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## Letter from the President

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Greetings from the ACSU Secretariat at the University at Buffalo—SUNY. The months that have passed since our last Newsletter in the summer have been busy ones. Let me briefly update you on a couple of initiatives.

First, the International Council for Canadian Studies—of which ACSUS is a member—has submitted a proposal to Global Affairs Canada in Ottawa for a resumption of government support for Canadian Studies activities and organizations worldwide. The executive of ICCS has recently met with GAC officials and are optimistic that a decision on the proposal will be forthcoming soon. On behalf of ACSUS and in support of this initiative, I have corresponded with Hon. Stephane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Trudeau government. We will keep you posted as progress is made.

Here in Buffalo we continue our efforts to increase the efficiency of our operation. In particular, we have enlisted the assistance of our Department of Library & Infor-

mation Science's Professor Jim Tamarro who has volunteered his considerable expertise to identify and employ part-time a document management specialist, Amy Miller. She is now in the process of preparing our 45-year archive for digitization. This will mean that our paper records will from here on be stored electronically. This will ensure that institutions that will house ACSUS in the future will not require a large amount of storage space. And since the digital archives will be fully searchable by key-word, the materials in storage will be far easier to locate and access than ever before. We anticipate that the project will be completed early in the new year. Thank you Jim and Amy!

As you will see in the Newsletter, our ACSUS executive committee had a productive meeting in Portland, ME in October. Our meeting was held during the very successful MANECCS conference held at the Portland Regency Hotel and Spa, Oct. 20-22nd. The Association is in excellent

financial health, and Andy Holman is doing a first-rate job as Treasurer.

Finally, we are excited to be returning to the Tuscany Suites & Casino in October for our 24th Biennial. Our meeting will honor and celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. ACSUS Vice-President Jim McHugh has assembled a first-rate program committee and we are all working very hard to ensure that our meeting will be one of the best yet. Please plan to join us for a stimulating and enjoyable conference.

Looking ahead, in October we will need to replace the outgoing members of our hard-working Executive Committee and our Vice-President. Further details are in the "News and Announcements" section of the newsletter former ACSUS President Ken Holland is heading up our 'nominations committee'. Please submit your nominations by March 1st to kmholland@bsu.edu.

Wishing you all the very best for the Holiday Season and the new year.

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### Chuck Doran Appointed to Independent Task Force on the Arctic

The Council on Foreign Relations has appointed Charles F. Doran to its Independent Task Force on U.S. Strategy in the Arctic. Chaired by Thad Allan, former Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, and Christine Todd Whitman, former head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Task Force will complete its report by October 2016.

Covering all aspects of Arctic policy regarding change on the last frontier, the report includes sovereignty and security considerations, interactions with other Arctic states and Great Powers, energy policy and environmental protection, and the concerns of Native Peoples in the face of unprecedented Global Warming. Trans-

its of the Arctic Ocean from the European to the Asian shores have already occurred. The Task Force has been called upon to formulate a new U.S. strategy to cope with these monumental transformations of the ecosphere and of global politics.

Charles Doran is Andrew W. Mellon Professor of International Relations at Johns Hopkins, SAIS. He is the former long-time director of the Center for Canadian Studies. Currently he directs both the Global Theory and History Program at SAIS and the academic program for Canadian Studies. He is the past recipient of the highest award in Canadian Studies, the Governor General's Award.





**The Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala dinner October 22, 2016. (L-R) Chris Kirkey, Amy Sotherden, Cherice Granger, and Prem Ghandi.**

## **Canadian Studies at SUNY Plattsburgh: 50 years of Success**

The Center for the Study of Canada at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh recently celebrated its golden anniversary of the Canadian Studies academic program with an on-campus Gala Celebration held on October 21, 2016. It was in 1966 when a small group of SUNY Plattsburgh faculty members introduced a study program focused on Canada. Center Director Dr. Christopher Kirkey and college President Dr. John Ettling welcomed Center Director Emeritus Dr. Richard Beach back to campus as a speaker for this event, along with other speakers including Dr. George Sulzer, Professor Emeritus of Political Sci-

ence, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, who represented ACSUS as Past-President. A highlight of the anniversary celebration included the Distinguished Canadian Address featuring Dr. Michael Hawes, CEO, Fulbright Canada, who commended the work of the Center and their partnership on the establishment of two Distinguished Fulbright Chairs at SUNY Plattsburgh. Kirkey commented that, "While we do a tremendous amount on campus, in the greater community and on a regional basis, what distinguishes us from the rest is our focus on national programming." Partnerships developed by the Center over the decades were highlighted by Kirkey including work with the U.S. Department of Education and Department of State, Government of Canada, Gouvernement du Québec, Fulbright Canada, ACSUS, ACQS, and more. any years of

Participants in the celebration included prominent Canadianists, government representatives from Canada and Quebec, alumni, area business and campus leaders. The evening highlighted the program's history and accomplishments, with a concluding toast offered by Kirkey in honor of the past 50 years of success and to 50 more. The Center extends its appreciation to ACSUS for their many years of an ongoing and productive partnership.



