The Fund for Canadian Studies

The Fund for Canadian Studies has strived to bring Canada to life at Princeton University since 1991. Canadian Studies seeks to build an academic community for those interested in the study of Canada on campus, through its support of teaching, research, speakers, and conferences. At the same time, Canadian Studies serves as the backbone of the social community for those interested in Canada at Princeton, working in close cooperation with Princeton’s Canadian Club to offer a variety of social events throughout the academic year.

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Canadian Studies organized an exceptional lineup of academic events during 2008–09.

On October 1, Canadian Studies’ Pathy Professor Joan Sangster delivered a lecture titled “Modernizing Colonialism: Aboriginal Women and Work in Post-World War II Canada,” which was co-sponsored by Princeton’s Program in the Study of Women and Gender.

On October 6, University of Pennsylvania Professor of Politics Richard Johnston spoke about the challenges facing Canada’s political party system, and led a dinner-time discussion on Canada’s federal election.

Canadian author Barry Callaghan shared his insights about Canada’s literary tradition and did a reading from his essay “True Stories” on November 6, in an event co-sponsored by Princeton’s Whig-Clio Society.
On November 22, a full-day conference on the “Routes of Radicalism: Political and Social Movements in Canada and the U.S. during the Long Sixties” addressed the historical meaning and impact of the 1960s’ radical movements and thought on both Canadian and American societies.

**Taleeb Noormohamed ’98**, director of citizen engagement for the government of Canada, came to Princeton on December 5 to discuss the special challenges Canada faces in addressing the threat of domestic terrorism, and the lessons learned from both the successes and failures of Canada’s anti-terrorism policies.

On February 25, Canadian Studies was honored to bring world-renowned diplomat **Stephen Lewis** to Princeton, to speak about the global fight against AIDS. The event was co-sponsored by Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Health Grand Challenges initiative, Center for Health and Wellbeing, and University Center for Human Values.

Finally, Canadian poet and University of British Columbia professor **Lee Johnson** came to Princeton on March 23, sharing his insights about Canadian poetry and reading from a selection of his new work.
Social Events

Canadian Studies teamed up with the Princeton Canadian Club to offer a variety of social activities that brought together graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, and other friends of Canada at Princeton. The Canadian Studies Welcome Luncheon, held on September 26, attracted a huge crowd, providing an opportunity for members of the Canadian community to get to know each other and to learn more about our program. As a service to the community, Canadian Studies also collected voter registrations at the luncheon. Harvest-time comes early in Canada, and as always Canadian Studies sponsored a scrumptious Thanksgiving feast featuring turkey, pumpkin pie, and all the fixings, attracting more than 200 members of the Canadian community.
On October 14, a huge crowd gathered in the Frist television lounge for Canadian election night, watching the results as they poured in. No schedule of Canadian social events would be complete without hockey! On November 7, Canadian Studies sponsored an event at Baker Rink, where Princeton’s Canadians packed in to watch the Tigers face off against their longstanding rival, Cornell. Go Tigers! Canadians across campus came together on March 28 for a screening of the classic Canadian film Strange Brew. The Tragically Hip concert in Philadelphia on May 7 was a major highlight of this year’s social calendar, with busloads of students and staff coming out in full Canadian regalia to see their favorite band perform its top hits. Finally, the end of the year was “rung out” in true Canadian style with a full barbeque at Spelman Lawn on May 13, featuring a hit list of Canadian music and lots of good food.
Prizes and Funding

This year, Canadian Studies provided funding to faculty, as well as graduate and undergraduate students, to pursue research in or about Canada. Rachael Gabrielle Coffey ’09 was awarded the Richard D. Challener Thesis Prize in Canadian Studies, for her thesis titled “Newfoundland and Confederation: A Case Study in Determination of Nation Size.” Cam MacIntyre ’10 received funds for his senior thesis called “The Decline of the British Columbia Salmon Fishery and Its Effect on Coastal Communities.” Marjolaine Gauthier-Loiselle GS (economics) received funds to conduct research in Montreal about the impact of parental leaves on women’s wages in Canada. Padraic Scanlan GS (history) received support for his archival research in Canada and the United Kingdom, which relates to the history of early Victorian imperialism and British abolitionism. Phillip Connor GS (sociology) was awarded funds to conduct research on patterns of religious adaptation among Canadian immigrants. Charity Chan GS (music) received funds to present her research at two academic conferences in Canada and conduct interviews in Montreal about the role of institutions in music. Natasha Lavdovsky ’09 received funding for her senior research project on the landscape and natural processes shaping the geography of British Columbia and New Jersey. And psychology professor John Darley
was awarded a grant for his research titled, “Comparisons and Contrasts, Canadian and American Philosophies of Criminal Justice.”

**L. G. Pathy ’56 Visiting Professorship in Canadian Studies**

This year, the Pathy chair was held by **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. Sangster’s fall 2008 course was titled: “Women and Gender Relations in North America: Historical Issues and Interpretations.” Sangster also organized the November 22 conference on “Routes of Radicalism: Political and Social Movements in Canada and the U.S. during the Long Sixties.”
Canadian News at Princeton

The Princeton Tigers men’s hockey team won 22 games (more than any other team in Princeton hockey history) and participated in the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year. Lee Jubinville ’09, an All-American hockey forward from Edmonton, Alberta, was named the winner of the Roper Trophy as the top male athlete in the senior class. Stephanie Denino ’10 from Montreal was named captain of the women’s hockey team for the 2009–10 season. Neha Kumar ’10 from Oakville, Ontario, Jackie Moss ’11 from Calgary, Alberta, and Nikki Sequeira ’11 from Victoria, British Columbia, were all members of the women’s squash team that captured the Howe Cup this year, emblematic of the National Championship!

Justina Di Fazio ’09 from Burlington, Ontario, was named an All-American swimmer and helped lead the Princeton women’s team to their fourth consecutive IVY championship!

Canadian Studies chair Alan Patten was promoted in June 2009 from associate professor to full professor in politics. Congrats, Alan!

This year, the Princeton Canadian Club was headed up by “Prime Minister” Will Harvey ’09 from Vancouver, British Columbia, who was a big help with many Canadian Studies events. Thanks, Will! Next year, the Princeton Canadians will be led by Liz Consky ’10 from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, and Cam MacIntyre ’10 from Sooke, British Columbia. We would also like to express our gratitude for the continued support and friendship of Director of Stewardship Jotham Johnson ’64.