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Myrna Delson-Karan Awarded an ICCS "Certificate of Merit" for her contribution to Canadian and Quebec Studies

Recognizing her outstanding contributions to Quebec and Canadian Studies over her 50-plus year career, the International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) awarded Dr. Myrna Delson-Karan a "Certificate of Merit" at a reception in Ottawa on June 11, 2016. Dr. Delson-Karan served as ACSUS President during the 2011-2013 period, when the organization was undergoing a significant transition. On hand to make the presentation was current ACSUS President Munroe Eagles. Her citation reads (in part):

"Throughout her 50-year career Dr. Delson-Karan has undertaken over 200 publications,

Dear Colleagues,

Summer greetings from the ACSUS secretariat at the University at Buffalo—SUNY.

After a lapse of several years, ACSUS is pleased to resurrect our "Think Canada!" Newsletter. I hope we can once again use this forum to bring you news of interest, to share with our ACSUS members your news, and to alert you to important opportunities.

As most of you know, ACSUS has been undergoing a significant transformation as a result of the decision of the Government of Canada to terminate financial support to Canadian Studies organizations in 2012. As a result, we have closed our Washington office, let go our valued Executive Director, David Archibald, ending his 13 year employment with us, and moving the secretariat in January 2014 to the University at Buffalo—SUNY. Under Tim Pasch's expert lead-

ership as CIO, we transformed our web presence and digital commerce operations.

Many of you will have joined us for our 23rd Biennial Conference held last October in Las Vegas. With approximately 250 registrants, this meeting was an enormous success. We have transitioned our journal, the *American Review of Canadian Studies*, from the editorship of David Rositter to that of our current editor, Christina Keppie. We have also moved to digital distribution to ACSUS members, allowing us to pass along significant cost-savings to our members (by doubling the length of the membership from one to two years without increasing the cost). We thank our valued colleagues at Western Washington University for their hard work with our journal.

We have also formalized a long-term relationship with the Thomas O. and Gaetana Enders

Foundation. Mr. Enders is a former Ambassador for the US in Canada, and the Foundation is dedicated to advancing the understanding of our extraordinary binational relationship. In partnering with the Foundation, we will continue to offer a biennial Enders symposium in conjunction with the ACSUS Biennial, and ACSUS will administer the Graduate Student Fellowship competition.

All of these changes have been challenging, but in the end, thanks to the dedicated effort and determination of the members of our Executive Council, and of former Presidents Myrna Delson-Karan and Kenneth Holland, we have not only survived the changes but we are currently in excellent shape.

Throughout, we have been grateful to you all for your continued support. I very much look forward to working with all of you to continue to strengthen our Association in the years to come.

Munroe Eagles

talks and conference presentations, collaborations, and reviews dealing with Québec and Canadian literature and culture.

Delson-Karan served for five years as the New York City representative of the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF). Between 2011 and 2013 she served as President of the Association of Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS). Her tenure as President was unusually challenging in that it coincided with the announcement that the Government of Canada was terminating its financial support for Canadian Studies worldwide. This move had severe consequences for ACSUS. As President, Delson-Karan was able to lead a successful organizational transition, thereby ensuring a sustainable and healthy future for the Association.

In 2003, Delson-Karan has been named a member of 'L'Ordre des Francophones d'Amérique'. The government of France made her Commandeur in "l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques". One year ago (February 2015) she received Québec's highest honor in being named a "Chevaliere de l'Ordre National du Québec."

Congratulations, Myrna!

ACSUS ExCo at work following the 23rd Biennial, Las Vegas, NV



ACSUS Awards Banquet, Las Vegas, NV—October 2015



Former Parliamentary Budget Officer
Kevin Page gives keynote address

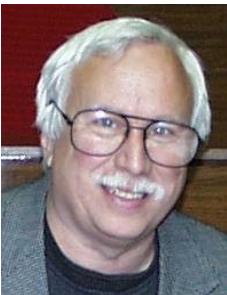


ACSUS Dissertation award winner
Barry Eidlin, McGill University



ACSUS President **Ken Holland** presents the 2015
Donner Medal to **Mark Kasoff**

