSUS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING – (Azure)

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

WELCOMING RECEPTION – (Ballroom)

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

Special Guests: Craig Weichel, *Consul General of Canada in Seattle* and Tami Hohn (Puyallup), *University of Washington*

DAY 2 » FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 am – 8:45 am

MORNING PLENARY – (Ballroom)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Tony Penikett**, *Simon Fraser University Centre for Dialogue*

“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.

9:00 am – 10:15 am

SESSION 1 >>

1A | Indigenous Youth in Québec Literature and Film – (Steel A)CHAIR – **Miléna Santoro**, *Georgetown University*

PANELISTS:

Miléna Santoro, *Georgetown University*

“Featuring Indigenous Youth in Films by Barnaby, Morin, Verreault and Deer”

Juliette Rogers, *Macalester College*“Challenges and Resilience in Indigenous Teens in *Manikanetish* by Naomi Fontaine and *L’or des mélèzes* by Carole Labarre”**Ioana Pribiag**, *University of Minnesota*

“A Political Education: Enacting Indigenous Sovereignty in Québec Cinema”

1B | Student Colloquium: Québec Studies and French Presence in North America – (Steel B)CHAIR – **David Stewart**, *Government of Québec*

PANELISTS:

Herbert McCullough, *University of North Texas*

“How do State and Substate Conceptions of Nationalism Influence Public Attitudes towards Refugees: Public Opinion of Afghan and Ukrainian Refugees in Canada and Québec”

Marcin Janczak, *University of Toronto*

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

Kirsten Smith, *University of Minnesota*“Exile and Exploitation in *Les Oiseaux ivres* by Ivan Grbóvic (2021)”



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 2 » FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 *continued*

9:00 am – 10:15 am

SESSION 1 » *continued*

1C | Student Colloquium: Politics and Public Policy – (Cyan A)

CHAIR – **Devan Blackwell**, *Hampton University*

PANELISTS:

Britt Leake, *University of California*

“Trudeau and Mulroney, Habermas and Rawls: Rethinking Changing Visions of Canadian Nationhood and Political Legitimacy”

Anneka Bosse, *York University*

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

Christine Cooling, *York University*

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

1D | Student Colloquium: Filming the North – (Cyan B)

CHAIR – **Christina Keppie**, *Western Washington University*

PANELISTS:

Isis Luxenburger, *Saarland University*

“Spaces of Struggle, Spaces of Change: Northern Québec on Screen”

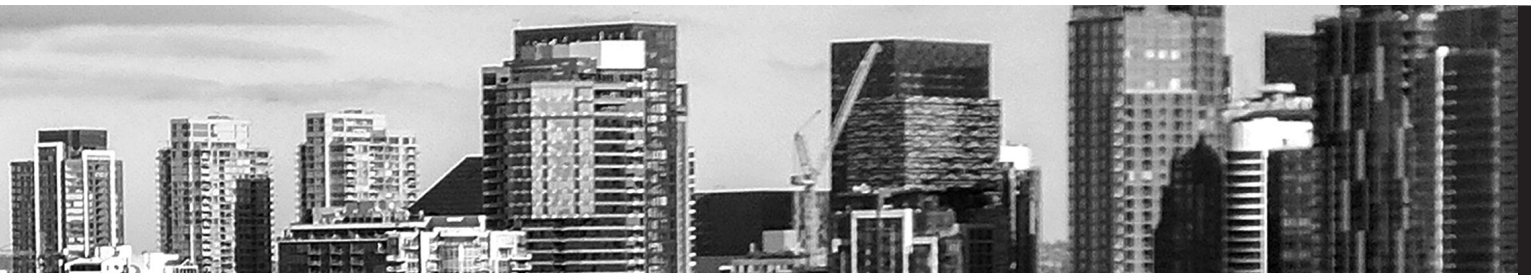
Alex Henry, *University of Washington*

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

10:15 am – 10:30 am

REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)

Sponsored by: Michigan State University Canadian Studies Center



10:30 am – 11:45 am

SESSION 2 >>

2A | Roundtable: Canada-U.S. Relations in the Trump Era – (Steel A)MODERATOR – **Laurie Trautman**, *Western Washington University*

PANELISTS:

Laurie Trautman, *Western Washington University***André Lecours**, *University of Ottawa***Andréeanne Bissonnette**, *Western Washington University***Stéphane Paquin**, *École nationale d'administration publique (ÉNAP)/**Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR)***Frédéric Gagnon**, *Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)***2B | National Dreaming: The United States in Canadian Philosophy – (Steel B)**CHAIR – **Joseph McGinn**, *Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia and St. Stephen's University, St. Stephen, New Brunswick*

