

# ACSN Newsletter

Dear ACSN-members,

The academic year 2004-2005 was very hectic and successful for ACSN. In May we celebrated our twentieth anniversary together with many of you, who joined us on a cycle tour in Lochem. During the same period the Governor-General of Canada visited the Netherlands to commemorate the Second World War and celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the liberation together with the Dutch and over 1,000 Canadian veterans. In June we organized an international conference entitled *Building Liberty. Canada and world peace, 1945-2005*. On the occasion of the conference, a book was published. You will find more details in this newsletter. In this newsletter you will also find reports of student members, news from ICCS, and many conference announcements and information resources. I would like to remind you all that the deadline for new **Student Award** proposals is **October 31, 2005**. We hope you had a nice summer and we wish you a wonderful new academic year.

Happy reading,  
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**NEWS FROM ACSN**

**ACSN conference: *Building Liberty. Canada and world peace, 1945-2005***

On June 2-4, 2005, ACSN organized an international conference, which took place at the Roosevelt Academy in Middelburg, Zeeland. ACSN hosted 65 participants from Australia, Canada, Italy, Israel and the Netherlands.

During the opening session, the Ambassador of Canada and the mayor of Middelburg stressed the importance of the ties between Canada and the Netherlands. Not only did Canadians play a major role in liberating our country in 1944 and 1945, their presence had an impact on emigration policies in the post-war years and placed Canada clearly on the map as a country worth settling. Among the guests were representatives from the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation, the Canadian Embassy in The Hague, and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

After the official opening a speakers' dinner was co-organized by the Province of Zeeland where the Queen's commissioner addressed the speakers and talked about history and architecture of the provincial capital buildings. More information on the history of Middelburg was given the next day when a guided city tour on foot through the medieval centre of Middelburg took place.

The conference days were devoted to presentations on the above topic in a rich array of various perspectives: anthropological, cultural, economic, historical, legal, literary, political and social. If you are interested in speakers' names and choice of topic, please have a look at our website ([www.acsn.nl](http://www.acsn.nl)) where you can see the details of the program.

Before the end of the conference George Elliott Clarke, Frank Davey, Janice Kulyk Keefer and Christl Verduyn read from their poetry collections. The closing session was dedicated to the book launch of *Building Liberty, Canada and World Peace, 1945-2005*, of which you will find more information





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in this newsletter.

ACS N would like to thank the Canadian Embassy, Veteran Affairs Canada and all speakers and participants for their contribution to this very successful conference. Special thanks go out to Evelyn Ersanilli and Esther Sloof for assisting us with virtually everything that came up during the conference days. *Conny Steenman-Marcusse and Amanda Helderman*

## **ACS N Canada Cahiers No. 11: Building Liberty. Canada and world peace, 1945-2005**

### ***Building Liberty. Canada and World Peace, 1945-2005***

Conny Steenman-Marcusse and Aritha van Herk (eds) Canada Cahiers 11 2005. XI, 339 pp. Paperback. € 35,- excl. 6% BTW, ISBN 9077922059.

Building Liberty  
Canada and World Peace, 1945-2005



Many different events and projects commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This volume of essays and poetry collects various perspectives on the 1940-1945 war years in the Netherlands and the role Canada played in its liberation. The presence of Canada and Canadian soldiers in 1944-1945 resulted in a strong and abiding connection between the two countries over the past six decades. This connection was strengthened by considerable Dutch immigration to Canada during the ten years after the war, but has also been underscored by their political and social similarities: these two countries must negotiate with powerful and sometimes intransigent

neighbours.

The political and historical essays represented here critically portray Canada's role in matters of war and peace since 1945. Ko Colijn addresses Canadian and Dutch positions on the question of Weapons of Mass Destruction. From a historical point of view, Doeko Bosscher challenges the role of the Canadian army in liberating his hometown of Groningen. The personal variant of building liberty is explored in Aritha van Herk's essay on immigration and desire. Christl Verduyn reflects on occupation and liberation through the lens of photojournalist Kryn Taconis' life. Janice Kulyk Keefer interrelates the writings of ETTY Hillesum and Naomi Klein. Both demonstrate the ethics of responsibility. Literary essays by George Elliott Clarke and Frank Davey focus on the resonance of poetry.

