

# **BACS NEWSLETTER**

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## **EDITORIAL**

A very Happy New Year to all *Newsletter* readers! I hope that you survived the Festive Season, and that your Hogmanay street party did not suffer the fate of those at Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Newcastle and Gateshead.

This is a very full Newsletter for the first one in 2004. I hope that it is of interest. For the first time I have included a section on **Exhibitions**, since we are enjoying a crop of them at present. Do please tell me of any others that come your way. A number of items I have reprinted (and acknowledged) from *ICCS Contact* online. You may well have seen them already, but I thought that these particular ones deserved putting into print. Once again, if you do not already subscribe to *ICCS Contact*, I do urge you to do so. It is great for bringing you up-to-date news of Canadian studies from around the world. Thanks again to Guy Leclair and ICCS for all their work.

In **People** we also mark Jodie Robson's first ten years as BACS' Administrator, and are delighted to do so. Thanks for all you do for us, Jodie, and please carry on the good work.

Peter Freshwater, *University of Edinburgh*

**Copy deadline for the June 2004 Newsletter is 30 April 2004**  
**Copy deadline for the October 2004 Newsletter is 31 August 2004**  
**Copy deadline for the February 2005 Newsletter is 31 December 2004**

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## PEOPLE

### **Sergei Molotchkof dies**

Sergei Molotchkof, past president and founder member of the Russian Association of Canadian Studies, died on 4 August 2003. Sergei will be sadly missed for the enthusiasm and energy he brought to Canadian Studies, as well as for his wonderful sense of humour and generosity.

### **Tim Rooth, BACS President, moves to new academic address**

Professor Tim Rooth now has a new academic address within his department: Portsmouth Business School, Richmond Building, Portland Road, Portsmouth, PO1 3DE. Tim's other contact details remain the same.

### **Jodie Robson - congratulations and thanks**

October 2003 marked the tenth anniversary of Jodie's taking over the post of BACS Administrative Secretary. Congratulations, Jodie, and sincere thanks for everything that you do and have done for BACS and for Canadian Studies at large.

### **Annis May Timpson appointed Director of Edinburgh CCS**

Congratulations to Annis May Timpson, Senior Lecturer in American Studies at the University of Sussex, on her appointment as Director of the Centre of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh, from 1 April 2004.

### **Linda Knowles Interviewed by CBC Radio Halifax**

Linda Knowles, Editor of *CanText*, has been interviewed by CBC Radio Halifax as the expert on the origins of Nova Scotia's provincial anthem *Farewell to Nova Scotia*.

Bruce Nunn is a journalist in Halifax who researches historical items of local interest for a programme called *Information Morning*. He tracked Linda down by way of a paper that she wrote in 1978, and the St. Andrews University Alumni Office, who forwarded a message to Linda. He interviewed Linda by phone on 8 September, and recorded the interview, of which he was planning to use soundbites in his piece the following Monday - it would have been heard online on [www.novascotia.cbc.ca/](http://www.novascotia.cbc.ca/)

Congratulations to Linda on becoming the expert on *Farewell to Nova Scotia*.

### **Coral Ann Howell's new book published**

Congratulations to Coral Ann Howell on the publication of *Refiguring Identities: Contemporary Canadian Women's Fiction* (Palgrave Macmillan NY, 2003). Contact: Professor Coral Ann Howells, Professor of English and Canadian Literature, University of Reading, Whiteknights, PO Box 218, Reading, Berkshire RG6 6AA, England, U.K. Tel: (44-118-931-8361); fax (44-118-931-6561); e-mail: [c.a.howells@reading.ac.uk](mailto:c.a.howells@reading.ac.uk).

### **Congratulations to Colin Coates**

Colin Coates' recent co-authored book (with Cecilia Morgan, University of Toronto) has won two prizes. *Heroines and History: Representations of Madeleine de Verchères and Laura Secord* (University of Toronto Press, 2002) won the prize for the best book in the history of French Canada published in 2002: le prix Lionel Groulx - Fondation Yves-Saint-Germain, given out by the Institut d'Histoire de l'Amérique Française. This prize was awarded on 23 October. In June 2003, the book was awarded the sole Honourable Mention in the

competition for best book in Canadian history, given out by the Canadian Historical Association.

### **Michael Hellyer retires**

Michael Hellyer formally retired from the Canadian High Commission as Academic Relations Officer on 31 December. Until his successor is known and has taken up his/her appointment, please contact Vivien Hughes (tel. 020 7258 6692; fax 020 7258 6476; email [vivien.hughes@dfait-maeci.gc.ca](mailto:vivien.hughes@dfait-maeci.gc.ca))

### **Heather Bruder leaving Cariad**

Heather is leaving Cariad Press to return to university as a graduate student to get her Master's and PhD degrees. She hopes, however, to be able to attend the BACS 2004 Conference at Royal Holloway College. We look forward to seeing her there and to offering her all best wishes for the future

## **BACS NEWS**

### **BACS Conference 2004**

The BACS Conference 2004 on the theme *How Wide is the Atlantic Ocean?* will be held from Monday 5 to Thursday 8 April at Royal Holloway College, University of London (at Egham, Surrey). For details see the panel on page 16 of this Newsletter, or visit the BACS website at <http://www.canadian-studies.net/>

### **BACS Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of BACS will be held during the Annual Conference at **1.15 pm on Wednesday 7 April** at Royal Holloway College, University of London, Egham, Surrey. All members of BACS are encouraged to attend. It is possible that the time may have to be adjusted, so members not attending the rest of the Conference are advised to telephone the Conference number beforehand to confirm the time.

### **BACS Officers and Council - ELECTIONS 2004**

The names of the Officers and Council members are listed inside the front cover of this *Newsletter*. Nominations are invited for Honorary Treasurer and four new Councillors, including one Postgraduate Student Councillor on forms which are being sent out to all members with subscription renewal forms. They should be sent to Dr Susan Billingham, Honorary Secretary, c/o the BACS Office, by **Friday 27 February 2004**.

### **BACS Forums**

BACS members who wish to register for the new online BACS Forums should go to the webpage at <http://www.canadian-studies.net/forum/> and complete the registration process (NB: you must reply to the automatically-generated email message to finish registration). At the moment there are open forums for News, Discussion, and Annual Conference; others will be added as appropriate.

Conference announcements and other Canadian Studies news, etc may be posted directly to the forum once you have registered, thus allowing you to post material to the web-page without delay. Moderation will be minimal, so please only post relevant material.



## PRIX DU QUÉBEC 2004

The Prix du Québec consists of two awards of £1,000 (each) offered by the Office of the Government of Québec in London and administered by BACS. It is designed to assist researchers based in the UK to carry out research related to Québec in the areas of the humanities and social sciences (for travel, etc). Projects that incorporate Québec in a comparative approach (at least 50 % of the focus must be on Québec) are also eligible.

One award will be given in each of the following categories:

- Masters and doctoral students
- Researchers and academic staff (including postdoctoral researchers)

Please note that non-academic members of BACS and its specialist groups may also apply. The award is not intended to be used to cover tuition fees for post-graduate study. ***Applicants are expected to be members of the British Association for Canadian Studies (they may join at time of application).***

The awards will be presented during the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of the British Association for Canadian Studies at Royal Holloway, University of London 5-8 April 2004. Successful applicants will be expected to present a paper on the outcome of their research at the next BACS annual conference in 2005. It is expected that the award will be acknowledged in any subsequent publication(s).