PANELISTS:

Joseph McGinn, *Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia and**St. Stephen's University, St. Stephen, New Brunswick*

“Canadian Nationalism: Revisiting George Grant's ‘Lament’ in an Age of Trumpism”

Eric Wilkinson, *University of Wisconsin and University of**British Columbia*

“Canada's Manifest Destiny”



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DAY 2 » FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 *continued*

10:30 am – 11:45 am

SESSION 2 » *continued*

2C | Student Colloquium: Reflections on Canada's Past – (Cyan A)

CHAIR – **Christina Keppie**, *Western Washington University*

PANELISTS:

Hailey Baldock, *York University*

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

Ashley Schepis, *Bridgewater State University*

“What 1930s Educational Surveys can Tell us About Canada-United States Relations, Then and Now”

Lydia Mathews, *University of California, Berkeley*

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

2D | Student Colloquium: Migration and Economics – (Cyan B)

CHAIR – **Sara Beth Keough**, *Saginaw Valley State University*

PANELISTS:

Winona Angelie Arador, *York University*

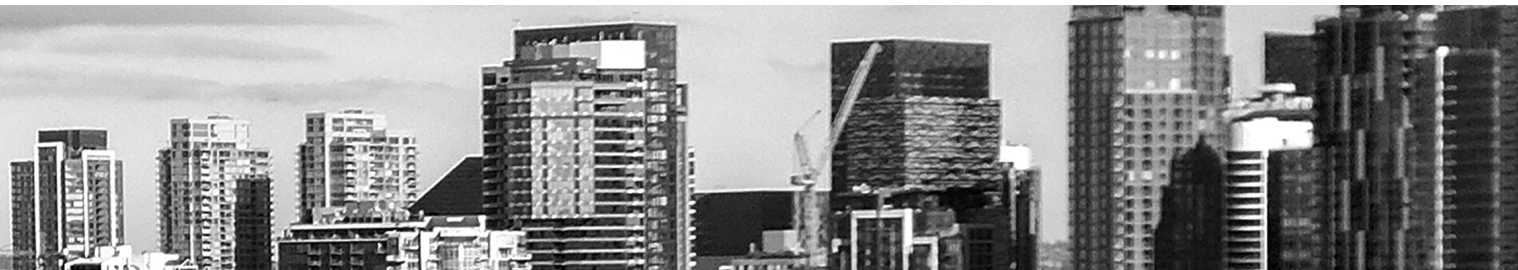
“Migration, Precarity, and the Quest for Home”

Joan Carrillo, *Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Unidad Xochimilco, Mexico City*

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

Jesús Ángel Saavedra Cruz, *Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Unidad Xochimilco, Mexico City*

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



10:30 am – 11:45 am

SESSION 2 >> *continued***2E | Student Colloquium: Teaching and Education in Canada – (Cobalt)**CHAIR – **Christine Cooling**, *York University*

PANELISTS:

Devan Blackwell, *Hampton University*

“SHIFT Centre: A Space of Transformative Change”

Raphaella Pastos, *Bridgewater State University*

“Bridging Borders for Cultural Competence: Lessons From Toronto and Massachusetts Classrooms”

Angela Slater-Meadows, *Trent University*

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

12 noon – 2:30 pm

ACSUS AWARDS LUNCHEON and ENDERS SYMPOSIUM – (Ballroom)**“Where is the Canada-United States Relationship Headed?: Political Realities in 2025.”**

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-CONVENERS and MODERATORS:

Christopher Kirkey, *SUNY Plattsburgh***Amy Sotherden**, *SUNY Plattsburgh*

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*



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 2 » FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 *continued*

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

SESSION 3 »

3A | Canada in the 19th and 20th Centuries – (Steel A)

CHAIR – **Guillaume Teasdale**, *University of Windsor*

PANELISTS:

Mark Richard, *SUNY Plattsburgh*

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

Guillaume Teasdale, *University of Windsor*

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

3B | Author Meets Critics: Daniel Macfarlane's *Natural Allies* and *The Lives of Lake Ontario* – (Steel B)

CHAIR – **Owen Temby**, *University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*

PANELISTS:

