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Around MANECCS

"Egerton Ryerson: Building a Spiritual and Intellectual Foundation for a Canadian Identity," **Robert M. Timko** and **Alexander I. Kubyskin**. *Science Journal of VolSU: History, Area Studies, International Relations*. 2016. Vol. 21, No.4, pp.32-42.

Abstract: The article analyses the philosophical and political theories of Egerton Ryerson (1803-1882) – one of the leading figures of intellectual history of Canada in the 19th century. The authors concentrate their research on the religious, political and educational activity of Ryerson, on his vision of good government and reform of educational institutions in Upper Canada. Special features of the Scottish Enlightenment are described as well.

Establishing the Ugandan Asian Archive at Carlton University

Carleton University recently launched a behind the scenes look at the construction of the Ugandan Asian Archive. **Shezan Muhammedi** (Western University) has been working closely with the team to collect oral histories and primary source material covering Canada's first major resettlement of a non-European and predominantly non-Christian refugee group. For more on the exhibit see: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/iaRKG/>.

Publication Announcement

In *Unfreezing the Arctic: Science, Colonialism, and the Transformation of Inuit Lands* (The University of Chicago Press, 2016), historian **Andrew Stuhl** weaves together a transnational history of the North American Arctic, proving that a richer understanding of its social and environmental transformation can come only from studying the region's past. Drawing on historical records and extensive ethnographic fieldwork, as well as time spent living in the Northwest Territories, he closely examines the long-running interplay of scientific exploration, colonial control, the testimony and experiences of Inuit residents, and multinational investments in natural resources.



MANECCS 2016 Biennial - President's Report

Pondering in Portland

The MANECCS 2016 Biennial was held on October 20 – 22 at the Portland Regency Hotel and Spa, in Portland, Maine. With over 40 scholars attending and presenting papers on a variety of topics and themes, the biennial on our 35th anniversary as a Canadian studies organization was a great success.

In addition to panels that featured issues of gun control, health care, identity, and politics among others, conference attendees heard two keynote talks. On Friday Dr. Scott See, the Libra Professor of History at the University of Maine gave an insightful talk revisiting the theme of Canada as the peaceable kingdom. His talk titled, "Still Relevant After All These Years? Canada's 'Peaceable Kingdom' Ideal in the Twenty-First Century" served as a reminder that scholars need to question dominant paradigms and that it is, in fact, their duty. On Saturday, Dr. Dean Oliver, Director of Research at the Canadian Museum of History, took his audience through the processes by which the new and nearly opened Canadian History Hall is being developed in time for Canada's 150th celebrations on July 1, 2017.

Friday evening featured an informative tour of the home of famed American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Those who participated in the tour were treated to a family, social, architectural, and urban history of the house and its environs. The tour ended outside where we could mingle amidst Longfellow Garden, a secluded Colonial Revival style garden that is an oasis of green and quiet in the heart of downtown Portland.



MANECCS 2016 Biennial

President's Report continued

As always, the MANECCS biennial featured many new and returning faces, along with a changing of the guard. Of special note was the participation of **Janet Mancini Billson**, author of *Keepers of the Culture and Inuit Women*. Her husband was **Norman London**, who was one of the pioneer supporters of Canadian Studies in the US and was prominent in ACSUS and MANECCS. We were delighted that Janet was able to join us. MANECCS members also expressed their thanks to **Joan Whitman Hoff**, our long-time VP for Memberships and **Howard Cody**, our longstanding secretary, for their outstanding service to MANECCS. They stepped down from their positions. Among other changes we welcomed two new members to the position of Student Councilor-at-Large: Ian Jesse (Maine) and Joseph Miller (Maine). We were also pleased to be able to revive the **MANECCS Young Scholars Award** which was presented to **Adam Coombs**, **Gabrielle Desmarais**, and **Rachel Snell**.

If the measure of a successful conference is a true meeting of the minds, of reviving old friendships, and of renewal, then the 2016 MANECCS Biennial conference was an achievement. We look forward to our next meeting in 2018!

