

Centre for American Studies

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Stephen Adams - New Publication

Professor Stephen Adams (English) has a new publication, "Philip Freneau's Summa of American Exceptionalism: 'The Rising Glory of America' without Brackenridge." *Texas Studies in Literature and Language* 55 (Winter 2013): 390-405. *Posted November 26, 2013.*

Tom Cull - PoetryLab, Nov 19

American Studies 1020 instructor Professor Tom Cull is presenting in the #PoetryLab sponsored by Public Humanities@Western. The event features four poets, and live music from London band, Wormwood. The event takes place in Conron Hall (UC 224), 7:30-9:00pm.

Arielle Stirling Wins Morrison Scholarship

Third-year student Arielle Stirling is the recipient of the Morrison Scholarship in American Studies for Academic Achievement, 2013. Arielle is in the Honors Specialization in Canadian-American Relations degree module. Congratulations on this impressive achievement! *Posted November 18, 2013.*

Speakers' Series Presents Alan MacEachern

The CAS Speakers' Series is pleased to present Professor Alan MacEachern, Department of History, Western University. Professor MacEachern's presentation, "Canada's Best Idea? Creating the American National Park Service in 1916", takes place Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 2:30pm, SSC 9420.

USC Teaching Honour Roll 2012-13

Congratulations to our CAS Faculty Affiliates; Dan Bousfield, Cristine De Clercy, Peter Ferguson (Political Science), Sonia Halpern (Women's Studies), Tim Blackmore, and Norma Coates (FIMS), who have received University Student's Council Honour Roll Excellence in Teaching Awards for 2012-13. *Posted November 4, 2013.*

In Memoriam - Professor John McDougall

On 22 October 2013, Professor John McDougall passed away at the London Health Sciences Centre as the result of complications caused by cancer. Professor John McDougall was a member of the Department of Political Science since 1974, and an active member of the Centre for American Studies. He taught international relations to generations of students, specializing in political economy. He was the author of three books: *Fuels and the National Policy* (1982), *The Politics and Economics of Eric Kierans* (1993), and *Drifting Together: The Political Economy of Canada - U.S. Integration* (2006). He will be greatly missed by his many friends at Western. An event at Western to celebrate John's life will be announced in due course. Donations in his memory to any charity or educational institution are gratefully appreciated.

Graham Shular - Conference Presentation

Graham Shular (MA 2013) will be presenting his paper, "Through the Cracks in the Wall: Permeability and Borderlands in Near Future Science Fiction," at the Border, Walls, and Security Conference, organized by the Center for Geopolitical Studies of the Raoul Dandurand Chair at the University of Quebec at Montreal, October 17-18, 2013.

Brett Wiepjes - Conference Presentation

MA Student Brett Wiepjes will be presenting a paper at the Department of History's upcoming student conference, "Dreams and Nightmares." Brett's paper, "Rockin' Automobiles: Sex and the Automobile's Transformative Impact on Society and Culture", will be presented on October 19, 2013.

Ben Muller - Guest Lecture

Professor Ben Muller (Political Science, King's) has been invited to give a guest lecture on US-Mexico border security at Queen's University's Surveillance Studies Centre. Professor Muller's presentation "Towards a 'Ferocious Architecture': preliminary reflections on the Sonoran borderlands", will take place on October 9, 2013.

Speakers' Series Presents Sergei Zhuk

We are pleased to welcome Professor Sergei Zhuk, Department of History, Ball State University, Indiana on Tuesday, October 8, 3:30pm, SSC 5220. Dr. Zhuk's presentation, 'Mediators': Cultural Roles of Soviet Americanists During the Brezhnev Era, is sponsored by the Department of History, the Centre for American Studies, and the Visiting University Scholar Program. *Posted September 30, 2013.*

Michael Arntfield - Published Article

Professor Michael Arntfield's (English & Writing Studies) article, "Out of Exile: The Recusal of the Chicago Police from American Film and Television, 1961-2011" has been published in the journal, *Canadian Review of American Studies Advance Online*, (10.3138/cras.2013.026). *Posted September 26, 2013.*

David Beitelman Named CFPS Deputy Director

Congratulations to David Beitelman (MA 2011) who was recently selected to be Deputy Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University. David completed an MA in Canadian-American Relations at Western and is currently a PhD candidate in Political Science at Dalhousie. *Posted September 20, 2013.*