The final section of the book is devoted to poetry, illustrated by Claire Weissman Wilks. The sixty years between 1945 and 2005 have marked a long and flourishing friendship between Canada and the Netherlands, nations united by shared chapters in their histories, and by their dedication to freedom and to a positive future. This volume is an acknowledgement of that friendship, and an example of the intriguing scholarship evoked by the Dutch-Canadian connection.

List of contributions: Tobias van Gent - "The allied assault on Walcheren, 1944"; Aritha van Herk - "Inventing a family tree: is it possible to be Dutch-Canadian?"; Christl Verduyn - "A piece of the picture: Kryn Taconis, Dutch-Canadian photojournalist 1918-1997"; Ko Colijn - "Weapons of mass destruction: a medium-power concern?"; Houchang Hassan-Yari - "A diminishing middle-power? Canada's national security and peace-keeping"; Hugh B. McCullough - "The end of a foreign political era: constraining influences on Canada's foreign policy in the matter of peace and liberty"; Massimo Rubboli - "Canada, peacekeeper to the world? Myths, values, and reality in Canadian foreign policy"; Doeko Bosscher - "Canadians and the Liberation of the Netherlands: heroes, competitors, friends and foes"; Constantine E. Passaris - "Canadian multiculturalism and

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the new global economy"; George Elliott Clarke - "Writing the *pax canadiana*: terror abroad, torture at home"; Frank Davey - "Earle Bearny in Holland"; Danielle Schaub - "Caught between desire to live and sense of duty: traumatized narrative in Alan Cumyn's *The Sojourn*"; Janice Kulyk Keefer - "Purgatorial postcards: the writings of ETTY HILLESUM and Naomi Klein".

If you wish to order this book, please submit your order directly to Dr. Conny Steenman-Marcusse, [canlit@xs4all.nl](mailto:canlit@xs4all.nl), or contact Barkhuis Publishing [www.barkhuis.nl](http://www.barkhuis.nl), [info@barkhuis.nl](mailto:info@barkhuis.nl).

## Cycling tour to celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ACSN



On May 7, 2005 we welcomed about 23 people -members and their families and friends- in Lochem to celebrate ACSN's twentieth anniversary with a bicycle tour and a festive reception. After getting (re-)acquainted with everyone and our surroundings, the typically Canadian setting of Restaurant Mondani in a very Dutch region, we managed to distribute the boxed lunches. To the surprise/ delight of participating Canadian teachers who had a quick peek, *krentenbollen met kaas* were included. After the necessary adjustments to the rented bicycles, we set off on what was going to be a very rainy tour of beautiful Lochem and its surrounding area with many mansions, castles, forests, meadows, and pubs for many hot chocolates and *Irish coffees* of course! Participants who did not feel much for cycling even the shorter route in the rain had a choice of alternative activities. There was a fair in Lochem for example, and an exhibit about the Second World War. Members who managed to cycle the long route (and see the biggest oak tree in the Netherlands) were Conny Steenman-Marcusse, Bonnie Steenman, Esther Sloof, Manik Sarkar and Amanda Helderma. Afterwards the conference logo (designed by our webmaster Manik Sarkar), the conference announcement flyers and the new ACSN brochure were presented at the reception during which more members joined us to raise their glasses in honour of ACSN. The snacks and drinks tasted very well, even more so after a rainy day!



Amanda Helderma

## Visit of Their Excellencies The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, and Mr. John Ralston Saul

On 7 May 2005, Their Excellencies The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, and Mr. John Ralston Saul visited the University of Groningen to attend a presentation of the Canadian Studies Centre. As the visit took place in the framework of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Liberation, the Centre was pleased to welcome Canadian veterans among its guests. After a word of welcome by the "Rector Magnificus", Frans Zwartz, who announced the continuation of the Chair of Canadian Studies, Annie Lafleur (Université Laval, Québec) and Tristan Kohl (Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Law, University of Groningen) talked about their experiences as exchange students in the Netherlands and Canada. This was followed by a presentation by Jaap Lintvelt and Jeanette den Toonder of the current and future activities of the Centre as well as its aims and ambitions. At the end of the session, His Excellency Mr. John Ralston Saul delivered a speech, in which he expressed his admiration for the multi-disciplinary approach of the Centre's Minor in Canadian Studies. He also insisted on the importance of the Centre's exchange programme with Canadian universities and he encouraged to get in touch with



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the colleges in the Arctic as well. Finally His Excellency mentioned the relationships between Canada and The Netherlands, in which the Centre can also play a significant role. After the official meeting, which was attended by 150 guests, the Governor General and Mr. Ralston Saul met with the members of the Centre and other invited guests at an informal reception.