### **Application procedure**

Applicants should provide a brief outline of their proposed research (including methodology, contextual background, plan and outcomes). Successful applications will have the following characteristics: (i) investigate issues concerning Quebec (includes comparative research where the focus on Quebec is at least 50%); (ii) constitute an excellent research proposal (originality, coherence of arguments and methodology); (iii) display applicant's abilities to deliver research (previous relevant background, experience, publications, etc); (iv) is of value to potential users outside or within the research community.

**Deadline:** 1 March 2004 (decision within 28 days). **Maximum Length:** 1000 words. Two letters of recommendation from appropriate referees are also required and should be sent with the application. Referees should address the merits of the proposal and the ability of the applicant to successfully carry out the research.

Please send 5 copies (1 original, 4 copies) of proposals to: Jodie Robson, Administrator, British Association for Canadian Studies, 21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD.

**Fax:** +44 (0) 131 662 1118; **Email:** [jodie.robson@ed.ac.uk](mailto:jodie.robson@ed.ac.uk)

### **Sustained Studies Project**

**The Sustained Studies Project would still be glad to receive accounts, stories, anecdotes, and memories of the early days of BACS and Canadian Studies in UK universities. Please send them in any format to Alan Hallsworth, Director of the Project c/o the BACS Office as soon as you can.**

### **CanText**

The Literature Group has published and distributed its latest newsletter *CanText* volume 6 issue 1 (October 2003) which opens with a tribute by editor Linda Knowles to the novelist Carol Shields, who died in July. For more information or to obtain copies, please contact *CanText* Editor Linda Knowles at [l.c.knowles@talk21.com](mailto:l.c.knowles@talk21.com)

## **BACS SPECIALIST GROUPS**

### **Canada / UK Architecture Group**

2003 has seen a structural re-organisation of the Canada United Kingdom Architects Group. The Group comprises architects and academics, either Canadian-born and practising / teaching in the UK, or those involved in the understanding of Canadian built and spatial culture.

After almost fifteen years of supportive service Mark Ruthven, the outgoing chairman, has stepped down to make way for a new intake. Initially this position will be filled by Ralph Buschow and Deborah Miller, who have as their first task a new membership drive. The purpose of this is to reinvigorate the group as well as raise its profile both in the UK as well as across Canada. In doing so it is hoped that architects, academics and students of architecture in both countries will be more aware of the facilities of the Canada / United Kingdom Architects Group and will be able to avail themselves of its skills and experience.

Events being planned for the year include exhibitions of work which could travel around both the UK and Canada, as well as involvement in talks, debates, and potential conferences.

Finally 2003 will be the Canada United Kingdom Architects Group's 19th year and considerable planning will be undertaken to assure a 20th anniversary year which will be full of interest, investigation and excitement.

If you require any information about the Canada United Kingdom Architects Group please contact Ralph Buschow at [ralph.buschow@buschowhenley.co.uk](mailto:ralph.buschow@buschowhenley.co.uk)

Ralph Buschow, *Buschow Henley Ltd*

### **Le Groupe de Recherches et d'Études sur le Canada Francophone**

The main objective of le GRECF is to bring together academics and graduate students engaged in the study of Québec and francophone Canada. The group holds an annual conference that is currently based at Keele University. Typically, speakers at the conference include a visiting professor from Québec or francophone Canada, established academics from UK institutions, and graduate students. Recent visiting speakers include Jean Leclair (l'Université de Montréal), who spoke on bilingualism and bijuralism in 2002, and Robert Dion (l'Université du Québec à Montréal), who gave a paper on Monique LaRue in 2003. Sherry Simon (Concordia University) will be the visiting speaker at the next conference, which is scheduled for May 2004.

The seminar series is a relatively new venture, and was begun last year with Ceri Morgan's

paper on Robert Dion's travelogue, *Le Droit du sol*, to which the geographer, Alison Blunt (Queen Mary, University of London), responded. It is hoped that the series will have a higher profile this year, in terms of attracting audience. In addition, plans are underway to institute a topic-specific seminar series on women's biofiction/theory that could cross discipline boundaries to include work on anglophone Canadian writers and scholars of these. It is anticipated that this could become an eventual book project.

Ceri Morgan, *le Groupe de recherches et d'études sur le Canada francophone*

### **Library and Resources Group**

The Convener of the Group is now Catherine Hume, Royal Institute for International Affairs (HumeC@riia.org), and the Secretary is Chris Senior, Brotherton Library, University of Leeds (c.m.senior@leeds.ac.uk).

### **Literature Group**

In 2003, the Literature Group continued its efforts to sponsor Canadian writers to the Annual Conference and other centres. Two highlights from this year include the appearance of Anita Rau Badami as a plenary speaker for the BACS conference in the spring, and the tour of storytellers Louise Profeit-LeBlanc and Ida Calmegane from the Yukon. This latter tour, to Leeds, Birmingham, Southampton and Birkbeck, was organised by Lynette Hunter and sponsored by the Arts Council of Great Britain.

A second, equally important and ongoing aim is to encourage greater communication between the anglophone and francophone branches of literary activity. Danielle Fuller and Ceri Morgan collaborated to arrange a special panel on Literary Translations at the Annual Conference, featuring well-known professional translators Lori Saint-Martin (Université de Québec à Montréal) and Betty Bednarski (Dalhousie). Following on from this session, conceived in part to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the Délégation du Québec, Ceri Morgan is organising a special session on creative/critical autobiography for the upcoming Annual Conference in 2004. The Literature Group will sponsor invited speaker Martine Delvaux of UQAM for this event.

The Co-Chairs of the Literature Group invite any and all members of the CanLit community to contact us with suggestions for events and projects in the coming months. These might include ideas for tours of writers or speakers, or proposals for conferences and symposia. We also thank Linda Knowles, Editor of the newsletter *CanText*, for her energetic efforts to advertise upcoming events and to maintain links between members of the CanLit community.

On a personal note, I would like to record my thanks and good wishes to Professor Lynette Hunter in the wake of her departure from Leeds to new pastures in California. Lynette has long and tirelessly supported the activities of students and junior colleagues alike, and made invaluable contributions to the life of Canadian literary studies in the UK. The outstanding Women and Texts conference at Leeds in 1997 is only one of many successful events she inspired and organised. Her presence will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best in her new home.

Susan Billingham, *Lecturer in Canadian Studies, University of Nottingham*

### **Canada in Schools Group and History Group**

These two Specialist Groups are currently in abeyance, and no reports are available. Any members interested in helping to reorganise either Group are urged to contact the President of BACS in the first instance.

## FOUNDATION FOR CANADIAN STUDIES NEWS

The Foundation's web site is found at <http://www.canadianstudiesuk.org/>. You are urged to bookmark it and visit it regularly for news, not only of the Foundation, but of matters of interest to Canadian studies in the UK generally.

