



Canadian Studies Network
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Annual General Meeting Agenda

29 October 2016, 1:00 to 2:30 pm
2017 Dunton Tower, Carleton University

1. Adoption of agenda
 - a. moved: Christl; seconded: Gwen Davis; approved.
2. Adoption of minutes from previous AGM: 3 October 2015
 - a. moved: Colin; seconded: Gwen Davis; approved.
3. Business arising
 - a. Jane thanks Peter Thompson and his team for organizing and hosting the conference. It is important for the CSN to hold its AGM in the context of a scholarly conference given its mandate to support and contribute to the scholarly and professional community in Canada.
4. President's Report (Jane Koustas)
 - a. Jane thanks membership and executive for its support. Special thanks to Colin, especially during the transition. Colin provided much valued advice. Andrea Beverley will be taking over as President. Thanks to Karli Whitmore for all of her hard work including, but not limited to, the web site. This is a very valuable tool that demonstrates the value of the CSN and provides excellent publicity. The web site is unique and increases the profile of the CSN. Jane conveys Karli's message to encourage membership and donations.
 - b. **Association for Canadian Studies in the US** conference in Las Vegas: The State of Canadian Studies After the Cuts (Roundtable)- Susan Hodgett (Pres ICCS), Maeve Conrick, Kenneth Holland (Pres), Robyn Morris (NZ and Australia). Addressed how cuts to international funding negatively affected programs in Canada: severely cut

opportunities for exchange, international scholars coming to Canada, Canadians participating on the international scene – upcoming conference.

- c. CSN represented at **Association for Canadian Studies in Ireland**, May 2016; Susan Hodgett was plenary speaker
- d. **ICCS**. Jane notes presence of Cristina Frias. CSN contributed to documents submitted by ICCS to Global Affairs with an expected meeting of Executive and Global Affairs in November. Mood is hopeful, given recent collegial conversations with officials in Global Affairs, in recent weeks and months. CSN supported candidacy of Stewart Gill who becomes president of ICCS on June 1, 2017. CSN supported ICCS application to Canada 150 project: “CANADA AND THE WORLD-VOICES TO AND FROM: 150 years of Canada and its image abroad”. This one-day symposium, open to the public, will explore the complexities of the image of Canada abroad. It will encourage a two way dialogue on Canada as it is perceived abroad and, in this 150th year, give insight into how others perceive Canada.” Project leaders: Melissa Haussmann from Carleton, Caroline Andrew (U of Ottawa). Panels will discuss how Canada is perceived with voices:
 - i. From Canada- made up of experts on Canada from within the country;
 - ii. To Canada- made up of experts on Canada from outside the country;
 - iii. Our Canada- made up of Canada’s expert diplomats who represent(ed) their country abroad and reflect upon the history of Canada’s relations abroad and future prospects.
- e. **ICCS- prizes:** Bailey Gerrits Graduate Student Scholarship “Towards Understanding Patterns of Canadian News Coverage of Domestic Violence.” PhD student at Queen’s
- f. Alain Gagnon receives the 2016 Governor General’s International Award for Canadian Studies.

- c. 2015 CSN Prize for the Best Book in Canadian Studies – **Raymond Blake's** *Lions or Jellyfish: Newfoundland-Ottawa Relations since 1957*. Thanks to **Andrew Nurse** for chairing this committee
- d. 2016 CSN Prize for the best undergraduate essay - **Emese Sykes** "Finding Community in Black Canadian Literature," from McMaster University. Thanks to **Andrea Beverley** for chairing this committee.
- e. 2016 CSN Prize for the Best MA or Equivalent Thesis - **Conor Falvey's** "Foregrounds: Mapping Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual History in Fredericton, 1969-1992," completed under the supervision of Professor Sasha Mullally, from the Department of History at the University of New Brunswick. Thanks to **Don Wright** for chairing this committee.
- f. 2016 CSN Prize for the best PhD dissertation in Canadian Studies - **Jane Griffith's** dissertation "News from School: Language, Time, and Place in the Newspapers of 1890s Boarding Indian Boarding Schools in Canada." Completed PhD in Dept. of Social Justice Education, York University. Nominated by the Robarts Center. This dissertation was awarded the Barbara Godard Prize for the Best York University Dissertation in Canadian Studies for 2015. Thanks to **Raymond Blake** for chairing this committee.
- g. 2016 CSN Book Prize currently being adjudicated. Peter Thompson is chairing the book prize committee: 36 submissions in English and French. This compares with 12-15 books in previous years, with a much wider representation from publishing companies.
- h. New prizes. 2016 Best article in the *JCS*. Prize is awarded annually for an outstanding scholarly article published in the Journal of Canadian Studies. Prize is granted to the best article in the volume of the JCS completed most recently prior to the deadline of August 1. The article may be written by one or more authors. **Andrea Bear Nichols** (St. Thomas University) has won for her article, "The Role of Colonial Artists in the Dispossession and Displacement of the Maliseet: 1790s-

1850s” (vol. 49, no. 2). **Colin Coates** chaired this committee. 2016 CSN Edited Collection Prize – almost thirty books for this prize as well. **Andrew Nurse** is chairing this committee. Prize still to be adjudicated. Jane recommends reviewing prize information on the website, especially for student members.