*Jeanette den Toonder and Jaap Lintvelt*

## **PEOPLE AND ACSN**

### **Research project of Frederik Cornillie: Rohinton Mistry's fiction**

As part of my thesis for the Master in Literary Studies, a specialized post-initial master programme at the KU Leuven in Belgium, I spent three weeks at the University of Toronto doing research on Rohinton Mistry's fiction. Despite the wide critical acclaim of his novels and short stories, and his hat trick on the Booker Prize shortlists - *Such A Long Journey* (1991), *A Fine Balance* (1995) and *Family Matters* (2002) were all short listed for what may perhaps be called today's most prestigious prize for English fiction - academic criticism is ambivalent about his achievements. While reviewers often praise the Indo-Canadian Mistry for his nineteenth-century Dickensian or even French realism, several academic critics are either uneasy with or not sure what to think of his 'realism' in a postcolonial context.

These reactions are, I think, indicative of a wider scepticism in postcolonial literary theory towards the realist subgenre. In a nutshell, the distrust of realism in postcolonial theory concerns the so-called objective representational transparency of the genre, and transparency is precisely what is anything but given in the postcolonial experience.

My thesis consists of a re-evaluation of realism in postcolonial theory and of a case study of Rohinton Mistry's fiction. I hope to have shown that Mistry does not at all take issues of representation for granted, and that, next to the traces of European realism, his fiction bears witness to a formal and thematic allegiance to the indigenous Indian and Persian tradition.

Though I don't yet have any prospects of continuing my interest in Anglo-Canadian fiction, I consider it an honour to have had the opportunity to co-operate with various staff-members at the English Department of the University of Toronto, and to have done research in one of the best North-American libraries in the throbbing multicultural heart of Canada. Many thanks ACSN and the Vlaamse Vereniging voor Canada-Studies!

For more information, or a copy of my thesis: [frederik.cornillie@telenet.be](mailto:frederik.cornillie@telenet.be)

*Frederik Cornillie*

### **PhD research by Mathilde Matthijsse: Inuit Career Women**

*Mathilde Matthijsse is an alumna from Radboud University in Nijmegen, where she has finished her M.A.-thesis. She will soon be starting a Ph.D.-project in the United Kingdom. She writes about her upcoming project.*

More Inuit females than ever are starting a career. The Nunavut community Labour Force Survey has indicated that the increase of employment of Inuit females is one of the most significant trends in Nunavut's society. This is the starting point for my Ph.D.-research, which focuses on the effects of women's entry into the labour market on intra-household relations. How does a family adapt to this? Does the division of labour within the household change? Do kin and society encourage or discourage women in their pursuit of a career? The wider concern of



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the research is to establish to what extent traditional forms of social relationships survive or are reproduced in the ever-changing world of Inuit women in Nunavut.

Nunatsiaq news has also addressed the trend that women largely dominate schools and government departments. The feature in the June 3<sup>rd</sup> issue reported that eleven females graduated from the management studies program last year. There were no male graduates at all. The May 27<sup>th</sup> issue reported that seven out of ten Inuit employees of the Government of Nunavut are female. Mothers' responsibilities to their family seem a lot more immediate, however. A single mother working for the Department of Justice agrees with this. She says that the need to provide for your family and the pressure to do well "is always in your face" (Inusiq, cited in Nunatsiaq News, June 3).

There thus seems to be plenty of scope for me to do my research. I will be starting my Ph.D. research in October at the University of Durham in the United Kingdom. Any critique, suggestions or questions are welcome by E-mail: [mathilde\\_matthijsse@hotmail.com](mailto:mathilde_matthijsse@hotmail.com).

