



Crossing Borders 2010

A Multi-Disciplinary Student Conference on the United States, Canada and Border Issues

March 25th – 26th, 2010

HOSTED BY

University at Buffalo – The State University of New York

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

Binational Dialogues 2010

The Consulate General of Canada (Buffalo)

and the

Consulate General of the United States (Toronto)

March 25th

2:45 PM – 5:15 PM

"How to Reinvent Your Economy" Innovative North American Communities – Opening Panel

Location: Cascades II Ballroom

Moderators:

Brock Dickinson, University of Waterloo

Kerry Mitchell, Public Affairs Officer, Canadian Consulate General (Buffalo)

Lee MacTaggart, Political/Economic Section Chief, U.S. Consulate (Toronto)

Speakers:

Tina Valdecanas, Chief Strategy & Branding Officer, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

Bill Elliott, VP, Business Development, Canada's Technology Triangle, Kitchener, Ontario

Christina Anne Luhn, Director Mega Region Initiative, California

Ian Burkheimer, Director of Partnerships, Pacific Northwest Economic Region, Washington State

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Binational Cornucopia Food & Wine Event

Location: Cataract Room

Moderator: **(TBA)**

Binational local political greetings **(TBA)**

Holly Hughes, Curator Albright-Knox "Les Automatistes"
presentation & visual exhibit

French-themed regional cuisine, **Buffalo State College**,
Niagara College **(TBA)**, **NCCC, Conference Center**
Niagara Falls

Wine, Inniskillin, Jackson-Triggs, Château des Charmes,
Arrowhead, Marjim **(All TBA)**

Period music - **Mark Mazur**

March 26th

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

SESSION 1: Cross Border Cultural Studies

Moderator:

- Megan Hahin, Niagara University
“Zelda Fitzgerald and the Spread of Flapper Culture in North America”
- Gregory Young, University at Buffalo - SUNY
“From Ice-Holes to Bi-National Vancouverage: Stephen Colbert’s
Olympic Coverage and Limits of Transnational Understanding”
- Nate Drag, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“Two Different Exits: Niagara Falls as a Case Study in the Differences
Between North American Cities and Highway Lane Miles Per Capita”

SESSION 2: Political Culture and Structure in Canadian Elections

Moderator: TBA

- Megan Gall, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“Searching for Political Culture in Canada”
- Tim Fowler, Carleton University
“Class in the 2008 Canadian Federal Election”

SESSION 3: Learning From One Another - Comparative Issues in Canadian-American Education Policy

Moderator: TBA

- Dana Faye Serure, University at Buffalo - SUNY
“Ninth Grade Transition Programs in Ontario, Canada, and New York State Aim to Enhance Student Achievement”
- Andrea Chisholm and Catherine Longboat, Brock University
“Bridging Cultural Differences Through Education: Three Border-Crossers Share Their Stories”
- Kasia Kalat, University of Western Ontario
“The Anti-Racism Policies in Creating School Equity: An International Comparison of Two School Districts”
- Candace Cofield, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“Licensed to Teach (for What?): A Comparative Policy Analysis of Meso-Level Licensure Requirements in Ontario and New York State”

10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

BREAK

10:45 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SESSION 4: Comparative and Historical Immigration Issues

Moderator: TBA

- Stacey Benicase, University at Buffalo - SUNY
“Beggars CAN Be Choosers: Dr. Charles Kirk Clark and the Campaign for Individual Eugenics at Canadian Immigration Posts, 1906-1924”
- Rachel Jonsson, York University
“A Tale of Two Promised Lands: Eastern European Immigration to Toronto and New York City, 1880-1920”
- Troy Joseph, SUNY Plattsburgh
“The Canadian “Brain Drain”
- Andrea Johnson, Wilfrid Laurier University
“SWAP: The Exploitation of Others”

SESSION 5: Canadian Culture

Moderator: Dr. Jane Koustas, Associate Dean, Brock University

- Teghan Barton, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Symbolic Treason: The Interplay of Cultural Paranoia and the National Mythos in *H2O* and *The Trojan Horse*”
- Roxanne Pegg, Wilfrid Laurier University
“The Question of Being Canadian: The “Indistinct” Identity in the Journal of Susan Burnham Greeley”

SESSION 6: Indigenous Peoples and the Canadian-American Border

Moderator: TBA

- Nicholle Dragone, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“Indigenous Peoples’ Cross-Border Rights: Trapped in the No-Mans’s Land Between the U.S.-Canadian Border”
- Andrew Henderson, Wilfrid Laurier University
“International Obligations and Modern Colonization: The Effects on Borderland Indigenous Peoples”
- William Kennaley, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Indigenous Peoples’ Crossing Rights at the Canada -U.S. Borders”

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch with Keynote

**Positioning Binational Regions to Lead North
American Recovery & Growth**

Location: Entertainment / Exhibit Center

Speaker:

Jim Balsillie (invited), Co-Chief Executive Officer,
Research in Motion

2:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.

SESSION 7: Canadian and American Foreign Policy

Moderator: TBA

- Robyn Graham, York University
“The World’s Longest undefended border? Morality, Anxiety, and the US-Canada Border, 1946-1955”
- Milos Jankovic, Glendon University College, York University
“Give [War] A Chance: Why Canada Must Remain in Afghanistan”
- Tasha Lavey, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“The Influence of Economic Interdependence on Joint Membership in Intergovernmental Organizations: A Case Study of Canadian-American IGO Membership”

SESSION 8: Developments in Comparative Canadian-American Public Policy

Moderator: TBA

- Sun-Kyung Yi, York University (to be confirmed)
“Italians and Wartime Internment: A Comparative Analysis of Canada and US Policy”
- Michael Taylor, York University
“American Influences in Early Canadian Forest Conservation”
- Monika Pries-Klassen, Brock University
“Milk, Mortality and Moral Reform: Canadian Government Nutrition Policy, 1874-1919”

SESSION 9: Canadian Television – Impacts and Exports

Moderator: Dr. Jane Koustas, Associate Dean, Brock University

- Herb Kauderer, University at Buffalo – SUNY / Hilbert College
“Canadian Television Exports to the U.S.”
- Kristine Deacon, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Canadian Television: Staying Within Our Borders”

3:15PM – 3:30PM - BREAK

3:30PM – 4:45PM

SESSION 10: “The North” – Historical and Policy Perspectives

Moderator: TBA

- Woody Groves, SUNY Plattsburgh
“The Streets Were Lined With Gold: The Klondike Gold Rush and the Making of the Yukon Territory”
- Chris Hiebert, Brock University
“Canada/US Cooperation in the Arctic”
- Ryan Khan, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Securitizing the Canadian North With American Help? Analyzing the Disadvantages and Advantages of Entering Into A Sovereignty Bargain with the United States”

SESSION 11: Social Policy and Social Movements

Moderator: TBA

- Sarah Hogenbirk, York University
“The Shared Battle of Femininity: Depictions of American and Canadian Women’s Military Service in the Second World War”
- Kris D’Amuro, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“Income Security and the Wellbeing of Midlife and Older America”
- Danika Bourgeois-Desnoyers, York University
“The Progressive Muslim Movement as a Social Movement for Muslims in the West”

SESSION 12: CANADA AND THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Moderator: TBA

- Gino Gaudio, York University
“A Gateway to a New Life: Draft Dodgers Migrating to Canada during the Vietnam War”
- Daniel G. Ross, York University
“Canada Through the Eyes of American War Resisters in the Vietnam War Era”

4:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Refreshments and Concluding Remarks