

Minnesota Humanities Center, Teacher Institute Seminar in conjunction with the  
Canadian Consulate, Minnesota

## The Geography of the Neighborhood: Canada and the U.S.

January 14-15, 2008

Minnesota Humanities Center  
St. Paul, MN

### *SCHEDULE*

#### **Seminar Description**

Help your students dispel misconceptions about Canada, our northern neighbor, while enhancing lessons in geography, history, and economics. A land border of 3,145 miles, 547 of which are in Minnesota, links Canada and the United States through physical geography; however, the countries are also linked by centuries of history and trade. Geared towards elementary and middle school teachers (grades 3-8), this seminar will focus on the geography and culture of Canada in addition to Canada's many and varied relationships with the U.S. and Minnesota. To frame the seminar, participants will explore the concept of drawing borders as well as current border issues between the two countries. The seminar will continue with an examination of the impact and importance of trade between the U.S. and Canada, which includes everything from agricultural products to energy, and the issues in the bilateral relationship. Teachers will learn how a study of Canada can help students better understand global issues such as climate change, environmental conservation and sustainability, and multiculturalism, including a comparison of Canada-US policies regarding indigenous people and immigration. This seminar will help illuminate how much Canada and the U.S. have in common while highlighting the many differences, and will help students better understand North America and many current global issues.

#### **Seminar Presenters**

Aaron Doering, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Nadine Fabbi, University of Washington  
David Lanegran, Macalester College  
Andrew Latham, Macalester College  
Laura Smith, Macalester College  
JoAnn Trygestad, Rosemount Middle School  
Bruce White, Turnstone Historical Research  
Jessica Winkelaar, Minnesota Humanities Center

#### **Seminar Coordinator**

Rebecca Eilers, Minnesota Humanities Center

#### **Hamline Adjunct Faculty Graduate Course Grader**

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#### **Monday, January 14, 2008**

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9:30-10:00 am	<b>Check-in</b>
10:00-10:45 am	<b>Borders: How do you know you're not a Canadian?</b> David Lanegran
10:45 -12:00 pm	<b>The Geography of Canada</b> Laura Smith
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch in the Commons
1:00-2:00 pm	<b>Linking the United States and Canadian History in the Classroom</b> Jessica Winkelaar and JoAnn Trygestad
2:00-2:15 pm	Break
2:15-3:30 pm	<b>When Minnesota Was Canada</b> Bruce White
3:30-3:45 pm	Break
3:45-5:00 pm	<b>The Peoples, the Cultures, and Multiculturalism in Canada</b> Nadine Fabbi
5:00-6:30 pm	<b>Meet the Canadian Consul General</b> Reception featuring Canadian foods and wine
7:00-9:00 pm	Optional Movie: <i>Fast Runner</i>

## **Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

7:45-8:30 am	Breakfast served in the Library
8:30-10:30 am	<b>The Maple Leaf, the Beaver, and the Loonie: Using Symbols to Understand the Culture of Canada, Eh?</b> Nadine Fabbi
10:30-10:45 am	Break
10:45 am-noon	<b>Arctic Exploring and the Environment</b> Aaron Doering
Noon-1:00 pm	Lunch in the Commons
1:00-2:00 pm	<b>Comparing the U.S. and Canada: Government, Civics, Policies</b> Andrew Latham
2:00-2:15 pm	Break
2:15-3:15 pm	<b>Canadian Children's Books for the Classroom</b> JoAnn Trygestad
2:45-3:15 pm	<b>Politics, the Border, and the Bilateral Partnership</b> Consulate representatives
3:15-3:30 pm	Wrap-Up and Evaluations

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