10 Years Together - and Thriving

Canada was launched with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The three-year grant formalized a tiny but enthusiastic Canadian Studies program at the University of Washington, and it expanded Western Washington University’s then-17-year-old program.

Charming headquarters

WWU, located just half an hour from the Canadian border and an hour from Vancouver, B.C., was serving an obvious need. By 1988, it already was headquartered in a charming, turn-of-the-century house on campus that it occupies to this day.

The director in 1988, Dr. Robert Monahan counted just 15 students enrolled in the “Introduction to Canadian Studies” class. This fall, the course enrolled 210 students. The program now has two endowed chairs, in business and culture, currently held by Dr. Steven Globerman and Dr. Valerie Alia.

The faculty has grown, especially in the areas of

(continued on p. 6)

Beyond — Economic Policymaking in an Interdependent World.”

Dr. Matthew Sparke will teach the class from the UW white, 80 miles to the north, Dr. Donald Alper works with WWU students. For key lectures, there will be two-way communication between the classes. Students will collaborate on a report to present to a State Depart-

NAFTA Teleconference Series Begins in January

The North American Free Trade Agreement was signed five years ago, amid high hopes and dire predictions.

Would it open up fantastic new opportunities?
Would it exploit laborers or ruin the environment?

UW and WWU stu-

Christopher Ozubko, director of the UW School of Art, admires a ceramic figure exhibited by a visiting student from Vancouver.

Story, p. 3.

More changes, p. 6

Calendar

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Film premiere, art talk highlight WWU series</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K-12 FOCUS especially for teachers</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New book introduces a good neighbor</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Calendar of Canadian Studies Events

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER
Happy Holidays!

JANUARY
5: Videoconferenced NAFTA course begins at UW and WWU.

FEBRUARY
20-21: National Consortium for Teaching Canada (NCTC) conference, Orlando, Fla. Details: John Preston, Canadian Studies Center, University of Vermont, 589 Main St., Burlington, VT 05401

APRIL
15-18: Western Social Science Association, Denver. The Canadian Studies section is a major part of this interdisciplinary meeting. Anyone interested in giving a paper should contact Diddy Hitchins, Political Science Dept., University of Alaska Anchorage, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508; phone (907) 786-1582; fax (907) 786-4647.

MAY
26-28: “Shared Waters/Shared Stewardship: Environmental Management in the Georgia Basin/Puget Sound” will be the theme of a transborder conference at WWU. Western’s Center for Canadian-American Studies and Huxley College of Environmental Studies will organize the event.

JUNE
22-26: The Canadian Studies Center will join other outreach centers in the UW’s Jackson School of International Studies to present Summer Institute sessions on “A World of Migrations”

This publication was created jointly by WWU and the UW with funding from the U.S. Department of Education.

Patricia Radin, Editor
Albert L. Sampson
K-12 Focus Editor
Dr. Lyle Harris
Consulting Editor
Dr. Donald K. Alper, Dr. Anthony B. Chan, Corie Jones,
Dr. W.A. Douglas Jackson, Marty Hitchcock,
Contributing Editors

Canadian Studies Center
Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
238 Thomson Hall
Box 353650
Seattle, WA 98195-3650
Dr. Anthony B. Chan, Director
Tel: (206) 685-3992
Assistant Director: (206) 543-6269
Outreach Coordinator: (206) 616-3682
Fax: (206) 616-8171
email: canstud@u.washington.edu
http://weber.u.washington.edu/
Everything Was Glazed But Their Eyes

Tea for Ten?

The Distinguished Professorship in Canadian Culture, the Center for Canadian-American Studies, and the College of Fine and Performing Arts present the 1997-1998 Canadian Culture Series at Western Washington University.

All lectures are free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., award-winning filmmaker and writer Carol Geddes will host a screening of two of her films: Doctor, Lawyer, Indian Chief, (1988) and the Northwest premiere of Picturing A People: George Johnston, Tlingit Photographer (1997). Geddes is from Teslin, Yukon, and is a member of the Teslin Tlingit Nation.

On Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m., Montreal-based writer, broadcaster, filmmaker, jazz and dance critic Philip Szporer will focus on the culture of Quebec.

November’s ACSUS Meeting a Big One for Alper

Donald Alper, Ph.D., Director of Western’s Center for Canadian-American Studies, has been elected vice president of the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S. for the 1997-99 term.

ACSUS is made up of 1,100 scholars engaged in research and teaching about Canada.

Alper assumed the new position at the biennial meeting of ACSUS in Minneapolis, Nov. 19-23.