ACSUS Spotlight: Bob Timko—Longtime Supporter of Canadian Studies and MANECCS



In this issue, we tip our hat to Dr. Robert Timko, a retired Professor of Philosophy and Canadian Studies who, for more than 40 years, has been an exemplary and ardent advocate for our field in Pennsylvania and all

of the Northeast. Bob earned his BA in Philosophy at Mount St Mary's University in Maryland, but chose to study at the University of Guelph, in Ontario, for both his M.A. and Ph.D. As a scholar, Timko's published

work focuses on the intellectual history of Canada. He has written incisively on Egerton Ryerson, John Clarke Murray, Michael Ignatieff and others and championed what he has seen as a Canadian philosophy. Dr Timko has co-edited six volumes of a scholarly Russian journal, *Representations of Canada*, which brings together the scholarship of Canadianists from around the world. Timko was Director of Mansfield's Canadian Studies Program from 1994 until his retirement in 2011. A member of ACSUS since the early 1990s, he is best known for his tireless work for Middle Atlantic and New England Council

for Canadian Studies, which he led in myriad ways: Exec. V-P (2002-04); President (2004-06); Councilor (2006-11). Bob established and edited MANECCS's newsletter, as well as its successful website (www.maneccs.org), from its founding until 2011. In the past 20 years, Bob Timko **was** MANECCS: its leading light, its coach, its spirit and its devil's advocate. He was hugely responsible for its thriving during some dark days in our field, and is more than worthy of our recognition and thanks.

Panel on the “State of Canadian Studies After the Cuts” at ACSUS Biennial



Canadianists from different parts of the world take stock following the withdrawal of Canadian government support for our field. (L-R) Ken Holland, ACSUS; AnnMarie Schneider, Michigan State; Pat James, USC (and ACSUS/ICCS); Maeve Conrick, Assn of Canadian Studies in Ireland; Robyn Morris, Assn of Cdn Studies in Australia & New Zealand; Jane Koustas, Cdn Studies Network; and Susan Hodgett, British Assn of Cdn Studies and ICCS).

In May 2012 a notice on the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) informed the Canadian Studies community that, effective immediately, funding for the “Understanding Canada” program that had offered \$5.5 million to Canadianists worldwide to assist with their educational and research activities, was terminated. This unexpected change called upon all of us to make sometimes painful changes in our operations.

To discuss these developments, to share ‘best practices’ from some of the most active associations around the world, and to take stock of the state of Canadian Studies, ACSUS convened a panel at the 23rd Biennial Meeting on “The State of Cana-

dian Studies After the Cuts.”

Seven senior Canadianists, most of whom are or have recently been Presidents of national Canadian Studies Associations, took part in the discussion. All expressed a sense of shock at the suddenness of the Canadian government’s decision. Most described the reduced capacities of their organizations, which have necessarily retreated to protect their core activities. Associations differed in terms of what activities they chose to protect; some prioritized their conference; others their journal; and others protected funding for post-graduate students doing research on Canada.

Panelists unanimously expressed their

resolve to work to ensure that Canadian Studies would survive into the future as a global undertaking. All agreed that everyone should do what they can to convince the Canadian government of the value of having the Canadian experience understood around the world. Several described their out-reach efforts to the government. With the Canadian federal election being held the following week, all looked forward to having a more positive relationship with the Canadian government.

As an update, although nothing specific has been announced by the new Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion, he has publicly expressed his appreciation of the importance of academic initiatives in Canada’s foreign policy, and discussions are currently under way to restore some financial support for the Canadian Studies community. Stay tuned!

Chris Sands convenes the Enders Symposium on the “Canadian Politics of North American Integration”



Christopher Sands (SAIS, Johns Hopkins) convened the Thomas O. and Gaetana Enders Foundation “Enders Symposium” at the 23rd ACSUS Biennial conference in Las Vegas, NV on October 17th, 2015. The discussion centered on the likely impact of the (then) upcoming federal election on Canada’s place in North America.

In addition to Chris, taking part in

the Symposium were (pictured left to right) Kathy Brock, Queen’s University; Ian Brodie, University of Calgary; Stephen Clarkson, University of Toronto, and Stéphane Paquin, École nationale d’administration publique, Quebec City.

A transcript of the panel is currently being produced for eventual publication.

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The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) is a multi-disciplinary membership based organization committed to raising awareness and understanding of Canada and its bilateral relationship with the United States. ACSUS supports research and academic activity through its publications, conferences, and grant programs; promotes the academy through active advocacy and outreach; and positions the community by profiling the scope and diversity of research undertaken by the ACSUS membership in the humanities and social sciences.

Brief Announcements and Upcoming Events

October 20-22, 2016—Middle Atlantic and New England Council for Canadian Studies (MANECCS) biennial conference, The Regency Hotel and Spa, Portland, ME

November 3-6th, 2016—American Council for Quebec Studies (ACQS) Conference, The Westin Harborview Hotel, Portland, ME.

October 18-21st, 2017—Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) 24th Biennial Conference, Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Program Chair—ACSUS Vice-President James McHugh, University of Akron—mchugh@uakron.edu

In May, **Ms. Lindsay Marshall** of the University of Illinois, Chicago was awarded the ACSUS-Enders Graduate Student Fellowship for 2015-2016, to support fieldwork in Vancouver for her dissertation entitled "*Recovering Rhetoric: Addiction and Rehabilitation at the Limits of Disease Discourse.*"

In June, ACSUS Nominee **Mia Moy Bennett** (UCLA) was awarded an ICCS Graduate Student Scholarship to support her doctoral research entitled: "*Geometries of an Arctic Highway: Transforming the Last Frontier into a Global Research Frontier.*"

ACSUS nominee **Elizabeth Goodyear-Grant** was awarded the 2016 Pierre Savard Award by the ICCS for the best book published in English or French. Her book *Gendered News: Media Coverage & Electoral Politics in Canada* was published by UBC Press in 2014.

