



# ACS N Newsletter

Dear ACSN members,

This is the final ACSN newsletter of the academic year. Time has flown by! The 2008-2009 academic year highlighted the ACSN conference in Groningen, the year in which our own Cornelius Remie was president of ICCS and many students who went to Canada to enroll in courses taught at Canadian universities or even to write their master theses. I am sure many of you have fond memories of this year. And we would like to hear from you: we would like to hear from you the theses produced, papers, book chapters and books written and articles published. Some of you will go to conferences this summer, even if you have not picked one yet you will still find some suggestions in this newsletter. Please let me know what conferences you are attending and what the titles are of the papers you will be presenting. I think it will be a good way to learn about the interests of our members for future events. Have a splendid summer everyone!

Happy reading,

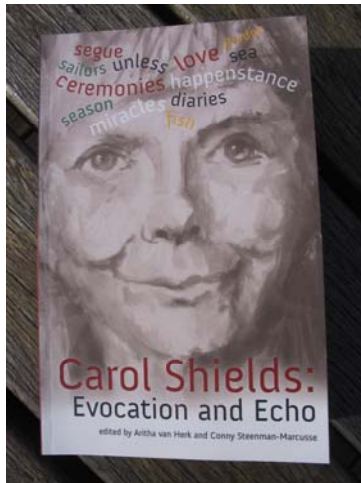
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## NEWS FROM ACSN

### New Canada Cahier no. 13 from ACSN: Carol Shields: Evocation and Echo



Edited by Aritha van Herk and Conny Steenman-Marcusse, 2009, Barkhuis, 146 pages. ISBN: 978-9-077-92251-4. For more information, visit Website [http://www.barkhuis.nl/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=90](http://www.barkhuis.nl/product_info.php?products_id=90) or send an email to [canlit@xs4all.nl](mailto:canlit@xs4all.nl).

**Book launch ACSN Canada Cahier no. 13 Carol Shields: Evocation and Echo, eds Aritha van Herk and Conny Steenman-Marcusse in Winnipeg**

At the opening ceremony of the Inaugural Carol Shields Symposium in Winnipeg, May 8-10, 2009, the first two copies of the above book were presented to Carol Shields' husband Donald Shields and their eldest daughter Anne Giardini, lawyer and novelist.

Two weeks before this successful symposium, the *Globe and Mail* devoted attention to this anthology of responses to Carol Shields' work by publishing an essay by one of the contributors, Susan Swan's 'Mary Swann, mystery solved', April 25, 2009

To honour its illustrious citizen Carol Shields the city of Winnipeg devoted part of King's Park to the creation of the Carol Shields Memorial Maze, officially opened by the Lt/General of Manitoba on Sunday afternoon, May 10 with hundreds and hundreds of people present to celebrate Carol Shields' life.

*Dr. Conny Steenman-Marcusse*



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## **The ENCS is asking for literature lists of ACSN members**

The request of ACSN is to send all members' publications to Dr. Conny Steenman-Marcusse: [canlit@xs4all.nl](mailto:canlit@xs4all.nl). It could not be stressed enough how important it is to promote the activity of Dutch scholars for our funding that allows us to organize conferences and support students who are embarking on a research project in Canada. We could not do it without active members and we need to get the word out on your fantastic contributions to Canadian Studies in the Netherlands. Thanks in advance for helping us profile the Association of Canadian Studies in the Netherlands.

## **PEOPLE AND ACSN: Reports from students who received ACSN awards**

### **A freezing linguist: documenting Inuit Sign Language in Nunavut - Joke Schuit**

Imagine you are deaf and use a sign language to communicate. If you want to chat with your friends and family, you use your arms and hands and face to get the message across. Now imagine that the environment you live in is the Arctic. If you go outside, most of the year you have to put on your hat and scarf and mitts. So how do people who are deaf and live in Arctic Canada communicate? This was one of the questions that led to my research project, as no linguistic information was available. The goal of the project is to describe the sign language of deaf Inuit in Nunavut and compare the sign language to other, already described sign languages. In 2006, I was invited to Iqaluit for a workshop on sign language, and I met some deaf Inuit who expressed their willingness to participate in my project, too.

For a project like this, fieldwork is necessary and therefore I travelled to Nunavut to spend March and April there. Apparently, the 'deep freeze' had just passed, but temperatures were still in the minus 50s Celsius in the first weeks of March. One weekend, as the clouds dropped and temperatures rose, I found myself thinking 'it's quite warm outside' though it was still -35°C. It was interesting to learn about Inuit culture, while at the same time learning Inuit Sign Language. Inuit Sign Language is a language native to Inuit culture. It shows properties of both western and non-western sign languages. I worked with two people in Rankin Inlet, as well as with two people in Baker Lake.

They told me stories about how people used to live in igloos, and when there were no snow mobiles so all hunting had to be done by foot. I was aided by an interpreter, who not only interpreted the language, but also explained local habits and items. I had, for example, no idea what an ice auger was, though I was explained how to use one of them (it is a drill that drills holes for ice fishing).

At one point, one of my informants told me a story about going fishing, and also used the sign for 'hare' a few times. I was a bit confused what the hare had to do with fish, but there was no moment to ask for explanation. As all interviews were filmed, I looked back at the story later that week, but still did not understand. So I asked my interpreter, and he simply said 'he went fishing with hare'. I asked why the hare would be important for fishing, and he laughed. This 'hare' turned out to be the name of the informant's brother. That explained a lot!

One of my research questions is whether the sign language is used differently outside in the freezing cold. Against expectations, people take off their mitts while signing outside, but do shorten their messages. What the influence of this shortening is on the sign language however,



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remains a question. My camera might have been freeze-proof, my fingers were not. So hopefully, on a next trip in a slightly warmer period, I can film some stories signed outside.

*Joke Schuit*

## **Kwakwaka'wakw spirituality in Alert Bay - Sharon Syafri**

My name is Sharon Syafri and I am a third-year student of cultural anthropology at the University of Leiden in The Netherlands. Throughout my study, I have always been very eager to learn more about First Nations cultures. Therefore I was very pleased when I was given the opportunity to do my third year internship at the U'mista Cultural Centre in Alert Bay, British Columbia, Canada.