## ICCS NEWS

### CHANGES TO GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PROGRAMS IN CANADIAN STUDIES

The ICCS would also like to remind everyone that changes were made to the Government of Canada Programs in Canadian Studies. The ICCS encourages readers to visit the Canadian Studies Programs Web site at [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/5\\_govprogs/a\\_overview.html](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/5_govprogs/a_overview.html) Criteria have been made clearer; and more importantly that the amounts of certain programs have been increased. As well, as announced previously, there is a new program available to European countries, the Institutional Research Program (IRP). Details are available at the Web address above. The ICCS is also pleased to inform potential candidates that, for most of these programs, application forms are downloadable from the site in either of the following formats: Adobe Acrobat "writable" .PDF or Microsoft Word .DOC. Note, however, that all application dossiers must be submitted to the appropriate Canadian Embassy or High Commission. Applications submitted directly to the ICCS cannot be accepted nor redirected.

For your information here is a list of these programs:

Faculty Enrichment Program (FEP)

Faculty Research Program (FRP)

Doctoral Student Research

Canada-Asia-Pacific Awards

Canada - Latin America - Caribbean Awards

Institutional Research Program (IRP)

International Research Linkages

Library Support Program

Conference Travel Assistance

Traveling Book Display

Canadian Prime Minister's Awards for Publishing CPMA (only in Japan)

[Reprinted with thanks from *ICCS Contact*, 24 October 2003]

### ***IJCS* special issue on Security / Insecurity - call for papers**

The *International Journal of Canadian Studies* seeks submissions for an up-coming issue on the theme "Security / Insecurity." The events of September 11, 2001 brought the issue of security to the forefront of western consciousness and caused it to loom large over the American political landscape. Security would appear to be an issue driven exclusively by the successes of international terrorism. But is this really the case? Is it not true that western societies nurture a fascination for security, which, in the final analysis, stems from their profound sense of insecurity in the modern world? In an era of market restructuring, globalization, and the erosion of geo-political landmarks that had become familiar to us since the Second World War, are we not being assailed by a pervasive sense of anomie that could lead to an abiding sense of insecurity? On the other hand, have not a number of social

and “identitarian” movements made great strides in recent years, in effect challenging the myriad forms of insecurity to which traditional norms and values had subjected them? In what way would this dialectic between security and insecurity manifest itself in Canada in the 21st century, and more particularly in those areas whose scope extends beyond the “war on terrorism?” The *IJCS* invites submissions that deal with this question within the following frameworks: politics, the social sciences, the communication sciences, the arts, literature and any other relevant discipline. Kindly submit your paper (including an abstract of 100 words or less) before March 1, 2004 to the *IJCS* Secretariat, 75 Albert Street, Suite 908, Ottawa, Canada, K1P 5E7. Tel: (613) 789- 7834; Fax: (613) 789-7830. E-mail: [gleclair@iccs-ciec.ca](mailto:gleclair@iccs-ciec.ca)

## CANADA HOUSE NEWS

### **Bill Lawton succeeds Michael Hellyer in Academic Relations**

As we go to press we are delighted to learn that Dr Bill Lawton (Canadian High Commission, London) has been appointed to succeed Michael Hellyer as Academic Relations Officer at Canada House. Bill is a long-standing member of BACS, and we look forward to working with him in his new role.

### **Non-Canadian Citizens Now Eligible for SSHRC Research Grants**

Notice of rule change regarding eligibility criteria - Canadian citizenship and permanent resident status.

SSHRC will abolish its requirement for Canadian citizenship and permanent residents for applicants applying to its research base, strategic and communications programs. This revision will bring SSHRC’s rule into harmony with those of the other federal granting agencies with regards to these criteria. Applicants must still be affiliated with a Canadian post-secondary institution, unless the eligibility criteria of the program to which they are applying states otherwise.

Please note that all training programs, such as the Masters, the Doctoral and the Postdoctoral fellowships, do not fall under this amendment.

Effective April 1, 2004.

### **Academic News Canada**

Each issue of *Academic News Canada* is a very useful themed news sheet that updates a range of Canadian studies topics for the British academic community. Edited by Vivien Hughes and endorsed by the High Commissioner, it is published and distributed free of charge to Canadianists in all parts of the UK by the Academic Relations Unit at Canada House. If you are not on the distribution list and would like to receive it and other academic information, please contact Vivien (tel. 020 7258 6692; fax 020 7258 6476; email [vivien.hughes@dfait-maeci.gc.ca](mailto:vivien.hughes@dfait-maeci.gc.ca)). The four latest issues are

69. Canadiana Arts and Cultural Industries. Autumn 2002
70. Foundation for Canadian Studies in the UK. Spring 2003
71. A tribute to Michael Hellyer on his Retirement. Summer 2003
72. Canada/UK Exchange Programmes. Autumn 2003

## President of York University to give Canada House Lecture

On Wednesday 18 February 2004 Professor Lorna Marsden, President of York University, Toronto will give a Canada House Lecture on 'Women University Presidents: Does Gender Make a Difference?' Please contact Vivien Hughes at [vivien.hughes@dfait-maeci.gc.ca](mailto:vivien.hughes@dfait-maeci.gc.ca) for more information.

## NEWS FROM ELSEWHERE

### Encyclopaedia of French-American Relations

I am editing an Encyclopaedia of French-American Relations, understood in the broadest sense as 'the Americas', to be published by ABC-Clio of Oxford and Santa Barbara in 2005. Canadianists will see that we are still looking for authors on Alberta, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. The reward for contributing is a free copy of the two-volume work or £30 sterling per 1000 words if you do over 2000 words. The deadline is 1 March 2004. I hope you find this of interest and look forward to hearing from potential authors. Please reply to: [b.marshall@french.arts.gla.ac.uk](mailto:b.marshall@french.arts.gla.ac.uk)

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### University of Edinburgh Standard Life Lecture

Professor Will Kymlicka (Queen's University, Kingston) will deliver the Seventh Standard Life Visiting Lecture in Canadian Studies: "The Canadian Model of Diversity in a Comparative Perspective" at 5.00 pm on Thursday 29 April 2004 in the Law Lecture Theatre G175, Old College, University of Edinburgh. All are welcome. Professor Kymlicka's talk will also be the Keynote for the Annual Conference in Canadian Studies *Constitutionalism and Cultural Pluralism: Lessons from Canada*, which will be held on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 April 2004.