*Mathilde Matthijsse*

### **Kathelijne Schenkel finished her M.A.-thesis**

Kathelijne Schenkel, student at Utrecht University, finished her M.A.-thesis entitled *The Macedonian Diaspora in Toronto, Ethnic Nationalism and Community Formation* in April 2005. She represented ACSN at the 14th European seminar for graduate students in Canadian Studies in York September 8-11 at York St John College.

### **Miranda de Groot has a daughter!**

Miranda de Groot, former ACSN newsletter editor, gave birth to a healthy daughter named Amy on August 20, 2005. Amy weighed 3980 grams and was 50 cm tall. ACSN congratulates the new parents.

### **NEWS FROM ICCS**

#### **New address ICCS**

The ICCS moved August 3, 2005. The new address is: ICCS; 250 City Centre Avenue, Suite 303; Ottawa, ON, K1R 6K7, Canada

#### **ICCS executive director left**

The ICCS regrets to inform readers that ICCS Executive Director, Catherine Bastedo-Boileau, left the ICCS as of August 12, 2005, and returned to the federal government of Canada. Among many other things, Catherine completed the Transculturalism project and conference in 2003 and she organized the ICCS Conference "Canada from the outside in" in 2005.

#### **ICCS Publishing Fund**

This fund assists foreign Canadianists by granting financial aid to a recognized scholarly or university press to publish scholarly monographs on Canada (previously unpublished). The Fund may also grant financial assistance for the translation from English or French into a third language and from a third language into French or English. Deadline: October 31.

More information: [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/4\\_ICCSprogs/f\\_publishfund.html](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/4_ICCSprogs/f_publishfund.html) or contact Guy Leclair, [gleclair@iccs-ciec.ca](mailto:gleclair@iccs-ciec.ca).

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## **The ICCS Pierre Savard Awards**

These Awards are designed to recognize and promote each year outstanding scholarly monographs on a Canadian topic. The awards are intended to designate exceptional books, which, being based on a Canadian topic, contribute to a better understanding of Canada. Deadline: October 31. More information: [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/6\\_prizes/b\\_savard\\_awards.html](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/6_prizes/b_savard_awards.html) or contact Guy Leclair, [glectclair@iccs-ciec.ca](mailto:glectclair@iccs-ciec.ca).

## **FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### ***Appointment of new Governor General***

The Prime Minister's office recently gave the news release regarding the appointment of Michaëlle Jean as Governor General. She was born in Port au Prince, Haiti. She holds an M.A. degree in comparative literature from University of Montréal where she has taught as well. She has also worked with shelters for battered women and in journalism. Michaëlle Jean is married to filmmaker Jean-Daniel Lafond. They have a six-year old daughter.

More information: <http://pm.gc.ca/eng/news.asp?id=558>.

### **A new national symbol?**

The maple leaf is Canada's national symbol. Even though maple trees only grow on the East coast of Canada, the maple leaf, unlike the Dutch lion, is omnipresent; it's even part of the logo of the Canadian branch of an American fast-food chain. The logo for the 2010 winter Olympics in Vancouver at first sight shows no sign of this famous symbol. It's an Inukshuk called Ilanaaq, which means friend in Inuktitut. The colours are designed to reflect the Canadian landscape; the maple leaf is signified by the red colour. However, not everybody is pleased with the logo. Paul Okalik, premier of the territory of Nunavut is pleased - stating "we don't have any Maple Leafs where I come from" -, but many other members of the first nations are not. A member of the Squamish First Nation labelled it an act of aggression because the stylized Inukshuk is a symbol of the Inuit, an aboriginal people foreign to B.C. Chief Edward John of British Columbia's First Nations Summit has similar critique. He believes the usage of an Inuit logo is a slap in the face of the West Coast natives; "Does Inukshuk represent Canada? I hardly think so. It represents the North. If there were games in Yellowknife and the logo was West Coast totem poles, do you think they'd be happy up there?" In a country as large and versatile as Canada, national symbols are hard to come by. The use of an Inukshuk, though as foreign to B.C. as maple trees, seems like a nice way of showing other aspects of Canada. The designer, Elena Rivera MacGregor, predicted that over time the logo will grow on people. We'll wait and see.

