



## Mid-Atlantic & New England Council on Canadian Studies'

### *Updates*

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#### Member Activity

How's this for a collaborative, digital, and timely teaching experiment? In 1977, Thomas Berger released his landmark study, ***Northern Frontiers, Northern Homelands***, which considered the feasibility of a pipeline running south through the Mackenzie Valley. This was a remarkable moment in the recent history of aboriginal-settler relations, northern policy, environmental awareness, and Canada's resource economy. And it was forty years ago! [CBC Archives](#) has a wonderful collection of audio-visual material for using in the classroom, as does the [Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre](#). At Bucknell University, two classes - ENVST 301, Cold Places; and HIST 100, Northern Exposures: Canada - are working together to script a digital annotation of [the final report](#). Led by **Andrew Stuhl** (Environmental Studies) and **Claire Campbell** (History), and working with the Digital Pedagogy and Scholarship office, students in ENVST 301 will focus on chapter 6, "[The Mackenzie Delta-Beaufort Sea Region](#)," and those in HIST 100 will focus on Chapter 11, "[Native Claims](#)." They will research and

write short explanations of key terms, concepts, and events that lead the reader to more information, in the model of [Arcadia](#), a resource of global environmental histories. We hope to flesh out the report over the next few years, and make it accessible to high school students and a general readership.

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On January 12, 2017, **Stephanie Bangarth**, president of MANECCS, was a guest lecturer at the University of Ottawa as part of the **Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series on Refugee History**. Presenting three case studies on refugee history, Dr. Bangarth discussed the role of Canadians in encouraging the government to enact changes in Canada's refugee policy. The presentation emphasized how a cooperative approach to refugee policy improves overall settlement and integration of refugees, and how today government and citizen groups need to work together as they have in the past. Dr. Bangarth's next speaking engagement on human rights will be in April at McMaster University. She will be part of **The L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History** workshop, "Undiplomatic History: Rethinking





Canada in the World," where she will discuss how Canadian citizens have influenced the ethical decisions of large corporations, including mining corporations and nuclear power facilities.



*Dr. Stephanie Bangarth presenting on refugees and human rights*

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**Bob Timko's** course "Canada: Getting to Know Your Northern Neighbor" began on January 26, 2017, and there will be 12 meetings. The course is at the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Temple University, Center City, Philadelphia**. The Institute offers classes on all topics for individuals 50 years or older. All faculty are volunteers and the majority of courses do not require registration, you just walk in. There are no traditional academic requirements, everything is done simply for the joy of learning. Bob's opening class was

"What do Americans Know About Canada?" Participants talked about all aspects of Canadian life and culture and the impact of the United States on Canada. Bob introduced them to the Molson Joe Canada rant ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuNQw\\_wlK3xg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuNQw_wlK3xg)) and we talked about what it could mean for a national identity. The class also looked at some of Canada's achievements in the arts, science, sports, and popular culture. There were 50 people in attendance for the opening class which ran about 80 minutes. A number of individuals were turned away because the room was full. The course will be moving to a larger room for the next class which will be on "Events that helped shape the Canadian identity." This will likely continue to the following week. The third scheduled topic will be "Bilingualism and Multiculturalism." Future topics include: "Parliament and Political Processes," "The History and Status of the Canadian Welfare Net," "Canadian Health Care," "Canadian Literature," "The Fine Arts in Canada," "Sport and Popular Culture," "The Economy and Foreign Policy," "Canada's Intellectual History."