### On-Line Canadian Studies

Several Canadian research intensive universities with the Collaboration for Online Higher Education (COHERE) — Simon Fraser University, University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of Saskatchewan, University of Waterloo, University of Guelph, York University and Dalhousie University — have recently embarked on the development of a collaborative online program in Canadian Studies. Building on their institutional expertise, the Canadian Studies program will follow the University of the Arctic Model with a collaboratively developed first year and capstone course, and drawing upon courses from the partner institutions in the second and third year of study. The initiative will allow students nationally and internationally to participate in online courses and essentially a global classroom. In addition the static components of the courses and associated resource material will be available for public view and be used to enhance the face-to-face classroom offerings in Canadian Studies. It is anticipated that online offerings will include courses on First Nations in Canada and multiculturalism and diversity. Contact: Dr. Colin Coates, Chair of Canadian Cultural Landscapes, Glendon College, York University. Tel.: (416) 736-2100,

ext. 66776. E-mail: [ccoates@gl.yorku.ca](mailto:ccoates@gl.yorku.ca) or Kathleen Matheus, University of Saskatchewan, e-mail: [Kathleen.Matheos@usask.ca](mailto:Kathleen.Matheos@usask.ca)

[Reprinted with thanks from *ICCS Contact*, 17 October 2003]

### **Centre for Newfoundland and Labrador Studies, WIT**

The Centre for Newfoundland and Labrador Studies at Waterford Institute of Technology, Republic of Ireland, has published the first issue (May 2003) of its very attractive and informative *Newsletter*. Emanuele Sala from the Centre writes

“Established in 2002, the role of the Centre is to establish and sustain cultural, commercial, social, technological, and scientific linkages between the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador and the Republic of Ireland (with specific reference to Waterford and the South East Region). To date the centre has been very active in the development of these linkages through its association with a variety of projects occurring at WIT and in the South East ...”

For further information, please contact Emanuele at Centre for Newfoundland and Labrador Studies, Waterford Institute of Technology, Cork Road, Waterford, Republic of Ireland (tel. +(353) 51 3020000, fax +(353) 51 378292). The WIT website can be found at [www.wit.ie](http://www.wit.ie)

### ***Indigenous Law Journal* founded**

The *Indigenous Law Journal*, a new student-run periodical published out of the University of Toronto, recently published its first issue. The *ILJ* will provide an important venue for those working on legal issues related to indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world. The *ILJ* publishes articles, notes, case comments, and reviews covering a wide range of legal perspectives. Potential contributors should consult the ILJ website at <http://www.indigenoulawjournal.org/>

[Reprinted with thanks from *ICCS Contact*, 19 December 2003]

### **United Kingdom Council of Area Studies Associations (UKCASA)**

UKCASA (United Kingdom Council of Area Studies Associations) was formed on 5 November 2003 at an open meeting at CILT. Sixteen Area Studies Associations have come together to form the council, the aims of which are as follows:

- to promote, support and defend Area Studies programmes at both undergraduate and postgraduate level in UK Higher Education Institutions;
- to provide a voice for Area Studies in dialogue with different government agencies across the UK;
- to develop a collaborative community amongst Area Studies Associations and practitioners;
- to promote interdisciplinary research and teaching about specific regions of the world.

Professor Dick Ellis, Nottingham Trent University and Dr Peter Matanle, University of Sheffield, were elected as founding chair and vice-chair respectively. A second meeting will be held in London on 6 February 2004 at which officers of the association will be elected.

UKCASA represents an exciting opportunity for Area Studies in the United Kingdom. A website for UKCASA will be launched in the New Year. For further details contact John Canning, Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies, Modern Languages, University of Southampton, Southampton, SO17 1BJ, Tel +44 (0)23 8059 5407, Fax +44 (0)23 8059 4815. e-mail [j.canning@soton.ac.uk](mailto:j.canning@soton.ac.uk)

## CONFERENCES FORTHCOMING

**2004 February 7: ASPECTS OF CULTURE AND POLITICS IN QUEBEC AND FRANCOPHONE CANADA**, Le Groupe de Recherches et d'études sur le Canada francophone.

One day conference. Contact Ceri Morgan at [c.m.morgan@lang.keele.ac.uk](mailto:c.m.morgan@lang.keele.ac.uk)

**2004 March 10: GENDER, SEXUALITY AND LAW: ANGLO-CANADIAN PERSPECTIVES. BACS Legal Studies Group Conference 2004. Canada House, London**

Contact: Dr. Bela Chatterjee, School of Law, Lonsdale College, Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YN, UK. Tel. 01524 592461; Fax 01524 848137; email [b.chatterjee@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:b.chatterjee@lancaster.ac.uk)

**2004 March 13-15: PRESENTING AND REPRESENTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: THE RESPONSE OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES.**

Annual Conference of the Canadian Studies in Wales Group of BACS, at Gregynog. Contact Dr. Graham Humphrys at [ghmaes@yahoo.com](mailto:ghmaes@yahoo.com)

**2004 April 5-8: HOW WIDE IS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN? BACS 29th Annual Conference, Royal Holloway College (University of London), Egham, Surrey**

Next BACS Annual Conference will be a follow-up to the conference held in Ottawa in November 2002 (see the report by Colin Coates in the June 2003 *Newsletter*). For details see panel elsewhere in this *Newsletter* or visit <http://www.canadian-studies.net/conf/2004/cfp.html>

**2004 April 5-8: BRETAGNE-QUÉBEC: DES PAYS AUX PAYSAGES. DÉPAYSEMENT ET RENOUVELLEMENT DES MÉMOIRES** International colloquium to be held in Montreal and Quebec City

The Call for papers (in French) is available by clicking [http://www.celat.ulaval.ca/appele\\_pays\\_paysages.pdf](http://www.celat.ulaval.ca/appele_pays_paysages.pdf). **Deadline: January 5 2004**

**2004 April 16: STUDIES IN IMPERIALISM AFTER 20 YEARS: A COLLOQUIUM. Centre for the Study of Britain and Its Empire, University of Southampton**

One day conference to mark the twentieth anniversary of the 'Studies in Imperialism' series, edited by Professor John Mackenzie and published by Manchester University Press. For further details, please contact: Prof. Miles Taylor, History, School of Humanities, University of Southampton, Highfield, Southampton, SO17 1BJ, *direct line*: 02380 594868; *e-mail*: [mt10@soton.ac.uk](mailto:mt10@soton.ac.uk) or by clicking <http://www.soton.ac.uk/~history/csbe>

**2004 April 28-29: CONSTITUTIONALISM AND CULTURAL PLURALISM: LESSONS FROM CANADA. Centre of Canadian Studies and the School of Law, University of Edinburgh**

### Call for Papers

This interdisciplinary conference seeks to bring together scholars to explore the lessons which might be drawn for other states and for international bodies (e.g. the Council of Europe and the European Union) from the constitutional management of cultural pluralism in Canada. Prominent issues within Canadian pluralism include: federalism; official bilingualism; the constitutional accommodation of Quebec; the status of aboriginal peoples;

the entrenchment of cultural rights in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the development of a sophisticated, juridical, human rights culture; and immigration and the principle of multiculturalism. At a time when scholars, policy-makers and judges in the UK and elsewhere in Europe are reassessing the constitutional arrangements in relation to national and cultural pluralism within their own states, the strengths and weaknesses in the Canadian constitutional experience are increasingly seen as an important source of comparison.

Keynote Speaker Professor Will Kymlicka (Queen's University, Kingston) will deliver the Seventh Standard Life Visiting Lecture in Canadian Studies: "The Canadian Model of Diversity in a Comparative Perspective".

It is anticipated that presentations will fall within the following themes: constitutionalism, citizenship and democracy; participation in processes of constitutional change; constitutional outcomes - autonomy, representation and recognition; cultural pluralism and human rights; and adjudication and the resolution of constitutional disputes.