November’s ACSUS Meeting a Big One for Alper

Donald Alper, Ph.D., Director of Western’s Center for Canadian-American Studies, has been elected vice president of the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S. for the 1997-99 term.

ACSUS is made up of 1,100 scholars engaged in research and teaching about Canada.

Alper assumed the new position at the biennial meeting of ACSUS in Minneapolis, Nov. 19-23.
Doing Research on First Nations?  
Check UW Libraries’ Rich Collections

Two UW doctoral students have won $15,000 federal Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships to pursue studies related to Canada, Canadian Studies Director Dr. Anthony B. Chan announced.

Jean Jorgensen, a student of French and Quebecois literature and a fluent French speaker, planned to use the funds to further her doctoral research in Quebec.

Zoriah Tharan, who is studying the changing nature of Canadian sover-eignty in international environmental issues, proposed to use the fellowship to add French to her repertoire of foreign languages, which include Spanish and Hebrew.

Two FLAS fellowships will be available for summer study at the UW. Application packets are available in the Jackson School of International Studies Student Services Office. Applications must be submitted by Feb. 1.

Increasingly, information is being created and distributed electronically, and the Libraries is actively integrating this new format into its overall collection and service program.

**Revealing annual reports**

In the past year several important acquisitions have been made relating to First Nations. One example is the Canadian Department of Indian Affairs Annual Reports from 1880-1936. These lengthy accounts (often exceeding 300 pages) provide detailed statistics on various aspects of aboriginal life and document governmental policies and programs.

The early reports by agents can be quite literary and are more akin to diary accounts than official government documents. The reports are on microfilm, which can be photocopied for UW users or lent to other institutions via interlibrary loans.

**Latest Online**

Several new electronic sources are available on workstations in the Suzzallo Library Reference area. One is the Bibliography of Native North Americans, which contains more than 60,000 citations to journal articles, books, dissertations studies. From rare books and photographs to current monographs and periodicals, there is much for the student, instructor, or researcher to draw upon for teaching and scholarship.

**All about treaties**

*Treaties with Canada* is another new electronic source that includes, besides the complete Canadian Treaty Series (the official government source of treaties from 1928 to the present), an extensive collection of treaties with First Nations. It should be a valuable resource for students of history, law, political science, and other fields.

**Le dernier cri**

The most recent addition to the array of electronic sources supporting First Nations studies is the National Archives of Canada Aboriginal Peoples CD-ROM.

**Electronic aid**

This is an electronic finding aid to the historical records relating to native people (including Indians, Metis, and Inuit) created by the Dept. of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and its predecessors. Most records described date from 1867 to the present. The documents themselves are in the National Archives of Canada. This is a significant first step in alerting a broad research community to the resources in the archives. It would be wonderful if the agency were able to digitize some of these documents and so make them available to students and researchers beyond Ottawa.

**Webheads, Take Note**

To keep up with new additions to the UW Libraries’ steadily growing collection, check the monthly “Recent Additions” list that appears on the Libraries’ “Doing Research on Canada” website: www.lib.washington.edu/subjects/canada/.

At Western Washington University, check lis.wwu.edu/screens/mainmenu.html for the library’s online catalog.

1867 to the present. The documents themselves are in the National Archives of Canada. This is a significant first step in alerting a broad research community to the resources in the archives. It would be wonderful if the agency were able to digitize some of these documents and make them available to students and researchers beyond Ottawa.
WWU Summer Institute a Hit; Big Plans for ’98

By Corie Jones
Outreach Coordinator, WWU

K-12 teachers from Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and North Dakota gathered on the Western Washington University campus in June for the Study Canada Summer Institute.

The week-long institute featured lecturers on such topics as Canadian government, geography, literature, culture, current issues regarding Quebec, and the Sto:lo Nation in Chilliwack, B.C. Plans are already underway for special activities to mark the 20th anniversary of the Institute in June. The Institute is also helping Washington teachers meet the new State Standards for Essential Learning set by the Legislature.

Speakers included Jay Bruns III, U.S. Consul General in Vancouver, and J. Thomas Boehm, Consul General of Canada in Seattle (left to right in photo), who discussed U.S.-Canada relations.

The annual field trip to Vancouver included a visit to the Sto:lo Nation in Chilliwack to learn about early First Nations life in the Fraser Valley. Teachers enjoyed a dinner and discussion with Raymond Chan, Secretary of State for Asia Pacific for the Liberal government.

The 1997 UW Summer Institute for K-20 educators, sponsored by the Jackson School of International Studies and the School’s Outreach Centers, included two presentations on topics pertaining to Canada.

