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Holiday Office Hours

Office hours Dec 6-19 are 9:00am - 4:00pm. The CAS office will be closed for the holiday season Dec 20-Jan 2 and will reopen at 9:00am on Jan 3, 2013. From everyone at the CAS, we wish you all the joys of the Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year!

Don Abelson's Media Appearances

CAS Director, Don Abelson took part in a number of media appearances focusing on the recent U.S. Presidential election, including radio interviews for AM 980, CJBK Newstalk, The World Today, CKNW Radio (Vancouver), and television appearances on The Morning Show, Global TV, CTV News Channel, and TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin. Professor Abelson also conducted interviews for Metro London, Telegraph Journal (New Brunswick) and CBC News.ca. Posted November 20, 2012.

Lunchtime Talk Nov 14- Geoffrey Hale

The Canada-U.S. Institute is pleased to welcome Dr. Geoffrey Hale (University of Lethbridge) for a lunchtime talk about his recent publication *So Near and Yet So Far: The Public and Hidden Worlds of Canada-U.S. Relations*. The book talk takes place Wednesday, November 14, 12:00pm, SSC 3036. A light luncheon will be available.

Speakers' Series Presents Michael Ignatieff

The Centre for American Studies is delighted to welcome our very special guest, writer, teacher, and former politician, Michael Ignatieff to Western in November. Mr. Ignatieff will be giving a lecture "Us and Them: Enemies and Opponents in Politics" followed by a book signing and sale. Thursday, November 8, 4:30pm. Lecture: SEB 1059, Book sale and signing: SEB 2100. This event is free and open to the public, Co-sponsored by the Canada-U.S. Institute.

New Graduate Journal

The Centre for American Studies is proud to introduce our new graduate journal in American Studies - *The Body Electric*. Launched in 2012 by a group of our MA students, led by Caroline Diezyn, this peer-reviewed journal will be the first printed graduate publication in Canada to focus on the study of the United States. The journal recently issued a Call for Papers for the inaugural issue. Posted October 29, 2012.

Grad Student Article Featured in London Free Press

Jacob Skinner's (MA 2012) article "Debate Performance May Help Romney" appeared in the London Free Press on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Jacob's article can be read [here](#).

A Forum on the U.S. Presidential Election

Join us for this always popular event as our panel of experts discuss the issues and possible outcome of the 2012 U.S. Presidential Election. Tuesday, October 30, 4:30pm, UC 224 (Conron Hall).

Book Award

Congratulations to Professor Aldona Sendzikas who was awarded the City of Toronto Award of Merit in the book category for her book, *Stanley Barracks, Toronto's Military Legacy*, at the Heritage Toronto Awards Ceremony held on October 9, 2012. The award "recognizes well-written non-fiction books that explore Toronto's archaeological, built, cultural and/or natural heritage and history"

Grad Student to Guest on Local Radio Show

Tom Cooke (MA 2012) will become a regular guest on 1290 CJBK Radio with Mike Stubbs and Al Coombs on the London in the Afternoon Show. Tom will be doing a weekly interview based on his PhD research in Science and Technology Studies at York University. The interviews will cover such topics as social media, smartphones, and state surveillance. Tune in on Fridays at 4:40pm to hear Tom's interviews. Posted October 11, 2012.

Speakers' Series Presents Rob MacDougall

The Centre for American Studies is pleased to present Associate Professor of History (Western) and CAS Associate Director, Rob MacDougall as our second guest of the 2012-13 Speakers' Series. Professor MacDougall's lecture, *The Killer App: How the Cold War Created Video Games and Vice Versa*, will take place on Tuesday, October 16, 12:30pm in SSC 5220.

New Student Council Reps

Congratulations to Patrick Sackville and Richard Placzek who have been elected as our Social Science Student Council department representatives for 2012-13. Posted October 3, 2012.

Graduate Student in Western News

Jacob Skinner (MA 2012) has an article published in the September 20 issue of *Western News*, "Does Romney's Evangelical Dilemma Matter?" Jacob is currently enrolled in the Political Science PhD program at Western, specializing in Local Government. The complete article can be viewed [here](#). Posted September 27, 2012.

Critical Issues Volume 10

Volume 10 of the CAS publication series *Critical Issues of Our Time* is now available. The featured article "Spectacular Olympic Bodies: From Hollywood to Hitler and Beyond" was contributed by Kevin B. Wamsley, Professor and Associate Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, Western, and Katie S. Butler. This article as well as all previous issues can be viewed [here](#). Posted September 19, 2012.

Speakers' Series Presents Colleen O'Brien

The CAS is pleased to welcome Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Dr. Colleen O'Brien, University of South Carolina - Upstate, as the first guest speaker of the 2012-13 Speakers' Series. Professor O'Brien's lecture, "America's Nightmare: Lincoln, Obama, and Racial Insurrection in U.S. Print Culture" will take place Wednesday, September 19, 3:30pm, TH 3102. Everyone welcome. Read more about Colleen O'Brien's research in the Western News.

2012-13 Speakers' Series Announced

The 2012-13 Centre for American Studies Speakers' Series once again promises a lineup of dynamic and diverse guest speakers. Our special guest this year will be Canadian author, academic and former Leader of the Liberal Party, Michael Ignatieff on November 8. Another highlight will be a Panel Discussion on the 2012 U.S. Election to be held on October 30. Please visit the Speakers' Series page for information about these upcoming events. Posted June 22, 2012.

2012 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Announced

The Centre for American Studies is pleased to announce this year's American Studies Fulbright Visiting Scholar will be Dr. Colleen O'Brien. Dr. O'Brien is an Assistant Professor of Early American Literature at the University of South Carolina-Upstate. Her research interests include hemispheric American studies and the history, literature, and culture of the nineteenth century. She earned her Ph.D. in English and Women's Studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and has published various journal articles on transnational race relations, gender and sexuality. Her first book manuscript, *Romance and Rebellion in the Nineteenth Century Americas*, is in review at the University of Virginia Press. During her time at Western Dr. O'Brien will be working on her second major project, *Metaphors of Heart's Blood and Home: Black Revolutionaries and Agrarian Freedom in the Americas*. She will also be teaching a fourth-year/graduate seminar American Studies/History course titled "Revolutionary Americas" in the fall. Posted May 15, 2012.