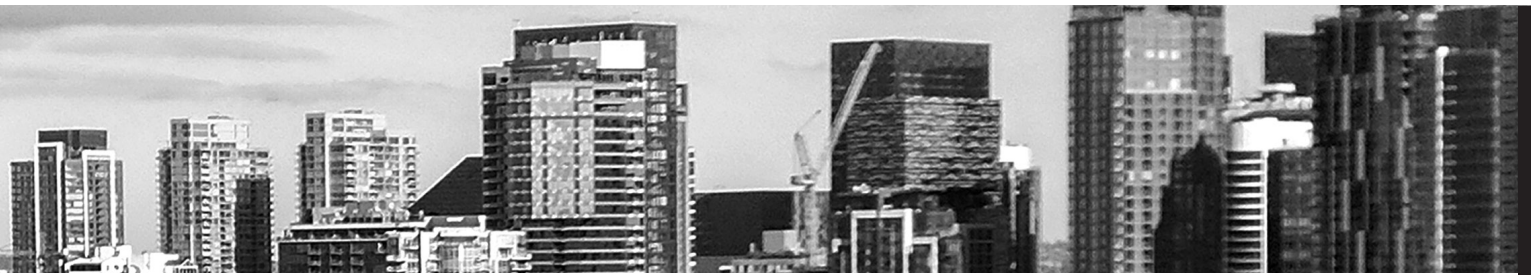
Daniel Macfarlane, *Western Michigan University*

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*



2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

SESSION 3 >> *continued*

3C | Roundtable: Boundaries, Ecosystems, and the Canada-U.S. Relationship: Educating the Next Generation of Cross-Border Scholars – (Cyan A)

MODERATOR – **Jennifer Bettis**, *Western Washington University*

PANELISTS:

Kyla Sweet, *Western Washington University*

Christina Keppie, *Western Washington University*

Cindy Elliser, *Western Washington University*

Jennifer Bettis, *Western Washington University*

3D | Education for Colonialism in Canada and the United States – (Cyan B)

CHAIR – **Steven Hayward**, *Colorado College*

PANELISTS:

Annmarie Adams, *McGill University*

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

Peter Gossage, *Concordia University*

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

Andrew Holman, *Bridgewater State University*

“Educators for Colonization: Bridgewater Normal School, 1880-1910”

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm

REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 2 » FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 *continued*

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

SESSION 4 »

4A | Negotiating Politics at Multiple Scales – (Steel A)

CHAIR – **Scott Piroth**, *Bowling Green State University*

PANELISTS:

David Rovinsky, *ACSUS*

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

Kim MacInnis, *Bridgewater State University*

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

Scott Piroth, *Bowling Green State University*

“In Person vs. Virtual Participation in Canada’s Hybrid Parliament”

4B | Canada in a Time of Rising Authoritarianism: Sequel in Seattle – (Steel B)

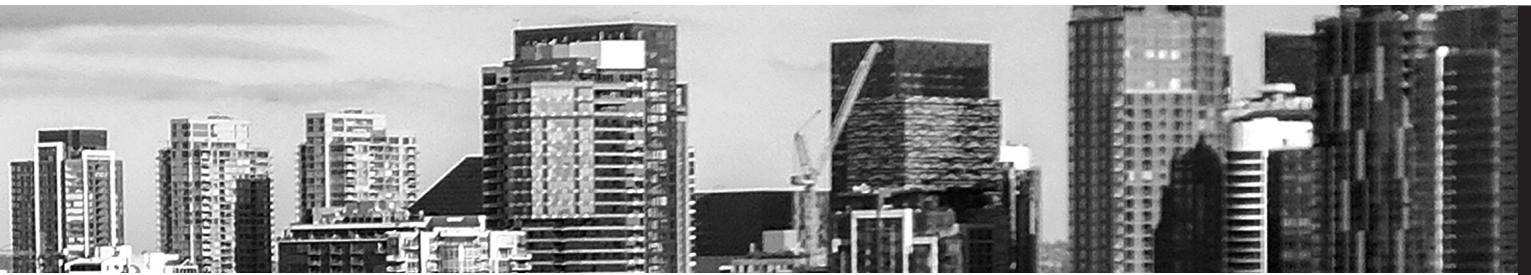
CHAIR – **Ken Holland**, *University of Utah*

PANELISTS:

Ken Holland, *University of Utah*

Christopher Kirkey, *SUNY Plattsburgh*

David Plazek, *Vermont State University*



4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

SESSION 4 >> *continued*

4C | Pedagogical Considerations in Canadian Studies 1 – (Cyan A)

CHAIR – **Rebecca Malouin**, *Michigan State University*

PANELISTS:

Soren Hessler, *Emory University*

“Canadian Participation in U.S.-Canadian Transnational Theological Education Accreditation”

Steven Paille, *Case Western Reserve University School of Law*

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

Jeffrey Ayres, *Saint Michael’s College*

Denisa Krásná, *Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic*

Richard Nimijean, *Carleton University*

Magdalena Fiřtová, *Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic*

Tomáš Pospíšil, *Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic*

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

Rebecca Malouin, *Michigan State University*

Mitch Goldsmith, *Michigan State University*

“Teaching Canadian Studies Today: A Case Study”



