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Letter from the President

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I am extremely pleased to assume the humbling honor of serving as the new ACSUS President. The great success of the 2017 ACSUS biennial conference in Las Vegas, like the success of the association, itself, has been the result of an ongoing collective effort. The tremendous challenges of the past few years have been met with a combination of determination, dedication, and creativity on the part of everyone involved. Special mention should be made of the efforts of our most recent President (and current Past-President), Munroe Eagles, for the effective establishment of the ACSUS office at Buffalo with the generous cooperation of the State University of New York at Buffalo. Andy Holman remains a stalwart presence in managing our financial position in his role as ACSUS Treasurer, while Amy Sotherden has been essential to the coordination and communication of the association in her role as ACSUS Secretary.

Additionally, of course, none of these contributions would have mattered had it not been for the efforts of the members of the ACSUS Executive Council and of the Section Heads for the biennial conference. As our membership increases, the source of renewed energy also increases. I am particularly gratified by the number of graduate students and junior scholars who have joined us as colleagues within the association, thus ensuring our future and the future of Canadian studies in general. I am, also, pleased to announce that *The American Review of Canadian Studies* is continuing to flourish under the editorial leadership of Christina Keppie and the generous support of the Canadian Studies Center at Western Washington University, contributing strongly to our ongoing mission as an academic association.

I also am especially gratified by the arrival of the newest member of the ACSUS Executive, our Vice-President Chris Kirkey, who is contributing his overwhelming combination of experience and energy to ensuring the future of ACSUS.

Our relationship with Canadian public officials at the federal and provincial levels (especially, but not limited to, Quebec) has been steadily improving and we expect great things in many areas during the coming months and years. It promises to be a good 2018 for ACSUS and I am very, very grateful that you and all its members are part of it.

Sincerely,

James McHugh
University of Akron/University of Vermont

Milena Santoro awarded 'Médailles hommage 50e'

ACSUS is delighted to share the news that Milena Santoro was honored at the Quebec Government's "Fête nationale" celebration here in DC -- the Ministère des relations internationales et de la Francophonie. At that meeting she was one of 50 recipients of the "Médailles hommage 50e" they had minted to recognize the MRIF's 50th anniversary. This medal recognizes work done to promote Quebec and increase knowledge of Quebec, both domestically and internationally. Milena says that "I am very honored to have been selected as a recipient. It was a "pinch me" moment for sure, after having already received the Grand Prix de la Francophonie this spring... but as I said to Deputy Minister Bernard, I may have been doing this for 20 years, but I feel like I have another 20 in me, so there's no chance of me stopping now!" Congratulations Milena!



L-R—Frédéric Tremblay (DC), Monsieur Lauzon (NY), Milena, and Deputy Minister Jean-Stéphane Bernard, in Washington, DC, June 2017

Biennial Memories



Former ACSUS President and Donner medalist Pat James (right) presents the 2017 Donner Medal to Myrna Delson-Karan's husband David (left) and daughter Deborah Aber (Middle).



Enjoying a farewell drink at the closing reception, Oct 21st



ACSUS Business Breakfast, Saturday, Oct



"Challenges to NAFTA" panel—Joseph McKinney, Jeff Ayers, and Chris Sands



Former ACSUS Executive Director David Biette receiving an honorary lifetime membership from ACSUS President Munroe Eagles

Your EXCO at work—Saturday, October 21st, 2017



Scenes from the 24th Biennial, Tuscany Suites, Las Vegas



News of/from our Members



Dylan McLean wins ACSUS Distinguished Dissertation Award

The 2017 Distinguished Dissertation Award was presented to Dr. Dylan McLean, a political scientist at the University of West Georgia. McLean's dissertation, entitled "*Gun Test: Evaluating Theoretical Explanations for Canada-US Political Differences through the lens of the Politics of Gun Control*". Dylan's exploration focuses on the meaning attached to gun rights in both countries. He tests a number of hypotheses drawn from the comparative literature on the nature and source of Canada-US political differences. McLean defended his dissertation at the University at Buffalo—SUNY in July 2015.

The selection committee complimented Dylan on writing an accessible yet rigorous test of his hypotheses. Drawing on a variety of empirical materials, including a content analysis of gun-related articles in newspapers in both countries, content analysis of the postings on 'shooter' (gun-enthusiast) websites in both countries; and on interviews with police officers in Canada and the US, Dylan concludes that Canadians value weapons for their utility while Americans see them as important symbols of national values.

Congratulations, Dylan!



Enders Symposium on Canada-US Relations at 24th Biennial

A group of distinguished academics, practitioners, and journalists took stock of the past 150 years and future of Canada-US relations at two afternoon panels and an evening session on Thursday, October 19th. Organized by former ACSUS Executive Director David Biette, the symposium was sponsored by the Thomas O. and Gaetana Enders Foundation that is dedicated to the furtherance of the Canada-US relationship.

Taking stock of the first 150 years of the bilateral relationship in the first pane were Carol Higham (moderator), Irene Bloemraad, Tamara Thornton, and David Massell (pictured above). The second panel looked ahead to the future, and involved Antonia Maioni (moderator), Jim Dickmeyer, Sara Goldfeder, and Pierre Martin. The evening session was moderated by Chris Sands and featured a keynote on the challenges faced by media representatives when covering the CANAM relationship by Lee-Anne Goodman, former CP Washington correspondent.

Thanks to all concerned. The panels were well-attended and lively. The entire Symposium has been videotaped and is now being edited for archiving on the ACSUS.org website under the "Enders" tab.



