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Faculty Publications, Presentations and Media Appearances

Rob MacDougall has received an award from The Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE). He was awarded the bi-annual Fishel-Calhoun Prize for the best article by a new scholar published in 2006 or 2007, for "Long Lines: AT&T's Long-Distance Network as an Organizational and Political Strategy," *Business History Review* 80:2 (Summer 2006).

Rob MacDougall's article, "The Wire Devils: Pulp Thrillers, the Telephone, and Action at a Distance in the Wiring of a Nation," *American Quarterly* 58:3 (September 2006), was shortlisted by the American Studies Association for its Constance Rourke Prize for the best essay published by *American Quarterly* in 2006.

Don Abelson presented a paper entitled "The role of think tanks in disseminating conservative ideas." at Institut d'Etudes Anglophone, University of Paris VII, December 16, 2006.

Don Abelson presented a paper entitled, "Les think tanks et la politique étrangère des États-Unis." at Institut d'Etudes Politiques, The University of Lyon, Lyon, France on December 13, 2006.

Don Abelson presented a paper at The American University of Paris, Paris, France on "Think Tanks and US Foreign Policy." on December 8, 2006.

Don Abelson presented a paper entitled, "American Think Tanks and US Foreign Policy." at Sciences Po, France on December 7, 2006.

Don Abelson was a guest speaker at the School of Policy Studies, Queen's University as part of its Westcoast Lecture Series on November 24, 2006. He presented a paper on Think Tanks and US Foreign Policy.

Don Abelson presented a paper on Think Tanks and US Foreign Policy at the Center for the Study of the United States, Munk Centre, University of Toronto as part of the F. Ross Johnson Distinguished Speaker Series on November 22, 2006.

Peter Ferguson was invited to give several interviews regarding the US Mid-term elections:

November 9, 2006: John Wilson, *AM 980*.

November 8, 2006: McArthur in the Morning, *The Hawk*.

November 8, 2006: John Gormley Show, *NTR*, Saskatoon.

November 8, 2006: John Wilson, *AM 980*.

November 8, 2006: Rita Celli, *CBC Radio*, Ontario Today.

November 8, 2006: Chris Lackner, *The Ottawa Citizen*.

November 8, 2006: *The X*.

Don Abelson has made a number of recent radio and television appearances to discuss the 2006 US Mid-term elections:

November 10, 2006: "The US Mid-term Elections and Beyond." Interview with *CFRB*- Toronto.

November 9, 2006: "The Democratically-Controlled Congress." Interview with *CIXX 106.9 FM*- London.

November 9, 2006: "The Resignation of Donald Rumsfeld." Interview with *CIXX 106.9 FM*- London

November 8, 2006: "The Fallout from the US Mid-term Elections." Interview with *CIXX 106.9 FM*- London.

November 8, 2006: "Donald Rumsfeld's resignation and political fallout in Washington." Interview with *CFRB Radio*- Toronto.

November 8, 2006: "The Results of the US Mid-term Elections." Separate interview with *CJBK Radio News Talk*- London.

November 8, 2006: "Next Steps: The US Mid-term Elections and Beyond." Interview with *CFOS Radio*- Owen Sound.

November 8, 2006: "Results of the US Mid-term Elections." Interview with *CJBK Talk Radio* with Steve Garrison, London

November 7, 2006: "The US Mid-term Elections." Interview with *CIXX FM 106.9 London*.

November 6, 2006: "The US Mid-term Elections and what they mean for Canada." Interview with *The Toronto Star*.

November 6, 2006: "The US Mid-term Elections." Interview with Scott Deveau, *The Globe and Mail*.

October 31, 2006: *Guest on To the Point with Jim Chapman, Rogers TV, London*.

October 30, 2006: "The US Mid-term Elections: An Overview." *CIXX FM 106.9 London*.

October 27, 2006: "The Impact of the US Mid-term Elections on Canada." *Squeeze Play -Report on Business TV*.

October 24, 2006: "The US Mid-term Elections and Canada." *CKLW Radio Windsor*.