In the fall of 2007, I was able to attend the ACSNI seminar 'Old Knowledge in New Ways' where I met Mr. Gerben van Straaten and Mrs. Irma Verhoeven from the Walas organization. It didn't take long before I got in contact with the U'mista Cultural Centre and arrived in Alert Bay in May, 2008. I ended up staying until November 2008.

In Alert Bay I conducted a survey that was concerned with Kwakwaka'wakw spirituality. Hereby is meant the traditional, supernatural beliefs or practices that Kwakwaka'wakw people carried out without any influence of Christianity. The research question of my project was '*What is known about Kwakwaka'wakw spirituality and is it still used by its peoples in 2008?*'

I started by developing a question list about specific aspects of the culture, for example ceremonies like the Hamat'sa, or the cultural involvement and background of a person. I have interviewed 28 respondents where I tried to maintain a balance between gender and different age groups (young adults, middle aged and older people). It was a great opportunity and challenge to be out in the 'field' and experience the practical side of anthropology. I learned a lot about the lives of First Nations, in and off reserve, which was even of greater value than the research itself.

The Kwakwaka'wakw are the Kwakwaka speaking peoples who live in British Columbia on northern Vancouver Island and the mainland. The Kwakwaka'wakw Nation consists of seventeen tribes (in total approximately 5500 people). Each tribe has its own history, culture and stories to tell but also shows a lot of resemblance to other Kwakwaka'wakw speaking peoples. The tribes are known for their art and culture of which the *potlatch* is a good example. The potlatch is a complex system where inheritance (names, dances) and ceremonial wealth (artworks) are passed on or given away. It is a phenomenon that represents all the different aspects of the culture, as there is no distinction made between everyday life and religion. Therefore it serves to display and implement law, politics, and economics as well as the passing on of history, morals and values and spirituality. The potlatch was seen as a key target when assimilation policies started with the arrival of white settlers in the late nineteenth century. In 1885, the potlatch was banned and made illegal to practice. Anyone who participated was sent to jail for more than two or less than 6 months. Together with the establishment of residential schools, the government hoped to civilize and Christianize native peoples and subvert them to the European culture.

For me, it was a shocking experience to visit the residential school in Alert Bay and to hear some of the testimonies of survivors. Children were bereaved from their families and culture in order to become 'educated' and forced to speak English. They were abused physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. However, despite many attempts to extinguish the Kwakwaka'wakw culture, the potlatch was still practiced 'underground' and survived. Today the assimilation



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events have obviously influenced the existence of the Kwakwaka'wakw culture. There has been a loss in language (because of the low number of speakers), which is also directly intertwined by some cultural loss. One of the results I have found doing research about the traditional way of burying people up in the trees in bend boxes, confirms the occurrence of cultural gaps. When asked about the knowledge people have about this practice or why it was done in that manner, more than half the respondents didn't really know whereas the others had a variety of opinions and ideas about it but weren't sure.

However, there are also questions that indicate that most people still use Kwakwaka'wakw spirituality in their lives, though to a certain extent and age related. Mostly older people are knowledgeable and have a deeper understanding of Kwakwaka'wakw spirituality whereas younger people usually have a more general perspective. An example of this is the Hamat'sa ceremony. This ceremony involves the highest ranking male secret society whereby the initiated Hamat'sa is possessed by the spirit of Baxwbakwalanuksiwe, the 'Man Eater' at the mouth of the River. Only older and middle aged people are very knowledgeable about the deeper spiritual meanings of the Hamat'sa. Younger people usually have more general and less specific knowledge of this ceremony and its deeper meanings or know very little about it. It did draw my attention that young people seem to start being more interested and involved in their culture after they reach a certain age or stage in life. Mostly this happens when they start adopting a more adult or responsible attitude towards life and themselves.

My general impression is that most people still practice or attend Kwakwaka'wakw spiritual ceremonies, like healing, praying and the potlatch, and that they seem very proud of their culture. An example of this was evident when people answered the question 'whether they still would want to be buried in the traditional way if it wasn't for Christianity', where most of the respondents gave a positive answer. Another conclusion that confirms this is that the majority of the people feel that Kwakwaka'wakw spirituality is important for their identity and the existence of their culture in all age groups. Even the contradiction between Christianity and the belief in a certain form of reincarnation doesn't disrupt the faith that people have in their culture, although it does cause some confusion. People that have a Christian background and are 'cultural' as well have found a way to complement Kwakwaka'wakw spirituality and Christianity with each other. This is possible because of some similarities between both religions like old stories about flooding.

Although younger people have a more general knowledge which might be due to the seductions of modern lifestyle (partying with drug- and alcohol abuse, materialistic needs, stress), most of them do want to learn more about their culture.

Answering the research question whether Kwakwaka'wakw spirituality is still used by its peoples in 2008 it can be concluded that the answer is 'yes', albeit there have been changes.

Nevertheless these gaps don't necessarily refer to 'cultural loss'. Every culture is dynamic and goes through changes at some point in time. This is true for European cultures as well as cultures that are viewed upon as 'more traditional'. These changes can occur for many different reasons (ecological factors, internal wars) and makes it difficult to define what 'traditional' is in the first place. Therefore the Kwakwaka'wakw cultures might have undergone changes without the influence of European settlers as well, although not this drastically.

Because of the interest of many Kwakwaka'wakw people and revitalization projects on preserving Kwakwaka'wakw language and culture, young people will hopefully be stimulated to get more



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involved in their culture, in particular with the language of Kwakwaka'wakw which is very important for the future of the culture, as are the young people.

I would like to express my gratitude to the people of ACSNI for supporting me, as well to the Walq organization. Also I would like to thank the U'mista Cultural Centre for giving me the opportunity to start the project and to all of the members of the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation for allowing me to live on their traditional territory and participate in their culture. It has been a very special experience.

