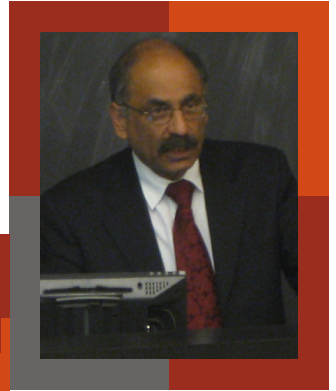


Princeton University
Canadian Studies



Annual **Report**

for academic year **2010-2011**

Fund for Canadian Studies

The Fund for Canadian Studies has strived to bring Canada to life at Princeton University since 1991, when Canadian alumni and friends – spearheaded by Eric Molson '59 – established an endowment with almost \$1 million in gifts. 2011 marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Fund.

The goals of the Fund are twofold. First, it supports students and faculty who want to learn more about Canada, whether they are from Canada or abroad, and to foster interest in the study of Canada on campus through cross-national dialogue. To this end, it offers monetary and logistical support for teaching, research, speakers and conferences. Second, it strives to showcase Canadian talent to the Princeton community by working with the Princeton Canadian Club to host a variety of social events and activities throughout the academic year. And for twenty years, the Fund has provided generous support for the University's libraries, augmenting the collection of books and periodicals related to Canada.

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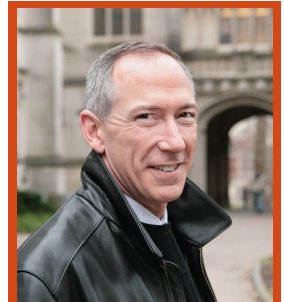
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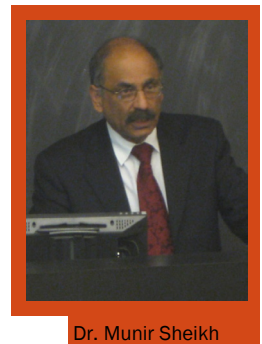
Academic Events and Guest Speakers

Canadian Studies hosted an impressive roster of notable Canadian to speak on campus during the 2010-11 academic year:

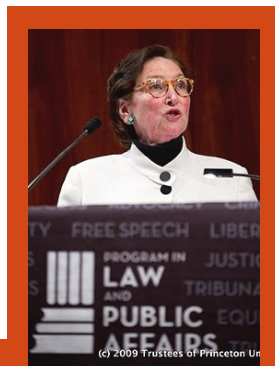


In light of the controversy over the elimination of the mandatory long-form Canadian Census in Summer 2010, we organized a panel discussion with the former Chief Statistician of Statistics Canada, **Dr. Munir Sheikh**, who resigned shortly after the controversy, and the former U.S. Census Bureau director, **Dr. Kenneth Prewitt** (Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University). Held on 22 November 2010, the title of the panel discussion was “Politicizing the Census: Lessons from the recent Canadian Census controversy”. It was moderated by **Dr. Marta Tienda** (Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs).

On 7 February 2011, the Pathy Visiting Professor, **Dr. John Borrows** (University of Victoria Law School), delivered a seminar on “Mobility and Indigenous Peoples” based on his recently published book on Indigenous legal traditions and the Canadian Constitution. The event was sponsored by the *Program in Law and Public Affairs*.



On 3 March 2011, a select group of Canadian faculty and students were invited to have breakfast with the **Hon. Rosalie Silberman Abella**, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and **Dr. Irving Abella**, Professor of History at York University. The event provided a unique opportunity for Canadians on campus to meet and mingle with a high-profile and distinguished Canadian figure in a casual and intimate setting. The event was co-sponsored by the *Program in Law and Public Affairs*.



Hon. Rosalie Silberman Abella

On 9 March 2011, visiting professor, **Dr. Miles Corak** (Professor of Economics in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa), delivered a lecture based on his research on “Economic Mobility, Family Background and the Well-being of Children in the United States and Canada”.

In April 2011, Canadian ecologist, **Dr. Phillip Lee** *GS (Parks Canada’s Western Research Director), presented two lectures entitled “National Park Establishment at Large and Local Scales” and “Coastal Dune Restoration within Pacific Rim National Park Reserve”. The lectures were co-sponsored with the *Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology* and the *Program in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy (STEP)*.

