

CAS NEWS

Speakers' Series 2012-13

January 17, 2013

JONATHAN PAQUIN

Dept. of Political Science
Laval University

**The U.S. War in Afghanistan:
Toward a Possible End in 2014?**

3:30pm, SSC 9420

February 7, 2013

PATRICK RYAN

Interdisciplinary Programs,
King's University College
**Childhood and Disciplinary
Institutions in**

Anglo-American Culture

2:30pm, SSC 5220

March 12, 2013

CHRISTINE BOLD

English & Theatre Studies,
University of Guelph

**Beyond the Frontier Club:
Popular Westerns and Cultural
Power around 1900**

2:30pm, SSC 9420

The Canada-U.S. Institute
presents

RICHARD VENGROFF

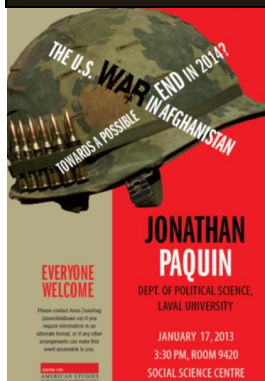
Kennesaw State University
Para-diplomacy and

Immigration Policy:

**Provinces and States in
Comparative Perspective
January 31, 2013**

Co-sponsored with the
Collaborative Graduate
Program in Migration & Ethnic
Relations

Speakers' Series Presents Jonathan Paquin



The Centre for American Studies is pleased to welcome **Jonathan Paquin**, Professor of Political Science, Laval University, as our next guest of the CAS Speakers' Series. Dr. Paquin's presentation, **The U.S. War in Afghanistan: Towards a Possible End in 2014?** takes place on **Thursday, January 17, 3:30pm in SSC 9420**.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Jewish Studies Film Series



The Jewish Studies Program at Western presents:

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The Jewish Studies Program Film Series at Western
GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT

Thursday, January 24, 2013, 7:00pm.

John Labatt Visual Arts Centre, Room 100.

[View complete schedule](#)

Michael Ignatieff Visits Western

On November 8, 2012, renowned author, academic, and former politician **Michael Ignatieff**, visited Western as the special guest of the CAS Speakers' Series. Dr. Ignatieff delivered a highly enjoyable lecture, "**Us and Them: Opponents and Enemies in Politics**" to



an appreciative, standing room only audience, and signed copies of his books following the lecture. Prior to the event, Dr. Ignatieff met with a group of American Studies graduate students to discuss their master's research projects. The event was co-hosted by the **Canada-U.S. Institute**.

WELCOME SECOND TERM INSTRUCTORS!

Michael Arntfield

AS 2231G: Crimes of the Century

Tom Cull

AS 1020: An Introduction to American Studies

Thy Phu

AS 9000B: Foundations in American Cultural Studies

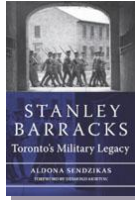
Jeff Vacante

AS 9200B: Canadian-American Relations



BOOK AWARD!

Congratulations to **Professor Aldona Sendzikas** who was awarded the City of Toronto Award of Merit in the book category for her book, *Stanley Barracks: Toronto's Military Legacy*, at the 38th annual Heritage Toronto Awards Ceremony held on October 9, 2012. The award "recognizes well-written non-fiction books that explore Toronto's archaeological, built, cultural and/or natural heritage and history."



FACULTY PRESENTATION

CAS Associate Director **Monda Halpern** (History) will be giving a public lecture at the London Jewish Community Centre: **Women with a Beef: The 1902 New York City Kosher Meat Boycott**. The presentation takes place on **January 28, 2013 at 7:30pm**.

UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Winter Course Registration & Add/Drop

The last day to add a second-term half course online is **January 12**. Paper add/drop is **January 14 & 15**. Some spaces are currently available in the selected topics course **American Studies 2231G: Crimes of the Century: The American Courtroom as a Place, Space, and Public Spectacle**. [View course syllabus](#).

Student Club News & Events



Upcoming Event:

CAS Faculty & Student 'Meet & Greet'

The student club plans to host a **'Meet & Greet'** social for American Studies students and faculty members. The event will take place early in February. Details to follow soon!