Volunteers are sought from the ACSUS membership to serve on the **Site Selection Committee for the 25th ACSUS Biennial conference**. Anyone interested should contact ACSUS ExCo member Martin Heintzleman of Clarkson Uni-

versity - mheintze@clarkson.edu

Sadly, in the past year our Canadian Studies community has lost three outstanding individuals. **Marilyn Rose** of Brock University died July 22, 2015; **Paul Storer** of Western Washington University passed away November 28th, 2015; and **Stephen Clarkson** of the University of Toronto died on February 28, 2016. They have each made many important contributions to our community and they are missed. For more information, click on the "News" tab www.acsus.org.

International Affairs Fellowship Canada recently announced a fellowship intended to encourage Canada-US understanding. The program provides for one to two mid-career U.S. citizens per year to spend six to twelve months hosted by a Canadian institution to deepen their knowledge of Canada. Fellows are drawn from academia, business, government, media, NGOs, and think tanks. CFR will work with its network of contacts to

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assist the fellows in finding suitable host organizations in Canada. Further information on the fellowship can be found at:

<http://www.cfr.org/thinktank/fellowships/index.html>

The Fulbright Program offers up to 51 grants in Canada to conduct research and teach in 2017-18, with as many as 37 Canada Research Chair grants in a variety of thematic areas such as indigenous studies, environmental sustainability, policy studies, and North American studies, to name a few. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and the current competition will close on August 1, 2016. Questions on the Fulbright offerings can be directed to Hilary Hartley, the Regional Lead for the Western Hemisphere. She can be reached at hhartley@iee.org, or at 202-686-6243.

The **Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ)** will be holding a conference on the theme of “Constituting Canada: Interdisciplinary Approaches to an Idea” at the University of Wollongong on July 13th-14th, 2017. Further information can be found at:

http://www.acsanz.org.au/wordpress/?page_id=23

On to Ottawa! **Bridgewater State History Professor Brian Payne** has won a prestigious Fulbright fellowship at Carleton University in Canada’s capital for the 2016-17 academic year. He will serve there as the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in North American Integration. The author of an historical monograph on cross-border economic and labor history (*Fishing a Borderless Sea: Environmental Territorialism in the North Atlantic, 1818-1910* [Michigan State University Press, 2010]), Dr. Payne will build on that research in his Fulbright project, which moves from fishing to processing and examines the environmental, labor, and marketing history of North America’s seafood industry. During the Fulbright period, Brian will spend twelve months researching corporate and government efforts in Canada to increase the domestic market for seafood and the impact that increased production had on the environment and labor in Atlantic Canada. The Paynes (Brian, his wife Shandra, and their boys Ben and Danny) are looking forward to experiencing life in Ottawa and making

new friends among the Canadian Studies community at Carleton.



Australia’s **Stewart Gill** (left in photo above) was elected by acclamation to the Presidency of the International Council of Canadian Studies (ICCS) at its annual general meeting held June 11th at the University of Ottawa. Current President Susan Hodgett is shown above welcoming him to his new role. Congratulations, Stewart. We at ACSUS will look forward to working with you and express our appreciation to Susan for her hard work and dedication to our community.

On April 28th, Alberta **Premier Rachael Notley** (NDP) gave the annual “Thomas O. Enders Memorial Lecture” *Alberta’s Climate Leadership Plan* at the School of International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, in Washington DC. Her lecture was sponsored by the Tomas O. and Gaetana Enders Foundation and was organized and moderated by Dr. Christopher Sands. A video of the lecture can be found at: <http://www.sais-jhu.edu/content/center-canadian-studies#events-thomas-o-enders-lecture>. A full text of her remarks is available at: <http://www.acsus.org/blog/alberta-premier-rachel-notley-gives-lecture-her-governments-plans-leadership-climate-change>

If you haven’t renewed your **ACSUS membership** using our website, it is very likely that your membership has lapsed. Be sure to stay connected and renew as soon as possible. Not only is your membership critical for our Association’s future, but as a member you will be able to access ALL issues of the *American Review of Canadian Studies* directly from our ACSUS website, register at preferred rates at our Biennial conferences, and take full part in our Association’s activities and programs. Memberships now are for two calendar years, so if you join or renew now, your membership will be valid until December 31st, 2017. Joining or renewing is easy. Simply visit our website and use our secure site to process your order. Thank you!

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Please share your news!

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