

Princeton University
Canadian Studies



Annual Report

for Academic Year **2007-08**

The Fund for Canadian Studies

Since 1991, the Fund for Canadian Studies has supported teaching and research relating to Canada at Princeton University. In close cooperation with the Princeton Canadians Club, the fund has also fostered Canadian community life on campus. Canadian Studies organizes courses, speakers, conferences, and social activities relevant to Canada, as well as offering funding for undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty who are conducting research about Canada.

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Alan Patten
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Academic Events and Guest Speakers

This year, Canadian Studies sponsored a series of academic events featuring an exceptional lineup of speakers.



Author Rudy Wiebe
Photo by Yiftah Elazar

On November 1, Canadian diplomat **Jeremy Kinsman '63** was the guest of honor at a dinner for Princeton students interested in a career in Canada's Foreign Service.

Acclaimed Canadian author **Rudy Wiebe** visited Princeton on November 8 to talk about his new prize-winning book, *Of This Earth: A Mennonite Boyhood in the Boreal Forest*.

George Toombs, the award-winning Canadian journalist and author of the recently released *Robber Baron: Lord Black of Crossharbour*, came to Princeton on December 6 to speak about Conrad Black, one of Canada's most controversial figures.

Renowned Canadian environmentalist **David Suzuki** delivered a lecture on February 12 titled "Sustainability: The Real Challenge" to a packed audience in McCosh 50, the largest lecture hall on campus. This event was co-sponsored by Princeton Canadians, the Office of Sustainability, Outdoor Action, Forbes College, and the Program in Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

David Suzuki
Photo by Yiftah Elazar



Poet George Murray
Photo by Yiftah Elazar

On March 4, Canadian poet **George Murray** offered a workshop on his innovative approach to poetry featured in his recent book *The Rush to Here*.

Canadian writer **Lawrence Hill** came to Princeton on April 3 to discuss his new novel and slave narrative *Someone Knows My Name*, which reached number one on the Canadian best-sellers' list this spring under the title *The Book of Negroes*.

"Writing and Rewriting Native History and Why It Matters" was the theme of a full-day workshop that was hosted by Professor **Arthur Ray** and took place on April 18. The workshop focused on the historical research that has shaped the public's understanding of Native People in Canada and the United States, and the ways that this research has affected Native People's economic and legal rights.



Author Lawrence Hill
Photo by Yiftah Elazar



From left to right: Antonia Maoini, Ted Marmor, and Uwe Reinhardt.

On April 28, a panel discussion titled "The Healthcare Debate: Lessons from Canada, Implications for the U.S." brought a number of leading experts on Canadian and American health policy to Princeton, including Yale University's **Ted Marmor**, and McGill University's **Antonia Maoini**. The opening comment was offered by Princeton Professor **Uwe Reinhardt**. This event was co-sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School.



Jim Flaherty '70
Photo by Sameer A. Khan

Last, but certainly not least, Canadian Studies was thrilled to bring Canadian Finance Minister **Jim Flaherty '70** to Princeton on April 28 to meet with Canadian undergraduate and graduate students and discuss pressing issues related to Canada's economy, foreign policy, and social welfare programs.

Social Events

Canadian Studies teamed up with Princeton Canadians to offer a variety of social activities that brought together Canadian graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, and friends of Canada at Princeton.

We got the puck rolling this year with our annual Welcome Lunch on September 26, an opportunity for members of the Canadian community to get to know each other and to learn more about our program. More than 200 members of the Canadian community came out to feast on turkey, stuffing, and more at our Canadian Thanksgiving Dinner held on October 8, which featured remarks by Canadian diplomat **Jeremy Kinsman '63**. On December 13, Canadian Studies and Princeton Canadians brought two bus loads of students to Philadelphia to watch the Flyers face off against the Montreal Canadiens.



Jeremy Kinsman '63
Photo by Yiftah Elazar

Hockey fans were also attracted by our annual "Hockey Night in Princeton," a fully decked-out night of Canadian pride at Baker Arena. This year, the event took place on February 8 and featured the Princeton men's hockey team battling Brown University, winning a hard-fought game with a score of 3–2. Go Tigers! Princeton Canadians sponsored the final social activity of the year, a barbeque at Spelman Lawn on May 2 featuring a hit list of Canadian music and lots of good food.

Funding and Awards

Research Funding

This year, Canadian Studies provided funding to a number of graduate and undergraduate students to pursue research in or about Canada. **Natasha Lavdovsky '09**, a visual arts certificate student, received funds for her junior independent project on the landscapes of British Columbia. Sociology graduate student **Phillip Connor** was awarded a grant for his research on religiosity among Canadian immigrants. Politics graduate student **Andrew Owen** and Woodrow Wilson School graduate student **Jeff Colgan** both received funding to present their research at the Canadian Political Science Association annual convention in Vancouver. History graduate student **Tomiko Ballantyne-Nisbett** was awarded funding for her research on the history of Toronto's Caribana Festival. **Cynthia Nazarian**, a graduate student in comparative literature, also received a grant for her research at the University of Toronto's Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies.