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 2 » FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 *continued*

4:15 pm – 5:30 pm

SESSION 4 » *continued*

4D | Cross-Border Relationships in the 21st Century – (Cyan B)

CHAIR: **Laurie Trautman**, *Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University*

PANELISTS:

Kathrine Richardson, *San Jose State University*

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

James Hundley, *Rowan University*

“Para-political Organizations and the Informal Nature of Policy Formation Across the Canada/U.S. Border”

Laurie Trautman, *Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University*

Edward Alden, *Western Washington University and Council on Foreign Relations, N.Y.*

“(Re)Bordering During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Implications for the Future of Borders in North America”

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

BUSINESS MEETING – (Azure)

Middle Atlantic & New England Council for Canadian Studies

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

EVENING RECEPTION – (Ballroom)

***Sponsored by:** Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie du Québec*

DAY 3 » SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 am – 8:45 am

MORNING PLENARY – (Ballroom)
“The State of Québec-U.S. Relations”

The editorial team – Drs. Frédéric Gagnon, Christopher Kirkey, and Stéphane Paquin – of two new books *The Québec-United States Relationship: Political, Security, Economic, Environmental, and Cultural Dynamics*, Palgrave Macmillan 2025; and, *La relation Québec – États Unis: Dynamiques politiques, sécuritaires, économiques, environnementales 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.

9:00 am – 10:15 am

SESSION 5 »**5A | Roundtable: Brethren Dwelling in Unity” no More?: Challenges and Shifts in the Cascadia Cross-Border Region – (Steel A)**

MODERATOR –

Christian Leuprecht, *Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada*

PANELISTS:

Laurie Trautman, *Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University***Jamie Ferrill**, *Charles Sturt University***Christian Leuprecht**, *Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada*



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 3 » SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 *continued*

9:00 am – 10:15 am

SESSION 5 » *continued*

5B | Pedagogical Considerations in Canadian Studies 2 – (Steel B)

CHAIR – **Patrick James**, *University of Southern California*

PANELISTS:

Cindy Elliser, *Western Washington University*

“Salish Sea Studies: Connecting Across Borders Through the Salish Sea”

Jeanne Ingle, *Bridgewater State University*

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

Robert Brown, *York University*

Patrick James, *University of Southern California*

Gillian Parekh, *York University*

“The Role of Elementary School Challenge in Postsecondary Access: Application of Mixed Methods to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Cohort Studies”

5C | Student Colloquium: Emerging Student Research at the University of Washington – (Cyan A)

CHAIR – **Nadine Fabbi**, *University of Washington*

PANELISTS:

Johnathan Tran, *University of Washington*

“Canada and the International Dimension of the Vietnam War”

Ruby Keller, *University of Washington*

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

Jordan Ferrand-Sapsis, *University of Washington*

“Petitions to Preserve: Marine Space and Continuity of Dítidaht Political Autonomy”

9:00 am – 10:15 am

SESSION 5 >> *continued***5D | Student Colloquium: Policy and the State:
Past and Present – (Cyan B)**CHAIR – **James McHugh**, *University of Akron*

PANELISTS:

Jonathon Zimmer, *Queen's University*

“Dammed if You do and Damned if You Don’t: The History of the Site C Dam Project and Cross-Border Demands for Power”

Eric Wilkinson, *McGill University, and University of British Columbia*

“Leslie Armour’s Theory of the State”

Evelyn Roozee, *McGill University***Owen Temby**, *University of Texas Rio Grande Valley***Antonia Sohns**, *McGill University***Dongkyu Kim**, *University of Texas Rio Grande Valley***Gordon Hickey**, *McGill University*

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

10:15 am – 10:30 am

REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)

10:30 am – 11:45 am

SESSION 6 >>

6A | Considering Lacrosse in Canadian History – (Steel A)DISCUSSANT – **Andrew Holman**, *Bridgewater State University*

PANELISTS:

Derek Moscato, *Western Washington University*

“Canada’s Game in the Pacific Northwest Borderlands: The Rise and Fall of the Bellingham Lacrosse Club, 1904-1907”

Cameron Tardif, *Cornell University*

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



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 3 » SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 *continued*

10:30 am – 11:45 am

SESSION 6 » *continued*

6B | Québec Literature and Poetry in French – (Steel B)

CHAIR – **Isabelle Fournier**, *Trent University*

PANELISTS:

Sandra Hobbs, *Independent Scholar, Kelowna, Canada*

“Revenge is a Dish Best Served Cold: the Trope of the Avenging Amerindian in Three Québec Novels”

