

# Princeton University Canadian Studies



# Annual Report

for academic year **2013-2014**

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# THE FUND FOR CANADIAN STUDIES

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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.

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. Additionally, for over twenty years, the Fund has provided generous support for the University's libraries, augmenting the collection of books and periodicals related to Canada.



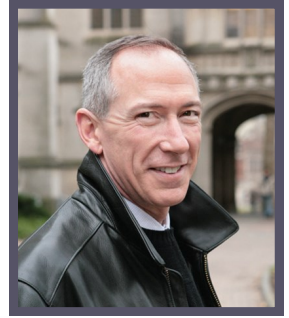
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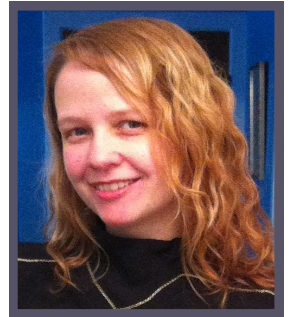
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# ACADEMIC EVENTS & GUEST SPEAKERS

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Canadian Studies sponsored and co-sponsored an exceptional lineup of events during 2013-14.



Jean-Francois Godbout

On the evening of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Fall 2013 L.G. Pathy Visiting Professor, **Nino Ricci**, hosted the U.S. premiere documentary screening of *Extraordinary Canadians: Nino Ricci on Pierre Elliott Trudeau*. Directed by the award-winning documentarian Helene Klodawsky and produced by PMA Productions, the documentary film is based on Ricci's book in Penguin Canada's *Extraordinary Canadians* series. At the conclusion of the film screening, Ricci participated in a Q&A session, followed by a meet and greet and book signing.



Nino Ricci introduces the film

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, **Jean-Francois Godbout** held a lunch workshop for faculty and students entitled "Legislative Voting in the Canadian Parliament." Dr. Godbout, an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Montreal, was appointed as a Visiting Research Scholar in the Woodrow Wilson School and the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics at Princeton during the 2013-14 academic year. His research is primarily focused on democratic processes and political institutions.

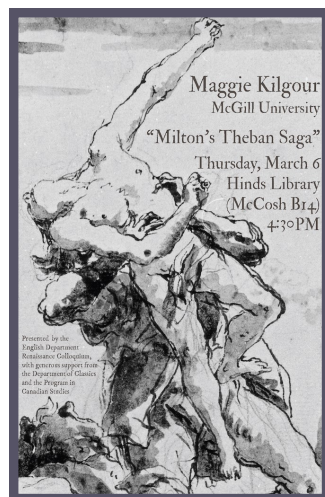


Jeremy Adelman introduces Nino Ricci prior to the screening



Selection of Ricci's works at the post-screening book signing

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Fund for Canadian Studies co-sponsored the English Department's Renaissance Colloquium keynote lecture by **Maggie Kilgour**, entitled "Milton's Theban Saga." The Renaissance Colloquium is committed to providing a forum for graduate students, faculty, and visiting scholars to gather and discuss current topics in early modern studies. Maggie Kilgour is the Molson Professor of English Language and Literature at McGill University.



Maggie Kilgour keynote lecture



Lunch discussion with participants of "A Rhythm Party"



Aisha Sasha John

The Fund for Canadian Studies co-sponsored a *Poetry@Princeton* event held from May 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, entitled "**A Rhythm Party**." The event brought together visiting poets, faculty, students, and special guests for a two-day celebration of hospitality, poetics, creativity and inspiration. In addition to various discussions and workshops, the event featured a poetry reading by four visiting Canadian poets from Toronto - **Aisha Sasha John, Erin Robinsong, Mat Laporte, and Liz Howard**.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

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Each year, Canadian Studies collaborates with the “Princeton Canadians” Club to offer social events and activities for Canadians and other friends on campus.

To ring in the academic year, we invited new and old members of the Princeton Canadian community to the **Annual Welcome Luncheon**, held on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Princeton Campus Club.



Students enjoy each other's company at the Annual Welcome Luncheon



A sunny day to celebrate the new academic year with our Canadian students and friends

Attendees were treated to a full, catered buffet and received complimentary “Princeton Canadians” t-shirts!



