

# CAS NEWS

## SPEAKERS' SERIES

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 18, 2011

THE MORRISON LECTURE

LINDA MCQUAIG

Journalist and Author

"The Trouble with Billionaires"

Book sale & signing to follow  
4:30pm, HSB 240

February 15, 2011

NINA REID-MARONEY

Huron University College

"The Promised Land Project:

Black Settlements in Southwestern Ontario"

3:30pm, SSC 9420

March 22, 2011

JONATHAN BURSTON

FIMS, UWO

"Sound in the Service of Synergy:

The American Musical in the Age of Digital Convergence"

4:30pm, KB 203

March 15, 2011

THE CANADA-U.S. INSTITUTE

welcomes

RALPH NADER

Consumer Advocate, Lawyer, Author, & Former U.S.

Presidential Candidate

"Canada-U.S. Relations"

Book sale & signing to follow  
5:00pm, NSC 145

## The Morrison Lecture with Special Guest Linda McQuaig

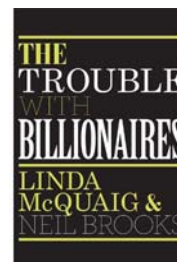
"The Trouble with Billionaires"



The Centre for American Studies is delighted to welcome special guest, best-selling author and journalist Linda McQuaig for the fifth annual Morrison Lecture in American Studies. Linda McQuaig has developed a reputation for challenging the establishment. An award-winning journalist, she has been a political columnist for the

Toronto Star since 2002, and is the author of eight books on politics and economics – all national bestsellers – including *Shooting the Hippo* (short-listed for the Governor General's Award for Non-Fiction), *The Cult of Impotence*, *All You Can Eat*, *It's the Crude, Dude: War, Big Oil and the Fight for the Planet*, and *Holding the Bully's Coat: Canada and the U.S. Empire*. *The Trouble with Billionaires*, co-authored with Neil Brooks, is her most recent book.

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 4:30pm, HSB 240. A book sale and signing will follow.



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## Canada-U.S. Institute to Host Ralph Nader, Inaugural Visiting Fellow

Consumer advocate, lawyer, author, and former Presidential candidate Ralph Nader has accepted a Visiting Fellowship with Western's Canada-U.S. Institute for 2011-12. Mr. Nader will be participating in a press conference followed by a discussion of his new article on Canada-US relations and a book sale and signing. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 5:00pm, NSC 145



## Current Research Projects

- Arctic Sovereignty from a Comparative Perspective  
Project Leader: Elizabeth Riddell-Dixon
- Revitalizing Poor Neighborhoods on Both Sides of the Border  
Project Leader: Martin Horak

## Upcoming Conference

Taking Stock of a Turbulent Decade and Looking Ahead: Immigration to North America in 2000-2010, April 28-30, 2011.

(Co-hosted with The Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations)

## FACULTY NEWS

### Faculty Award Winner

**Peter Ferguson** (Political Science) and **Bruce Fyfe** (Western Libraries) have been awarded the 2010 Fellowship in Teaching Innovation Award of \$10,000 for their project "Critical Success: Developing a collaborative, fully integrated information literacy infrastructure into a Political Science curriculum".

### Award Nominations



Congratulations to **Aldona Sendzikas** (History) whose recently published book *Lucky 73: USS Pampanito's Unlikely Rescue of Allied POWs in WWII* has been nominated for two awards: the 2010 Henry Adams Prize and the North American Society for Oceanic History's John Lyman Book Prize.

### Welcome New Instructors!

**Patrick Collins**

American Studies 1020

**David Drysdale**

American Studies 2231G

## PUBLICATION SERIES

Volume V of *Critical Issues of Our Time* was published in December, 2010. "**Why Lincoln Matters to American Presidents**" was written by **Harold Holzer**, Senior Vice-President of External Affairs for the New York City Metropolitan Museum of Art and a leading authority on Abraham Lincoln and the political culture of the Civil War era. The article can be found on the CAS website: <http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/files/critisuesv5%20dec10.pdf>

## UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

### Meet Our Student Council Reps!



2010-11 is the first year that American Studies has been represented on the Social Science Student Council. Our first ever council representatives are third-year students **Brendan Clements** (L) and **Ross Heft** (R). Both Brendan and Ross are excited to promote our growing program, as well as the newly



created student club the UWO American Studies Association. If you have any questions feel free to contact them by email; they would love to hear from you!

**Ross:** [rheft@uwo.ca](mailto:rheft@uwo.ca); **Brendan:** [bclemen2@uwo.ca](mailto:bclemen2@uwo.ca).

### Intent to Register February 2011

**First-year students!** If you are considering including an American Studies module in your program next year and need more information, feel free to visit the CAS office during the Intent to Register period which will begin in February. Program information pamphlets are also available in the office and on the CAS website: <http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/>. **Drop in Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 4:00, SSC 1003**

### New Course Offerings 2011-12

**American Studies 3340G/Film Studies 3325G:** American Cinema of the 1950s

\***Film Studies 2193G:** American Action Film

\***Film Studies 3311G:** Family Viewing: Melodrama

\***History 2133** (King's): Terrorism and Extremism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America

\***History 4392E** (King's): Terrorism USA

\**Will be counted for credit towards American Studies degree modules*

Please visit the CAS website early in the summer for details of these and other new course offerings: [http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/undergraduate\\_program\\_syllabi.html](http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/undergraduate_program_syllabi.html)

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*"We are citizens of the world. The tragedy of our times  
is that we do not know this."*

Woodrow Wilson, 28<sup>th</sup> President of the United States (1856-1924)

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## GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

### MRP Mini-Colloquium Dates

Friday, April 1, 2011, 1:00-3:00pm, UC 224A

Friday, April 15, 2011, 1:00-3:00pm, SSC 4255

Friday, April 29, 2011, 1:00-3:00, UC 224A

Students will present their MRP research to date to their fellow students and their advisers. Please sign up for one of these presentation dates at the CAS office.

### Speaking Out...A Forum for Grad Student Commentaries

**Speaking Out** is a new electronic publication which features commentaries contributed by our American Studies MA students. These commentaries will focus on a wide range of political, historical, and cultural issues which will be of interest to fellow students, academics, and the attentive public.

Website: [http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/speaking\\_out.html](http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/speaking_out.html)

**Rob MacDougall** will be Acting Graduate Chair while **Margaret Kellow** is on leave.