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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



Map of Canada

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.

Professor Attends Inaugural Project CONNECT



Ross Burkhart, Associate Professor
Department of Political Science

Ross Burkhart, Associate Professor and Chair, Political Science, attended the inaugural Project CONNECT seminar in Ottawa during the last week of July. The seminar featured lectures by noted Canadian professors such as Norman Hillmer (History), Laura MacDonald (Political Science), and Richard Nimijean (Political Communication) from Carleton University. Seminar participants also were able to greet the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Paul Celluci, at the U.S.

Embassy. The Evering Sound and Light Show on Parliament Hill, the Canadian Museum of Civilization in nearby Gatineau, Quebec, and numerous restaurants and pubs served as fine diversionary, yet educational, material about Canada. Project CONNECT is the branchchild of Professors Christopher Kirkey (SUNY-Plattsburgh) and André Senécal (University of Vermont) and is intended to train a new generation of U.S.-based Canadianists through mentoring and networking.

2005 International Canadian Summer Institute

The 2005 ICSI will take place July 12-24 in the Province of Alberta and visit Calgary, Banff, Edmonton, Ft. McMurray, Drumheller, and Lethbridge. It is a multi-disciplinary Institute. This year there are twelve positions for academics and PhD candidates teaching in AK, WA, OR, and ID. There is one position for an academic from BC and the Yukon. Applicants must be from universities that are members of the PNCSC. The application deadline is Wednesday, December 15, 2004. Successful candidates will be notified in January 2005.

2004 International Canadian Summer Institute

Dr. Sabine Klahr, Director
International Programs

I participated in the International Canadian Summer Institute (ICSI) sponsored by the Canadian Consulate General in Seattle, Foreign Affairs Canada, and the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium this summer from July 20-August 1. The Institute included twelve faculty members and one administrator (me) from several Pacific Northwest universities in the U.S. The goal of the Summer Institute is for faculty to experience Canada and learn about current issues in the western provinces to infuse Canadian Studies into their research and curriculum. For me it was an opportunity to seek linkages with Canadian universities, develop potential collaborative programs with non-profits, and to be able to advise BSU faculty interested in conducting research in Canada or leading short-term study abroad programs for BSU students there.

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The ICSI itinerary included Vancouver and Victoria in British Columbia and Whitehorse in the Yukon. It included an extremely full schedule of meetings, presentations, visits, and sightseeing. For me personally, the stay in the Yukon was the highlight of the Institute because it offered a glimpse at unique lifestyles in extreme environmental and economic conditions, boreal forest, wide open spaces and wilderness, and highly resilient First Nations cultures who had adapted to the harsh climate. Other highlights included a visit to Butchart Gardens in Victoria, a tour of the HMCS Calgary (a navy frigate) in Victoria, the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Museum of Anthropology at the University of Brit-

ish Columbia, the Emily Carr Institute of Art & Design on Granville Island in Vancouver, and many of the presentations by faculty, researchers, government officials, and non-profit organization representatives.

The rapport among the Summer Institute participants and our tireless leader, Kevin Cook from the Canadian Consulate General in Seattle, was excellent. I very much enjoyed getting to know everyone and sharing knowledge, humor, and sarcasm with each other throughout the trip.



A totem pole at the University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology

CANADIAN STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you are interested in making a donation to the Canadian Studies Scholarship fund, please make your inquiries to:

Dr. Mark Plew, Director
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Boise State University-University of Calgary Memorandum of Agreement

In April 2004, Boise State University's College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs and the College of Social Sciences signed a Memorandum of Agreement with University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The agreement signed in Boise during Canada Week by Dean Michael Blankenship and Dean Steven Randall provides a framework for collaborative research projects involving BSU and UG faculty, fostering student visitations and study and support of an annual faculty speakers exchange.

Boise State "Canada Week" A Success

The annual Canada Week program is sponsored by the BSU Canadian Studies Program and is intended to celebrate the Idaho-Canada relationship through a series of business, cultural, artistic, and educational programs. During the week of April 4-10, 2004, fifteen programs were offered including a seminar on "Doing Business in Canada: the Canadian Consumer" sponsored by the Department of Commerce, Idaho State Department of Agriculture.



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The week began with a reception hosted by the Canadian Consulate General, Seattle and attended by Boise State faculty and staff, students, local businessmen and state legislators.

Another highlight included a week-long photography exhibition in the Student Union Building featuring Subhankar Banerjee's photography of the Canadian arctic. The exhibit was entitled, "The Arctic Na-

tional Wildlife Refuge: A Portrait of Land, Life and Gwich' in Athabaskan Culture."

A faculty luncheon was hosted by Acting Counsel General Marvin Wodinsky, and following the luncheon he spoke about a number of Canadian-sponsored programs that can assist faculty in their travels to, study of, and research activities in Canada.

The Canada Week Film Series featured the premiere showing of "White Water," Canadian filmmaker Nell Shipman's 1924 production shot at Priest Lake, Idaho. Canadian films "Black Robe" and "The Fast Runner" were also shown.

Boise State Canadian Studies students sponsored a "Knowing Canada" questionnaire. Students who received a perfect score on the questionnaire were entered into a drawing to receive a coffee table book donated by the Canadian Consulate. Erin Skidmore, an Elementary Education major, won the drawing.

Boise State Student Awarded Can-America Scholarship

Congratulations to **Jody Elliott-Head**, a senior majoring in Social Work, who has been awarded a \$3,000.00 Canada America Society Study Abroad Scholarship to attend a Canadian institution. She is currently attending Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC.

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CANADIAN STUDIES COURSE OFFERINGS:

Fall 2004 Course Offerings

- CANSTD 101 **Canada: Land and People**, David Christensen (3 credit course)
- CANSTD 494/594 **Quebec Feature Film 1965-1985**, Peter Wollheim (1 credit workshop, Nov. 20 & 21)
- ANTH 312 **Archaeology of N America**, Chris Hill (3 credit course)

Spring 2005 Course Offerings

- CANSTD 102/HIST 297 **Contemporary Canada**, Barton Barbour (3 credit course)
- CANSTD 497 **Special Topics: Discovering Canada Through Music, Art, and Literature**, Norman Weinstein (3 credit course)
- CANSTD 294/494/594 **Critical Issues for Canada**, David Christensen (1 credit workshop, April 2 & 3)
- ANTH 307 **Indians of North America**, Kendall House (3 credit course)



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2003-2004 Canadian Studies Scholarship

Kyle C. Millard, a senior majoring in Political Science and minoring in Canadian Studies and History, is the recipient of the 2004-2005 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.

BSU Canadian Studies Program Receives Program Enhancement Grant for 2004-2005

The Boise State University Canadian Studies Program has received a \$5,850.00 (CAD) grant from the Canadian government in support of programs which enhance student, faculty and public awareness of Canada and Canadian issues.

Canadian Studies Grant Programs and Application Deadlines

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 to:

Dr. Mark Plew, mplew@boisestate.edu, 208-426-3444.

- 2004-2005 Research Grant Program deadline is September 30, 2004
- 2004-2005 Graduate Student Fellowship Program deadline is November 1, 2004
- 2004-2005 Faculty Enrichment Grant deadline is November 1, 2004
- 2005-2006 Program Enhancement Grant deadline is June 15, 2005
- 2005-2006 Conference Grant Program deadline is June 15, 2005