- *Stephanie Bangarth*

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The Environmental History of the Gulf of St. Lawrence

At the MANECCS meeting in Portland, members of the Northeast and Atlantic Region Environmental History Forum (NEAR-EH) announced a new project in development: we're seeking essays for an environmental history of the Gulf of the St. Lawrence.

The continental thrust of modern North American history has positioned the Gulf as an edge, a periphery. Yet for centuries (millennia!) the Gulf was in fact the nexus of exploration, resource extraction, migration of peoples, and creations of identity. It was key to maritime power, seaboard occupation, and access to the interior. The Gulf has been destination and gateway, cockpit and

crossroads, traversed by numerous indigenous peoples, military expeditions, and fishing fleets, explorers and missionaries, traders and travel writers. It is a superb canvas upon which to build a better understanding of the environmental history of North America.

For us, the Gulf consists of a series of intersecting geographies stretching as far south as Cape Cod, as far north as Labrador, as far east as the west coast of northern Europe, and as far west as Quebec City – all linked by water on the one hand, and human ambitions on the other. Not only is the Gulf of St. Lawrence a place where diverse people and nations

met, challenged one another, worked together, and negotiated control over the space (all traditional foci of borderlands studies), but the Gulf is and was also a place where diverse environments collided. It is water and land, shorelines and estuaries, marine currents and coastal topographies.

If you have ideas, or an essay to contribute, please contact editors Edward Macdonald (UPEI), Brian Payne (Bridgewater State), or Claire Campbell (Bucknell University).
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MANECCS Connects on the U.S. Presidential Election

By: Marina Knox and Dr. Stephanie Bangarth with input from Daniel Sykes, Justin Steinburg, Olivia Mills, Ryan Green, Kaloni Jesso, Michael DeBoer, Heather Morris, Patrick Folta, Matt Komer, and Connor Pierotti.

On Tuesday November 19, Dr. Stefano Tijerina of the University of Maine spoke via Skype to the students of Dr. Stephanie Bangarth's (King's University College at Western University) senior seminar, HIST 4701E: Topics in Canadian-American History.

Dr. Tijerina was the perfect discussant for the seminar as his international experience provided the essential context for a broader discussion of the impact of the presidential election. He was raised in a bicultural environment, moving between Bogotá, Colombia and Southern Texas throughout most of his early life. Early in his professional career he worked for Colombia's Ministry of Transportation and then for Brazilian and American financial entities in Colombia and Texas. He has been involved with non-profit management prior to shifting to an academic career. He obtained his BA from Clark University, an Advanced Certificate in International Relations from Universidad de los Andes, an MPA from the University of Maine, and a PhD in History from the University of Maine. Dr. Tijerina is a multidisciplinary scholar with experience in the areas of Political Science, Public Policy, Public Management, History, Economics, Business, International Relations, and Area Studies (Canada/Latin America).

We asked Dr. Tijerina to provide his thoughts on three specific questions and wide-ranging questions from the students. In relaying his thoughts on the election overall, Dr. Tijerina stressed the impact of populism, mistakes on the part of the Democratic Party, and the historic nature of the candidacy of Donald Trump as a leader operating outside of the status quo. He noted that the election primarily served as a referendum on the status quo.

When asked to comment on the future of Canadian-American relations with a Trump presidency, he noted that the next four years will be a time of distancing. He contrasted Prime Minister Trudeau's focus on neo-liberalism, globalization, and free trade with President-elect Trump's emphasis on nationalism, no free trade, and anti-globalization. Both countries will also exhibit different approaches to Russia. He noted that the populist vote that impacted the United States could affect other countries such as the Netherlands, Spain, and Germany, and even Canada. Populism claims to bring back the nation because everyone is experiencing the tension of globalization and feeling disenfranchised as a result.

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Lastly, when asked what a Trump presidency holds for the future of Canadian Studies in the United States, his response was much more hopeful. The opportunity to enhance binational relationships between scholars on both sides of the border may improve on shared issues and may allow for the creation of more agendas, especially transnational ones. A Trump presidency may also mean more financial support from Canada for Canadian studies in the U.S. so Canada can remain on the front row of the American agenda. There will be an increased necessity to study Canada in order to understand the impacts of new developments such as if NAFTA is revised. This may foster more interesting work in the field of Canadian Studies and he suggested that transnational scholarly cooperation on the impacts of arts, literature, and advocacy movements in Canada, the U.S., and Mexico might be some of the new areas of exploration as a result of the election and the sense of outrage it has fostered among certain sectors of North American society. On a more local level, Dr. Tijerina anticipates a 'reverse' brain-drain of students looking to study at Canadian universities, making our work on Canadian Studies all the more central.