Please send paper proposals (200 word max.) and a 1-page curriculum vitae by 30 January 2004 to Grace Owens, Centre of Canadian Studies, 21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD, Scotland or to: [grace.owens@ed.ac.uk](mailto:grace.owens@ed.ac.uk) (please do not send as attachments).

Questions should be directed to the Conference Organiser, Stephen Tierney: [stephen.tierney@ed.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.tierney@ed.ac.uk)

**2004 April 29 - May 1: *INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE: CANADA AND THE OTHER.* Association for Canadian Studies In Ireland / An Cumann Le Léann Ceanadach In Éirinn XIIth Biennial International Conference, University College, Cork.**

Contact: Dr Martin Howard, President, Association for Canadian Studies in Ireland, Department of French, University College, Cork, Ireland. Tel +353.21.4902520; Fax +353.21.4903284; e-mail [mhoward@french.ucc.ie](mailto:mhoward@french.ucc.ie); Web [http://www.nuigalway.ie/faculties\\_departments/french/acsi](http://www.nuigalway.ie/faculties_departments/french/acsi)

**2004 April 30 - 9 May: *COMMONWEALTH FILM FESTIVAL.* Manchester, England**

Now in its third year, the Commonwealth Film Festival will take place 30 April - 9 May 2004 in Manchester, England, as a non-competitive showcase for nearly 300 features, shorts and documentaries from the 72 nations of the Commonwealth.

The Festival will showcase and premiere works by celebrated Commonwealth filmmakers in Gala Screenings, as well as works from emerging artists. The focus will be on original and personal films with the potential to entrance a diverse audience, on works and artists who define the Commonwealth at the dawn of the 21st century. A full programme of discussions, seminars and workshops involving visiting filmmakers, critics and academics will accompany the screenings.

Contact: The Commonwealth Film Festival, Greenheys Business Centre - Unit 9, 10 Pencroft Way, Manchester Science Park, Manchester M15 6JJ, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0)161 342 0044; Fax: +44 (0)161 342 0055; Web: [www.commonwealthfilm.com](http://www.commonwealthfilm.com)

**2004 May 5-7: *THE CELTIC CONNECTION IN NORTH AMERICA:* University of Helsinki**

The University of Helsinki North American Studies Program is joining forces with the British and Irish Studies Programme to host the Tenth Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference on North American Studies on May 5-7, 2004. Possible fields of interest include, but are not limited to: CULTURAL STUDIES: representation, commodification, heritage industry; popular culture, sport, music, film and television; fine arts and architecture; HISTORY: family relations, urban and rural communities; European expansion, indigenous

encounters; nation-building, political cultures and nationalism; LITERATURE: prose, poetry and drama; HUMAN GEOGRAPHY: cities, communities and cultures; power and politics; GENDER STUDIES: identities and sexualities; LANGUAGE: encounters and impacts; INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: special relationships, political cultures, Ire-land / Northern Ireland; MIGRATION STUDIES: causes, consequences, myths and pat-terns; COMPARATIVE RELIGION: religious experience; Presbyterianism, Catholicism, Methodism; New Age Celticism; CURRENT STATE OF IRISH AND/OR SCOTTISH STUDIES IN THE US AND/OR CANADA.

For further information, see [www.helsinki.fi/hum/renvall/bir/celtconnection2004.html](http://www.helsinki.fi/hum/renvall/bir/celtconnection2004.html) or contact: Pirkko Hautamaki, Conference Committee Secretary, British and Irish Studies Programme. tel. + 358-9-191 22984; fax+ 358-9-191 23107; email [pirkko.hautamaki@helsinki.fi](mailto:pirkko.hautamaki@helsinki.fi)

**2004 May 27-29: NINTH NORDIC CONFERENCE FOR ENGLISH STUDIES. University of Aarhus**

The Nordic Association for English Studies and the Canadian Studies Centre of the University of Aarhus are holding this conference May 27-29, 2004, at the University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark. There will be two workshops devoted to Canadian Studies: Identities in Canada (Organiser: Robert Chr. Thomsen, University of Aarhus).

Contact: Dr. Robert Chr. Thomsen [engrt@hum.au.dk](mailto:engrt@hum.au.dk). Native American / First Nations - Culture and Politics in the 21st Century (Organiser: David Harding, University of Aarhus). Contact: **David Harding** [engdh@hum.au.dk](mailto:engdh@hum.au.dk). For further information see <http://www.hum.au.dk/engelsk/naes2004/invitation.html>.

**2004 June 3-5: ADAPTATION ET INNOVATION: EXPÉRIENCES ACADIENNES. 32nd French Association for Canadian Studies (FACS) annual conference, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme et de la Société, Université de Poitiers.**

The call for papers and additional information can be found at <http://www.afec33.asso.fr/>. This international and interdisciplinary conference is organised by the Institut d'Etudes Acadiennes et Québécoises (Université de Poitiers), in collaboration with CIRCCEM (University of Ottawa), the Centre d'Etudes Acadiennes et de l'Institut Canadien de Recherches sur les Minorités Linguistiques (University of Moncton), and the support of the Laboratoires de recherche Icotem, Gerhico. Contact: Mlle Annick Monnerie, Attachée culturelle, Association française d'études canadiennes (AFEC), Bât. de la MSHA, Domaine Universitaire, 10, Esplanade des Antilles, 33607 PESSAC CEDEX. Fax : 05-56-37-17-26; email: [afec@msha.fr](mailto:afec@msha.fr)

# How Wide is the Atlantic Ocean?

## BACS 29th annual conference

Royal Holloway College, Egham, UK  
5 – 8 April 2004

The British Association for Canadian Studies will hold its 29th annual conference at Royal Holloway. As well as the usual range of Canadian Studies papers, sessions throughout the conference will consider the theme of *How Wide is the Atlantic Ocean?* There will also be a plenary session based on the BACS' project, *Academic Relations and New Technologies in a Changing World: Britain and Canada, 1970-2010*.

Royal Holloway is set in an extensive area of landscaped woodland, twenty miles from central London. A highlight of the event will be the conference banquet, held in the elegant Picture Gallery. Accommodation is in either single en-suite study bedrooms in one of the comfortable modern halls or in single rooms with shared facilities in Founders Hall.

Registration forms for the conference have already been circulated to BACS members – additional forms and a preliminary programme can be downloaded from the BACS website at **[www.canadian-studies.net](http://www.canadian-studies.net)**

Please return forms to: BACS, 21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD, UK no later than **8 March 2004**.