Speakers' Series Presents Anthony Stewart

We are pleased to welcome **Professor Anthony Stewart**, Department of English, Bucknell University as the first guest of the 2013-14 CAS Speakers' Series. Professor Stewart's lecture, "Making Sense of the 'Post' and the 'Racial' in 'Post-Racial'" takes place on Thursday, September 19, 3:30pm, TC 342. *Posted September 10, 2013.*

Susanne Grainger & Women's Rowing Team Win Bronze at 2013 World Rowing Championships

The Canadian women's eight row team, including MA student **Susanne Grainger**, captured the bronze medal at the 2013 World Rowing Championships in Chungju, South Korea on September 1. Susanne, a student in the Canadian-American Relations program, is a member of the London Rowing Club. Congratulations to Susanne and the whole team! *Posted September 6, 2013.*

Nina Reid-Maroney - New Book

The Reverend Jennie Johnson and African Canadian History, 1868-1967, by Professor Nina Reid-Maroney (Huron) was published by the University of Rochester Press, April 2013. Congratulations! *Posted August 26, 2013.*

Neoamericanist Volume 6, Edition 2

The spring/summer 2013 issue of the online journal, *Neoamericanist* is now available. Please visit the Neoamericanist website to view this and all previous issues of the journal. *Posted July 2, 2013.*

Graduate Teaching Awards

Congratulations to MA students **Brendan Clements** and **Kelsey Kilgore** who were nominated for Graduate Students Teaching Assistant Awards for 2012-13. All award nominees were recognized at a reception hosted by the Society of Graduate Students and the Graduate Teaching Assistant's Union. Great job Brendan and Kelsey! *Posted June 20, 2013.*

Critical Issues Volume 12

Volume 12 of the CAS publication series Critical Issues of Our Time is now available. This issue's article is "US Pro-Choice and Pro-Life Groups Strategies since 1960", contributed by Melissa Haussman, Department of Political Science, Carleton University. The article, as well as all previous issues can be viewed here. *Posted June 14, 2013.*

Graduate Student Conference Presentations

MA students **Robyn Schwarz-Pimer** and **Nicole Winger** presented papers at conferences this month. Robyn presented her paper, "Hockey and 'The American Spirit': Situating the United States at Expo 67" at the History Graduate Student Association of the University of Ottawa's Annual Pierre Savard Conference, May 1-3, 2013. Nicole's paper, "Making it in New York City: The Supremes at the Copacabana, 1965" was presented at The International Association for Popular Music's annual conference, "Music and Labour" at McMaster University, May 23-26, 2013. *Posted May 29, 2013.*

Laura McGee Publication in Policy Options

Congratulations to **Laura McGee** (MA 2011) on the recent publication of her article, 'First Steps - How to encourage corporate social responsibility', in the May 2013 edition of the magazine *Policy Options*. Laura is a law student at the University of Toronto. *Posted May 7, 2013.*

Ben Muller Publication

Professor Ben Muller's (Political Science, King's University College) article, Visualizations of Conflict: The Bloody Barrier Constantly Renewed, is featured on the website opencanada.org as part of their in depth series on International Relations. The article discusses documentaries about U.S. forces. *Posted April 29, 2013.*

Body Electric Vol 1 Now Online!

The first issue of our new graduate journal, Body Electric is now available online! Congratulations to Editor-in-Chief Caroline Diezyn and the whole editorial team for bringing this exciting project to life. Follow Caroline and the editorial team on Twitter and check out Volume I online. *Posted April 25, 2013.*

CAS Prof Receives Western Green Award

American Studies 1020 instructor, **Professor Tom Cull** received special recognition at the 2013 Western Green Awards held on April 8. A year ago, Professor Cull founded the Thames River Rally, an organization dedicated to the cleanup of the Thames River. The story was featured in the April 11 edition of the Western News. Congratulations on this well-deserved award! *Posted April 11, 2013.*

Body Electric Coming Soon

The first issue of our new graduate journal The Body Electric is close to publication. Follow the progress of Caroline Diezyn and the editorial team on Twitter and check here for the online edition of the journal. *Posted April 5, 2013.*

Graduate Student Publication

Jacob Skinner's (MA 2012) article, "Constitutional Reasons to Support Gay Marriage in the United States", has been published in the CAS graduate student commentary page *Speaking Out*. Congratulations Jacob! *Posted April 2, 2013.*