*Gilakas'la ~ thank you.*

*Sharon Syafri*

## **Lovely Montréal - Tessa Schoot Uiterkamp**

When I started my study Sociology at the University of Groningen, my aim was always to study abroad for one semester. Canada was the country highest on my list, since I had been there before and I loved the country and its people. I took my chances on reacting on study spaces via Canadian Studies - a department of the Faculty of Arts and I was placed in Montréal, which was the city (and university: Concordia) of my first choice. On August 19<sup>th</sup> I got on the plane together with another Dutch girl who was going on exchange to Concordia too. I had two weeks to sort all the university stuff out, search for a room and getting to know people via a great introduction and the Concordia international student association (CISA).

After searching for 5 days, I found a nice apartment where I would live with a German exchange student. During the introduction I met a lot of people, and even in my last weeks in Montréal I still met new people, which was really nice. The courses I took were to fill in my free space - in Groningen I would have had to choose a minor. This meant I could take any course I wanted to, so I took courses in Communications, Marketing, Sociology and one in Anthropology which was quite interesting since it was about the different cultures and immigrants in Montréal. The courses were made up different than the courses in Groningen. I had to turn in a lot more papers and assignments, and had tests during the semester as well; so my grade was not only made up out of one final. This meant I had to do somewhat more work but it makes you keep up as well. I think the level was a little bit lower than Dutch Universities.

With CISA I have been to Toronto and the Niagara Falls, Boston, and we went on a day trip in the beautiful Laurentides to go survivalling. Since I have been to Canada in 2005 with my family before, I already saw most of Ontario. I did go to Quebec City with 3 other exchange students, what I really enjoyed. So during the weekends I made a trip, studied and/or went to a party. Canadians are really nice and helpful people, and the country is beautiful with all its space. I loved the Indian Summer and the snow - they make the Canadian experience extra special since its more extreme than what we know in The Netherlands. And -20 degrees Celsius in winter is actually not even that bad.

Since my last exam in Montréal was on December 13<sup>th</sup> and my Dutch university didn't start until February, I decided to travel with a Dutch friend who was studying in Kingston. We have been to New York, Washington, Florida and we went skiing in Mont Tremblant. Everything was great and I think I have seen and done so much during my time abroad - everything was a great experience and I made friends from all over the world! I would like to thank the ACSNI for their contribution.

*Tessa Schoot Uiterkamp*



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## **My good time in Canada - Lotte de Boer**

From the beginning of my study I liked the idea of studying abroad. I thought about it a couple of months already and finally, in the end of August, it was time to fly to Canada! I was really excited to go there and I expected that it was going to be a great time, but I did not know that it would be this great! I was in an exchange program for one semester at Queen's University in Kingston (Ontario). My main goal for my time abroad was to improve my English and to broaden my horizon.

When I arrived in Kingston, I noticed that the people are so helpful. I didn't have a place to stay yet, but within 5 days I had a nice apartment together with two other exchange students. The first weeks were really busy. I had to subscribe for my four courses, to search for a place to live and during this time you meet so many international students which I saw until the end of the semester. I'm studying Sociology and I did my minor at Queen's, which means that I had to enroll in some subjects outside of Sociology to broaden my horizon and to discover interfaces between Sociology and other fields of study. The biggest difference between the University of Groningen and Queen's University was the way the grades were made up. For each course I had to write about 3 essays and a final paper, instead of one final exam. Also, the Canadian students all bring their notebooks in class.

The introduction week, organized by Queen's, was really nice and I learned a lot about old traditions of the university. In the beginning of September there was a big event called Home Coming. All alumni are invited to come to Kingston to watch a football game. All the exchange students together really developed a community and always everybody was welcome at all the events. I really enjoyed that. You really get in contact with so many different cultures and habits and you get to know a lot more about other countries. In these months you get to know people very well and I miss them already a lot. I discovered that there is so much more in the world than only my "little world" in Groningen. The world (and Canada in particular) is beautiful and I'm glad that I had the chance to experience that!

*Lotte de Boer*

## **NEWS FROM ICCS**

### **ICCS biennial conference - call for papers**

The International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) will hold its next biennial, international conference in Montreal during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences to be held at Concordia University from May 28th to June 4th, 2010. Proposals for twenty minute papers, to be presented in either English or French, are invited from disciplinary, multidisciplinary, or comparative perspectives on the theme of Ageing Societies -- The Dynamics of Demographic Change in Canada. The deadline for proposal submission is September 1st, 2009. Proposals can be sent by regular mail at ICCS 2010 Conference, 303-250 City Centre, Ottawa, K1R 6K7, or by email at [guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca](mailto:guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca), or by fax 613-789-7830. For more information, visit website [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/pdf/calls/CFP\\_en.pdf](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/pdf/calls/CFP_en.pdf), or send an email to the above mentioned email address.

### **ICCS executive committee election results**



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The ICCS wishes to announce the composition of its Executive Committee as of May 23, 2009:

President : Klaus-Dieter Ertler, GKS, University of Graz, Austria

Past-President: Cornelius Remie, ACSN, The Netherlands

Secretary: Susan Hodgett, BACS, University of Ulster

Treasurer: Stuart Gill, ACSANZ, Emmanuel College, The University of Queensland

Congratulations to the two new Members at Large, and a special acknowledgement to Rosa Berardo of ABECAN. A fond farewell to Martin Howard, outgoing secretary/treasure who will be remembered for his annual, informative reports of the Associations.

## Letter from the president June 2009

Dear Colleagues, Collaborators, and Friends:

I am honoured to serve as president of the ICCS, and I am deeply thankful for your confidence and support. As you know, I come to a well balanced and efficient Council, thanks to my predecessors who so wisely laid its foundations.

The outgoing President, Cornelius Remie, contributed largely to the advancement of important issues and to launching the World Seminar on Canada, which will take place in October this year. The two new members of the Executive Committee possess considerable experience, and we are grateful that they will be participating in the Council's undertakings. I also find a warm and welcoming climate within the secretariat, whose assiduous work contributed to the positive results of our recent meeting. I have received countless messages from Associations along these same lines. It is, therefore, with complete confidence that we continue to move forward. However, the tasks of the Executive Committee will not be easy, insofar as our societies are experiencing a severe economic crisis and its effects have not spared our annual budget. Over the past year, the yield of the endowment fund has been inferior to previous years, which, in the mid term, could have unfavourable consequences for our programs. During the coming months, we will observe this evolution closely in order to develop adequate strategies to prepare for all eventualities.

