

CAS NEWS

SPEAKERS' SERIES 2010-11

September 30, 2010

PAULA URUBURU

Hofstra University

"American Eve and the Crime of the Century: Gilded-Age Sex, Scandal, and Murder"
10:30am, SSC 9420

October 27, 2010

CHRISTOPHER HEDGES

Journalist and Author

"*Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle*"
3:30pm, Location TBA

November 16, 2010

MICHAEL ARNTFIELD

Doctoral Candidate, UWO, and London Police Officer

"The Last of the Gunfighters: The LAPD in American Culture and Myth"
3:30pm, SSC 9420

January 18, 2011

THE MORRISON LECTURE

LINDA MCQUAIG

Journalist and Author

"*The Trouble with Billionaires*"
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 15, 2011

JONATHAN BURSTON

FIMS, UWO

"The American Musical in the Age of Digital Convergence"
4:30pm, KB 203

IN THE NEWS



Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a great summer.

MA Program Approved: Begins September 2010

We are delighted to announce that the MA Program in American Studies was granted final approval by OCGS on June 18, 2010, and that we will welcome our first group of graduate students to the program this September. This 12-month program will offer two fields of study: American Cultural Studies and Canadian-American Relations. The MA in American Studies at Western is the first program of its kind in Canada. For more information on admission requirements, application procedures, program requirements, and courses, please visit our website: http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/graduate_program.html

New Look for CAS Website

The CAS website has undergone some changes to its design and format this past summer. The site has been redesigned to be more consistent with the format of other UWO department websites. This will allow for a greater ease of navigation for visitors to our website. Check out our new look: <http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca>

THE CANADA-U.S. INSTITUTE

Washington D.C. Official Launch

Western's newly created Canada-U.S. Institute celebrated its official launch in Washington D.C. on April 13, 2010. Professors **Cameron Anderson** and **Laura Stephenson**, Department of Political Science, presented the findings of their research paper, "Moving Closer or Drifting Apart? Assessing the State of Public Opinion on the U.S. – Canada Relationship".



Upcoming Conference

Director **Don Abelson** reports that the Canada-U.S. Institute plans to co-host a conference with the Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations. The conference, "**Taking Stock of a Turbulent Decade and Looking Ahead: Immigration to North America in 2000-2010**", will take place from April 28-30, 2011.

INSTRUCTORS 2010-11

Dan Bousfield (9200A)
Patrick Collins (1020)
Dylan Cyr (2200E)
David Drysdale
(2231G)
Craig Greenham
(2230F)
Thy Phu (9000A)
Bryce Traister (1020 & 9050A)
Joseph Wlodarz (3330F & 3340G)



*“The invariable
mark of wisdom
is to see the
miraculous in the
common.”*

Ralph Waldo Emerson,
American Poet, Essayist, and
Lecturer (1803-1882)

PUBLICATION SERIES

Volume IV of *Critical Issues of Our Time* was published in August. “The Myth of the Moral Attorney: What Would Atticus Finch Do?” was written by **Thane Rosenbaum**, Director of the Forum on Law, Culture, and Society, NY, and the author of *The Myth of Moral Justice*.

CAS Team:

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UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

Student Award Winners 2009-10



CAS Director **Don Abelson** presented the American Studies student awards for 2009-10 to **Brendan Clements** and **Laura McGee** on April 9, 2010. Brendan was awarded the Morrison scholarship in Academic Achievement. Laura was the recipient of the Morrison scholarship in Academic Improvement as well as the gold medal in American Studies at spring convocation. Congratulations to both Laura and Brendan on these impressive achievements and best of luck in the coming year!

Selected Topics Courses 2010-11

AME 2230F: Sport in America

New AME 2231G: Subversive Democracy: Understanding the Tea Party Movement

New AME 3330F/Film Studies 3330F: The Fog of War: Screening the Vietnam Conflict

New AME 3340G/Film Studies 3360G: “Quality” Television in the U.S.

New American Studies Student Club

We are very excited that a group of enterprising students are taking steps to form a USC ratified student club in American Studies. The American Studies student club will increase the presence of the American Studies program, encourage inter-faculty and student-professor collaboration, and provide a forum for students to pursue a shared interest in the study and discussion of North America. The club hopes to serve both an academic and social purpose. Students interested in getting involved can contact **Laura McGee** (lmcgee6@uwo.ca) or **Ross Heft** (rheft@uwo.ca). All undergraduate and graduate students are welcome.

Important Dates for Undergraduate Students:

August 9: Web registration closes

August 26 - September 18: Extended web registration

September 20 & 21: Paper add/drop period

GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

Graduate Student Orientation Sessions

- American Studies Session: Tuesday, September 7, 11:00am, SSC 9434
- UWO Graduate Student Orientation: Saturday, September 11, 10am-2pm, HSB 40. Registration: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=20>



CAS Graduate Student & Faculty Welcome Reception

Tuesday, September 7, 3:30pm, Michael’s Garden, Room 3320, SH

Put It Into Practice Conference

The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will be hosting **Put It Into Practice:** A one day conference for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees on the importance of finding an application for their research outside of academia. Saturday, November 13. For details and registration: <http://grad.uwo.ca/PIIP.htm>