Dr. Anthony Chan, director of the UW Canadian Studies Center, spoke on “July 1, 1997, and 55 Million Overseas Chinese.” “Cascadia: Trade Routes or Trade Roots” was presented by Dr. Matthew Eager third graders from Arlene Vosti’s class at Lowell Elementary, Seattle, visit the UW to see films on
Ten Years Together (continued from P. 1)

Looking back even further into the past, WWU’s program had its modest beginnings in 1971. Seven years later, it moved into Canada House and started a Canadian-American Studies major.

Today, the program offers specialized courses such as Canadian Environmental Policy, Canadian International Trade, First Peoples Film in Canada, Indigenous Canadians and Circumpolar Cooperation, and Civilisation et Culture de Quebec.

A student exchange with Simon Fraser University was formalized in 1991.

Meanwhile, in 1984 there were stirrings 80 miles to the south in Seattle. The University of Washington’s program had its beginnings when Canadian-born Dr. W.A. Douglas Jackson began teaching courses on Canadian geography. Classes on Canadian government and history were added and, he recalls, “we began to have something that looked like a program.”

But there was nobody administering the fledgling program. The Geography Department offered office space, and then-UW student Sandra Walker volunteered to staff it. A gift from the Canadian Consulate provided seed money. “Things were pretty tenuous in those days,” Jackson remembers. A breakthrough came when the College of Arts and Sciences funded a full-time staff position. With the growing demands of the position, Sandra Walker left. Jackson hired a graduate student with expertise in Canada, Michael Bittner, as the first regular staff.

An Alliance Is Born

At about this time, WWU was preparing a grant proposal for a consortium and invited UW to join. The consortium won a $121,000 federal grant for the 1988-89 school year. Today, as enrollment and services have grown, so has the grant — to $191,000 in 1997-8, supplemented with gifts from the Canadian Consulate and others.

Like WWU’s, the UW’s center has grown dramatically since then. The Canadian Studies Center, now housed in the Jackson School of International Studies, consists of both an assistant director and an outreach coordinator. (See story at left.)

There are 108 courses. The number of majors has tripled since 1988 and in addition, a Canadian Studies minor and master’s degree track are available now.

UW Librarian Linda Di Biase manages the Canadian collection, which includes a growing array of texts, maps, and films. (See p. 4 for more on the collection.)
Washington Scholars Help Write New Book, *Introducing Canada*

chapter titled *Canada and the World* by Dr. Donald K. Alper (WWU) and Dr. Matthew Sparke (UW).

The National Consortium for Teaching Canada (NCTC) has joined forces with the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) to create this new resource for teachers.

This book is designed to offer teachers, who may never have taken a course on Canada themselves, substantial and up-to-date information about Canada as well as an exhaustive list of resources and teaching strategies.

It contains chapters on Canadian geography, culture, history, government and politics, multiculturalism, Quebec and more.

Its resource list contains a set of traditional materials and also includes the most up-to-date collection of new-technology resources for Canadian studies currently available in the United States.

Copies may be ordered from NCSS, 3501 Newark Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016; telephone, 1-800-683-0812. Cost is $14.95 plus $4 shipping and handling.

WWU and UW are charter members of NCTC and have contributed funding and their expertise to the book project.

The National Consortium for Teaching Canada (NCTC) has joined forces with the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) to create this new resource for teachers.

**UW To Host Visiting Canadian Scholars**

A lawyer and a Canadian literature scholar will be in residence at the UW during Winter Quarter, sponsored by the Canadian Studies Center.

The lawyer, Kenda Gee of Edmonton, Alberta, plans to research issues related to immigration law and ethnic media while in Seattle from January through March and plans to hold lectures and seminars. The versatile Gee is also a writer and film director.

Dr. Jeanette Lynes will be on campus from January through August, teaching and working on a book on contemporary Newfoundland literature while on sabbatical. Lynes is a poet and a popular and imaginative teacher. She is an associate professor of English at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

“We’re honored to host these two excellent scholars,” said Canadian Studies Director Dr. Anthony B. Chan.

“We hope to soon formalize an exchange program with Canadian campuses so this type of interchange can happen regularly.”
Worthy of Note at the UW and WWU

Book Bonanza

The Canadian Consulate is donating its collection of several hundred books on Canada to the National Resource Center. The collection (being examined here by UW Outreach Coordinator Al Sampson) includes books on art, history, politics, travel, and literature in French and English. “We’ve decided we need the space for other things, and we’re glad the books will be put to good use,” said Consul General J. Thomas Boehm. The UW’s Director of Canadian Studies, Tony Chan, said the books will be shared among libraries at the UW and WWU, where they will be available for public and scholarly use. “It’s a generous donation,” Chan said, “and we’re most appreciative.”