What are the priorities for this year?

### 1. Communication strategy

In our complex network, communication can always be improved. In addition to our current means of communication, such as CONTACT or information provided on our Website, we will regularly send you key-issue bulletins. You will find the first such message in appendix. These appendixes should be disclosed to members of your Association.

### 2. Balancing the budget—following developments in connection with the yield of the endowment fund.

3. Start-up of research networks in view of establishing new projects funded by different national and international Research Funds—in collaboration with our Canadian colleagues. In this regard, our distinguished International Journal of Canadian Studies and the new Network of coordinators of Canadian Studies Centres and Programs can be influential.

4. Discussion regarding the possibilities of broadening our panorama to include other challenges, such as managing international scholarships or the Transformation Agenda of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT).



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5. Preparation of the World Seminar on Canada (Ottawa, October 4-9, 2009).
6. Preparation of the International Conference of Canadian Studies (May 28 to June 4, 2010). Attention: Deadline for submission of proposals is September 1st, 2009. The Call for paper is posted on our Website in the ICCS Conference section.
7. Publication on the current situation of our research in different disciplines. Please consult the description provided in appendix to identify colleagues specialized in fields indicated. Urgent! Clearly, we have a lot on our plate. Without your participation, the extent of our reach will be reduced. Our Canadianist members need selective, regular, precise, and highly visible information in order to access all our programs. To this end, I ask that you support our efforts to enhance the visibility of our programs. I well understand that this is sometimes a Sisyphean task, but as you know, all those who are interested in Canadian Studies contribute to ensuring a new generation in our respective disciplines.

I look forward to working with you all.

Sincerely,

Klaus-Dieter Ertler  
President

### **Winner of the Governor General's international award for Canadian Studies**

The International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) is pleased to announce that the recipient of the Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies for 2009 is Ms. Zilá Bernd, Professor at the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, in the Graduate Program in Literature, comparative study of Quebec literature, collaborator to the Master's program of the La Salle University Center and senior researcher to the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq). This distinction is the most prestigious award in Canadian Studies, and is presented each year to a scholar who has played an extraordinary role in the development of Canadian Studies. The Governor General's International Award for Canadian Studies was presented in Quebec, on May 23rd, 2009, at the ICCS banquet held during the meetings of the ICCS. For more information on this award, visit website [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/govgen\\_en.asp?shownav=2](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/govgen_en.asp?shownav=2).

### **Winner of the Pierre Savard Award**

The International Council for Canadian Studies is pleased to announce that the Pierre Savard Awards granted each year to the author of a book, in French or in English, has been awarded to Ms. Cécile Vanderpelen-Diagre for her book titled *Mémoire d'y croire. Le monde catholique et la littérature au Québec (1920-1960)*, submitted by ULB and published by Nota Bene. The Pierre Savard Award was presented in Quebec, on May 23rd, 2009, at the annual banquet held during ICCS meetings. For more information on the Pierre Savard Award, visit website [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/pierresav\\_en.asp?shownav=2](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/pierresav_en.asp?shownav=2).

### **Best doctoral thesis in Canadian Studies**

The International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) is pleased to announce that the Award for the Best Doctoral Thesis in Canadian Studies was presented to Doctor Robert Joseph for his thesis "The Government of Themselves: Indigenous Peoples' Internal Self-Determination,



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Effective Self-Governance and Authentic Representation: Wailato-Tainui, NgalTahu and Nisga'a". Dr. Joseph received his award during ICCS annual banquet held in Quebec, on May 23rd, 2009. For more information on this award, visit website [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/BestThesis-Guidelines\\_en.asp?shownav=2](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/BestThesis-Guidelines_en.asp?shownav=2).

## **ICCS questionnaire**

The ICCS would like to inform directors of Canadian Studies and individual Canadianists that you can still complete the questionnaires, if you have not done so. Completing the questionnaire is done in two steps. One, you need to register, in order to obtain a username and password. Once you have these two pieces of information, you can then access the questionnaire. The ICCS urges everyone to complete the questionnaires. For Centres and programs, please go to [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/centres/register\\_en.asp](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/centres/register_en.asp). For individuals, go to [http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/ind/register\\_en.asp](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/ind/register_en.asp). Contact Guy Leclair at [guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca](mailto:guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca) for additional information.

## **Publications from all Canadianists are needed**

As most of you know, ICCS' (International Council for Canadian Studies) publication "The International Canadianist" went through major changes over the last year. Its new format is designed, among other things, to showcase to the Government of Canada's decision makers of all relevant levels, specific examples of recent work done by Canadianists that fall within the priorities set in the Understanding Canada Programme. As such, we have been able to write about books, articles, research work and speeches by Canadianists along with their significant contributions in undertakings underlining Canada's contribution to the world. We require your help in pointing to us any event, publication, article, speeches, research work undertaken by Canadianists and which may assist the ICCS in doing so. You can send all relevant information to Guy Leclair by email at [guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca](mailto:guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca) and [canlit@xs4all.nl](mailto:canlit@xs4all.nl).

## **Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and the ICCS**

As most know, the ICCS has an agreement with Library and Archives Canada whereby, the ICCS compiles titles of publications and theses on Canada (comparative studies included) and published outside Canada. The ICCS sends on a regular basis the list of these titles to LAC, and if it receives copies of the publications, it forwards them to LAC which will enter these titles in its database. Bibliographical information on these publications are then available online through LAC's catalogue database, AMICUS ([http://amicus.collectionscanada.ca/aaweb-bin/aamain/basic\\_search?sessionKey=1206027374037\\_206\\_191\\_39\\_244&l=0&lv=1&v=0](http://amicus.collectionscanada.ca/aaweb-bin/aamain/basic_search?sessionKey=1206027374037_206_191_39_244&l=0&lv=1&v=0)). The ICCS would like to remind Canadianists to send to the ICCS information on, and if possible copies of, their recent publications to this effect. Contact: Guy Leclair ([guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca](mailto:guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca)).

