

CAS NEWS

Speakers' Series 2011-12

September 15, 2011

ELSPETH BROWN

University of Toronto

**The Commodification of
Aesthetic Feeling: Race, Sexuality,
and the 1920s Stage Model**

October 20, 2011

MELISSA HAUSSMAN

Carleton University

**Glass Ceilings, Being 'Likeable
Enough,' and Hosting Tea Parties:
Prospects for Women in U.S.
National Politics**

November 8, 2011

KEVIN WAMSLEY

Kinesiology, UWO

**Children of the Cold War Came
Marching In: The Case of Political
Gymnastics in the Age of
Hypercompetition**

January 25, 2012

STEPHEN BROOKS

University of Windsor

**American Exceptionalism:
Fact, Fiction, and Future**

February 7, 2012

DON ABELSON

UWO Centre for American
Studies/Canada-U.S. Institute

**First Impressions, Second
Thoughts: Reflections on the
Complex World of
American Think Tanks**

March 15, 2012

ANITA HILL

Brandeis University

**The Value of Belonging:
Reimagining Equality in the
21st Century**

IN THE NEWS

Speakers' Series 2011-12 Announced

The 2011-12 CAS Speakers' Series once again features a lineup of dynamic and diverse guest speakers. Our special guest this year is author and Professor of social policy, law, and women's studies at Brandeis University, [Anita Hill](#). Admission is free for all events, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please visit the [Speakers' Series](#) page on the CAS website for more information about these upcoming talks.

Speakers' Series Coordinator: [Monda Halpern](#); Events Assistant: [Anna Zuschlag](#)

CAS Welcomes Fulbright Visiting Scholar

[Dr. Michael Brescia](#), Head of the Research Division in the Arizona State Museum at the University of Arizona has been appointed as the Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies Visiting Scholar during the 2011-12 academic year. Dr. Brescia will be teaching a graduate seminar in Comparative Methodology and North American History this fall.

CANADA-U.S. INSTITUTE TO HOST JOURNALIST DAVID FRUM

The Canada-U.S. Institute is honored to welcome renowned author, journalist, and former special assistant to George W. Bush, [David Frum](#) to Western as the second guest of the CUSI Visiting Fellows Program in September. David Frum is the editor of [FrumForum.com](#), and the author of six books, including two *New York Times* bestsellers: *The Right Man: The Surprise Presidency of George W. Bush* (2003), and co-author with Richard Perle of *An End to Evil: How To Win the War on Terror* (2004). Frum is a regular commentator on American



Public Media's "Marketplace" program and writes regular columns for *Time* magazine, [CNN.com](#), *The Week*, and Canada's *National Post*. In 2001-2002, David Frum served as a special assistant to President George W. Bush. In 2007-2008, he served as senior foreign policy adviser to the Rudy Giuliani presidential campaign. *The Daily Telegraph's* 2007 and 2009 surveys named Frum as one of America's 50 most influential conservatives. Mr. Frum will deliver a lecture titled "[The Unhappy Giant: U.S. - Canada Relations in the Great Recession](#)" on **Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 4:30pm, North Campus Building 101**. A book sale & signing will follow the talk. Tickets are available at [InfoSource](#) or online: <http://frumatwestern.ca/>.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE INSTRUCTORS 2011-12

David Drysdale (1020 - Fall)
Andrea Gill (1020 - Winter)
Aldona Sendzikas (2200E)
Michelle Banks (2230F)
Michael Arntfield (2231G)
Dylan Cyr (3340F)
Joseph Wlodarz (3330G)

*“What you don’t
do can be a
destructive force.”*

Eleanor Roosevelt, United
Nations Diplomat,
Humanitarian, and First Lady
(1933-45)

FACULTY NEWS

New Book! Congratulations to **Aldona Sendzikas** (History) on the publication of her book **Stanley Barracks: Toronto’s Military Legacy**, released in February, 2011 (Natural Heritage Press, publisher). An official book launch took place at Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto on April 26th.

NEW TEAM MEMBER

The CAS extends a warm welcome to **Anna Zuschlag**. Anna joins the team this year as publication series *Critical Issues of Our Time* Editorial Assistant & Events Assistant.

PUBLICATION SERIES

Volume VI of *Critical Issues of Our Time*, **“An Adaptation From The Trouble With Billionaires”** was contributed by best-selling author **Linda McQuaig** (co-authored by Neil Brooks).