2013-14 Princeton Canadians t-shirt



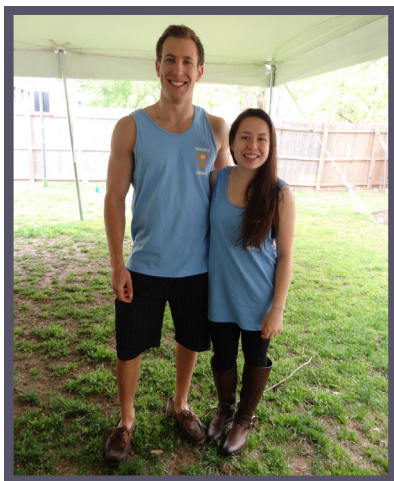
On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, students, faculty, and friends gathered in the beautiful Mathey College Common Room to celebrate **Canadian Thanksgiving**. The complimentary feast – featuring a variety of foods suited to the season – drew a substantial turnout, as always! Professor Jeremy Adelman and Mimi Pichette addressed the crowd to describe the mission of the Fund for Canadian Studies and the “Princeton Canadians” Club, respectively. Furthermore, in the generous spirit of the season, guests donated canned goods for local families in need.



The Mathey College Common Room, a regal setting for the Canadian Thanksgiving Dinner!

To celebrate the end of the academic year, the “Princeton Canadians” held the **Annual Barbeque** on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 on the Dod Courtyard Lawn. The sizeable crowd dined on an assortment of delicious foods while taking advantage of the shade of a big tent.

Each attendee was also treated to a free “Princeton Canadians’ tank, a nice touch considering the impending summer heat!



Organizers of the successful BBQ, Kevin Mills '15 and Kelsey Dennison '16



Students gather to celebrate the end of the year

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## 2013-2014 FUNDING AWARDS

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The Fund for Canadian Studies is an avid supporter of research related to Canada. During the 2013-2014 academic year, Canadian Studies provided funding to a number of members of the Princeton Canadian community to pursue their research on a wide variety of exciting and interesting topics, including the following projects:

- **Karen Skinazi**, Lecturer, Princeton Writing Program, Princeton University:  
Research Funding Award for July 2013 travel to Montreal to study the relationship between Hasidic Jews and Quebecois in Quebec. Karen's research trip resulted in an article published in Tablet Magazine, a daily online magazine of Jewish news, ideas, and culture.
- **Michael Barany**, PhD Student, History of Science Department:  
Graduate Research Funding for travel to international archives in Toronto, to research important Canadian connections in the international organization of mathematics in the 1940s and 1950s, particularly with regard to differing responses to Communist mathematicians in the United States and Canada.
- **Liliane Ehrhart**, PhD Student, French and Italian Department:  
Graduate Research Funding for Summer 2014 travel to the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, the National Film Board, and the archives of the Cinéma québécois in Montreal, so as to collect and review data on Canadian writers such as Anne Hébert, Denys Arcand and Bernard Emond, among others.
- **Catherine Evans**, PhD Student, History Department:  
Graduate Research Funding for Summer 2014 travel to the Canadian National Archives in Ottawa, the Archives nationales in Montreal, and the Saskatchewan provincial archives in Regina, Canada, to enrich her research on Louis Riel, the Métis leader who led an uprising against the Canadian government in 1884-1885.
- **Matthew Spellberg**, PhD Student, Comparative Literature Department:  
Graduate Research Funding for Summer 2014 travel to the Kluane Lake Research Station in the Yukon, Canada, so as to continue his ethnographic and historical research into the dream-lives of individuals living in remote parts of the Canadian wilderness.



- **Ari Satok**, Undergraduate Sociology Major, Class of 2014:  
Senior Thesis Research Funding Award to support January 2014 travel to United World College, Pearson Campus, Victoria, British Columbia. Ari's thesis research involved a comparison of two educational models (United World Colleges and Princeton University), examining the ways in which these models impart values relating to intercultural understanding as well as commitment to the service of their students.
- **Divya Farias**, Undergraduate Anthropology Major, Class of 2015:  
Senior Thesis Research Funding Award to support Summer 2014 ethnographic fieldwork with the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation in Edmonton, Fort McMurray and Fort Chipewyan, Canada. Divya's research approach was two-fold: 1) to investigate how the people of the ACFN relate to the environment physically, conceptually, and spiritually, and 2) to understand ACFN's ambitious challenge to the industry-government scheme of the tar sands project in the context of these relationships to the land and the sense of cultural identity they represent.