## **Related: Looking for Quebec related publications**

In order to develop its patrimonial collection, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ) is looking for publications from outside of Quebec of which the author or the content is linked to Quebec. Anyone wishing to report such publications or supplying samples may contact BANQ's purchasing, donations and exchanges section by email at [achat@banq.gc.ca](mailto:achat@banq.gc.ca).



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## **Cuts to university budgets must not compromise valuable research on Canada-US relations**

On March 23, 2009 the *Globe & Mail* announced that Simon Fraser University was closing its Canadian Studies Program as of April 1, 2009. On April 1, the *Toronto Star* reports that Queen's University would close its Canadian Studies Program. These decisions should severely alarm Canadians. The demise in Canadian Studies in Canada is certainly of great concern to the international community of scholars who study Canada. It is already causing disquiet South of the border. Whether as a discipline, or on a comparative/bilateral basis, the study of Canada by these Canadianists requires solid links with Canadian researchers in the field of Canadian Studies. The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) has just released a statement entitled "Cuts to University Budgets Must Not Compromise Valuable Research on Canada-US Relations, ACSUS Council Agrees." To read this statement, click here:

[http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/pdf/news\\_items/ACSUS\\_Statement.pdf](http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/pdf/news_items/ACSUS_Statement.pdf)

## **SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS, CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS**

### **Imagine studying in Canada!**

The Education in Canada website provides information to international students about education opportunities in Canada. Individuals interested can search for study programs, get cost estimates, learn about study permit requirements and work opportunities. For more information, visit website <http://www.educationau-incanada.ca/index.aspx?lang=eng>.

### **The Trudeau Foundation offers \$900,000 in fellowship prizes**

Four experts in the social sciences and humanities were awarded the prestigious \$225,000 Trudeau Fellowship Prize from the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation. The 2009 recipients, who specialize in various streams of the humanities, are Isabella C. Bakker from York University, Beverley Diamond from Memorial University, Simon Harel from Université du Québec à Montréal and Jeremy Webber from the University of Victoria. Trudeau Fellowships are awarded annually through a rigorous nomination process to highly accomplished Canadians who question society's worldviews and teach the importance of responsible and engaged citizenship. For more information, visit website

[http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/community.igloo?r0=community&r0\\_script=/scripts/folder/view.script&r0\\_pathinfo=/{3ebb02c1-4f13-4da9-9ccb-60a9e360ab3c}/resource/public/communiq/laurats09&r0\\_l=en&r0\\_output=xml](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/community.igloo?r0=community&r0_script=/scripts/folder/view.script&r0_pathinfo=/{3ebb02c1-4f13-4da9-9ccb-60a9e360ab3c}/resource/public/communiq/laurats09&r0_l=en&r0_output=xml), or send an email to [tfinfo@trudeaufoundation.ca](mailto:tfinfo@trudeaufoundation.ca).

### **Vision and Voice: Call for Papers**

The Canadian Initiative in Law, Culture and the Humanities (CILCH) invites you to add your voice and share your vision on a subject related to law, culture and the humanities for CILCH 3rd biennial conference to be held at Carleton University in Ottawa. The conference will be interdisciplinary, bringing together scholars whose research addresses the intersections among culture, the humanities and law. The organizers intend to apply for funding for the conference from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Individuals interested in being included in the funding application and be eligible for some travel funds to participate in the conference must submit their proposal by May 29th, 2009. All others should



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send their proposal by July 1st, 2009. For more information, visit website <http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=168271>, or send an email to [cilch@carleton.ca](mailto:cilch@carleton.ca).

### **Canada's political environment and the politics of the Canadian environment - call for papers**

The John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies at Freie Universität Berlin, the Heinrich Boell Foundation, the University of Toronto in Berlin, in conjunction with the Canadian Embassy in Germany are hosting a conference to examine the state of Canadian politics with a focus on current environmental policy and eco-political challenges. Graduate students and established scholars in Canada, Germany and the rest of Europe are invited to submit their proposal for communication, by email to Dr. Simon Kiss at [simon.kiss@fu-berlin.de](mailto:simon.kiss@fu-berlin.de), or to Tim Kremser at [tim.kremser@utoronto-berlin.org](mailto:tim.kremser@utoronto-berlin.org). The deadline to submit a proposal is July 15th, 2009. For more information, send an email to Frauke Brammer at [brammer@jfki.fu-berlin.de](mailto:brammer@jfki.fu-berlin.de) or visit website <http://jfki.fu-berlin.de>.

### **Taming the queue VI - presentations posted**

The annual Taming of the Queue VI - Improving Patient Flow conference took place in Ottawa on March 26th and 27th, 2009. It focused on the flow of patients through the health system. The presentations covered the themes: improving access to primary care; improving wait times in the referral-consultation process; patient flow management tools and strategies; queue jumping; and mitigating demand through prevention and appropriateness of care. The presentations are available online at website <http://www.cprn.org/index.cfm?l=en>, or send an email to [info@cprn.org](mailto:info@cprn.org).

### **ACSUS biannual conference program**

Please take note that the program of the 20th biennial ACSUS (Association for Canadian Studies in United States) Conference: "North by Northwest, South by Southwest, Canada and the United States: Past, Present and Future," that will be held from November 18th to 22nd, 2009, at the Westin Gaslamp in San Diego, is now available on the ACSUS' website at <http://www.acsus.org>.

### **American review of Canadian Studies: update**

The American Review of Canadian Studies has a new look. In partnership with Routledge Publishers, ACSUS is excited to introduce a range of new features. Manuscript can now be submitted online using Manuscript Central®. Over the next six months, the ARCS archive stretching back to 1971 will be made available on line in a searchable database. To learn more visit ACSUS' website at <http://www.acsus.org/display.cfm?id=276&Sub=297>

### **TransCanadiana (Polish journal of Canadian studies), volume 3 - call for articles**

The editors of TransCanadiana invite the submission of proposals for articles for the third volume of TransCanadiana (Polish Journal of Canadian Studies) - a peer-reviewed journal published by the Polish Association of Canadian Studies. Proposals should be sent by email, by November 15th, 2009, to Dr. Zuzanna Szatanik at [zuzanna.szatanik@us.edu.pl](mailto:zuzanna.szatanik@us.edu.pl), for proposals in English, and to Dr. Joanna Warmuzińska-Rogoż, at [asiawarm@wp.pl](mailto:asiawarm@wp.pl), for submissions in French.



