



Crossing Borders 2011

A Multi-Disciplinary Student Conference on the United States, Canada and Border Issues

March 10th – 11th, 2011

The Americana Conference Resort and Spa, Niagara Falls, Ontario

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Binational Dialogues 2011

Consulate General of Canada (Buffalo)

Consulate General of the United States (Toronto)

Thursday, March 10, 2011

4:30 p.m. Registration opens

Location: Grande Ballroom

5:30 pm to 9:00 pm Evening reception

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CO-HOSTS:

Ms. Marta Moszczenska, Consul General, Consulate General of Canada in Buffalo

Mr. Kevin M. Johnson, Consul General, Consulate General of the United States in Toronto

- Greetings from the Canadian and American Consuls General and Binational Political Leaders.
- Presentation of the 2010 Binational Star Awards.
- Binational Cornucopia: Food tasting stations from the culinary schools of the Binational Niagara Region, along with wine and beer tastings from the region's finest wineries and breweries.

Friday, March 11th, 2011

7:30 a.m. Registration opens

Location: Grande Ballroom

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Continental Buffet Style Breakfast

Location: Grande Ballroom

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

SESSION 1: Comparative Perspectives on Arts, Culture and Tourism

Location: Lower Lobby 1

Moderator: Dr. Marian Bredin, Centre for Canadian Studies, Brock University

- Abhimanyu Aggarwal, St. Bonaventure University
“Comparison of the Art Forms of Preston Singletary and Bill Reid.”
- Djenita Svinjar, St. Bonaventure University
“The Art of Bill Reid.”
- Herb Kauderer, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“Arts Funding for Novelists in Canada, Alberta, and Ontario.”
- Isabelle Fournier, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“Impact of Two Institutions on Quebec’s Publishing Industry and Literature.”

SESSION 2: Approaches to Health Care and Recreation

Location: Lower Lobby 2

Moderator: Dr. Munroe Eagles, Canadian Studies, University at Buffalo – SUNY

- Megan M. O’Donnell, St. Bonaventure University
“The Legal Drinking Age and Alcohol-Related Fatal Car Crashes: A Comparative Analysis of Canada and the United States.”
- Elli Edelstein, SUNY Plattsburgh
“Frederick Banting’s Discovery of Insulin.”
- Nikolas Steriovski, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“How Can-Am Relations Moulded the 2011 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship.”
- Terence Morea, University at Buffalo – SUNY
“P.O.V. Canada: Canadians’ Perception of Their Healthcare System.”

10:15 – 10:45 a.m
Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SESSION 3: Canada and the U.S.: Towards a Better Border

Location: Lower Lobby 1

Moderator: Ms. Joan Sumner, Academic Relations, United States Consulate General, Toronto

- Katie Cuthbert, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Dividing Language: The Discourse of the Canadian-American Border.”
- Rebecca Tocco, Brock University
“Canada and U.S. Border Security.”
- Faye Hampson, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Ten Years Later: A Review of the Smart Border Declaration between Canada and the United States.”
- Rebecca Grundy, Brock University
“A Smarter Border Action Plan for the U.S.-Canada Relationship.”

SESSION 4: Politics and the Environment in Global Contexts

Location: Lower Lobby 2

Moderator: Mr. Daniel Kolundzic, Political and Economic Relations, Consulate General of Canada, Buffalo, NY

- Drew Ursacki, Brock University
“Canada-U.S. Environmental Relations: Is There a Prospect for a Green and Clean North America?”
- Venetia Boehmer-Plotz, Brock University
“The Lenses of Love Canal: An Analysis of Group Rhetoric in Environmental Justice.”
- Adam Clemens, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Digging Deep: Canadian Foreign Policy and its Exploitation of Mineral Resources in Latin America.”

12:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Plated Lunch & Keynote Speaker

Location: Grande Ballroom

- Terry Wright, EVP, Games Operations, Vancouver 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games
“Building Binational Communities: Sports, Culture and Relationship Building”

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

SESSION 5: Conflict and Migration in Historical Formations of Nationhood

Moderator: Dr. Mark Richard, Department of History, Canadian Studies Coordinator, SUNY Plattsburgh

Location: Lower Lobby 1

- Matthew T. Hewson, SUNY Plattsburgh
“Lost at Sea: The Final Nail in the Coffin of New France.”
- Iresh M. Perera, SUNY Plattsburgh
“Migration of French Canadians to the United States.”
- Kristen Merrett, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Tenuous Asylum: A Comparative Study of Vietnam Draft Dodgers and Iraqi War Deserters in Canada.”
- Margaret Milner, Brock University
“Multiculturalism within Tourism in Ontario.”

SESSION 6: Perceptions of the Other in the Binational Relationship

Moderator: Dr. Marian Bredin, Centre for Canadian Studies, Brock University

Location: Lower Lobby 2

- Alan Murray, Brock University
“Anti-American Sentiment and How it is Created.”
- Victoria Banas, SUNY Plattsburgh
“The United States as a Canadian Icon.”
- Carly White, Brock University
“Cross Border Crime and Policing in the Canada-U.S. Relationship.”
- Sean Whiting, Brock University
“Historical Discourse of Organized Crime: Representation of Bootleggers and Rumrunners in Canadian and American Public Press.”

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.
Coffee Break

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

SESSION 7: Perspectives on Arctic Sovereignty and Indigenous Self-Determination

Moderator: Dr. Katherine Roberts, Wilfrid Laurier University

Location: Lower Lobby 1

- Sarah M. Draper, University at Buffalo
“Despite Western Influences Can First Nations Still Be Successful in Educating Their Own Youth?”
- Tyler McCormick, Brock University
“Canada’s Arctic Sovereignty.”
- Kyle Luebke, Brock University
“Sovereignty and Self-Reliance: How the Territory of Nunavut can Contribute to Canada’s Claims to the North.”

SESSION 8: Immigration Policy and Political Influence in the Canada-U.S.

Relationship

Moderator: Dr. John Grant, Centre for Canadian Studies and Political Science, Brock University

Location: Lower Lobby 2

- Hilary Roberts, Brock University
“Comparative Immigration Systems, Canada and the U.S.”
- Joy Dillon, Hofstra University
“Balancing the Scales: An Analysis of Existing Immigrant Policies in the U.S. and Canada.”
- Kevin Dyce, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Canada’s Participation in the War on Terror and its Impact on the Canada-U.S. Relationship.”
- Veronica Ficon, Wilfrid Laurier University
“Is Washington in Ottawa: Does the U.S. Influence Canadian Politics?”

4:45 – 5:00 pm

Refreshments and Concluding Remarks

Dr. Munroe Eagles, University at Buffalo – SUNY

Dr. Marian Bredin, Centre for Canadian Studies, Brock University

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Happy Hour at Jack Tanner's Restaurant (cash bar)

An opportunity for Crossing Borders student presenters to connect with BTA Summit delegates and speakers.