Louise-Hélène Filion, *University of Michigan*

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

Isabelle Fournier, *Trent University*

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

6C | Student Colloquium: People and Practices on the Margins – (Cyan C)

CHAIR – **Christina Keppie**, *Western Washington University*

PANELISTS:

Nir Hagigi, *Carleton University*

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

Joseph Wroblewski, *Canadian-American Center, University of Maine*

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

Clea Harrelson, *University of Maine*

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

10:30 am – 11:45 am

SESSION 6 >> *continued***6D | Student Colloquium: Reading Canada – (Cyan B)**CHAIR – **Miléna Santoro**, *Georgetown University*

PANELISTS:

Alexis Lacasse, *University of Ottawa*“Du mal d’Europe à une vision pancanadienne idyllique : *Neuf jours de haine* (1948) de Jean-Jules Richard”**Amy Anderson**, *University of Toronto*“The Touch of the Land: The Settler Woman’s Erotic Engagement with Canadian Landscape and Animals in *Back to God’s Country*”**Benjamin David**, *Université Paul-Valéry, Montpellier, France*“‘Gnarly’ Stories: (Re-)Writing Justice in Katherena Vermette’s *The Strangers* (2021) and Louise Erdrich’s *The Sentence* (2021)”

12 noon – 1:30 pm

LUNCHEON and KEYNOTE ADDRESS – (Ballroom)**“Alberta, Québec, and Canadian Federalism in the Trump Era”**SPEAKER – **André Lecours**, *Professor of Political Science, University of Ottawa*

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-centered 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.



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 3 » SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 *continued*

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

SESSION 7 »

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 – (Steel A)

MODERATOR – **Paul Buck**, *University of Maine at Fort Kent*

PANELISTS:

Paul Buck, *University of Maine at Fort Kent*

Lisa Lavoie, *University of Maine at Fort Kent*

Madeline Soucie, *University of Maine at Fort Kent*

7B | Prime Ministers, Diplomacy, and Taxes – (Steel B)

CHAIR – **David Plazek**, *Vermont State University*

PANELISTS:

Susan Borkowski, *La Salle University*

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

David Plazek, *Vermont State University*

“Realist or Liberal: Lester Pearson’s Time as Prime Minister”

Raymond Blake, *University of Regina*

“Freedom and the Rhetoric of Canadian Prime Ministers Since Mackenzie King”

Neal Carter, *Brigham Young University*

Patrick James, *University of Southern California*

“Can Systemist International Relations Capture the Complexities of Paradiplomacy?”

1:45 pm – 3:00 pm

SESSION 7 >> *continued***7C | Canada and Competing Indo-Pacific Visions of China and the U.S.: Caught in a Foreign Policy Dilemma – (Cyan A)**CHAIR – **Ken Holland**, *University of Utah***Panel of contributing authors to the Palgrave-Macmillan 2024 book of the same name.**

PANELISTS:

Ken Holland, *University of Utah***Jeff Kucharski**, *Senior Fellow at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute***7D | Québec in Music and Media – (Cyan B)**CHAIR – **David Stewart**, *Government of Québec*

PANELISTS:

Claire Fouchereaux, *Indiana University*

“Quebeckers’ Delight? Early Rap’s Reception in Québec”

Alexandre Turgeon, *Université Laval*

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

Yulia Bosworth, *Binghamton University*

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

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 3 » SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 *continued*

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

SESSION 8 »

8A | Music and Media in Canadian Context – (Steel A)

CHAIR – **Jennifer Bettis**, *Western Washington University*

PANELISTS:

Jennifer Bettis, *Western Washington University*

Andréanne Bissonnette, *Western Washington University*

Jonathan Slater, *SUNY Plattsburgh*

“The Berliner Revolution: 125 Years of Sound Recording in Canada”

Derek Moscato, *Western Washington University*

“The Construction of Action News: Irv Weinstein, Broadcast Diplomacy, and the Heyday of Channel 7’s Eyewitness News”

8B | North America in the Trump Era – (Steel B)

CHAIR – **David Rovinsky**, *ACSUS*

PANELISTS:

Robert Smith, *University of Illinois Springfield*

“Understanding the Trump Factor in Canadian and U.S. Relations: When There is No Understanding”