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For more information, visit website

<http://www.aieq.qc.ca/bulletins/2009/05/appel.transcanadiana.pdf>.

**Responsibility to protect: A Canadian heritage. Peacekeeping, diplomacy and literature in the face of human challenges - call for papers**

The Canadian Studies Centre of the University of Innsbruck in cooperation with the African Center of the Contemporary History Institute is organising an international and interdisciplinary conference that will be held from November 11th to 14th, 2009, at the University of Innsbruck, in Austria. Individuals interested in submitting a proposal for communication must send an abstract of their paper by July 1st, 2009. For more information, send an email to the Canadian Studies Centre of the University of Innsbruck at [Canada.centre@uibk.ac.at](mailto:Canada.centre@uibk.ac.at), or to Dr Thomas Spielbuechler at [Thomas.spielbuechler@uibk.ac.at](mailto:Thomas.spielbuechler@uibk.ac.at) or visit website <http://www.uibk.ac.at/canada>.

**Canada-China-India: A synergy in education 2009 - colloquium**

The much anticipated 2009 sequel of the "Canada-India: A synergy in Education" events held in 2007 & 2008 will feature another education giant, China. This event supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) will take place in Toronto on September 17th, 2009 and is a must attend for Canadian Institutions and organizations interested in operating in either or both countries. It will be co-hosted by two premiere business organizations, the Canada-India Business Council and the Canada-China Business Council. For more information or to register, visit Website <http://www.iceunlimited.com/Synergy2009.aspx>, or send an email to [info@ICEunlimited.com](mailto:info@ICEunlimited.com).

**Beyond citizenship: feminism and the transformation of belonging - call for papers**

This conference is organised by FEMCIT, an EU FP6 integrated research project on "Gendered citizenship in multicultural Europe: the impact of contemporary women's movements", in collaboration with the Birkbeck Institute for Social Research, at Birkbeck, University of London, Rokkansenteret, at the University of Bergen, and is sponsored by the Norwegian Research Council. It will be held in London, United Kingdom, from Jun 30th to July 2nd, 2010. Individuals interested in proposing a communication should send their proposal by December 1st, 2009, by email at [abstracts.beyondcitizenship@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:abstracts.beyondcitizenship@bbk.ac.uk). For more information, visit website <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/bisr/beyondcitizenship/>, or send an email to Professor Sasha Roseneil at [s.roseneil@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:s.roseneil@bbk.ac.uk).

**Bremen Institute of Canada and Quebec studies (BICQS) - new homepage**

Please take note that the new homepage of the Bremen Institute of Canada and Quebec Studies can now be accessed at <http://www.fb10.uni-bremen.de/bikqs/default.aspx>. For more information, send an email to Dr. Helga Bories-Sawala at [sawala@uni-bremen.de](mailto:sawala@uni-bremen.de).

**Association of Canadian Studies in Ireland's new website**

Please take note that the new website of the Association for Canadian Studies in Ireland is now completed and can be visited at <http://www.canadianstudiesireland.com/>. For any request or for more information, send an email to Dr. Elizabeth Tilley at [Elizabeth.Tilley@nuigalway.ie](mailto:Elizabeth.Tilley@nuigalway.ie).



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## **Policy, people and peace: democratization of foreign policy and parliamentary democracies Canada and India - conference postponed**

Please note that due to the regrets received from top ranking intended participants from Canada, Oxford and Australia and also due to some Indian participants' inability to spare themselves due to parliamentary elections going on in various states in India during May, the conference's organizing committee decided to postpone this event until September or mid-October 2009.

## **Changing economic environment and performance of the nations: Canada and India - call for papers**

This conference organized by the Department of Business Economics, Faculty of Commerce, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, will be held from September 20th to 22nd, 2009 in Vadodara, India. Individuals interested in submitting a proposals for communication must send their proposal by July 15th, 2009 by regular mail to Dr. Samir Joshi, Organizing Secretary, Head - Officiating, Department of Business Economics, Faculty of Commerce, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara - 390 002, Gujarat, India. For more information, send an email to [intconf.msu@hotmail.com](mailto:intconf.msu@hotmail.com).

## **From pole to pole: open dialogues**

The 6th Chilean Congress for Canadian Studies, organized by the Chilean Association for Canadian Studies, with the assistance of the Government of Canada, will take place in the city of Santiago de Chile on September 24th to 26th 2009. The organizers invite academics, professors, students, researchers, professionals and the general public interested in Canadian Studies to participate. People interested in participating as panelists should send a 500 words abstract of their presentation by June 30th, 2009, to [congresoacheca2009@gmail.com](mailto:congresoacheca2009@gmail.com). For further details, visit website <http://www.acheca.cl>, or send an email to the above mentioned email address.

## **Frontenac program - call for applications**

The Frontenac program is one of the programs supported by the Commission permanente de coopération franco-québécoise. Its mandate is to foster the mobility of students writing joint theses. Approximately 10 students from France and 10 students from Quebec are selected each year and enjoy financial assistance for their travel and stay in Quebec, which means a grant for a three month period and one plane ticket each year for a maximum of three years. Students that would like to apply must follow procedures applicable according to their place of residence. The deadline to apply is July 1st, 2009. French students should visit website <http://www.consulfrance-quebec.org/spip.php?article1536> and Quebec students should visit: [http://www.fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca/bourses/regles/Regles\\_FrontenacVF\\_1.pdf](http://www.fqrnt.gouv.qc.ca/bourses/regles/Regles_FrontenacVF_1.pdf).

## **National Film Board Films online!**

Please note that many films produced by the NFB are now available online free of charge. Some of the most well-known and celebrated NFB films in the history of Canadian and Québec cinema are now available at <http://www.onf.ca/>.



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## **Newsletter of the Queen's forum for philosophy and public policy**

Subscription to the newsletter is free. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this newsletter, just send a message to [cded@post.queensu.ca](mailto:cded@post.queensu.ca).