Jane Moss Honored with "L'Ordre Des Francophones D'Amerique"

Dr. Jane Moss was awarded "l'Ordre des francophones d'Amérique" at the 39th ceremony honoring inductees at the Parliamentary Buildings in Quebec City on September 20th, 2017. Hosting the event was the Honorable M. Luc Fortin, Minister of Culture and Communications and Minister Responsible for the Protection and Promotion of the French Language in Quebec's provincial government.

As the award announcement conveyed:

"C'est notamment pour sa contribution au rayonnement de la culture québécoise et de la francophonie sur le territoire américain, et pour son engagement au sein de l'American Council for Québec Studies que le Conseil supérieur de la langue française lui décerne l'Ordre des francophones d'Amérique."

Congratulations Jane!

Obituary: Marion Casting Salinger



May 22, 1917 - August 28, 2017 Durham, NC

Longtime Durham resident Marion C. Salinger, 100, died August 28 under the care of her daughters and Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester, Virginia. Marion Casting Salinger was born May 22, 1917 in Buffalo, NY to George and Mary (Knopf) Casting. She began her studies in English and Journalism at the University of Buffalo, and majored in Germanic Languages and Literature at the University of Wisconsin. A Durham resident since 1955, Mrs. Salinger was married in 1941 to Dr. Herman Salinger, former department chair of German and Comparative Literature at Duke University. Mrs. Salinger was for many years administrator for Duke University's international programs and grants, where she organized seminars and workshops abroad for university faculty members and public school teachers. Her particular interest was in Canadian Studies, and in 1985 she was awarded the Donner Medal for distinguished service to Canadian Studies in the U.S. Mrs. Salinger also focused on the field of forest resources pertaining to Canada and the U.S., for which she had many publications to her credit. Citations to civic and academic endeavors include the Silver Medallion as Woman of Distinction by the YWCA (1986); NC Council of Social Studies Great Influence Award (1990); the Duke University Exemplary Mentor Award (1992) and the Award of Merit of the U.S.I.A. Nat'l Council for International Visitors (1993). She served as Executive Director of the Southern Atlantic States Assn. for Asian & African Studies; President, Triangle Chapter, Society for International Development; Trustee, Southeast Consortium for Int'l Development; and was past state President of P.E.O., an international philanthropic and educational organization. Mrs. Salinger was a longtime parishioner of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; she and her family were among its founding members. Surviving are her three daughters, Jill Salinger Winter of Leesburg, Virginia; Wendy Lang Salinger of New York City, NY; Jennifer Salinger Duffy of Oxford, Pennsylvania; and her grandchildren, Mary Fitzgerald Duffy (Kysela), Caitlin Salinger Duffy (Hall), and Liam Patrick Duffy. Her husband predeceased her in 1983. ACSUS expresses its sympathy to her family.

Collection of Quebecois Literature available

The family of Myrna Delson-Karan has expressed an interest in finding a suitable university home for the collection of Quebecois literature that Myrna built up over her long and distinguished career. The collection includes some rare and first editions. If your institution is interested in acquiring these materials, send in a brief (one-page) statement of how the collection would be used and why your campus community would be a good home for these materials. ACSUS will select the most suitable home from among the proposals we receive by **February 1st, 2018**. Send proposals to info@acsus.org.

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Brief Announcements and Upcoming Events

Manuscripts are being solicited for a special issue of our highly-regarded journal, *The American Review of Canadian Studies* to be comprised of papers delivered at our 24th ACSUS Biennial. The special issue's theme will be "Celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial Journey". In addition to papers from the 24th ACSUS Biennial, contributions based on plenaries and roundtable discussions, are also welcome. The deadline for submissions is **January 10, 2018**. Please address all questions to Christina Keppie, ARCS editor (Christina.keppie@wwu.edu or arcs@wwu.edu). For submission guidelines, see <http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=rarc20>

ACSUS member Earl Fry of Brigham Young University delivered the "Palmer Distinguished Lecture in Canadian Studies" at BYU on October 4, 2017. In the lecture, Prof. Fry reflects on his introduction to Canada, and on a variety of aspects of Canada in comparative perspective. The full text can be found at: http://www.acsus.org/sites/acsus.org/files/Fry_Palmer_Lecture_Oct_2017.pdf

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McGill University's Institute for the Study of Canada is seeking applications for the 2018/2019 Eakin Visiting Fellowship. Details at: <http://www.acsus.org/blog/eakin-visiting-fellowship-mcgill-university>

ACQS is seeking paper proposals for its conference to be held in New Orleans November 1-4, 2018. Details at: <http://www.acsus.org/blog/cfp-acqs-biennial-conference-new-orleans-nov-1-4-2018>

The Association for Canadian Studies in Ireland (ACSI) is seeking paper proposals for its 19th Biennial conference to be held April 26-28, 2018. Details at <http://www.acsus.org/blog/cfp-association-canadian-studies-ireland-19th-biennialconference>

Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit a paper proposal for a conference on "The United States, Canada, and Quebec in the Age of Trump" to be held at Bridgewater State University on Friday, March 23rd, 2018. Some financial support to offset the costs of participating is

available. Details at: <http://www.acsus.org/blog/cfp-undergraduate-student-conference-united-states-canada-and-quebec-age-trump>

Graduate, professional, and undergraduate students are invited to submit paper proposals for the upcoming "Crossing Borders" student conference to be held at Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, March 16-17th. Details at: <http://www.acsus.org/blog/student-conference-canada-us-and-canam-relations-march-16-17-2018>

Please share your news!

Announcements/news items for the next edition of "Think Canada!" should be sent to Munroe Eagles, eagles@buffalo.edu