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Boise State University in the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium

Boise State University is a founding member of the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium (PNWCSC) organized in late 1986 and 1987 at meetings in Seattle and Friday Harbor, Washington. The organization and program at Boise State University serves as a clearing house for information about Canadian Studies programs, sponsors and organizes conferences and training activities, provides technical assistance to Canadian Studies programs and faculties, enhances the acquisition and sharing of library resources, organizes faculty and student exchange programs, encourages research on Canada, establishes and maintains appropriate relations with other Canadian Studies organizations,

and secures funding to support its activities. The organization has grown from 16 institutional members at its founding to 36 active members at present. Boise State University represents the Idaho on the Executive Board of the PNWCSC. The Canadian Studies program at Boise State University sponsors a variety of programs including a Canadian Studies Speakers series and a film series. The Canadian Studies program offers a minor in Canadian Studies as an important compliment to many programs including anthropology, business, communications, history, and political science.



Map of Canada

Browning Receives Canadian Grant in Support of Ducharme Translation

Dr. Will Browning, Department of Modern Languages, has received a grant from the Ministry of International Affairs and Ministry of Culture and Communications in support of his French-to-English translation of Quebecois writer Rejean Ducharme's novel *Va Savior* (Go Figure). The manuscript, which is the second Ducharme novel translated by Browning, is under contract with Talon Books of Vancou-

ver, British Columbia and scheduled for publication in 2003. Ducharme's nine novels, the majority of which have yet to be translated, are renowned in the French-speaking world for the poetic word play and their portraits of children in a corrupt adult world. Browning's first book translation, Ducharme's *La Fille de Christophe Colomb* (The Daughter of Christopher Columbus), was published in 2000 by Guernica Editions of Toronto.

British Columbia and Yukon Summer Research Institute

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During July 10-21, 2002, I was privileged to participate in the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium's British Columbia and Yukon Summer Research Institute. About a dozen university personnel from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska constituted the tour group. Only a few participants knew each other prior to the trip, but by the mid-point of the tour—thanks in part to the timing of a truly first-rate dining experience—we had coalesced into a sort of “road family,” and some lasting associations resulted. The purpose of the Summer Institute was to expose academic professionals from Idaho, Alaska, Oregon and Washington to Canada in general, and to British Columbia and the Yukon Territory in particular. A larger purpose was to raise participants' awareness of Canadian affairs, and stimulate interest in teaching classes with Canadian content on U.S. university campuses. As well, the institute was intended to strengthen and add visibility to Canadian Studies programs in the Pacific Northwest, and to increase student involvement in those programs.

Our itinerary was fully packed. We visited cultural institutions—such as Victoria's Royal British Columbia Museum, the McBride Museum at Whitehorse, Yukon, and the Emily Carr Institute of Art in Vancouver—as well as container port facilities, urban transportation facilities, a police station in Vancouver, and a Canadian Customs center adjacent to the Peace Arch at the B.C.-Washington border. Other highlights of the tour included a visit to a salmon farm on the B.C. coast and one to a helicopter logging operation, a ride on the Port of Vancouver Harbour Master's tugboat, a visit to Yukon Territory's spectacular Kluane National Park, and a visit to the Beringia Center, which focuses on the Ice Age and the probable routes by which the first people came to

the Americas.

As well, we were treated to first-class dining at the Five Sails Restaurant on Vancouver's waterfront, and at the luxurious Butchart Gardens near Victoria, where we also saw a fantastic pyrotechnic display. Our days were long, and our travels occasionally necessitated missing a meal here and there, but we certainly learned a great deal about the places we visited. Our lodging was primarily in dormitories provided by the University of Victoria, Yukon College, and the University of British Columbia. At each campus we heard talks on a wide variety of topics from several scholars, and all of them were engaging and useful. Indeed, sometimes we “learned” between bouts of hilarity, since a few of the speakers could have doubled as stand-up comics. We had relatively little “down-time” due to the heavy schedule, but we did manage to get a few nights of free time to walk about or dine out.

I thoroughly enjoyed every day of the trip, and I certainly learned many things about B.C. and the Yukon. Our hosts' generosity was unbounded, and we received gracious hospitality everywhere. I heartily endorse this excellent program, and I would strongly encourage other Boise State University faculty to consider “taking the plunge” into the Canadian Studies Program. Not only was the tour educational, it was great fun as well, and participants were able to make connections with quite a few Canadian scholars, museum personnel, and administrators. I, for one, look forward to a long association with the Canadian Studies Program at Boise State University, and to boosting the Canadian content in my upper division classes.



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2002-2003 Canadian Studies Scholarship

Danielle L. Lewis, a senior majoring in History and minoring in Canadian Studies, is the recipient of the 2002-2003 Canadian Studies Scholarship.

In order to be eligible for the Canadian Studies Scholarship, a student must have taken CANSTD 101 and 102, have a 3.0 GPA, and officially declare the minor through the Registrar's office.