## **La lettre de l'Agora, issue 1, no. 4, March 2009 Filet Étatique - Filet Social**

The latest issue of the Encyclopédie de l'Agora's monthly newsletter - the only French, web based, expandable and participatory encyclopedia entirely designed for the web - can now be consulted online at <http://lalettredeagora.org/archives/Vol1No4.html>. This monthly newsletter presents the latest and most interesting additions to the various encyclopedias of the Agora and its partners. For more information, send an email to [courrier@lalettredeagora.org](mailto:courrier@lalettredeagora.org).

## **"Les enjeux énergétiques au Québec : Conflicts et représentations" - call for articles**

The next issue of *GLOBE* - Revue internationale d'études québécoises will cover the place of energy related issues in the Quebec of the 20th and beginning of the 21st centuries. It will foster interdisciplinary study with an emphasis on socio-political conflicts surrounding these energy related issues. Proposals for articles must be sent by email prior to January 31st, 2010, to [revueglobe@uqam.ca](mailto:revueglobe@uqam.ca). For more information, contact Professor Martin Pâquet by email at [Martin.Paquet@hst.ulaval.ca](mailto:Martin.Paquet@hst.ulaval.ca).

## **Issue 28 of "Mémoires Vives"**

Please note that the 28th issue of the electronic bulletin of the Commission franco-québécoise sur les lieux de mémoire communs (CFQLMC) can now be viewed online at <http://www.cfqlmc.org/bulletin-memoires-vives/derniere-parution>. For more information on CFQLMC, visit website <http://www.cfqlmc.org/>.

## **"Politique et Sociétés" journal of the Société québécoise de science politique**

The Société québécoise de science politique (SQSP) invites you to subscribe to the "Politique et Sociétés" journal. Published three times per year, it is a required reading for the analysis of political issues in Quebec, Canada and abroad. For more information, visit website <http://www.unites.uqam.ca/sqsp/revPolSo/index.htm>, or send an email to [sgsp@er.uqam.ca](mailto:sgsp@er.uqam.ca).

## **Québec info**

Québec info can now be accessed online at <http://www.quebecmonde.com/quebecinfo/>. This electronic news bulletin is published every second month and targets mainly an international clientele.

## **Québec history: unreported manuscript on Governor Murray's regime**

The "Bibliothèque des livres rares et collections spéciales" of the Université de Montréal announces that a unique manuscript written between 1760 and 1764, during the provisional military British regime for the governance of what was once the New France can now be viewed online at [http://calypso.bib.umontreal.ca/cdm4/index\\_murray.php?CISOROOT=/\\_murray](http://calypso.bib.umontreal.ca/cdm4/index_murray.php?CISOROOT=/_murray).

## **Globe revue internationale d'études québécoises - call for articles**



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Published twice per year, *Globe* specializes for the past ten years in Quebec studies through an interdisciplinary approach and by encouraging tightening of links between Quebec and foreign scholars. *Globe's* editorial board is seeking submission of proposals on themes of scholarly articles in Quebec studies. For further details, visit Website <http://www.aieq.qc.ca/bulletins/2009/03/appel.globe.pdf>, or send an email to [revueglobe@uqam.ca](mailto:revueglobe@uqam.ca).

### **La diffusion au Québec : L'autre côté de l'écran**

Nouvelles « vues » sur le cinéma québécois announces that its 10th issue addressing the distribution of cinema in Quebec can now be viewed online at <http://www.cinema-quebécois.net/>.

### **The Gaston Miron library: the best documentation centre on Québec in Europe**

The Gaston-Miron Library, which is located in the premises of the Délégation générale du Québec in Paris proposes open and free access to the most extensive library collection on Quebec abroad. The catalogue is available online at <http://bgm-paris.banq.qc.ca> and holds over 15000 documents, the vast majority of which may be borrowed for a two weeks period, along with 18000 digitized resources from the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec's archives. For more information, visit website <http://bgm-paris.banq.qc.ca> or send an email to [bgm-paris@banq.qc.ca](mailto:bgm-paris@banq.qc.ca).

### **Acadie vivante**

Acadie vivante is a Web site that showcases the dynamism and resilience of contemporary Acadian culture by presenting several of its traditional customs that are still alive today. Acadie Vivante was created by the Institut d'études acadiennes of the Université de Moncton, in cooperation with the Acadian Museum and the Centre for Acadian Research of Prince Edward Island, Connections Productions and Groupe Thépoterie, and with the financial help of the Department of Canadian Heritage. For more information, visit website <http://www8.umoncton.ca/acadie-vivante/>.

### **List of online publications on NAHO's website**

The National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO), an Aboriginal designed and controlled body committed to influencing and enhancing the health and well-being of Aboriginal People provides an online access to a wide array of publications targeting health and well-being issues. For more information, visit website <http://www.naho.ca/english/publications.php>, or send an email to [info@naho.ca](mailto:info@naho.ca).

### **Native leaders of Canada, vol. 1 and 2**

The New Federation House is proud to announce the publication of the second volume of its series of volumes on leadership. The first volume, *The Prime Ministers of Canada/Les Premiers Ministres du Canada*, was published in 2002. *Native Leaders of Canada* presents an original collection of essays on Canadian Aboriginal leaders whose accomplishments made possible the survival of their people and culture in the modern era. To learn more about these books, visit website [http://www.newfederation.org/Native\\_Leaders/Store.htm](http://www.newfederation.org/Native_Leaders/Store.htm), or contact the New Federation House at [nfederation@videotron.ca](mailto:nfederation@videotron.ca).



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## **Oral history in Canada: a reader - call for contribution**

Oral History in Canada: A Reader will be a collection of the best articles and essays about oral history in Canada, Canadian oral history, and oral history by Canadians from the 20th and early 21st centuries. The Reader will serve as an introductory text for undergraduate and graduate students, a reference for Canadian Studies, and a gateway to Canadian oral history theory and practice for a global audience. Please send your suggestions as well as inquiries to Kristina Llewellyn [kllewell@uottawa.ca](mailto:kllewell@uottawa.ca) and Alexander Freund [a.freund@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:a.freund@uwinnipeg.ca). For more information, visit Website <http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=167682>.