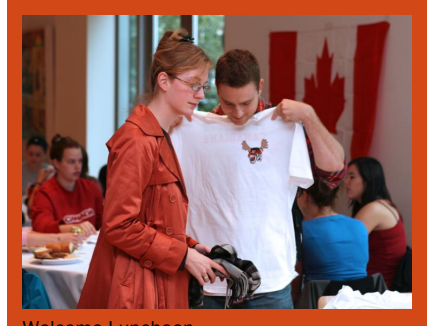


Mr. Ricci with Prof. Adelman

To cap off our exceptional lineup of speakers for the academic year, renowned and award-winning author, **Nino Ricci** (“Lives of Saints,” “The Origin of Species”), presented excerpts from his recent biography of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau as part of the “Extraordinary Canadians” book series. The presentation on April 20 also showcased the exclusive premier of the trailer for a television documentary about Nino Ricci on Trudeau that will air on the Rogers OMNI channel and The Biography Channel in Fall 2011.

Social Events

Canadian Studies teamed up with the Princeton Canadians Club to offer a number of social events and activities for Canadians and other friends on campus. To ring in the new academic year, we invited new and old members of the Princeton Canadian community to the annual **Welcome Luncheon** on 24 September 2010. On top of a delicious buffet lunch and a giveaway of our prized Princeton-Canadian T-shirts, the large crowd in attendance learned about the range of academic and social activities and funding opportunities offered by Canadian Studies.



Welcome Luncheon



Canadian Thanksgiving

Per tradition, one of the highlights in our lineup of events is the much anticipated **Thanksgiving Dinner** which was held on 11 October. The complimentary feast – featuring turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie and all the fixings – drew a large and hungry crowd who, in the generous spirit of the season, donated canned goods for families in need who are living in the local area.

In the Spring semester, we organized an **hockey outing** to the Prudential Center in Newark on April 6th to watch an NHL match between the New Jersey Devils and the Toronto Maple Leafs. With so many ardent hockey fans on campus, the turnout was high and even though the Leafs lost to the Devils, our Canadian fans maintained their good spirits, making the event an unqualified success!



Leafs vs. Devils Game

To celebrate the end of the academic year, we held a **scrumptious barbecue feast** on May 6th for faculty, students and their family. Picnicking in the famed “Alexander Beach” on campus, the sizeable crowd dined on delicious food and rocked out to an all-Canadian playlist on a beautiful and sunny spring day.

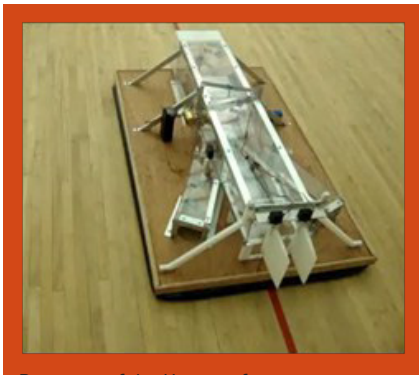


Alexander Beach

Funding and Awards

Canadian Studies is an avid supporter of research related to Canada. This year, we have provided funding to a number of members in the Princeton Canadian community to pursue their research on a wide variety of exciting and interesting topics, including the following projects:

On 15-16 April 2011, the **“Poetry and Cognition” Conference** held at Princeton brought together graduate students and faculty from a range of disciplines within literary studies to discuss the relationships between theories of the mind developed by philosophers, cognitive scientists and linguists, and the poetry of different cultures and eras. The keynote address was delivered by Ian Lancashire, Professor of English at the University of Toronto.



Prototype of the Hovercraft

Taylor Fedun, David Letourneau and Adrien Porter, undergraduate students at the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, received funding for their senior project entitled “Prototyping, Design, and Manufacturing of an Air Cushion Vehicle” – a.k.a. The Hovercraft. After developing many prototypes, their final product turned out to be a great success. On Class Day, they received second place in the department’s prestigious John Marshall II Memorial Prize for excellence in independent research.