The Fund for Canadian Studies also provides support to students to participate in various extracurricular programs and activities related to promoting Canada and Canadian culture, including French language training, internships and sporting activities. In 2013-14, the fund provided this type of support to the following students:

- **Sean Toland**, PhD Student, German Department:  
Summer 2014 Funding Award to study French language at McGill University's Quebec Summer Studies Institute, working towards a project on the literacy heritage of the Germanic Romantic classical music tradition.
- **Ana Roxana Pop**, Undergraduate Physics Major, Class of 2015:  
Student Internship in Canada Funding Award to hold Summer 2014 internship at the Perimeter Institute, Waterloo, Canada.

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## RICHARD D. CHALLENGER '44 SR. PRIZE

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Established in 2000 in honor of Professor Richard D. Challenger, Princeton Class of 1994, the Challenger Prize is awarded to an undergraduate senior in any department or program who shall have submitted a senior thesis of outstanding quality on a topic having to do with Canada (of substantial relevance to Canadian culture, themes, experiences or issues).

In 2013-2014, Canadian Studies commended two seniors for their outstanding theses:

**Sally Butler '14**, an English major from Etobicoke, Ont., won the prize for her thesis entitled “The Puzzle Takes Over: Perceiving Disease In All Its Complexity.” Sally’s thesis conveys the story of *H. pylori*, an infectious bacterium responsible for gastritis, peptic ulcers, and, in a subset of cases, stomach cancer. As part of her research, Sally traveled through the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, observing first-hand an *H. pylori*-centered health intervention in a remote Aboriginal community.



Sally Butler '14

After graduation, Sally will work for a year as Regional Program Coordinator for *Reach Out and Read*, an American non-profit organization that advocates for childhood literacy. Upon completion of that role, she will enroll in Columbia University’s Premedical Postbaccalaureate Program before applying to medical school.

**David Mackasey '14**, a Politics major from Beaconsfield, QB, won the prize for his thesis entitled “Canada’s Own The Podium Initiative: A Case Study in the Political Manipulation of Olympic Success.” David’s thesis topic enabled him to meld three topics of particular interest to him: politics, Olympic sport, and his home country. His thesis research focused on an analysis of the effects of Olympic results on Canada’s federal election outcomes, before and after the implementation of the ‘Own the Podium’ program.



David Mackasey '14

After graduation, David will work with Eastdil Secured Wells Fargo, a real estate investment bank.

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## L.G. PATHY VISITING PROFESSOR IN CANADIAN STUDIES

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**Nino Ricci** was awarded the L.G. Pathy ‘56 Visiting Professorship in Canadian Studies for the fall 2013 semester. Ricci received a B.A. in English literature from York University, Toronto and a Master’s in Creative Writing from Concordia University. As an award-winning author, Ricci’s novels have been published to critical acclaim around the world. His works include the *Lives of Saints* Trilogy, *Testament*, and *The Origin of Species*, which earned him the Canadian Authors Association Fiction Award as well as his second Governor General’s Award for Fiction.

Ricci’s teaching experience has spanned three decades. He has taught workshops and held writing positions at institutions across Canada and the U.S., including Concordia University, York University, Assumption University, the University of Windsor, John Carroll University, Bridgewater College, and Colorado College. He has served on the faculty of The Humber School for Writers since 1992, and is a past president of the Canadian Centre of International PEN, a writers’ human rights organization. In 2006, he was the inaugural winner of the Alistair MacLeod Award for Literary Achievement,

and in 2010 he was the recipient of York University’s Pinnacle Achievement Award.