Anne MacLennan, *York University*

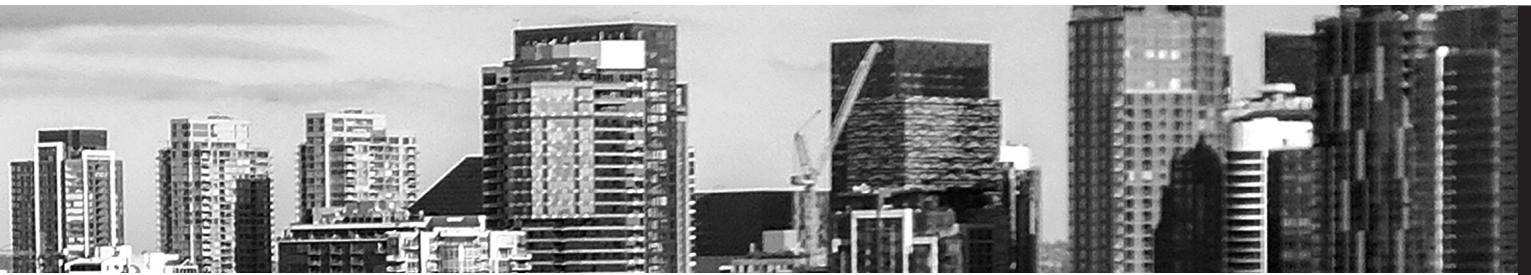
“The 51st State: Tariffs, the Border, and Concepts of Nation in Canada in the Face of American Expansionist Ambitions”

Christian Leuprecht, *Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada*

“Trump Effect? Trends and Drivers of Irregular Migration Across the U.S.-Canada Border”

Bendreff Desilus, *Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana (Unidad Xochimilco), Mexico and Universidad La Salle Mexico*

“How Mexico Perceives Canada Under the Trump Administration 2.0”



3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

SESSION 8 >> *continued***8C | Borders, Monuments, and Memorials – (Cyan A)**CHAIR – **Eric Weeks**, *Bridgewater State University*

PANELISTS:

Chedly Belkhodja, *Concordia University*

“Hospitality at Roxham Road, Québec. An Ethnographic Essay on the Frontier”

Rebecca Mancuso, *Bowling Green State University*

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

Eric Weeks, *Bridgewater State University*

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

8D | Agency and Indigenous Peoples – (Cyan B)CHAIR – **Tony Penikett**, *Simon Fraser University Centre for Dialogue*

PANELISTS:

Simone Poliandri, *Bridgewater State University*

“Bilingualism, Biculturalism, and Identity Among the Mi’kmaw First Nations People of Nova Scotia: Preliminary Thoughts and Findings.”

Cheryl Suzack, *University of Toronto*

“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?”

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

**EMERGING SCHOLARS COLLOQUIUM DEBRIEFING
SESSION – (Azure)**



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 3 » SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 *continued*

3:15 pm – 5:45 pm

Visual International Relations Project Workshop – (Cobalt)

Reserved for invited participants only.

COORDINATOR – **Patrick James**, *University of Southern California*

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.

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm

Stratford Festival Film Screening – (Azure)

“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 Consulate General of Canada to the United States, 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

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

EVENING RECEPTION – (Ballroom)

Sponsored by: Canadian Studies Program, University of California, Berkeley

DAY 4 » SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 am – 10:15 am

SESSION 9 »

9A | Multilingual Experiences in Language and Learning – (Steel A)CHAIR – **Isabelle Fournier**, *Trent University*

PANELISTS:

Jonathan Cayer, *New York University*

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

Hedwige Meyer, *University of Washington***Sarah Kate Moore**, *University of Washington*

“Teaching French as a Foreign Language Through Indigenous Québécois Literature”

Christina Keppie, *Western Washington University***Asher Woods**, *Western Washington University*

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

9B | North American Literature and Poetry – (Steel B)CHAIR – **Keith Lawrence**, *Brigham Young University*

PANELISTS:

Jeanne Minahan McGinn, *Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia*

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

Keith Lawrence, *Brigham Young University*

“Negotiating Asian North American Literary Studies in the Age of Trump”

Nora Foster Stovel, *University of Alberta*

“The Canadian Shields, or How an American-Born Author Became an Award-Winning Canadian Writer”



Conference SCHEDULE

DAY 4 » SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 am – 10:15 am

SESSION 9 » *continued*

9C | Diverse Topics in Canadian Studies – (Cyan A)

CHAIR – **Patrick James**, *University of Southern California*

PANELISTS:

Carol Higham, *University of North Carolina at Charlotte*
“Starvation and the Politics of Cannibalism”

Alexandre Couture Gagnon, *University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*
Reynaldo Rodriguez-Vazquez, *University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*
“Contemporary Economic Relations Between Québec and Texas”

Patrick James, *University of Southern California*
Tobias T. Gibson, *Westminster College*
“Canada, the Arctic Circle, and the Need for a Foreign Intelligence Service”