*Evelyn Ersanilli*



### **Shari'a in Canada; crossing the boundaries of multiculturalism?**

Since shari'a (Islamic law) based arbitration was set up in Ontario in the spring of 2004, it has faced criticism from both within and outside of Muslim circles. Many feared shari'a based arbitration would disadvantage women. The establishment of shari'a-based arbitration was made possible by Ontario's 1991 Arbitration Act, which provides for voluntary faith-based arbitration



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to resolve civil and family-law disputes. This act was partly meant to alleviate the workload of the overworked courts. Parties can choose to have their civil disputes resolved by an expert according to the legal principles of their choice. The courts do have to ratify the outcome of the arbitration. Ontario also has Jewish and Catholicism based arbitration, two other faiths that do not always grant men and women an equal position. In Jewish family law, for instance, a woman can only get a divorce if the man agrees to it. However it was the shari'a arbitrage that aroused both national and international criticism. Though supporters of the Arbitration Act believe it fits well with Canada's multiculturalism, many people contend that the use of shari'a crosses the boundaries of what is acceptable within a multicultural framework. The Quebec National Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution to oppose "the establishment of so-called Islamic tribunals in Quebec and in Canada," making the province the first to explicitly ban the use of shari'a law. (Source: National Post, July 2005.) In September there were protests against the Arbitration Act in 12 cities in Canada and Europe including Amsterdam, London, Paris and Düsseldorf. On September 12th the Ontario government decided to outlaw all religious arbitration in the province much to the discontent of several Muslims and Jewish religious groups. McGuinty stated that "The debate over Shari'a law has caused us to ask a pretty fundamental question: Can religious arbitration be part of a cohesive multicultural society? It's become apparent to me that it cannot," (Canadian Press, September 13th 2005). "There will be no Shari'a law in Ontario. There will be no religious Arbitration in Ontario. There will be one law for all Ontarians." (Varsity, September 13th, 2005)

*Evelyn Ersanilli and Amanda Helderman*

### **Michael Ignatieff returns to University of Toronto**

Human rights scholar Michael Ignatieff is coming home to Canada. After spending most of his career in the United States and the UK, Ignatieff (48) is leaving his post as Director of the Carr Centre for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University to fill the equally prestigious role of Chancellor Jackman Visiting Professor in Human Rights Policy at the University of Toronto. Ignatieff will be a fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies, advising graduate students and teaching an undergraduate political science course on human rights and intervention, as well as delivering a series of public lectures. (Sources: *The Varsity*; *The Globe and Mail*.)

### **CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS**

#### **Symposium "Muslims in Europe: Emancipation - Radicalizing - Civil Rights", Amsterdam**

On Friday, October 14, "De Balie" will hold a symposium on the roles and positions of Muslims in Europe. Rinaldo Walcott (University of Toronto) will give a presentation on multiculturalism and the effect of 9/11 on political discussions in Canada, which seems to have become the worldwide norm of a multicultural state. Other speakers: Sami Zemni, Jean Tillie and Irshad Manji. More information: <http://www.debalie.nl/>

#### **Conference on federalism, Quebec and francophone minorities in Canada, Ottawa**

Conference to be held March 9-11, 2006 at the University of Ottawa, in Ottawa. Federalism in Canada enables Peoples and provinces to live together. Asymmetrical federalism is at the forefront of discussion. For some, federalism is already asymmetric; for others a formal



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recognition of this asymmetry is needed, especially with regard to Québec. Deadline for proposals: October 15, 2005 to Linda Cardinal at [linda.cardinal@uottawa.ca](mailto:linda.cardinal@uottawa.ca)

### **Journal deindustrialization in Canada**

Urban History Review / Revue d'histoire urbaine (Volume 35 no. 2, Spring 2007) calls for papers for a special issue on deindustrialization in Canada. Contributors to this special issue of Urban History Review will ascertain how deindustrialization has shaped Canada's urban history. Deadline proposals: October 15, 2005 to Steven High at [shigh@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:shigh@alcor.concordia.ca).

More information: <http://www.hist.UMontreal.ca/u/urbanhistory/home.html>.