## **The francophonie canadienne internet portal**

The "francophoniecanadienne.ca" internet portal is a communication, networking, documentation, and dissemination tool for scholars, research centres, students, publishers, journals and university presses in Canada and around the globe. Users can post and access a wide range of information on conferences, publications and other research related activities on Canadian francophonie, linguistic minorities, official languages and bilingualism. Organizing a conference? Announcing a new publication or seeking experts for a project? Advertise it on the portal. It's fast and it's free: <http://www.francophonie.canadienne.ca>.

## **L'état du québec 2009**

Please take note that L'annuaire du Québec's 14th issue is now available. Its name has been changed for L'état du Québec. It brings together all the current events on Quebec on economics, social, cultural, demographic and political issues. To order L'état du Québec or for more information, visit website <http://www.letatduquebec.qc.ca>.

## **Globe, revue internationale d'études québécoises, VOL. 11, 2nd issue**

Please take note that the latest issue of *Globe, revue internationale d'études québécoises* is now available and is dedicated to performing arts in modern Quebec society. For more information, visit website <http://www.revueglobe.uqam.ca/#> or send an email to [revueglobe@uqam.ca](mailto:revueglobe@uqam.ca).

## **Premier numéro de globo media journal - Édition canadienne (GMJ-CE)**

Global Media Journal - Canadian Edition is a bilingual (English and French) open-access online academic refereed publication that is hosted by the University of Ottawa and which is dedicated to research in the fields of communication and media studies. GMJ -- CE welcomes high-quality, original submissions on a wide range of topics related to communication and media studies. It aims to advance research and understanding of communication and media in Canada and around the globe. For further information, visit website [http://www.gmj.uottawa.ca/current-issue\\_e.html](http://www.gmj.uottawa.ca/current-issue_e.html), or contact Dr. Mahmoud Eid by email at [gmr@uOttawa.ca](mailto:gmr@uOttawa.ca).

## **Revue d'histoire du Québec Cap-aux-diamants**

To mark the end of celebrations of Quebec's 400th anniversary, the *Revue Cap-aux-Diamants* has published an issue on the history of French in Quebec. For further information, visit website <http://www.capauxdiamants.org/>, or send an email to [revue.cap-aux-diamants@hst.ulaval.ca](mailto:revue.cap-aux-diamants@hst.ulaval.ca).



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## **Découvrir, May-June 2009 issue**

Découvrir, a research journal published by Acfas (Association francophone pour le savoir), is a bimonthly popular scientific magazine with the sole purpose of helping to see, understand and question the world around us. The May-June 2009 issue of Découvrir is available since April 29th, 2009. For more information about this journal, visit website [http://www.acfas.ca/decouvrir/2009/sommaires/303\\_sommaire.pdf](http://www.acfas.ca/decouvrir/2009/sommaires/303_sommaire.pdf).

## **Over 700 NFB's films available online**

The National Film Board of Canada (NFB) celebrates its 70th birthday by offering to Canadians the opportunity to view more than 700 films, trailers and excerpts of its world known collection. For more information, visit website <http://www.nfb.ca/>.

## **Recherches sociographiques**

"Recherches sociographiques" is a journal dedicated to the study of Quebec society and French Canada; it features original work, critics and summaries. Issue no 3 (2008) is now available. For more information, visit the journal's website at <http://www.soc.ulaval.ca/recherchessociographiques/default.asp>, or contact Mr. Simon Langlois by email at [simon.langlois@soc.ulaval.ca](mailto:simon.langlois@soc.ulaval.ca).

## **Being, becoming and belonging: multiculturalism, diversity and social inclusion in modern Canada - Colloquium**

Please take note that the program for the BACS' (British Association for Canadian Studies) 2009 conference can now be viewed online on website <http://sites.google.com/site/bacsconference2009/Home>. For more information, send an email to Ms. Jodie Robson at [canstuds@gmail.com](mailto:canstuds@gmail.com).

## **Dictionnaire visuel en ligne/Online visual dictionary**

The Dictionnaire visuel en ligne is the essential resource for teachers, parents of students, translators and students of all levels. It is an interactive dictionary with a new and unique approach. For more information, visit website <http://www.ledictionnairevisuel.com>.

## **Canadian social policy in the 2000s: Bringing place in - research report**

In Canadian Social Policy in the 2000s: Bringing Place In, CPRN Research Associate Neil Bradford explores departures in Canadian social development policy towards more place-based approaches. Bradford uses innovations in policy thought and governing practices among OECD countries to bring Canadian policy communities more fully into the international conversation on place-based policy. To read or download Bringing Place In, visit website <http://www.cprn.org/doc.cfm?doc=1993&l=en>.

## **Winter/Spring issue of Think Canada is available**

Please take note that the winter/spring issue of Think Canada, the biannual publication from ACSUS with in depth coverage of developments and activity in Canada-US academic relations and the personalities and institutions on the leading edge, can now be downloaded from ACSUS's website at <http://www.acsus.org/display.cfm?id=276&Sub=296>.



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## **Canada's hidden deficit: the social cost of low literacy skills**

This document was released in February 2008 by the Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network (CLLRNet). In it, CPRN's Founding President Judith Maxwell and Tatyana Teplova explore the social costs of low literacy. The authors have collected significant data to describe the burden it places on individuals and on Canada's social fabric. To read or download the report, visit website <http://nsl.cllrnet.ca/2008/02/15/the-social-cost-of-low-literacy-skills/>; for an updated commentary titled A New Perspective on Canada's Literacy Deficit, by Judith Maxwell, visit website [http://www.cprn.org/documents/51094\\_EN.pdf](http://www.cprn.org/documents/51094_EN.pdf).

## **ACSNI PROGRAMS AND DEADLINES**

### **ACSNI 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>

### **ACSNI Student Networking Award**

The aim of the program is to provide opportunities to students to advance academically in the milieu of some of the best Canadian universities by enrolling in challenging courses with Canadian content, and meet with Canadian experts in their discipline in the Humanities and Social Sciences. More information: [www.acsn.nl](http://www.acsn.nl).

### **European Speakers Program**

In order to promote European co-operation in Canadian Studies, the ACSNI 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 September 2009; deadline for contributions: **August 15, 2009**. 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: [ACSNI@amandahelderman.com](mailto:ACSNI@amandahelderman.com).*