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<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/lc/LCCS/conferences.html>

20th Annual international conference, 13-14th February, 2004:

***Canada & the Moving Image: Shorts, Full-Length and the In-Between***

**DAY 1: Friday 13th Feb, 2004**

**9.30 am - 4.30 pm, Canada House, Trafalgar Sq, London SW1, England**

- (i) ***Canadian Animation: From Oscar - winning Short to TV Series***, David Fine (Snowden Fine); Discussant: **Ian Christie** (Birkbeck, University of London), England
- (ii) ***London to Toronto & the world: Speakers Corner as a catalyst for grassroots free speech***, **Ian Chamandy** (YOUtv), Canada
- (iii) ***Cronenberg, Canadian Cinema, and Neo-horror Film Culture***, **Ian Conrich** (University of Surrey Roehampton), England
- (iv) ***Showing of "La Grande Seduction" (2003, Jean-François Pouliot, Maxfilms Inc)***; Discussants: **Bill Marshall** (Glasgow University) Scotland & **José Arroyo** (Warwick University), England

**5.45 pm Birkbeck College, 43 Gordon Square, London WC1**

**Reception hosted by The Canadian High Commission, London**

**6.30 pm Birkbeck College (43 Gordon Square)**

***The Canadian in Broadcasting Senator Laurier Lapierre, Canada***  
*(former Chair of Telefilm Canada and broadcaster)*

**DAY 2: Saturday 14th Feb, 2004**

**9.30 - 1.30 pm, Birkbeck College, 43 Gordon Square, London WC1**

- (i) ***My Conversation With Canada: A Metis Filmmaker's Reflections***, **Christine Welsh** (University of Victoria), Canada
  - (ii) ***People and Potlatches, Acting and the Arctic: new approaches to First Nations Film in Canada***, **Jonathan King** (British Museum), England
  - (iii) ***Identity Adjustment: Screening Atom Egoyan***, **Jason Wood** (Writer, cinema-programmer, film-maker), **Jonathan Romney** (Film Critic, Independent on Sunday, author of 'Atom Egoyan', BFI Publishing)) & **Gareth Evans** (writer, independent programmer & editor of Vertigo'), England
  - (iv) ***The still and moving image: reflections on the Canadian landscape***, **Mark Lewis** (Canadian Artist, London) & **Laura Mulvey**, (Birkbeck College, University of London), England
- 1.30 pm: End of Conference Lunch**

**Fees** (lunch, etc): £44.00 (2 days); Day 1: £24.00 or Day 2: £20.00; 50% students & concessions. **Registration deadline:** 9th Feb 2004. **Early registration discounts:** 20% by 12th January and 10% by 26th January. No fee for attendance at Friday 13th. Form with cheque payable to "LCCS": Itesh Sachdev, Centre for Canadian Studies, Birkbeck, University of London, 43 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PD, UK.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

British Association of Canadian Studies  
Canadian Legal Studies Group Annual Conference:

***Gender, Sexuality and the Law:  
Anglo-Canadian Perspectives***

Canada House, London, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2004

Themes include, but are not restricted to:

- Transgender issues
- Marriage/Same sex partnerships
- Gender, sexuality and the Academy
- Anti-Discrimination Law
- Crime/Hate Crime/Obscenity
- Queerness/Queer Theory
- Feminist Perspectives

We welcome expressions of interest/queries/  
abstracts -

these may be directed to the Conference organiser:

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## CONFERENCE & PROJECT REPORTS

### **Current Issues in Tort - Canadian and UK Perspectives: the BACS Legal Studies Group annual conference 2003**

In 3 July 2003, Canada House in London was the venue for the BACS Legal Studies annual legal conference. The event was co-ordinated by Professor Jane Wright with the help of Dr Bela Chatterjee and the topic for presentation was 'Current Issues in Tort: Canadian and UK Perspectives'. Attendees at the conference included legal professionals, academics, post-graduates and other interested parties. The High Commissioner for Canada, Mel Cappe, provided a welcome to all in the morning which was to be followed by a series of outstanding presentations.

The first presentation was made by Canadian Chief Justice McLachlin whose topic was tort law and the challenge of bijuralism. It was a fascinating discussion of the challenges Canada faces as it is a federalist model of governance as opposed to the UK's traditional unitary model. In addition, the possession of an entrenched Charter of Rights and Freedoms in Canada poses unique challenges that the UK had not encountered in the same manner. Lord Wolfe, however, in a question and answer period pointed out that increasingly the UK, as a result of participation in the European Union and adoption of a Human Rights Act, will face similar challenges. Another highlight was the presentation by Professor Basil Markesinis from University College London. His topic focused on the use of foreign law by national courts.

Six panels tackled the issues of duties in tort law, human rights and tort, freedom of information, defamation and privacy, tort and medicine, tort and the environment, and duties in international tort. In conjunction with the organizing team of the BACS, Michael Hellyer the Academic Relations Officer at the Canadian High Commission was instrumental in bringing together the panels and topics. Not to be forgotten are the caterers of the lunch provided by Canada House. The food was fabulous and the mood was enhanced by the announcement that the International Olympic Committee had just awarded Canada the 2010 Winter Olympics for Vancouver.

As a first year law student attending this conference it was impressive to listen to the arguments and observations of many distinguished figures in the field of law that addressed many of the topics I had recently studied. Perhaps though, the most educative element of the conference was not purely academic but was the collegiality and politeness among its delegates. For a law student this may appear ironic given that a central feature of Canada and the UK alike is the adversarial nature of the common law.

Raymond Kielmann, *University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law*

### **12th European Seminar for Graduate Work in Canadian Studies**

The 12th annual Canadian Studies conference was held in October 2003 in Barcelona. There was a large cross-section of nationalities attending, ranging through Canadian, English, French, Romanian, Polish, Moroccan, and Dutch, amongst others. Papers were as diverse as the people presenting them, allowing for a wide-range of interests to be covered and ensuring that there was something for everyone! The standard was very high, as always – the exchange of ideas and information proved fruitful, and many new friends were made.

The major distraction of the event turned out to be Barcelona itself, which proved enchanting for returning visitors and newcomers alike. With a final evening dinner held at

the Yacht Club, overlooking the marina and the Mediterranean, there is a case to be made for declaring Barcelona the host city every year!

Susan Wharton, *University of Birmingham*  
Vikki Cook, *University of Central Lancashire*

## **Sustainable Cities - Urban Regeneration and Quality of Life: Lessons from Canada**

### **London Conference for Canadian Studies, 14 November 2003**

The 2003 London Conference for Canadian Studies (LCCS) had as its theme urban regeneration planning and policy. At the invitation of LCCS Chair, Richard Dennis, the team of academics awarded funding for 2001-2003 under the Sustained Studies in Con-temporary Canadian Issues Program (Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade/Foundation for Canadian Studies) to research urban regeneration policies in Canada and the UK, organised the conference to promote discussion around some of the key themes identified in their work. This team, comprising three members of the Cities institute, London Metropolitan University (Professor Graeme Evans, Jo Foord, Steve Shaw) and a geographer from the LSE (Michael Mason), have already disseminated their research findings at BACS Conferences in Belfast (2002) and Leeds (2003), and various academic journals (including three papers in Vol. 16, No. 2 (2003) of the *British Journal of Canadian Studies*). The LCCS event was designed as an opportunity to highlight the applied, comparative nature of the research, bringing together relevant planners, policy-makers, consultants and scholars from Canada and the UK. And so fifty attendees responsible for, or interested in, urban regeneration policy came together at Canada House for what proved to be a wide-ranging, stimulating conference.