Welcome Back Students!

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Student Award Winner 2010-11

The Centre for American Studies is delighted to announce that **Zale Skolnik** has been awarded the Morrison Scholarship in American Studies for Academic Improvement for 2010-11. Zale graduated with an Honors degree Double Major in American Studies and English Language and Literature during spring convocation where he was also a gold medal recipient. He is currently pursuing a Canadian & American J.D. (Law) degree at the University of Detroit Mercy & the University of Windsor. We congratulate Zale on all his achievements, and wish him the best of luck in the future!



Department Representatives & American Studies Student Club

American studies students **Brendan Clements** and **Cody Kukay** are our two department reps on the Social Science Student Council 2011-12. This year we bid a reluctant farewell to **Laura McGee** and **Ross Heft**, the two students who were instrumental in forming the American Studies Association student club in 2010. Thanks Laura and Ross for your enthusiastic and ongoing support of the Centre for American Studies... you’ll be missed!



The American Studies Association Student Club Social at The Wave, March 14, 2011

Selected Topics Course Offerings 2011-12

AME 2230F: **The Superhero in the American Imagination**

AME 2231G: **Crimes of the Century:**

The American Courtroom as a Place, Space & Public Spectacle

AME 3340F: **Subversive Democracy: Understanding the Tea Party Movement**

AME 3330G/Film 3330G: **The Fog of War: Screening the Vietnam Conflict**

Other New Courses

(Can be credited to American Studies degrees with special permission):

History 3396F: **Atomic America:**

The U.S. during the 1950s

History 2133 (King’s):

Under Attack: Terrorism & Extremism in 20th Century America

History 4392E (King’s): **Terrorism USA**

Important Dates for

Undergraduate Students:

August 12: Web registration closes

August 26 – September 14:

Extended web registration

September 15 & 16:

Paper add/drop

GRADUATE COURSE INSTRUCTORS 2011-12

Rob MacDougall (9050A)
Ross Bullen (9000B)

GSTA AWARDS



MA students **Christen Cole** and **Lindsay Thornton** have been recognized for their outstanding work as TA's in 2010-11. Both students were nominated for GSTA (Graduate Student Teaching Assistant) awards this year. A reception for all nominees and award recipients was held in May. Congratulations on this well-deserved honour!

GRAD STUDENT BLOG

American Studies graduate students **Laura McGee** and **Christen Cole** have combined their talents to develop a news blog. NewsChecker is a blog for those who want to become informed about current events, but find most news outlets complicated and hard to understand. This student-run blog takes tricky issues and events and distills them to a simple, exam-style format: facts, context, and significance.

Laura, Christen, and guest contributors like fellow students **Brad St. Croix** and **Doug MacLean**, break down topics like 'the Dow Jones' and publish opinion pieces on controversial issues. NewsChecker invites readers to contribute by commenting on stories and by submitting longer opinion pieces. <http://newschecker.wordpress.com/>

GRADUATE STUDENT PAGE

Welcome New MA Students!

The Centre for American Studies extends a warm welcome to our incoming graduate students: **Drew, Tom, Brendon, Guillaume, Laura, Caroline, John, Mohsen, Courtney, Jessica, and Jacob**. We are very excited to begin the second year of our MA program and really look forward to meeting you at our September welcome reception and orientation session!

SEPTEMBER ORIENTATION EVENTS

American Studies Graduate Student Orientation Session

Tuesday, Sept 6, 11:00 am, Social Science Centre, Room 9434

CAS Graduate Student & Faculty Welcome Reception

Tuesday, Sept 6, 3:00 pm, Social Science Centre, Room 3036.



American Studies MA students and Faculty affiliates are invited to a welcome reception to enjoy some refreshments and meet fellow students, staff, and Faculty members.

School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies Student Orientation

Tue, Sept 6, 4:30-7pm, SSC 2050. To Register: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=44>

A Fond Farewell to the Class of 2010-11...



*Kevin Armitage, Dave Beitzelman, Christen Cole, Miles Hopper,
Doug MacLean, Laura McGee, Sarah Rider,
Brad St. Croix, Lisa Sutton, and Lindsay Thornton*

*The first students in Canada to be awarded the
Master of Arts Degree in American Studies!*

Congratulations and Good Luck!