

CAS NEWS

SPEAKERS' SERIES

February 24, 2010

EMILY ABRAMS ANSARI

Faculty of Music, UWO

"A Cold War Composer-Diplomat in the Civil Rights Era: The Case of Ulysses Kay"

2:30pm, SSC 9420

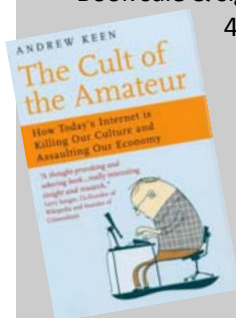
March 9, 2010

ANDREW KEEN

Entrepreneur and Author

"Digital Vertigo: Inequality, Anxiety, and Loneliness in the Social Media Age"

Book sale & signing to follow
4:30pm, KB 203



March 16, 2010

THE MORRISON LECTURE HAROLD HOLZER

Civil War and Lincoln Scholar

"Lincoln and Obama: Lessons from the Past, Inspiration for the Future"

Book sale & signing to follow
4:30pm, Location TBA

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UPCOMING EVENT

The Fourth Annual Morrison Lecture in American Studies with special guest **Harold Holzer**



"Lincoln and Obama: Lessons from the Past, Inspiration for the Future"

Harold Holzer from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is a world renowned expert on Abraham Lincoln. Book sale & signing to follow
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IN THE NEWS

MA in American Studies beginning September 2010

The MA in American Studies has been approved by the UWO Senate and is awaiting OCGS approval. We have been accepting applications to the program since early November (the deadline for applications is Feb 1st, 2010). A Graduate Committee to oversee the program has been appointed for the 2010-11 academic year. The CAS is very excited to be offering the first MA program in American Studies in Canada and we look forward to welcoming our first MA students this September. For more information about the graduate program and to apply, please visit our webpage: http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/MA_Program.html

Canada-U.S. Institute at Western

On October 30th, senior administrators and faculty members from the faculties of Social Science, Arts and Humanities, FIMS, Law, and the Ivey Business School met to discuss the creation of a Canada-U.S. Institute at Western. The primary objective of the Institute will be to produce and disseminate timely and policy-relevant research on a host of important bi-lateral issues, and to educate policy-makers, journalists, business leaders, and the public about the differences and similarities between our two countries. The first study of the Canada-U.S. Institute will be released at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington D.C. on April 13, 2010. The study, written by Professors **Cameron Anderson** and **Laura Stephenson**, will be based on survey research exploring the perceptions and attitudes of Canadians toward the U.S. and those of Americans toward Canada.

DAVID CLAYTON-THOMAS



David Clayton-Thomas, former lead singer of the group Blood, Sweat & Tears, visited Western on Sept 22, 2009 and shared his experiences of Woodstock and the American music scene in the 1960s and 70s. He is pictured here with CAS Speakers' Series Coordinator Monda Halpern.

Critical Issues of Our Time

Volume II of the CAS publication series, *Critical Issues of Our Time*, is now available. The second volume features the article "Waiting for Madam President" by Lori Cox Han of Chapman University. Extra copies are available in the CAS office and the Dept. of Political Science.

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Teaching Award Nomination

CAS Associate Director **Monda Halpern** has been nominated for the Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, sponsored by the USC, Alumni Association, and Bank of Nova Scotia. The four winners have yet to be announced. Monda Halpern is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History.

Report on the 2009 CAAS Conference

The Centre for American Studies hosted the annual Canadian Association of American Studies conference at London's Hilton Hotel this past November. This international conference brought together approximately 100 scholars from Canada, the United States, and as far as Australia. Featured keynote speakers were Russ Castronovo, University of Wisconsin-Madison and William Novak, University of Michigan. This year the conference theme was "States of Emergency: Crisis, Panic, and the Nation." Plans are underway for some of the conference papers to be featured in an upcoming special edition of *The Canadian Review of American Studies*. Congratulations and thanks to Conference Program Director **Bryce Traister** for coordinating this highly successful event. Special thanks also to committee members Geoffrey Ruelland, Chris Bundock, Melissa Scott, Brad St. Croix, and Lindsay Thornton for all their administrative and on-site help.

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Selected Topics Course Offerings 2010-11

[American Studies 2230F: Topic TBA](#)

[American Studies 2231G: Topic TBA](#)

Priority to students enrolled in the American Studies program

[American Studies 3330F: The Fog of War: Screening the Vietnam Conflict](#)
(Cross-listed with Film Studies 3330F)

[American Studies 3340G: "Quality" Television in the U.S.](#)

(Cross-listed with Film Studies 3321G)

Priority to students enrolled in American Studies or Film Studies programs

Distance Studies Course Offerings May 2010

[American Studies 2230F: Topic: Sport in America](#)

[American Studies 2231F: Topic: Being Bad in America: Morality, Deviance and Dissent in the United States](#)

Web registration begins March 3, 2010

New Look for *NeoAmericanist* Journal

After months of hard work by the *NeoAmericanist* team, Vol. 4, No. 2 of the journal is up and running in its new and improved web 2.0 format! This new design features more regular content updates, an increased interactive capacity, and essays published and archived in both PDF and HTML formats, making works easier to use, archive and search. Check out the new journal format at www.neoamericanist.org.

Important Dates:

Intent to Register Counseling Period: February 4-22

Reading Week: February 15-19

Classes End: April 9

April Exam Period: April 12-30