His Excellency Mel Cappe, the High Commissioner for Canada, kindly opened the conference. After welcoming the participants, he combined a useful primer on the insecure constitutional status of Canadian cities with a reminder of their robust trajectories of urban growth. Prime Minister Paul Martin's commitment for the federal government to re-engage with strategic aspects of urban development indicates, the High Commissioner stated, that the concerns of the conference were at the heart of political debate in Canada. In the first presentation, urban consultant (and former senior policy advisor for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities) Marni Cappe detailed this recent interest of the federal government in Canadian cities. The Task Force on Urban Issues, set up by former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien in 2001, brought issues of urban sustainability to the fore of these federal deliberations. Canadian cities face substantial challenges in the areas of affordable housing, transport planning and infrastructure renewal. Marni Cappe identified some of the innovative ideas for addressing these challenges, providing an invaluable context for the rest of the conference. Her concluding stress on leadership dovetailed nicely with the next presentation on the Vancouver Agreement – an ambitious, five-year intergovernmental programme for urban regeneration. Isobel Donovan, Executive Coordinator of the Vancouver Agreement, and Councillor Jim Green, long-term community advocate for Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and, since 2002, a Councillor of the Coalition of Progressive Electors city administration, provided an insightful account of the opportunities for, and challenges to, new thinking on economic and social regeneration in the context of the poorest urban area in Canada. Isobel Donovan's stress on partnership structures and Councillor Green's focus on grassroots socio-economic development strategies raised much interest in the audience, as was evident from the questions. A concluding video clip on street opera in Vancouver's notorious 'blood alley' illustrated the benefits of innovative thinking; and of humanising those traditionally portrayed as the static 'recipients' or 'clients' of regeneration assistance.

The afternoon's presentations began with neat overlapping perspectives on business improvement districts (BIDs) as a tool of urban improvement from Steve Shaw, Cities Institute, and Julie Grail, Partnerships Director of the Central London Partnership. Steve entertained the audience with a typically informative, rapid-fire slide-show, summarising his work on business improvement areas across Canada. The propensity of Canadian cities to mark out these areas in ethnic, heritage and lifestyle terms was brought out well. Their rapid growth in recent years in Canada attests to tangible benefits for participating businesses, although issues of formulaic branding and stakeholder accountability need to be addressed. Julie Grail noted how pilot BIDs in London are at the vanguard of UK interest in this development tool. Evidence-based lessons from these experiments point to efficient, effective improvements in the public realm, but also difficult challenges in a London context – e.g. finding constituencies of support for new BIDs from heavily taxed businesses. Both presenters acknowledged that the BID model is only appropriate in certain urban development contexts.

Concluding the conference was an ambitious, provocative talk on sustainable urban development by Professor Daniel Latouche from the Centre for Urban and Cultural Studies, National Institute of Scientific Research, Montreal. Professor Latouche, with iconoclastic flair, took aim at some orthodoxies of urban studies to argue why 'non-decisions' in planning are sometimes more important than government programmes in sparking urban renewal, particularly when cultural practices are involved. An historical focus on Montreal pinpointed the need to understand long-term political-economic structures and processes, while cities adopting 'accommodative' rather than 'integrationist' approaches to the co-existence of diverse ethnic groups were argued to be more socially cohesive in the long run. Conference participants wishing to understand Professor Latouche's 'soft cosmopolitan' agenda for urban revitalization elected to continue the discussion in a local wine bar rather than reassemble, as planned, for a final plenary session. The speaker duly and happily obliged.

Throughout the day, Professor Graeme Evans ably chaired proceedings and simultaneously supported the PowerPoint needs of the speakers, demonstrating admirably the multi-tasking skills expected these days of academics: his efforts were much appreciated. Thanks are also due to the student volunteers from the LSE for their help and also the High Commission staff for their typical efficiency in enabling the event to run smoothly. Vivien Hughes deserves particular acknowledgement for coordinating everything so professionally at Canada House.

*Michael Mason, Department of Geography and Environment,  
London School of Economics and Political Science*

### **International Congress of the Brazilian Association of Canadian Studies (ABECAN)**

In November I attended the International Congress of the Brazilian Association of Canadian Studies (ABECAN), held in Belo Horizonte. ABECAN took the occasion to welcome Canadianists from the rest of Central and South America so that this was not just ABECAN's seventh meeting but also the first Latin American Congress of Canadian Studies. The ICCS executive, who had been meeting in nearby Tiradentes, also came to Belo Horizonte. Together with a substantial Canadian contingent and a few waifs and strays drawn in from elsewhere we made up a lively gathering of more than 400 participants. The President of ABECAN, Sandra Regina Goulhart Almeida, and her team hosted a superbly organised conference based in the Federal University of Minas Gerais (the Rector of which, incidentally, Ana Gazzola, has considerable Canadian academic interests). The conference theme, 'Brazil-Canada intersections: transnational perspectives', was broad enough to

encompass a wide range of topics, although naturally the presence of so many people from elsewhere in Latin America teaching and researching on Canada was an opportunity to discuss common issues in the formal sessions as well as informally.

As happens so often in Canadian conferences the social occasions stick in the memory as much as the more purely academic events, and the Brazilians were very hospitable. Among the highlights was the opening ceremony, held in the elegant surroundings of the University's Conservatoire, where a flute orchestra combined an international repertoire with some distinctive Brazilian influences and rhythms. It was a fascinating counterpoint to a percussion group playing two nights later. All in all this was an excellent conference, and I can confirm from first hand observation that Canadian studies are alive and flourishing in Latin America.

Tim Rooth, *University of Portsmouth*  
*President of BACS*

## EXHIBITIONS

### **The Story of the Blackfoot People: Nitsitapiisinni Museum of Science & Industry, Manchester 30 January - 30 May 2004**

This travelling exhibition from Glenbow Museum, Calgary will be opening at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester on 30 January 2004 and will run until 30 May. To date, this is the only UK venue.

The exhibition tells the story of the Blackfoot from the Blackfoot point of view. It is based on our very successful permanent installation which we developed with a team of 17 members of the various tribes of the Blackfoot Confederacy. They developed the storyline, they chose the artifacts to reflect that storyline, and they contributed their thoughts and stories for the text.

There are approximately 200 artifacts in the exhibition as well as audio and video presentations. The exhibition design reflects more of a theatre design than a traditional museum exhibition with artifacts included as unobtrusively as possible in natural settings.

The exhibition begins with the stories of creation and the Blackfoot spiritual world as well as how the Blackfoot see themselves. It then looks at daily life. From there, the exhibition looks at the advent of Europeans and their effect on the Blackfoot. There is a section that looks at Reserves and Reservations (Canada and the US respectively - as the Blackfoot Confederacy straddles Alberta and Montana) and Residential Schools. The final section of the exhibition is called "Taking Control" and looks at how the Blackfoot are striving to preserve their culture and re-claim their traditions (some of which had been outlawed).