### **Conference on the nation-state: comparing EU and Canada, Brussels**

The European Network for Canadian Studies (ENCS) will host a conference on the theme "The Ties that Bind: Accommodating Complex Diversity in Canada and the European Union" in Brussels, Belgium, November 17-19, 2005. The event aims to examine the nature of the challenges of complex diversity and assess possible responses beyond the nation-state template. The nation (as type of community) and national identity (as mode of allegiance) are challenged by the emergence of new and/or more complex types of identity, such as post-national, multinational and poly-ethnic ones. More information: John Erik Fossum, [j.e.fossum@arena.uio.no](mailto:j.e.fossum@arena.uio.no) or Serge Jaumain, [sjaumain@ulb.ac.be](mailto:sjaumain@ulb.ac.be).

### **Conference on the Atlantic Community, Cergy-Pontoise/ France**

International Conference to be held June 2006 at the University of Cergy-Pontoise (France) organized by the CICC (University of Cergy-Pontoise), UMR IRICE GR 5 Intégration européenne et Groupe de recherche transatlantique, in cooperation with the Roosevelt Study Center (The Netherlands). The sub theme is "Deconstructing the Definitions and Representations of the Atlantic Community during the 1940s - 1950s". Deadline for proposals: 30 October 2005 to: [valerie@aubourg.net](mailto:valerie@aubourg.net), [gerard.bossuat@lsh.u-cergy.fr](mailto:gerard.bossuat@lsh.u-cergy.fr) and [gp.scott.smith@zeeland.nl](mailto:gp.scott.smith@zeeland.nl)

### **Conference on Migrations in Cambridge, Cambridge/ UK**

British Association for Canadian Studies' 31st Annual Conference entitled "Migrations" is to be held at New Hall, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, 19-21 April 2006. The aim of this international conference is to explore the nature and complexity of the movement of peoples, cultures, ideas, and objects. The focus is on movements within, into, and from, Canada. This conference aims to draw together these complexities in lively, multi- and interdisciplinary debate and discussion. Deadline for proposals: November 1, 2005 to Jodie Robson at [conference@canadian-studies.net](mailto:conference@canadian-studies.net).

### **Conference on "the concept of war: political science, philosophy, and law", Vancouver**

International Conference to be held in Vancouver, Plaza 500 Hotel and Convention Centre, September 7-10, 2006. Deadline for proposals: December 15, 2005. Applicants are invited to submit a paper proposal, including paper title and a substantial abstract to the following address:

[vancouver2006@googlemail.com](mailto:vancouver2006@googlemail.com). More information:

<http://plaza.kwantlen.ca/sites/transborder.nsf/pages/public-outreach-conferences> or

<http://www.droit.u-clermont1.fr/?id=179>



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## **Journal on comparative Cultural Studies and First Nations Studies**

A thematic issue of CLCWeb themed "Comparative literature and culture", guest edited by Angeline O'Neill (Notre Dame University, Australia), aims to explore the emergence and impact of Indigenous literature. All articles accepted for the journal will be considered to appear in a hard-copy volume of the Purdue University Press series of Books in Comparative Cultural Studies. Deadline for complete manuscripts is 31 August 2006 to Angeline O'Neill at [aoneill@nd.edu.au](mailto:aoneill@nd.edu.au). For more information: <http://clcwebjournal.lib.purdue.edu/>.

## **INFORMATION RESOURCES**

### **Canadian Literature on War and Military Matters**

Northern Blue Publishing maintains a list of books on military matters. More information: <http://northernblue.ca/mblog/categories/23-Art-Literature>. Contact: Alastair Sweeny, Ph.D., at [infonauts@sympatico.ca](mailto:infonauts@sympatico.ca).

### **Book awards listing**

The latest issue of the Compass gives an overview of all the Spring book awards that have been handed out in the last two months as well as a look at more books that were released this Spring, plus a sneak peak into some of the authors with releases this Fall.

More information: <http://www.nwpassages.com/awards.asp>.