8. Advisory Board membership

- a. We have a 15 member Advisory Board. Members currently are:
- Satwinder Bains, University of the Fraser Valley, British Columbia, to 2017
 - Roberta Lexier, Mount Royal University, Alberta, to 2017
 - Raymond Blake, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, to 2017
 - Alain-G. Gagnon, UQAM, Québec, to 2018
 - Rinaldo Walcott, OISE, University of Toronto, Ontario, to 2017
 - Claire Campbell, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, to 2018
 - Pierre Anctil, Université d'Ottawa, Ontario, to 2018
 - Andrew Nurse, Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, to 2017
 - Christl Verduyn, Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, to 2017
 - Colin Coates, Glendon College, York University, to 2017
 - Julia Harrison, Trent University, to 2017
 - Gabrielle Slowey, York University, to 2017
 - Jonathan Luedee, University of British Columbia, British Columbia to 2017
 - Donald Wright, University of New Brunswick to 2018
 - Andrew Potter, McGill University to 2018

9. Elections

- a. One Executive position was open: Graduate Student Representative. Position is acclaimed, with one nomination – **Eyitayo Aloh** (Trent University). Tayo is a Second Year Doctoral student of Canadian Studies at Trent University. He has a background in communication

and 10 years experience working in the media. He has represented his colleagues on the Trent Graduate Students Association at the MA level and went on to handle the duties of being the VP of the Association a year later. He also has been involved at the executive level of the Popular Culture Association of Canada. Jane welcomes Tayo to the Executive.

10. Canada 150 project

- a. Jane notes that Colin brought attention to this idea. Colin then reviewed and explained for the AGM. The project involved panels created by students, organized by York faculty. Students provided an image of something meaningful to them (in Colin's example from 'home' because it was done with international students) and explain it. The model could be applied by CSN to have students identify objects that are meaningful to them in their constructions of their sense of identity? Could this be a Canada 150 project then hosted at a number of Canadian Studies programs across the country. CSN could lead/facilitate. Individual institutions would coordinate at their own universities, and then perhaps the panels could move collectively across the country. Deadlines for 150 funding seem to be rolling. But, we'd need an internal deadline for expressions of interest. Andrea offering to follow up with individual institutions. A number of institutions represented by faculty at the AGM express interest. Might be worthwhile also to circulate to institutional members for further expressions of interest.

11. Canadian Studies as a 'teachable' subject

- a. Perennially, this arises as an issue because it would be beneficial for Canadian Studies enrollments. Given significant changes in Ontario to the nature of B.Ed. programs (to two years), we are adopting a wait and see approach. Colin notes that it takes a long time for changes to be integrated into Faculties of Education (e.g. philosophy about 10

years). So, this will be a long term project that should remain on the agenda with hope for developments in future years.

12. Location of next AGM

- a. The next AGM is to be held at York, in association with a conference organized by **Marcel Martel** (Avie Bennett Historica Chair in Canadian History): October 12-14 at York in Toronto. 150 ideas that shaped Canada is the focus of the conference. Jane thanks Professor Martel.

13. *Journal of Canadian Studies* – Update

- a. Moved from Trent University to University of Toronto Press collections over the summer. Jane thanks folks for facilitating the transition: Marian Bredin (editor), Pierre Anctil (Chairman of the Board), Gwen Davies, Will Straw, Colin Coates. Jane encourages members to consider JCS for publication. Jane acknowledged the major contribution of Kerry Cannon (former managing editor) to the *Journal of Canadian Studies* and the field of Canadian Studies generally.

14. AOB

- a. Jane encourages members to consider Bridgewater State university fellowships (a Killam opportunity).
- b. Andrea thanks Jane for her leadership and intergenerational mentoring.

15. Adjourn

- a. moved: Tayo; seconded: Kevin; approved.

Appendix: Prize Committee Members 2016

Undergrad essay

Andrea Beverley (chair)

Katherine Roberts

Joe Blades

Book Prize

Peter Thompson (chair)

Will Straw

Jaime Yard

André Loiselle (added later because of number of submissions)

PhD Prize

Raymond Blake (chair)

Christl Verduyn*

Marian Bredin

MA Prize

Donald Wright (chair)

Elizabeth Dawes

Roberta Lexier

Best Article in *JCS*

Colin Coates (chair)

Gwen Davies

Pierre Anctil

Best Edited Collection

Andrew Nurse (chair)

Kevin Spooner

Pauline Rankin

Geoffery Ewen (added later because of number of submissions)

*Gabrielle Slowey originally accepted to sit on this committee but was in conflict of interest when she nominated a student for this prize