New Department Reps

Congratulations to **Eric De Roos** and **Arielle Stirling** who have been elected as our American Studies Student's Council Department Representatives for 2013-14. *Posted March 25, 2013.*

Teaching Award - USC Honour Roll

Congratulations to **Professor Michael Arntfield** (FIMS) who has received the University Student's Council Honour Roll Excellence in Teaching Award for his American Studies course, *Crimes of the Century: The American Courtroom as a Place, Space, and Public Spectacle*. *Posted March 21, 2013.*

Wine & Cheese Social - March 25

The Centre for American Studies student club, The American Studies Association, will be hosting a **Wine & Cheese Social** at **The Wave** on **Monday, March 25, 5:00-7:00pm**. All American Studies students and faculty are welcome to attend. The event is sponsored by generous donations from the Social Science Student Donation Fund and the University Student's Council.

Speakers' Series Presents Christine Bold

We are pleased to welcome **Professor Christine Bold**, English and Theatre Studies, University of Guelph, as our final guest of the 2012-13 CAS Speakers' Series. Professor Bold's lecture, "Beyond the Frontier Club: Popular Westerns and Cultural Power Around 1900" takes place on **Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 2:30pm in SSC 9420**. Everyone welcome.

Critical Issues Volume 11

Volume 11 of the CAS publication series *Critical Issues of Our Time* is now available online. The article "The Commodification of Aesthetic Feeling: Race, Sexuality, and the 1920s Stage Model" was contributed by Associate Professor of History, and Director of the Centre for the United States and the American Studies Program at the University of Toronto, Elspeth H. Brown. *Posted February 14, 2013.*

Intent to Register Feb 1- Mar 31

Drop in counselling will be available during the Intent to Register period Feb 1 - Mar 31 in SSC 1003 from 9:30am-4:00pm.

Speakers' Series Presents Patrick Ryan

The CAS is pleased to present Professor Patrick Ryan, Childhood & Institutional Programs, King's University College as our next Speakers' Series guest. Professor Ryan's presentation, "Childhood and Disciplinary Institutions in Anglo-American Culture" takes place **Thursday, February 7, 2013, 2:30pm in SSC 9420**. Everyone welcome.

Ben Muller Presents at Berlin Conference

Benjamin Muller (Political Science, King's) presented his recently published chapter, "Borderworld: Biometrics, AVATAR and Global Criminalization," in F. Pakes, ed., *Globalisation and the Challenge to Criminology* (London: Routledge, 2012): 129-145, at the EastBorderNet conference, "Relocating Borders: A Comparative Approach," in Berlin, Germany this past weekend. His presentation focused on the use and development of border technologies in the Sonoran Borderlands of Sonora, Mexico and Arizona, USA. *Posted January 15, 2013.*

Social Science Student's Council Leadership Awards

Congratulations to fourth-year student **Patrick Sackville** who was the recipient of one of this year's Social Science Students' Council Leadership Awards. The awards recognize students for their impressive contributions to student life at Western. Patrick is a Department Representative for the American Studies program, and Co-President of the Political Science Association. Congratulations! *Posted January 15, 2013*

Speakers' Series Presents Jonathan Paquin

The Centre for American Studies is pleased to welcome Jonathan Paquin, Professor of Political Science, Laval University as our next Speakers' Series guest. Dr. Paquin's presentation, *The U.S. War in Afghanistan: Toward a Possible End in 2014?* will take place on **Thursday, January 17, 3:30pm in SSC 9420.**

Winter Course Registration

The last day to add a second-term half course **online** is January 12, 2013 at 11:59pm. Paper add/drop for second term courses is January 14 and 15, 2013. Some spaces are available in the selected topics class American Studies 2231G: *Crimes of the Century: The American Courtroom as a Place, Space, and Public Spectacle*. Please contact Christine Wall (cwall4@uwo.ca) if you require a special permission to enroll in this course.

Graduate Student Publication

Caroline Diezyn's (MA 2012) book review on D. C. Gill's *How We Are Changed by War: A Study of Letters and Diaries from Colonial Conflicts to Operation Iraqi Freedom* has been published in Vol. 30 (Autumn 2012) of the British journal *49th Parallel*. Caroline's book review can be viewed [here](#). Congratulations!