Laura Mann, Manager, Extension Services, Glenbow Museum: [lmann@glenbow.org](mailto:lmann@glenbow.org)

### **Trailblazers: Scots in Canada Royal Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh in partnership with the Canadian High Commission, London 17 October 2003 - 4 January 2004**

*Trailblazers* has been described as a ground-breaking exhibition, and so it is in the sense of being stunningly visual and, for visitors not yet acquainted with the extent to which their Scottish forbears impacted upon and colonised the northern half of North America, very revealing. It is astonishing, for instance, to discover how many Scottish trailblazers in

Canada attended one or other of the Scottish universities, and mostly Edinburgh. Visitors with some knowledge of the history of Europeans in Canada find little that is startlingly new; but it confirms the broad brushstrokes of what they know, and throws a and one that makes even the experienced visitor return for a further look. One special aspect is that many of the named individuals, especially of the Hudson's Bay people, are hitherto unsung people brought briefly and refreshing into focus at the core of the display.

Exhibition themes, as might be expected, are A Wilderness Full of People (First Nations), All the King's Men (soldiers and seamen), Trailblazing! Explorers and Adventurers, Trappers and Traders, The Emigrants Trail, New Trails to Blaze and, topping tailing the exhibition but not otherwise impacting on any of the other themes, Canadian Connections (seven of today's people 'who connect Scotland to Canada in different ways'). The Métis, however, recur throughout the exhibition.

It is sad that there is no catalogue, either printed or on CD, which would have provided both a record of a well curated and superbly designed exhibition, and a welcome introduction to the Canadian collections of the National Museums of Scotland. Not all the exhibits are from the NMS, though: several important ones have been lent by Canadian museums and private individuals. The curator and designer are not named even in the handout that comes with the admission ticket, but their work deserves to be remembered. Perhaps it is not too late for the Museum and the High Commission to seek the kind of sponsorship which would enable *Trailblazers* to be digitally filmed and made accessible as a web site or on and CD or DVD. It would be sad if all the achievement of this exhibition were to vanish forever.

Peter Freshwater, *University of Edinburgh*

**Realm of the Spirits:  
an exhibition of traditional Indian masks and artefacts  
of the Canadian Northwest Coast from the collection of the  
National Museum of Scotland.  
Canadian High Commission, Trafalgar Square,  
London 27 May 2003 - 16 January 2004**

This has been a delightful exhibition of some of the National Museum of Scotland's less-well known treasures, running in parallel with *Trailblazers* and using material not required for the larger exhibition. It has produced a short but handsome free catalogue, which serves as a brief introduction to some of the Canadian ethnographic collections in the NMS, and which is therefore worth retaining as a reference guide. Much of this material was collected by Scots in Canada, who sent or brought it home, often at the request of the Museum after its founding in 1854. Its first Director George Wilson, Professor of Technology at the University of Edinburgh, was the brother of the ex-Edinburgh antiquary Daniel Wilson, Professor of Literature and History at the University of Toronto, who was later to become Sir Daniel and President of the University of Toronto. The exhibition is of necessity small in scale (38 pieces in all, including masks, hats, utensils and ornaments, and a modern Thunderbird ceremonial robe and mask), but its impact is stunning. It is easy to see why the world embraces images and motifs from First Nations art. Clean lines, vibrant colours, and a feeling of barely-controlled powerful movement are the threads that run through these artifacts old and new. The NMS and the Canadian High Commission are to be congratulated for enabling this collection to be seen in London. Let us hope that it will be able to find the space to display it semi-permanently in Edinburgh.

**and**

**a selling exhibition of contemporary First Nation masks  
from the Canadian Northwest Coast. Fortnum & Mason,  
Piccadilly, London 29 May - 1 July 2003**

The same catalogue includes the items in the selling exhibition during June, which was organised by Messrs Fortnum & Mason but I, alas, did not see. Nearly half of these modern artifacts, made by identified artists for sale to collectors, are illustrated in full colour. They too must have had a vibrant visual impact. Congratulations again to the organisers and to their co-sponsors, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts; they and Fortnum & Mason also helped with the display of the NMS collection in Canada House.

Peter Freshwater, *University of Edinburgh*

## **RESOURCES - WEBSITES - PUBLICATIONS**

### **Canadian Network of Federalism Studies Documents Database**

The Institute of Intergovernmental Relations (IIGR) at Queen's University, in cooperation with the Canadian Network of Federalism Studies (CNFS), offers a new resource for scholars and practitioners of intergovernmental relations. The IIGR/CNFS Documents Bank is an online collection of documents on federalism and regional and global multilevel governance. The documents are all in PDF format and cover a broad range of policy areas both in Canada and internationally. Users can either search the Database for specific documents or browse the documents through a series of categories (such as Aboriginal Rights and Governance, Constitutional Documents, Economic Development, Education, Employment and Labour, the Environment, Fiscal and Monetary Policy, Food and Agriculture, Health, Natural Resources, Social Policy, and Trade, etc.) This database is an ongoing project and will continue to grow as new and historical documents are added. Users are encouraged to make suggestions about documents they would like to see included. Please visit the database at [http://www.iigr.ca/browse\\_documents.php](http://www.iigr.ca/browse_documents.php)

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### **Teacher's Resource Guide to Canadian Aboriginal Literatures**

This useful 43-page teacher's resource guide to Canadian Aboriginal literatures was produced by Renate Eigenbrod, Georgina Kakegamic and Josias Fiddler. It presents information on Mi'kmaq, Mohawk (Six Nations), Anishnabe (Ojibway), Cree, Métis and Okanagan literatures, each section contains the following headings: Introduction, About the Literature, Suggestions for Teachers, Bibliography, Related Readings, and Other Resources. It is available at <http://www.curriculum.org/tcf/teachers/projects/aboriginal.pdf>.

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### **Canadian Archival Information Network**

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### **Répertoire International des Études Acadiennes**

lists the names and contact information of 325 researchers involved in Acadian Studies. It also exists as a database (<http://www2.umoncton.ca/cfdocs/trousse/cherch/formuExplorer.cfm>) and as such is a useful research tool. Contact: Maurice Basque, Directeur, Études Acadiennes, Université de Moncton, Moncton (NB) E1A 3E9. Tel: (506) 858-4719; fax: (506) 858-4530; e-mail: [basquem@umoncton.ca](mailto:basquem@umoncton.ca) Web site: <http://www.umoncton.ca/etudeacadiennes/ea.html>.

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### **Bibliography of Comparative Studies in Canadian, Québec and Foreign Literatures, 1930-1995**

This bibliography compiled by A. Sirois, P. Grant, D. Hayne, G. Reid, W. Siemerling and M. Sundert of the Université de Sherbrooke is a book as well as a searchable database. The on-line version is intended as a research tool for students, scholars and other readers of Canadian literatures. The database is accessible at <http://compcanlit.usherbrooke.ca/>. Contact: [Maria.Van.Sundert@USherbrooke.ca](mailto:Maria.Van.Sundert@USherbrooke.ca)

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### **Books on Canada Online**

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### **Canadian Studies Research Guide**

This guide makes available through the Web the resources available at the Canadian Studies program of the University of Washington, as well as detailed citations to various publications (books and serials), from its Canadian Research Index. Visit the site at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/subject/Canada/research.html>.

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### **Centre d'Études Canadiennes in Grenoble web site**

The Centre d'Études Canadiennes in Grenoble (France) is pleased to announce the launch of its web site. This site contains information on Canadian Studies activities (conferences, launches, colloquia, etc.), as well as resources available, courses taught, etc. Visit the site at <http://www.cec38.fr.fm>.

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