Tomiko Ballantyne-Nisbett
Photo courtesy of Tomiko Ballantyne-Nisbett

Summer Internships

Canadian Studies was pleased to fund two undergraduate students for their unpaid public service work in Canada. **Francis Grehan '10** interned at the Saskatchewan Rowing Association in Saskatoon, at a camp for teens overcoming addictions. And **Whitney Chapman '09** worked at Moncton Headstart, an organization that provides assistance to families in poverty.

Canada Summer Scholarship Program

Two Princetonians benefited this year from Canadian Studies' Canada Summer Scholarship Program, which provides funding for students to participate in French immersion programs at Canadian universities. **Florence Nwannunu '11** went to Montreal's McGill University for an intensive French course at its Quebec Summer Studies Institute. Electrical engineering student **Stephen Ma '11** went to Quebec City to study French at the l'Ecole de langues at Laval University.

L. G. Pathy '56 Visiting Professorship in Canadian Studies

This year, the Pathy chair was held by Professor **Arthur Ray**, a historian at the University of British Columbia. A distinguished scholar of Native People's history in Canada and the United States, Ray taught two seminars in the Department of History (one of which was cross-listed in anthropology). The seminars had excellent enrollments, with a majority of students in each one hailing from outside of Canada.



Professor Arthur Ray
Photo courtesy of
Arthur Ray

Canadian Studies has awarded the 2008–09 Pathy Chair to **Joan Sangster**, a Professor of History and Women's Studies at Trent University, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and a recent recipient of a prestigious Canada Council Killam Fellowship. The author of four books, and co-editor of five collections, Sangster has published widely in the areas of gender and women's history, working-class history, law and criminology, and Aboriginal history.

Her most recent books, *Regulating Girls and Women: Sexuality, Family, and the Law, Ontario 1920–60* and *Girl Trouble: Juvenile Delinquency in English Canada*, explore the class, "race" and gendered dynamics of girls' and women's conflicts with the law, while her current book project, *Transforming Labour*, is a study of the changes in women's paid labor, union organizing, and political consciousness in the post-World War II period. In addition to joining our Canadian community next year, Sangster will be spending time in Princeton's Program in the Study of Women and Gender.

Sangster's fall 2008 course is titled: "Women and Gender Relations in North America: Historical Issues and Interpretations."



Professor Joan Sangster
Photo courtesy of Joan
Sangster

Canadian News at Princeton

Canadian players this year had the most successful season in Princeton hockey history. The team captured both the Ivy and ECAC championships and qualified for the NCAA.

Mike Moore '08 from Calgary, the captain of the team, and **Lee Jubinville '09** from Edmonton, the top scorer in both the Ivy League and the ECAC, were both named first team All-Americans. Moore also won the ECAC defenseman of the year as well as the Roper Trophy—the top award for male athletes at Princeton. He signed a contract with the San Jose Sharks. The Princeton women's hockey team, with nine Canadian players, also played a solid season, finishing fifth

in the ECAC. **Kristen Young '09** from Calgary was awarded an honorable mention at the all-Ivy, and **Laura Martindale '11**, of Kingston, Ontario, received a rookie award from ECAC.

Landis Stankieveh '08 from Trochu, Alberta, was named a Rhodes Scholar in December, one of 11 Canadians

nationwide and one of three Princetonians this year. This mechanical and aerospace engineering major was also named the co-winner of the Pyne Prize, the highest general distinction that the University confers upon an undergraduate each year. He also was awarded the Class of 1916 Cup at graduation, awarded annually to the scholar-athlete in the senior class with the highest academic standing.



Photo by Beverly Schaefer



Landis Stankieveh
Photo by John Jameson

Kyle Hagel '08 and **Michael Moore '08** will be succeeded as the leaders of the Princeton Canadians by a cabinet which includes **Liz Consky '10** (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario), **Will Harvey '09** (Vancouver, British Columbia), **Steph Hill '10** (Kelowna, British Columbia), **Cam MacIntyre '10** (Sooke, British Columbia), **Mariesa Mason '09** (Abbotsford, British Columbia), **Jarlath Rodgers '10** (Toronto, Ontario), and **Lauren Wilkinson '11** (Vancouver, British Columbia).



Mike Moore and Kyle Hagel
Photo by Beverly Schaefer

Canadian Studies would like to extend special thanks to **Kyle Hagel '08** and **Michael Moore '08** for all their hard work building the Canadian community on campus. We would also like to express our gratitude for the continued support and friendship of Director of Stewardship **Jotham Johnson '64** as well as local writer Lauren Davis.

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