During his appointment at Princeton, Ricci taught an undergraduate course for the English Department, a seminar entitled “Nationalism and Internationalism in the North American Novel.” His course included visits by two distinguished and prolific Canadian writers, **Alistair MacLeod** and **Nicole Brossard**. Ricci also hosted the U.S. premiere screening of a documentary film based on his *Pierre Elliott Trudeau*, a short biography that forms part of Penguin’s *Extraordinary Canadians* series.

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## PRINCETON CANADIANS IN THE NEWS

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**Kimberly Newell '16**, from Vancouver, B.C., is the starting netminder for the women's hockey team. She was twice named the ECAC Goalie of the Week in 2013-14 and finished the season with a .906 save percentage. Newell was a member of the Canadian Women's National Development Team selection camp roster this summer, following her experience on the U18 team. As a member of the U18 team in 2012-13, she won a gold medal at the 2013 IIHF U18 Women's World Championship.



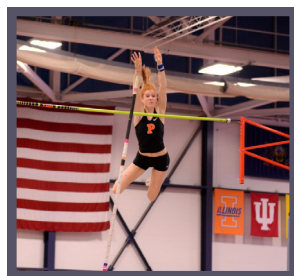
Kimberly Newell '16



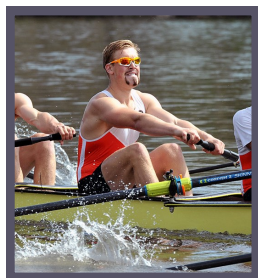
Mike MacDonald '16

**Mike MacDonald '16**, from Georgetown, Ont., is a two-time All-Ivy League attackman and three-year starter for the men's lacrosse team. He enters his senior year 18<sup>th</sup> all-time at Princeton with 84 career goals and 19<sup>th</sup> all-time with 130 career points, and his 43 goals as a sophomore are the sixth-best single-season total in program history. He led Princeton in assists as a junior.

**Allison Harris '17**, from Toronto, Ont., competes primarily in the pole vault for the women's track & field team. She was the Ivy League runner-up during the 2014 indoor season to capture second-team All-Ivy League honors, and was a scorer during the outdoor season. Harris' personal best of 3.95m ranks in the top-5 all-time at Princeton.



Allison Harris '17



Martin Barakso '16

**Martin Barakso '16**, from Nanaimo, B.C., moved into the varsity eight last season and helped the Princeton heavyweight rowing team placed fourth at the IRA national championships, its best finish in eight years. Last summer, he won a gold medal for Canada at the U-23 World Championships.

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## GIVING THANKS & LOOKING AHEAD

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We are happy to report that 2013-2014 was another a successful year for the Fund for Canadian Studies, and for Canadian students at Princeton. None of this would have been possible without the help and encouragement of the student representatives.

Led by co-Prime Ministers **Kevin Ross '14** (Cranbrook, B.C.) and **Mimi Pichette '14** (Montreal, QB), the "Princeton Canadians" brought several events to campus in 2013-2014, including the Welcome Back Party, the Canadian Thanksgiving Dinner, and the End of Year BBQ!

After graduating in June 2014 with a BSE degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Kevin Ross joined *Environ* in San Francisco, California as an Air Quality Associate. During his time at Princeton, Kevin was a member of Princeton Men's Ice Hockey team and earned the George J. Mueller Award for high scholarly achievement in the study of engineering with quality performance in intercollegiate athletics.

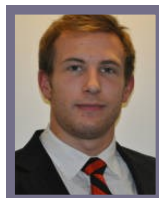


Kevin Ross '14



Mimi Pichette '14

After graduating in June 2014 with an AB degree in Politics and a certificate in African Studies, Mimi Pichette spent the summer in Montreal, as well as across the US, visiting with family and friends before moving full time to Lusaka, Zambia. She will work for a social enterprise called *Zoona*, a start-up that provides a means of mobile payment transfers for small businesses.



Kevin Mills '15

Kevin and Mimi were greatly assisted with event planning by **Kevin Mills '15** (Calgary, A.B.) and **Kelsey Dennison '15** (Vancouver, B.C.), both of whom will serve as co-Prime Ministers in 2014-2015!

With best wishes from Princeton,

**Jeremy Adelman**

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Walter Samuel Carpenter III Professor of Spanish Civilization and Culture



Kelsey Dennison '16

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