Student Council Reps

Congratulations to **Patrick Sackville** and **Richard Placzek** who have been elected as our Social Science student council representatives for 2012-13.

Election Night Social

The club held a very successful social evening on November 6 to follow the results of the U.S. Presidential election. Commiserations to Patrick who lost the bet!

Club Members Meet U.S. Military Legislative Assistant

Members of the American Studies Association and Political Science Student Associations held an impromptu meeting with **Eric Sayers** (3rd from left), a Military Legislative Assistant in Washington DC, and a Western alumnus, was here to participate in the CAS panel discussion on the 2012 U.S. Election.



Student International Exchange

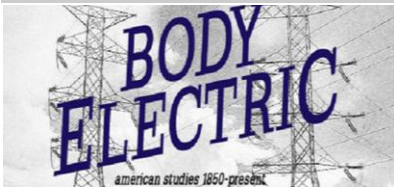


Richard Schuett has been enjoying the experience of a lifetime spending the 2012-13 year on a student international exchange. He attended Université Francois-Rabelais in Tours, France in the fall semester and is currently at Radboud University in Nijmegen, Netherlands for the winter term. Third-year student

Richard was a recipient of Western's Global Opportunities Award scholarship Program. Richard is pictured here in Dublin, Ireland.

CALL FOR PAPERS!

New Graduate Publication



The CAS, led by **Caroline Diezyn** (MA 2012) is pleased to introduce a peer-reviewed, printed journal for graduate students at Western. *The Body Electric*, will cover American studies-related topics from 1850 to the present day, and will feature a different theme in each issue. The journal invites submissions from graduate students in the Social Sciences and Arts & Humanities. A [Call for Papers](#) was issued in October, with a submission deadline of **Jan 15**.

Conference Presentation



MA student **Nicole Winger** has been invited to present her paper *The Supremes & The Copacabana, 1965: An Analysis of its Symbolism and Meaning* at the International Association for the Study of Popular Music's 2013 annual conference "Music and Labour". The conference will take place May 23-26 at McMaster University.

Greetings from England!



Lindsay Thornton (MA 2011) wishes everyone at the CAS 'Happy New Year' from London, England!

GRADUATE STUDENT PAGE



The rainy October weather didn't dampen the spirits of our 2012 graduating class! The happy students graduated with a Master of Arts degree in American Studies at fall convocation ceremonies on October 26. Congratulations to all the students!

NEWS OF ALUMNI



TOM COOKE (MA 2012) has become a regular guest on *1290 CIBK Radio* with Mike Stubbs and Al Coombs on the *London in the Afternoon Show*. Tom is doing a weekly interview based on his PhD research in Science and Technology Studies at York University. The interviews will cover such topics as social media, smartphones, and state surveillance. Tune in on Fridays at 4:40pm to hear Tom's interviews.



JACOB SKINNER'S (MA 2012) article *Does Romney's Evangelical Dilemma Matter?* appeared in the September 20, 2012 (Vol. 48, No. 16) issue of *Western News*. Jacob is currently pursuing a PhD in Political Science, specializing in Local Government, at Western.

CAROLINE DIEZYN'S (MA 2012) book review of D. C. Gill's *How We Are Changed by War: A Study of Letters and Diaries from Colonial Conflicts to Operation Iraqi Freedom* has been published in Vol. 30 (Autumn 2012) of the journal *49th Parallel*. The book review can be viewed [here](#). Caroline has also been invited to present a paper, "*Life-as-movie, war-as-(war)-movie, war-as-life*": *Nostalgic Misinterpretations of Masculinity and the Trace of the Hollywood Soldier in Michael Herr's Dispatches* at the International Society for the Study of Time's conference, "Time and Trace" in Crete this summer. Caroline recently relocated to Whitehorse, Yukon. Stay warm Caroline!

DAVE BEITELMAN (MA 2011) was recently awarded a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the U.S. Ambassador to Canada **David Jacobson**, and presented by the U.S. Consul General **Richard Riley**. Dave received the certificate in recognition of his work as an intern at the U.S. Consulate General Office in Halifax last year. Congratulations!

