

MANECCS NEWS & VIEWS

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MANECCS 2014 Biennial Location Revealed: Niagara Falls, Ontario

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The next MANECCS biennial conference will take place from September 25-28, 2014 at the Sheraton on the Falls in Niagara Falls, Ontario. With the incredible natural setting of the Canadian falls just across from our conference venue, and considering the impressive opportunity that hosting a conference in the Niagara Region offers us, we are inspired to take our cue from the local area for our conference theme: **"Niagara Falls and the Niagara Region: An Interdisciplinary Case Study."** We will invite submissions in line with that general theme, such as

- The History and Geography of the Region (this could include a focus on wine production) as well as its military significance of the region in early Upper Canada
- Environmental Issues
- Strategic Importance and Security-historically and currently
- The Falls in Popular Culture: Art, Literature, Media
- Economic significance - International Business and Tourism
- Theatre, Performing Arts and the Shaw Festival
- etc.



Niagara Falls is a city accessible to both Canadian and American scholars. If you are flying it is only minutes from four International Airports: 15 minutes from Niagara Falls International Airport (IAG); 30 minutes from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport (BUF); 45 minutes from the Hamilton International Airport (YHM); and 90 minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport (YTZ). If you are coming by train VIA Rail and Amtrak provide daily service to Niagara Falls with connections throughout Ontario, Quebec and New York. If you are coming by bus Niagara Falls bus terminal services Coach Canada, GO Transit, Greyhound Canada, Megabus, and Niagara Transit. Don't forget your passport!

The Sheraton on the Falls is an award-winning resort and conference hotel with a number of restaurants and other amenities on site, including themed restaurants such as the Hard Rock Café and Planet Hollywood, indoor and outdoor pools (overlooking the falls from the rooftop!), and is convenient to area attractions such as Casino Niagara, world class wineries, and a number of golf courses. We have negotiated a competitive rate of \$129/night for conference attendees in rooms that were newly appointed in 2012.

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In future editions of the newsletter we will be updating you about our side trips, our featured speakers, and other exciting news about the 2014 MANECCS Biennial conference. **We hope to see you there!**

Around MANECCS

At Bridgewater

Andy Holman

More Hands across the Border: Bridgewater State inks partnership with McGill University.

In June 2013, representatives of Bridgewater State University travelled to Montreal to sign a formal agreement with McGill University to explore and establish means of partnership between the two schools. The Memorandum of Understanding points to student and faculty exchange, research cooperation, joint student conferences and other possibilities. BSU's Canadian Studies program was at the center of these discussions and negotiations. In fact, it is a Canadian Studies endeavour that will activate the partnership. Beginning in 2013-14, BSU, McGill and Plattsburgh State University will participate in an annual rotating lectureship, in which scholars from each of these schools will visit and speak to audiences at the other institutions. The first BMP Lectures will be delivered in 2013-14 at Bridgewater and at Plattsburgh by McGill's Dr. Erin Hurley, an English Department professor who specializes in Quebec theatre and cultural performance.

At Princeton

Princeton Canadian Studies Program

Author Nino Ricci holds the Fall 2013 Pathy Professorship in Canadian Studies. Ricci will be teaching **ENG 355 - Nationalism and Internationalism in the North American Novel:**



How complicit is literature in the building of national identity? Is it even meaningful to discuss literature in nationalist terms, particularly in the face of increasing globalization? This course will look at how issues of national and cultural identity play out in the contemporary North American novel, focusing primarily on recent fiction out of English Canada and Quebec. Taught by a working novelist, the course will approach texts with a view to understanding the questions writers actually set for

themselves when they write, and how issues of identity thread their way through their work as a result.

Other Upcoming Events at Princeton

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Lunch Workshop: "Legislative Voting in the Canadian Parliament"

165 Wallace Hall, 12:00pm - 1:00 PM

Jean-Francois Godbout, Visiting Research Scholar, Woodrow Wilson School and the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, and Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Montreal.

Date to be determined

Documentary Film Screening - Nino Ricci on Pierre Elliott Trudeau

Time and Place TBA

Please join us for a documentary film screening and discussion with internationally-acclaimed, award-winning author Nino Ricci as he revisits the life and influence of Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Trudeau is the subject of a biography written by Ricci for the series "Extraordinary Canadians," published by Penguin Canada. Trudeau also makes an appearance in Ricci's award-winning novel "The Origin of Species."

Free and Open to the Public



Upcoming Conferences

The **Northeast and Atlantic Canada Environmental History Forum** will hold its second annual workshop on September 28, 2013 at the University of Maine at Orono. The workshop is an intense examination of twelve pre-circulated research papers on the environmental history of the region. The overall objective of the NACEHF is to bring together those scholars who explore the shared environment of the region and

to seek out new ways of approaching this unique history. The workshops are free and open to the public. More information can be found at www.nacehf.org. Interested persons can also contact Brian Payne at brian.payne@bridgew.edu

**Northeast and Atlantic Canada Environmental
History Forum
September 28, 2013 Workshop
University of Maine
Orono, Maine**

**8:00-8:30 – Continental Breakfast and Opening
Remarks**

**8:30-10:00 - Session One: Methodology and the
Use of Environmental History**

Alan MacEachren, "Surveys of All They
Mastered"

Daniel Soucier, "Discovering the Past
through Digital Environment: Thoreau's Walden in
Second Life"

Matthew McKenzie, "Accounting for the
Influence of Clio: New England Maritime Historians
and Regional Fisheries Policy, 1921-1986"

10:00-10:30 - Break

**10:30-12:00 - Session Two: Protests in Modern
Environmentalism**

Neil Forkey, "'Has this country sunk to
such a point that it allows the Air Force to terrorize
its own citizens?': New York's North Country
Confronts Low-Altitude, Military Flights, 1989-
1991"

Mark Leeming, "In Tune With The Earth:
Musical Protest and Nova Scotian Environmentalism"

Mirandola Mullen, "The Cape Cod
Formula": Public Park From Private Land"

12:00-1:00 - Lunch Break

**1:00-2:00 - Session Three: Contested Landscapes
and the Human Mind and Body**

Strother Roberts, "Hydrology and the
History of Malaria in 17th-19th-Century New
England"

Joseph Miller, "The Human Landscape of
War"

2:00-2:30 - Break

(NACEHF schedule continued)

**2:30-3:30 - Session Four: Localism and the
Control of the Environment**

Brian Payne, "Controlling the Cost of
Fish: Markets, Nature, and Labor in Maine's Sardine
Fishery, 1875-1930"

Bill Parenteau, "Colonization, Corporate
Resource Management and Forest Fires in New
Brunswick, 1918-1935"

3:30-4:00 - Break

**4:00-5:00 - Session Five: New Directions in
Environmental Literature**

Dale Potts, "'A Greenness Already
Determined:' Writer/Naturalist Hal Borland,
Popular Environmental Literature, and Nature as
More than the Backdrop to History, 1946-1978"

Mark McLaughlin, "Rise of the Eco-
Comics! The State and Modern Environmental Values
in Canadian Comic Books, 1971-1975"

5:00-6:00 - Closing Remarks

*MANECCS ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, November 22, 2013
12:00-2:15 PM
(Meeting Room TBA)*

In conjunction with

*ACSUS 2013
Marriott Waterside Marina
Tampa Bay, Florida*