

MANECCS NEWS & VIEWS

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MANECCS 2024 BIENNIAL

In beautiful seaside Plymouth, Massachusetts on November 7-9, 2024, MANECCS members gathered at Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor to share their research, to reconnect friendships, and to welcome new members to the Canadian Studies family. Our President, Dr. Neil Forkey of St. Lawrence University expressed his gratitude to our conference sponsors and to Dr. Eric Weeks, Dr. Andrew Holman, and Dr. Brian Payne of Bridgewater State University for their help in making local arrangements. MANECCS looks forward to welcoming members to the next biennial meeting in Lake Placid, New York, October 22-24, 2026, with details to follow.



LEARNING FROM PLANT RELATIONS

Our featured keynote for the conference was delivered jointly by Dr. Brittany Luby and Ms. Jane Mariotti of the University of Guelph. They carefully guided the audience to learn from plant relations, in this case Manomin, more commonly known as 'wild rice' by its English misnomer. Grounded in Indigenous methodologies, Dr. Luby and Ms. Mariotti led a collaborative and tactile presentation that explored historic uses of Manomin, contemporary challenges to Indigenous aquaculture, and the challenges and possibilities of restoring the sacred crop as a staple. Attendees were given a sample of Manomin to prepare at home.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Canadian Studies Program at Bridgewater State University, the Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh, the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, the American Review of Canadian Studies, the Consulate General of Canada in Boston, the Canadian-American Center at the University of Maine at Orono, and the Canadian Studies Department at St. Lawrence University were generous sponsors of our conference, and for this we are most grateful.

Opening Remarks by The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Consul General of Canada in Boston, United States.
Friday, Nov. 8, 2024.



NINO RICCI AT MANECCS

Noted Canadian author Nino Ricci launched our biennial conference at an intimate gathering at Bridgewater State University where he is the Killam Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies.

Nino Ricci's first novel was the internationally acclaimed *Lives of the Saints*, a New York Times Notable Book and winner in Canada of the Governor General's Award and in England of the Betty Trask Award and the Winifred Holtby Prize. Published in seventeen countries, it formed the first volume of a trilogy that continued with *In a Glass House*, hailed by the Times as a "genuine achievement," and *Where She Has Gone*, shortlisted for the Giller Prize and longlisted for the Guardian Fiction Award.

For our MANECCS audience, Ricci read from a work-in-progress manuscript. MANECCS is grateful to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Dr. Andrew Holman of Bridgewater State University's Canadian Studies Program.



SULZNER AWARD WINNERS



LEFT: ALEX HENRY
RIGHT: CLAIRE SCHOFER



Four MANECCS members were awarded the George Sulzner Prize at the MANECCS business meeting held during our biennial conference. The recipients were:

Chase W. Fleece, Bowling Green State University - Ready to Fight: Ontario Farmers and the 1980s Farm Crisis

Claire Schofer, University of New Brunswick - Understanding Halifax Families, Recipes, and Imperial Connections, 1780-1914

Alex Henry, University of Washington, Seattle - The Female American & Canadian Crusoes: Feminist Robinsonades and Linguistic Exchange

Tyler Cline, University of Florida - "Above all, what is to be done about India?": The Empire and Imperial Federation in the Racial Imagination of Anglo-Canadians

The George Sulzner Memorial Award was re-named in 2019 in honour of George Sulzner, professor of Political Science and Canadian Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. George was a longtime supporter of MANECCS and served as its president. He was a noted mentor and it is fitting that we devote such an award to new and emerging scholars of Canadian Studies.



LEFT: TYLER CLINE
RIGHT: CHASE W. FLEECE



CANADIAN STUDIES AT UMAINE

Dr. Mark McLaughlin

The 2023-24 academic year was another busy one for the Canadian-American Center at the University of Maine. To start, there have been a few new faces around the Center. Dr. Daniel Troup, cross-appointed with Political Science, joined the Center as an Assistant Professor in September 2023. Dr. Emma Schroeder was also hired as the new Outreach Coordinator. Emma has since secured a tenure-track position in Tennessee, and so Dr. Patrick Callaway will be starting as the new Outreach Coordinator later this calendar year.