Extra! Extra!

The fall issue of Borderlands, a WWU student newspaper supplement focused on Canada, contains a variety of articles on First Nations, border issues and Canadian culture. Borderlands is produced by students in Journalism 460, which is devoted entirely to reporting on Canada. This special publication of the campus newspaper Western Front was first issued in 1987. With its wide circulation on and off campus,

Making Christmas Last

Canadian moms and dads have an extra day to help the kids play with their new toys.

Boxing Day, Dec. 26, is a national holiday. It stems from the old European custom of giving alms to the needy on St. Stephen’s Day, the day after Christmas.

(Source: Let’s Celebrate! Canada’s Special Days, Caroline Parry. Kids Can Press Ltd.,

Canadian Studies News 10 (1)

Worthy of Note at the UW and WWU

Book Bonanza

The Canadian Consulate is donating its collection of several hundred books on Canada to the National Resource Center. The collection (being examined here by UW Outreach Coordinator Al Sampson) includes books on art, history, politics, travel, and literature in French and English. “We’ve decided we need the space for other things, and we’re glad the books will be put to good use,” said Consul General J. Thomas Boehm. The UW’s Director of Canadian Studies, Tony Chan, said the books will be shared among libraries at the UW and WWU, where they will be available for public and scholarly use. “It’s a generous donation,” Chan said, “and we’re most appreciative.”

Extra! Extra!

The fall issue of Borderlands, a WWU student newspaper supplement focused on Canada, contains a variety of articles on First Nations, border issues and Canadian culture. Borderlands is produced by students in Journalism 460, which is devoted entirely to reporting on Canada. This special publication of the campus newspaper Western Front was first issued in 1987. With its wide circulation on and off campus,

Making Christmas Last

Canadian moms and dads have an extra day to help the kids play with their new toys.

Boxing Day, Dec. 26, is a national holiday. It stems from the old European custom of giving alms to the needy on St. Stephen’s Day, the day after Christmas.

(Source: Let’s Celebrate! Canada’s Special Days, Caroline Parry. Kids Can Press Ltd.,

Canadian Studies News 10 (1)

Worthy of Note at the UW and WWU

Book Bonanza

The Canadian Consulate is donating its collection of several hundred books on Canada to the National Resource Center. The collection (being examined here by UW Outreach Coordinator Al Sampson) includes books on art, history, politics, travel, and literature in French and English. “We’ve decided we need the space for other things, and we’re glad the books will be put to good use,” said Consul General J. Thomas Boehm. The UW’s Director of Canadian Studies, Tony Chan, said the books will be shared among libraries at the UW and WWU, where they will be available for public and scholarly use. “It’s a generous donation,” Chan said, “and we’re most appreciative.”

Extra! Extra!

The fall issue of Borderlands, a WWU student newspaper supplement focused on Canada, contains a variety of articles on First Nations, border issues and Canadian culture. Borderlands is produced by students in Journalism 460, which is devoted entirely to reporting on Canada. This special publication of the campus newspaper Western Front was first issued in 1987. With its wide circulation on and off campus,

Making Christmas Last

Canadian moms and dads have an extra day to help the kids play with their new toys.

Boxing Day, Dec. 26, is a national holiday. It stems from the old European custom of giving alms to the needy on St. Stephen’s Day, the day after Christmas.

(Source: Let’s Celebrate! Canada’s Special Days, Caroline Parry. Kids Can Press Ltd.,

Canadian Studies News 10 (1)

Worthy of Note at the UW and WWU

Book Bonanza

The Canadian Consulate is donating its collection of several hundred books on Canada to the National Resource Center. The collection (being examined here by UW Outreach Coordinator Al Sampson) includes books on art, history, politics, travel, and literature in French and English. “We’ve decided we need the space for other things, and we’re glad the books will be put to good use,” said Consul General J. Thomas Boehm. The UW’s Director of Canadian Studies, Tony Chan, said the books will be shared among libraries at the UW and WWU, where they will be available for public and scholarly use. “It’s a generous donation,” Chan said, “and we’re most appreciative.”

Extra! Extra!

The fall issue of Borderlands, a WWU student newspaper supplement focused on Canada, contains a variety of articles on First Nations, border issues and Canadian culture. Borderlands is produced by students in Journalism 460, which is devoted entirely to reporting on Canada. This special publication of the campus newspaper Western Front was first issued in 1987. With its wide circulation on and off campus,