Daniel Macfarlane, *Western Michigan University*
“Coping with Climate Change at Lake Ontario: From the Little Ice Age to the Anthropocene”

10:15 am – 10:30 am

REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Ballroom Foyer)



10:30 am – 11:45 am

SESSION 10 >>

10A | Roundtable: Columbia River Treaty: Transboundary Water Governance and Ethics – (Steel A)MODERATOR – **Morna McEachern**, *University of Washington*

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 McEachern, *University of Washington*

“The Columbia River Treaty and Questions of Governance”

10B | Immigration and Border Crossings – (Steel B)CHAIR – **Hidetaka Hirota**, *University of California, Berkeley*

PANELISTS:

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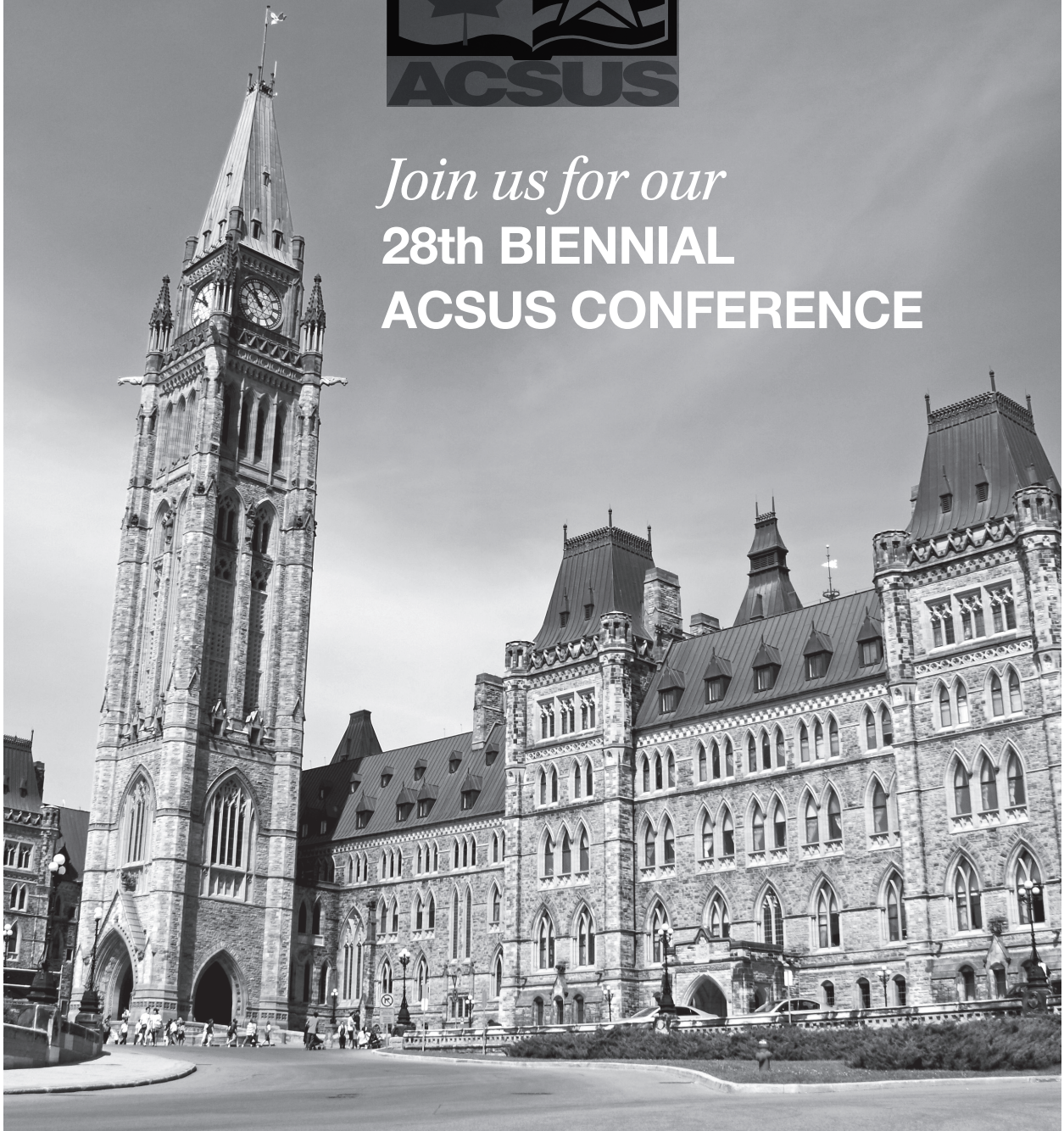
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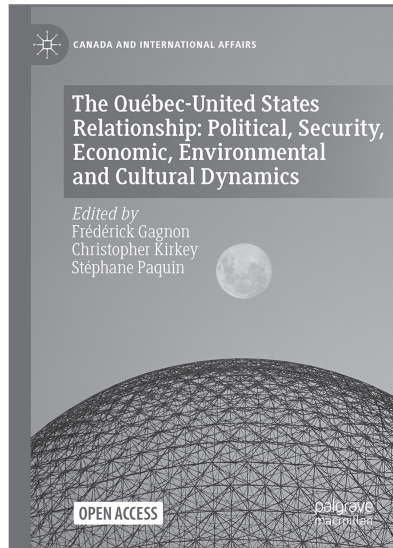
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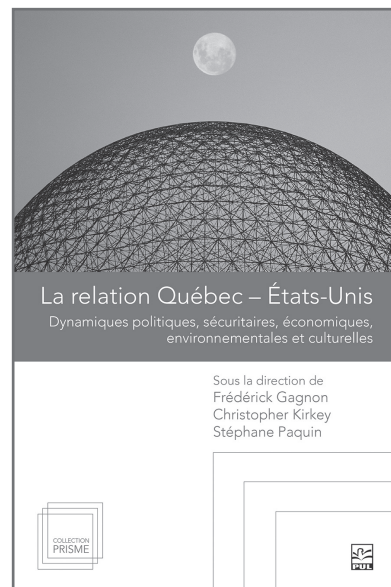