Dr. Stefano Tijerina



2017 Biennial Conference
Celebrating Canada's Sesquicentennial Journey
 October 18-21, 2017
 Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV

2017 marks the 150th anniversary of Confederation. All over the world those who have Canadian roots or interests will be pausing to reflect on the challenges and achievements the country has experienced over its growth and maturation. As usual, the 24th Biennial conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) will welcome papers and panel proposals from graduate students and academics on any aspect of the Canadian experience. But we especially encourage papers that take stock of some aspect of the country's development since 1867, and we will join with others around the world in making Canada's Sesquicentennial journey the central theme of our meeting.

Deadline for Submissions - March 15, 2017

Please direct your proposals to the appropriate section head(s) as listed below. If you have doubts as to the most appropriate placement, kindly send your proposal to the **Program Chair, James McHugh** - mchugh@uakron.edu.

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Pondering in Portland...



The tour of the Longfellow House



The tour of the Longfellow House, exterior gardens





CFP: Untold Stories of the Past 150 Years (University College Dublin)

Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation offers a pivotal moment not only to re-evaluate the dominant narratives that helped to shape Canadian national identity, but also to consider those narratives that, until recently, have been suppressed or held considerably less attention in public forums and debates. Many of the nation's dominant stories and foundational myths offer a particular vantage point about the country's origins and development, which diminish or altogether marginalize other narratives--even as the latter have been equally crucial to how Canada has come to assume its current shape, politically, sociologically, and otherwise. This conference offers an interdisciplinary forum for the exploration of these untold stories, to nuance and complicate the record. It will give space for the further consideration of narratives that have only begun to attract national attention in the past couple of decades and that have yet to receive critical attention. The objective of this conference is therefore to consider what stories about Canadian history and national identity remain untold or only partially told--and to consider why? There are some surviving narratives, for example, about the arrival of the Irish at Grosse Isle in the mid-nineteenth century (see, as one instance, the work of Susanna Moodie), but what other lesser known stories exist? Few are also familiar with how members of the Mi'kmaq Warriors Society have been arrested and incarcerated for their struggle against fracking, their ongoing assertion and exercise of nationhood, and the repression they have endured from police and courts. This conference will draw on stories such as these.

Untold stories may encompass (and extend beyond) Irish emigration to Canada and related nation-building narratives; the rise of Indigenous communities that have demanded greater accountability in socio-political interactions and the historical record; shifting gender politics that have showcased how public, socio-political, and legal arenas must address persistent inequities; women who need to be celebrated for their contributions to Canadian history, culture, or policy; missing and murdered Indigenous women; national policies that have a bearing on identity politics; the resurgence of environmental concerns that are often bypassed or repressed in favour of economic pursuits; socio-economic and class-based disparities; narratives about those by or about refugees and their descendants; histories of African-Canadians, including but not limited to stories of settlement after the Underground Railroad; narratives of diasporic formations in Canada; Japanese-Canadians, Italian-Canadian, German-Canadian and other immigrants' experiences of internment during Second World War; changes in government labour policy; competing regional and national identities; and the realities of multiculturalism in Canada and the history of immigration policy, in spite of the popular rhetoric that may otherwise seem to suggest the nation offers an ideal of tolerance towards differing races and ethnicities.

Abstracts for papers about such untold stories should be approximately 300 words in length and sent with 50-word biographical statements to the current Craig Dobbin Chair of Canadian Studies, Dr. Linda Morra (linda.morra@ucd.ie), and the Director of Canadian Studies, Dr. Paul Halferty (paul.halferty@ucd.ie), by November 1, 2016, for a conference to be held through UCD, Ireland, on April 28-29, 2017. Potential conference presenters will be notified of their acceptance by mid-December, 2016.



