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 of 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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Academic Events and Guest Speakers

Canadian Studies organized an exceptional lineup of speakers during 2009-10.

The former head of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Rwanda, Lt. Gen. Roméo Dallaire, visited Princeton on November 9 to deliver his lecture “Conflict Prevention or Peacekeeping?” This event was co-sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

In February, David Dodge *72, former governor of the Bank of Canada, was a distinguished visitor to Princeton, co-hosted by Canadian Studies and the Department of Economics. During his week in Princeton, Dodge gave three lectures, met with groups of students and faculty, and caught up with some old Princeton friends, including President Shirley M. Tilghman. His February 23 lecture to a Canadian Studies audience was titled “Canada and the Financial Crisis: Prospects for the Future.”

On March 8, Uwe Reinhardt, Princeton’s James Madison Professor of Political Economy and professor of economics and public affairs, gave a lecture on the theme of “Social Values and Health Reform: Canada and the United States.”

Former Editor-in-Chief of the Globe and Mail William Thorsell *72 delivered a talk on March 25 titled “Not the USA: How Canada Deploys Political Power.”

National Post Editor Benjamin Errett spoke on April 26 about careers in the Canadian media.
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 18, 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. 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 300 members of the Canadian community.

On February 26, Canadian Studies sponsored an event at Baker Arena, where Princeton’s Canadians packed in to watch the men’s hockey team face off against its longstanding rival, Yale. Go Tigers!

On February 28, a sizeable crowd gathered in the Frist Campus Center television lounge to cheer along to the final Olympic hockey game featuring Canada vs. the United States. Canadian students packed into a bus headed for the Meadowlands on April 2 to watch the New Jersey Devils play the Chicago Blackhawks. Finally, the end of the year was "rung out" in true Canadian style with a full barbeque on April 30, featuring a hit list of Canadian music and lots of good food.
Funding and Awards

This year, Canadian Studies provided funding to a number of members of the Princeton community to pursue research in or about Canada. Francis Joshua Grehan ’10, a Woodrow Wilson School major, was awarded the Richard D. Challener Thesis Prize in Canadian Studies for his thesis titled “Grinding Misperceptions: An Analysis of Skateboard Parks and Crime.” Politics major Stephanie Hill ’10 received funds to support her research on governance in native communities in Canada. Charity Chan, a graduate student in music, was given support to chair a panel and present at the Guelph Jazz Festival and at a Guelph University Conference titled “Colloquium: Improvisation, the Arts, and Social Policy” which took place from September 9–13. Also, lecturer Jose Emmanuel Raymundo from the Program in American Studies and the Center for African American Studies was awarded a grant for his work on the impact of global health pandemics such as SARS on the Filipino Canadian community.

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

John Borrows was awarded the L.G. Pathy ’56 Visiting Professorship in Canadian Studies for the 2010–11 academic year. Borrows, who holds a Ph.D. in law, is the Robina Chair in Law, Public Policy, and Society at the University of Minnesota Law School and the Law Foundation Professor of Aboriginal Justice and Governance at the University of Victoria Law School. Borrows teaches in the area of Canadian and U.S. constitutional law, indigenous law, and U.S. federal Indian law. His book, Recovering Canada: The Resurgence of Indigenous Law, received the Donald Smiley Award for the best book in Canadian political science. He had two books published in April 2010 from the University of Toronto Press: Canada’s Indigenous Constitution and Drawing Out Law: A Spirit’s Guide. Borrows also is a recipient of an Aboriginal Achievement Award in Law and Justice, a fellow of the Trudeau Foundation, and a fellow of the Academy of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences of Canada, Canada’s highest academic honor. Borrows will visit Princeton in the spring of 2011, and will be teaching two courses, both in the Department Politics: a seminar titled “Law and Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the United States” and a lecture course called “Constitutional Law in Comparative Context: Federalism and Rights in Canada and the United States.”
Expressing Our Thanks and Looking Forward

Canadian Studies is saying adieu this year to two of its leaders: Alan Patten, who has served as chair of Canadian Studies for four years, and Jaime Kirzner-Roberts, who has served as executive director for three years. Both Alan and Jaime have had a wonderful experience working for Canadian Studies. We are very excited that Jeremy Adelman will be taking over as chair for the 2010–11 year.

We also must bid au revoir to a great friend of Canadian Studies: Director of Stewardship Jotham Johnson ’64, who will be retiring this year after 42 years of service to the University. Thanks for everything you’ve done for us over the decades, Jo! You will be sorely missed!

This year, the Princeton Canadian Club was led by “Prime Ministers” Liz Consky ’10 and Cam Maclntyre ’10, who were a big help with many Canadian Studies events. Thanks, Liz and Cam! Next year, the Princeton Canadians will be led by Caroline Boulos ’11 from Ottawa and Cameron Ritchie ’11 from Edmonton.