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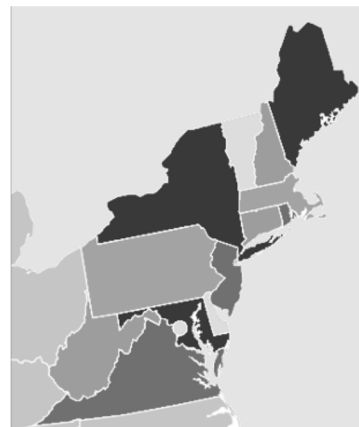
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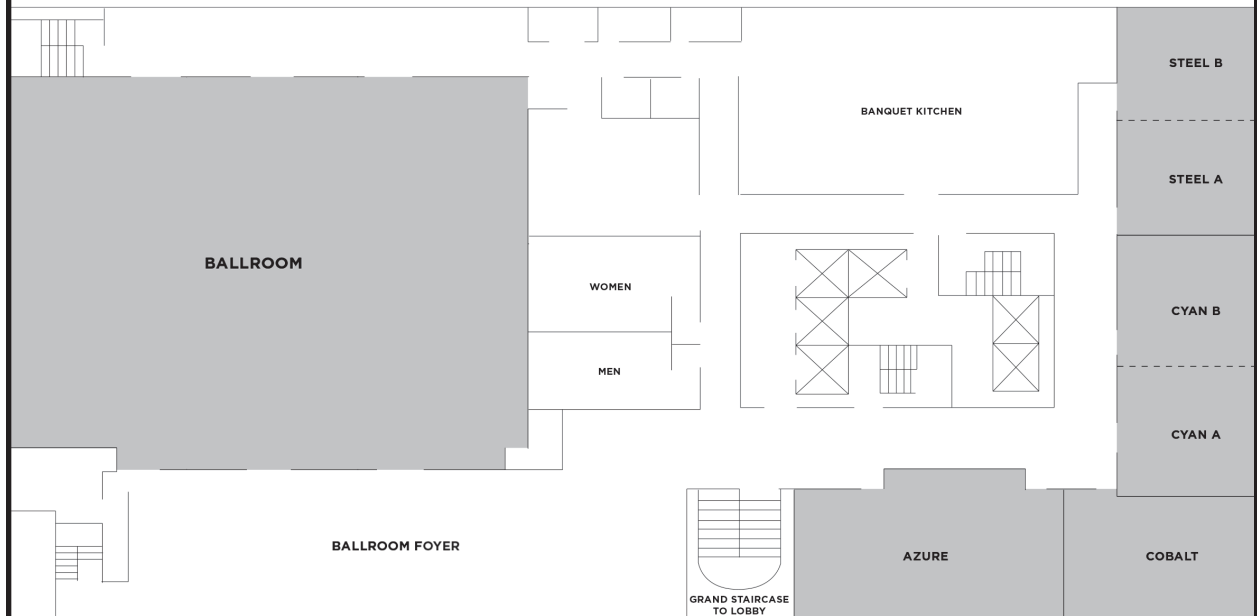




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