## ACSUS at ACQS and MANECCS



ACSUS Treasurer Andrew Holman mans the ACSUS table at the American Council for Quebec Studies (ACQS) conference in Portland, Maine, November 2016. The ACSUS Executive Committee was also in Portland, ME two weeks prior for its annual meeting, held in conjunction with the Middle Atlantic and New England Council for Canadian Studies. A number of the EXCO members were also able to present papers at the conference.

## AIEQ Update



Milena Santoro, AIEQ President

Past ACSUS Secretary-Treasurer and Councilor Miléna Santoro was elected President of the Association internationale des études québécoises (AIEQ) in 2015. The AIEQ academic and professional network connects over 3000 members and subscribers from some 82 countries. One of Professor Santoro's first initiatives as AIEQ President was to organize the first AIEQ conference in North America for graduate students and junior scholars, focusing on the theme of "Quebec in the Americas." Participants were selected by an evaluation committee that included several ACSUS members. In January of 2016, seventeen young scholars, hailing from Canada, the US, Mexico, and Poland, presented papers over two days at the Woodrow Wilson International Center and Georgetown University in Washington, DC (<http://www.aieq.qc.ca/colloque-des-jeunes-chercheurs-2016>). For this event, the host institutions partnered with the AIEQ, the Centre de la Francophonie des Amériques, the Embassy of Canada, the Wapikoni Mobile and Quebec's Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie. The best paper from the conference was selected for publication in the *International Journal of Canadian Studies*. Four of the participants also attended the ACQS biennial in Maine this fall, with support either from the AIEQ or ACQS, demonstrating the effectiveness of conference travel support programs for younger scholars.

In April of 2016, President Santoro also participated in the Salon international du livre in Quebec City, as part of a special roundtable highlighting the reception of Quebec literature abroad. With Barcelona Autonomous University colleague Ricard Ripoll i Villanueva and writers Dany Laferrière, Kim Thuy, Louise Dupré and Larry Tremblay, all of whom have been supported on international speaking tours by the AIEQ, President Santoro celebrated the vitality of Quebec's literary culture and its success abroad. She emphasized the important role the AIEQ has played in ensuring authors have the opportunity to meet and cultivate an international readership through its "Tournées d'auteur" program (<http://www.aieq.qc.ca/programme-de-tournees-dauteurs-quebecois>), funded by Quebec's Ministère de la Culture et des Communications through the CALQ (Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec). Under Santoro's leadership, the AIEQ is planning several flagship events around the world to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017, including collaborating with ACSUS to ensure a robust Quebec presence in its Las Vegas biennial programming. President Santoro is looking forward to reuniting with ACSUS colleagues at next fall's biennial, and to continuing to pursue new opportunities for collaboration and exchange between the AIEQ and North American Quebec Studies scholars and their institutions or associations.



## Enjoy Canada's national sport while attending the 24th Biennial!

Las Vegas' Golden Knights will begin their inaugural season in the NHL in 2017. If the Las Vegas Golden Knights schedule permits and the interest among Biennial conference participants is sufficient, we will arrange a group ticket purchase.



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## Brief Announcements and Upcoming Events

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS—24th ACSUS Biennial Conference**

The 24th Biennial conference of ACSUS will be held October 18-21, 2017 at the Tuscany Suites & Casino, Las Vegas. The theme for this year's meeting is **"Celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial Journey."** ACSUS Vice-President Jim McHugh is the Program Chair. Paper and panel proposals should be submitted before March 15, 2017. The full CFP is available at: <http://www.acsus.org/blog/24th-biennial-oct-18-21-2017-call-proposals>

The **"Crossing Borders" student conference** will be held March 17-18th at Niagara University, Niagara Falls, NY. Dr. Shannon Risk is the program organizer ([srisk@niagara.edu](mailto:srisk@niagara.edu)).

The Center for the Study of Canada, in partnership with Fulbright Canada and the University College London are sponsoring a conference on **"Canada Inclusive/Exclusive: 150 Years & Beyond"**. The meeting will be held July 6-8, 2017 in

London. Paper proposals are due February 15, 2017. The CFP is available at <http://acsus.org/blog/canada-inclusiveexclusive-150-years-beyond-cfp>

**Call for Article Proposals: "What's New About New France?"** Special issue of *Etudes Canadiennes/Canadian Studies*. Proposals are due February 15, 2017. The full CFP is available at: <http://acsus.org/blog/call-articles-whats-new-about-new-france>

Nominations for the **2017-2018 Eakin Visiting Fellowship** at the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada are due January 15, 2017. Further details are available at: <http://acsus.org/blog/2017-2018-eakin-visiting-fellowship-mcgill-university>

The **Thomas O. Enders Student Fellowship** was established to encourage in depth inclusion of Canadian content in comparative research/projects that have policy relevance for Canada-U.S. relations as well as Canadian social, economic, political, security, and quality of life is-

sues. Application deadline—March 31, 2017. See <http://www.acsus.org/programs/thomas-o-enders-endowment>

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