Canadian Studies Receives Canadian Studies Program Enhancement Grant

The Canadian Studies Program received a \$5000 (CAD) grant from the Canadian government in support of programs which enhance student, faculty and public awareness of Canada and Canadian issues. New initiatives for 2002-2003 include the development of a Canadian Studies program for elementary schools, a Canadian Speakers Series and a Canadian Film Series.

Canada Week Planned for April 2003

Beginning Spring 2003 the Canadian Studies program will sponsor an annual Canada Week. The intent of the new program is to enhance student, faculty and community awareness of Canada and its role in international affairs. Programs, which will include speakers and films, will focus on bi-lateral trade and economics, Canada-U.S. border issues, cultural policy, values and society, environmental and energy issues, and security cooperation. Presentations during Canada Week will be given at a number of locations on campus and in the community. Additional details will be available early in the spring semester 2003.

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Canadian Speakers Series Features Novelist Szanto

The Canadian Lecture Series brings George Herbert Szanto to Boise State University. Professor Emeritus of Graduate Communications at McGill University, Szanto will speak regarding his work and Canadian literature in April during Canada Week. Professor Szanto has published 12 novels and plays and numerous short stories and essays. Among his works are *The Great Chinchilla War*, *Friends and Marriages* and *The Condesa of M.*

Canadian Film Series

The film, "In The Hands of the Raven," is the first in a series of Canadian films to be shown on Tuesday, November 5, 2002 at 3:00 PM in the Farnsworth Room of the Student Union Building. In the spring the film, "Emily Carr: A Woman of All Sorts," will be shown on Tuesday, April 8 at 3:00 PM in the Brink Room of the Student Union Building.

Alm Publishes Paper on Alberta-Idaho Research

Dr. Les Alm, Director of Graduate Studies for Public Policy and Administration, has had accepted for publication by the *American Review of Canadian Studies* (the leading journal of Canadian Studies in the United States) a paper entitled "Alberta and Idaho: An Implicit Bond." The manuscript, which is co-authored with Leah Taylor, who did her undergraduate studies at Boise State University, provides a descriptive analysis of the province of Alberta and the state of Idaho as each attempt to deal with problems of western alienation and moving beyond images as places embodying the mythic West.

CURRENT CANADIAN STUDIES COURSE OFFERINGS:

Fall 2002 Course Offerings

- 1-credit workshop - CANSTD 494/594, Regional Geography of Canada: Unknown Neighbors, Dan Turbeville, Eastern Washington University (October 19 & 20, 2002)

Spring 2003 Course Offerings

- 3-credit course - CANSTD 497, Special Topics: History of Canada, David Christensen
- 3-credit course - POLS 327, Canadian Politics, Les Alm
- 1-credit workshop - CANSTD 494/594, Archaeology of Western Canada Mark Plew (March 8 & 9, 2003)
- 1-credit workshop - CANSTD 494/594, Asian Organized Crime, Andy Nimmo (April 4 & 5, 2003)



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Canadian Studies Grant Programs

The Canadian government provides support to faculty, students, and institutions who wish to conduct research in or about Canada or develop programs leading to discussion and increased awareness of Canadian culture, society, values and issues. Individual grants include research grants, faculty enrichment grants which support travel to Canada for purposes of study and graduate student, and senior fellowship programs supporting Canadian research. Institutional grants include program enhancement grants, matching grants and a conference grant program. Faculty and students interested in receiving grant application materials should address queries

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- 2002-2003 Research Grant Program deadline is September 30, 2002
- 2002-2003 Graduate Student Fellowship Program deadline is October 31, 2002
- 2002-2003 Faculty Enrichment Grant deadline is October 31, 2002
- 2003-2004 Senior Fellowship Program (awarded every other year) deadline is June 16, 2003
- 2002-2003 Program Enhancement Grant deadline is June 17, 2002
- 2002-2003 Conference Grant Program deadline is June 17, 2002

INTERNET SITES FOR CANADIAN STUDIES

Canadiana: The Canadian resource page
[Http://www2.cs.cmu.edu/Unofficial/Canadiana/](http://www2.cs.cmu.edu/Unofficial/Canadiana/)
The leading general Web site on Canada.

Government of Canada
[Http://canada.gc.ca/](http://canada.gc.ca/)

Canadian studies: a guide to the sources
[Http://www.iccs-cicc.ca/blackwell.html](http://www.iccs-cicc.ca/blackwell.html)
An essay emphasizing the foundations of Canadian culture, history, and literature, with links primarily to official and academic sources

National Library of Canada
[Http://www.nlc-bnc.ca](http://www.nlc-bnc.ca)
Two important links are Canadian Information by Subject and Amicus, the national union catalogue of over 1,300 Canadian libraries.

Aboriginal Canada Portal
[Http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca](http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca)
Produced by an Internet partnership of six national aboriginal organizations and the government of Canada, connecting to some 7,500 sites

Canadian Social Research Links
[Http://www.canadiansocialresearch.net/](http://www.canadiansocialresearch.net/)
Emphasizes government policy materials, focusing on topical social issues.