Don Abelson was the guest of honour at the Canadian Embassy in Washington for the launch of his new book, *A Capitol Idea: Think Tanks and US Foreign Policy*. The event, sponsored by Alumni Western, took place on September 13, 2006, and was attended by Western alumni and friends as well as a number of American think tank representatives. View pictures: [1](#),[2](#),[3](#),[4](#),[5](#),[6](#)

Andrew Johnston gave a public lecture at the Universitat Tübingen, as part of his duties as a guest professor at Tübingen's Seminar für Zeitgeschichte (and funded by the Sonderforschungsbereichs)

on July 12, 2006. The talk was entitled: "The Iraq War in the Context of post-Cold War American foreign policy."

Andrew Johnston gave a paper entitled: " 'A functioning organism with its own voice': the Temporary Council Committee and the strategic origins of an Atlantic Community, 1951-1952," at a Colloquium at the University of Cergy-Pontoise, France on June 23, 2006. The colloquium was entitled **Communaute europeene, Communaute atlantique? Deconstruire les conceptions et representations de la Communaute atlantique dans les annees 1940-1950.**

Don Abelson was a guest on TV Ontario's afternoon program, *More 2 Life*, where he discussed political humour in the United States and in Canada, June 27, 2006.

Monda Halpern was invited to deliver a talk as part of a roundtable discussion on Canada's Rural History for the Agricultural History Society (U.S.) Annual Meeting at MIT in Cambridge, Ma., June 15-17, 2006. Her talk was entitled, "The Historiography of Agriculture, Farm Women, and Feminism in Early Twentieth Century Ontario."

Don Abelson presented a paper on his forthcoming book, *A Capitol Idea: Think Tanks and US Foreign Policy* at the Centre for International Politics, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK, on June 7, 2006.

Jack Blocker has been elected as Vice-President (2006-8) and President-Elect (2008-10) of the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.

Andrew Johnston spoke about George W. Bush's 2006 State of the Union address coast-to-coast on CBC Radio One, February 1, 2006.

Don Abelson was interviewed on CFOS Radio (Owen Sound) on December 14, 2005, about "David Wilkins and Paul Martin," and by the Canadian Press On December 13, 2005, on "Stephen Harper and the war in Iraq."

Don Abelson spoke to the UWO Alumni Association in New York City, November 10, 2005.

Andrew Johnston spoke to the Sarnia Alumni Association, November 17, 2005 in Sarnia.

Don Abelson was a guest on the A-Channel's *The Inquiry* on October 19, 2005, where he spoke on "The Clinton Legacy." On the 17th he also spoke on the A-Channel (London) and CBC TV (national).

Andrew Johnston spoke to local and national media about Bill Clinton's visit to London on October 17. He wrote an OpEd in the *London Free Press* (with the misleadingly harsh headline "A fraudulent presidency"). He also was interviewed on CBC Radio One, AM980 (London), Roger's TV (London), A-Channel News (London), CHRW (Western), CJBK (London), and CFOS (Owen Sound).

Rob MacDougall (History) "The Wire Devils: Pulp Thrillers, the Telephone and Action at a Distance in the Wiring of a Nation," *American Quarterly*, Volume 58, Number 3 (September 2006): 715-741.

Ian Steele (History) "Shawnee Origins of their Seven Years War," *Ethnohistory*, 53 (2006), 657-687.

Jack Blocker (History, Huron University College) "Race, Sex and Riot: The Springfield, Ohio Race Riots of 1904 and 1906 and the Sources of Anti-Black Violence in the Lower Midwest," *Ohio Valley History* 6 (Spring 2006): 27-44.

Jack Blocker (History, Huron University College), "Did Prohibition Really Work? Alcohol Prohibition as a Public Health Innovation," *American Journal of Public Health* 96 (February 2006): 233-243. It is also posted on the AJPH website (www.ajph.org).

Faculty Books

Donald Abelson (Chair, Political Science) *A Capitol Idea: Think Tanks and US Foreign Policy* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2006) This work reveals the extent to which think tanks in the United States have become active and vocal participants in the foreign policy-making process.