### **Canadian immigration policy resources: the diversity gateway**

The Canadian identity has changed radically in the past 40 years or so. Almost one in five Canadians today was born outside Canada. Changing immigration policies have created one of the most ethnically diverse societies in the world. Racism, discrimination and other barriers can still stand in the way of full inclusion of immigrants, visible minorities and Aboriginal people. Yet, much has been accomplished and there is reason for optimism. How Canada's "diversity model" developed and continues to evolve is the focus of the Diversity Gateway, offering data, history and resources in English and French. More information: <http://www.cprn.org/en/diversity.cfm>.

### **The Canadian Atlas Online**

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society presents The Canadian Atlas Online, which brings cartography to life with exciting graphics and animation. This helps the Society to fulfill our mission "to make Canada better known".

More information: <http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/atlas/>.

### **Global education digest 2005: Comparing Education Statistics Across the World**

This digest published by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, offers a wide variety of data on education, which can be used to assess the progress of education around the world. More information: [http://www.uis.unesco.org/template/pdf/ged/2005/ged2005\\_en.pdf](http://www.uis.unesco.org/template/pdf/ged/2005/ged2005_en.pdf).



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## **BOOK RELEASES**

### **"Travelling Knowledges: Positioning the Im/migrant Reader of Aboriginal Literatures in Canada"**

Renate Eigenbrod, 2005, Winnipeg, University of Manitoba Press. 274 pp., paperback. C\$24.95, ISBN 0-88755-681-7.

This book looks into the context of de/colonization, and the boundary between an Aboriginal text and the analysis by a non-Aboriginal outsider. It studies the work of several Aboriginal writers, including Louise Halfe, Maurice Kenny, Thomas King, Basil Johnston, Emma Lee Warrior, Richard Wagamese, Ruby Slipperjack, Lee Maracle, Jeannette Armstrong, and Armand Ruffo. More information: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/publications/uofmpress/books/Eigenbrod.html>

### **"History, Literature, and the Writing of the Canadian Prairies"**

Alison Calder and Robert Wardhaugh (eds), 2005, Winnipeg, University of Manitoba Press, 308 pp., paperback. \$24.95, ISBN 0-88755-682-5.

This book focuses at representations of the Canadian Prairies - the landscape, culture, politics, and linkages with their history - in literature. Alison Calder teaches English at the University of Manitoba and Robert Wardhaugh teaches history at the University of Western Ontario. The book contains a collection of essays with profound analyses of historical periods, prairie culture and related literary works (among which Carol Shield's and Margaret Laurence's). With contributions of Frances W. Kaye, Claire Omhovere, Nina van Gessel, Heidi Slettedahl Macpherson, Russell Morton Brown, S. Leigh Matthews, Dennis Cooley, Sarah Payne, Debra Dudek and Cam McEachern. More information: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/publications/uofmpress/books/Wardhaugh.html>

## **ACS N PROGRAMS AND DEADLINES**

### ***ACS N student research award***

This award is designed to assist students of higher education, whose M.A. theses or doctoral dissertations are related in substantial part to Canada, to undertake research in Canada in topics within the social sciences and the humanities. The deadlines for applications are March 31 and **October 31** of each year. More information: <http://www.acsn.nl/activities/student.html>

### ***European Speakers Program***

In order to promote European co-operation in Canadian Studies, the ACS N has established this program to give financial support to teaching faculties at Dutch universities to bring in expert Canadianists from Europe as guest lecturers. We also have a seminar support program and a conference participation program.

More information: <http://www.acsn.nl/activities/programs.html>

### ***Faculty Enrichment program***

This is a program of the Government of Canada to increase knowledge and understanding of Canada abroad by assisting academics in higher education institutions to develop and teach courses about Canada in their own discipline, as part of their regular teaching load. The program enables academic award holders to come to Canada and gather the necessary information and material to devise a new course on Canada. Deadline is **October 31** of each year. More information: [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/5\\_govprogs/b\\_FEP\\_countries/netherlands.html](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/5_govprogs/b_FEP_countries/netherlands.html)

The next newsletter will appear in **December 2005**; deadline for contributions: **November 15, 2005**. Everyone is most welcome to contribute! So if you have any news, a publication or a book review for us, let us know! Please send contributions to Amanda Helderma: [A.C.Helderma@uva.nl](mailto:A.C.Helderma@uva.nl).