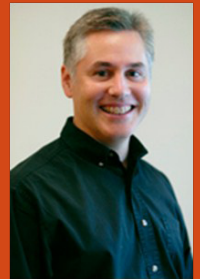
Ashton Brown

Every year, Canadian Studies recognizes the best undergraduate thesis on a Canadian-related topic with the Richard D. Challener '44 Thesis Prize. This year, we commended two seniors for their outstanding theses. The first recipient is **Ashton Brown** (Economics) for her meticulously conducted study on "Intergenerational Mobility in Canada: Earnings Persistence and the Role of Education". Showcasing her confident grasp of sophisticated quantitative analytical techniques, the study addresses an important topic about the openness of opportunity structures in Canada with relevant policy implications. The second recipient of the prize is **Christopher Della Porta** (History) for his thesis entitled, "Moving Sands: Technology, Environment and Society in the Development of Oil Sands Resources in Alberta, Canada." Beautifully written and painstakingly researched, this study provides a multifaceted analysis on the oil sands industry and its widespread societal and environment impact.



Chris Della Porta

Canadian Studies is committed to enriching the curriculum with Canadian content. This year, we brought two prominent Canadian scholars to the campus. **John Borrows** was awarded the L.G. Pathy '56 Visiting Professorship in Canadian Studies. Holding a Ph.D. in law, he is the Robina Chair in Law, Public Policy, and Society at the University of Minnesota Law School as well as the Law Foundation Professor of Aboriginal Justice and Governance at the University of Victoria Law School. A renowned and prolific scholar on the topics of Indigenous law and comparative constitutionalism, Dr. Borrows taught two undergraduate courses for the Department of Politics: "Law and Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the United States" and "Constitutional Law in Comparative Context: Federalism and Rights in Canada and the United States." Both courses were very well-received by students. **Miles Corak**, Professor of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa, was a visiting scholar at the Office of Population Research during the Spring semester. A member of the Global Network of Child Migration Research, which was spearheaded by two Princeton professors, Dr. Corak is collaborating with Princeton scholars on several comparative research projects related to the wellbeing of immigrant children.



John Borrows



Miles Corak

Canadian News at Princeton

Our Canadian athletes performed exceptionally well during the season. The Women's Open Crew – paced by seniors **Lauren Wilkinson** (North Vancouver, BC) and **Ashton Brown** (Calgary, AB) – won both the Ivy and NCAA Championships this spring, and competed once again in the World Championship Regatta at Royal Henley. For her efforts, Ashton was named an All-American in Rowing and was one of 174 graduates nationwide to be awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship to honor her success both in and out of the classroom. She plans to train for the Canadian Olympic Crew which will compete in London next summer, then pursue a Master's degree in Economics at Queen's University. Lauren, the stroke on the Women's Open Crew, received the C. Otto von Kienbusch Award, as one of the most outstanding female athletes in the senior class, in addition to being named an All-American. Lauren will also be training this coming year for the Olympics in London next summer.



Taylor Fedun (Edmonton, AB), the Captain of the Men's Hockey Team and an All-IVY & ECAC honoree, received the Roper Trophy as one of the top male athletes in the Class of '11. Taylor has signed an NHL contract to play for his hometown Edmonton Oilers. Interestingly, it was the third time in four years that a member of the Men's Hockey team from Alberta –following Mike Moore '08 (Calgary) and Lee Jubinville '09 (Edmonton) – had been named to receive the Roper Trophy.

Two senior members of the University's Squash teams – **Jackie Moss** and **David LeTourneau**, both of whom hail from Calgary – received All-American recognition.



Jackie Moss



David LeTourneau

Finally, **Cam Ritchie** (Edmonton, AB), the co-president of Princeton Canadians, was named the outstanding student-athlete in the Engineering School. He was a stalwart defender on the University hockey team.



Cam Ritchie

Concluding Remarks and Looking Forward

2010-11 was thus another successful year for Canadian Studies at Princeton and Canadian students at Princeton. None of this would have been possible without the help and encouragement of the representatives. Their ideas and leadership have been essential.

This year, the "Princeton Canadians" was led by co-Prime Ministers **Caroline Boulos '11** (Ottawa, ON) and **Cam Ritchie '11** (Edmonton, Alb) who were of great help with organizing numerous student events and outings during the year. Caroline majored in the Woodrow Wilson School and will be doing consulting work next year for the Monitor Group in Toronto, and Cam, a Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering major who was named the outstanding student-athlete in the Engineering School, will be playing professional hockey. We wish them the very best for the future.

Next year, the Princeton Canadians will be led by **Marc Hagel '12** (Hamilton, ON) and **Sarah Wiley '13** (St. Catharines, ON).

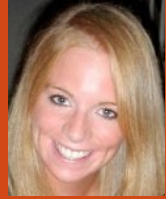
With best wishes from Princeton,

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