The Center also contributed to the academic mission of and intellectual life at UMaine. This was accomplished through continued offering of the Canadian Studies minor and by providing support, financial and otherwise, for undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff on a variety of fronts. In addition, the Center hosted a lively Canadian Studies lecture series: in Fall 2023, Dr. Graham Carr (President, Concordia University), and in Spring 2024, Dr. Daniel Chartier (Professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal, and director of the International Laboratory for Research on Images of the North, Winter, and the Arctic) and Dr. Herb Emery (Political Science, University of New Brunswick).

As part of its outreach mandate, the Center worked with members of the local community and teachers all across the United States to further interest in the study of Canada. Of particular note, from June 23-28, 2024 the Center, in partnership with the SUNY-Plattsburgh Center for the Study of Canada, hosted teachers of French in

Quebec City. Led by Dr. Frédéric Rondeau, Director of the Canadian-American Center, the group explored Quebec culture, developed lesson plans, and learned how to integrate Quebec studies into their curriculum.

One major event occurred from May 9-11, 2024, when the Center hosted the Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, a biennial conference focused on history and society in the Atlantic Region. Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Associate Professor of History and Canadian Studies, was the key organizer of this event. This was the conference's 50th anniversary, and there were close to 120 participants, with around 80 presentations on a range of subjects. The Center was thrilled to be able to help host this conference, which was the first time in over 30 years that it was held outside of Canada. The last time was in 1990, also at UMaine.

Six members of the Center also attended and gave presentations at the biennial meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States in Washington, D.C. from November 16-19, 2023. The six members were Dr. Stephen Hornsby, Dr. Mark McLaughlin, Dr. Frédéric Rondeau, Dr. Emma Schroeder, Dr. Stefano Tijerina, and Dr. Daniel Troup. At the ACSUS Conference, Dr. Stephen Hornsby also received the prestigious Donner Medal for distinguished achievement, scholarship, and program innovation in the area of Canadian Studies in the United States.

Canadian-American Center faculty, staff, and students were engaged in many other academic pursuits and projects through the academic year, simply too many to list here. The Center looks forward to the upcoming 2024-25 academic year and continuing its mission to support Canadian Studies at UMaine and beyond.



News from our Members

Chad Montrie, professor of History at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, announces the following new publications:

“Agenda for the 1970s’: A Genealogy of Organized Labour’s Environmental Activism in Ontario,” *Papers in Canadian History and Environment*, no. 6 (November 2024), 1-38.

“What is Labour’s Stake?’: Workers and the History of Environmentalism in Alberta,” *Labour/Le Travail*, vol 93 (Spring 2024), 23-53.

Dr. Neil Forkey, MANECCS President and Chair of Canadian Studies at St. Lawrence University, was interviewed by both North Country Public Radio in Canton, New York and by the Watertown Daily Times, regarding Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s resignation and the current state of Canadian-American relations. Forkey is also the Archie F. MacAllaster and Barbara Torrey MacAllaster Professor of North Country Studies.

<https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/51046/20250108/what-trudeau-s-resignation-could-mean-for-u-s-canada-relations-under-trump>

It’s a Family Affair at MANECCS

Thomas Stroyan

While the point of conferences is to meet people, one doesn’t expect to meet distant family at these sorts of things, much less distant family you didn’t know you had! That is, however, exactly what happened to conference panelists, Claire-Marie Brisson and Thomas Stroyan. Mr. Stroyan, upon noticing that Ms. Brisson had his mother’s maiden name, promptly introduced himself. They soon discovered that they were in fact related, sharing the same great-great-grandfather, Alphonse Brisson of St. Fabien, Quebec! They were delighted to make this discovery and will now be serving on the MANECCS Executive Council together until 2026.



Biennial Snapshots



The 2025 annual conference of the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S. is being held in Seattle this fall.

The call for papers is now open, and abstracts are being accepted until February 1 on the theme "Canada: Spaces of Change."

There is a separate call for papers for an Emerging Scholars Colloquium, which will take place in conjunction with the conference and includes up to \$1,000 in funding for the conference itself.

We hope to see you at the conference in Seattle this fall. All current MANECCS members are welcome to attend the membership meeting.

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