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*2008-09 Canada-US Visiting Fulbright Chair*

*Professor Michael Orsini  
School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa*

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“ The Canada-US Fulbright Chair is an exciting part of the Jackson School program that allows the University of Washington to form lasting collaborations with our Canadian colleagues and research institutions.

— *Phyllis Wise, Provost, University of Washington* ”

## *Michael Orsini's Visiting Scholar Activities*

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2008-09 Canada-US Fulbright Visiting Chair, Michael Orsini, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa. Orsini's research interests include health policy and comparative politics in an interdisciplinary environment including sociology, law and politics, and science and technology studies. During his residency at University of Washington, Orsini worked on a new project, titled "Health Policy from Below: Social Movements and Contested Illness in Canada and the US." The project, funded by a Social Science and Humanities Research Council Grant, examines the policy influence of civil society actors in three areas (asthma, autism and Multiple Chemical Sensitivity).

Participant, *Fourth Annual Public Health Symposium: US-Canada Academic Collaboration in the Pacific Northwest*, La Conner, Washington, 9-10 January 2009.

Class presentation, "Introduction to Politics in Canada and Ottawa," for the students in *SIS 495C: Task Force on Arctic Sovereignty*, University of Washington, 23 January 2009.

Invited lecture, "Gendering Autism Activism," provided to faculty and staff, Women's Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, 6 February 2009.

Lecture, "Contested Illnesses and Comparative Social Movement Activism: Bringing Narrative Analysis In," Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, 19 February 2009.

Discussant, "Canadian and US Comparative Tax Burdens and Revolts," School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, 20 February 2009.



*Over 75 faculty, researchers and graduate students from UW and University of British Columbia are involved in the annual Public Health Symposium: US-Canada Academic Collaboration in the Pacific Northwest. The Symposium was one of Michael's first involvements during his residency at UW.*

One of the key involvements for the Fulbright Research Chair is to work closely with graduate students engaged in cross-border research. In Spring Quarter Michael served as the advisor for the 4th Annual Canadian Studies Symposium and as one of two respondents at the symposium that brought together six graduate students from across campus.



Lecture, “A ‘Spectrum’ of Disputes: Framing Autism in Canada and the US,” part of the *Hot Spots in Your World Lecture Series*, sponsored by the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, 4 March 2009.

Invited lecturer, “The Cultural Politics of Illness and Health Activism in the Americas,” Canadian Studies and Latin American Studies Programs, Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, 1 April 2009.

Visiting Scholar, provided guest lectures in three courses (IDS 329, SOC 119-01, ANTH 344-01) including meetings with faculty, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, 6-7 April 2009.

Respondent, “Re-Imagining Health - What We Can Learn from Canada,” *Fourth Annual Canadian Studies Graduate Student Symposium*, University of Washington, 17 April 2009.

Invited lecturer, “Forum on the Future of Health Care,” for the general public, School of Nursing, University of Washington Bothell, 25 April 2009.

Invited lecturer, “Seeing Red: A Tale of Two Tainted Blood Scandals,” “A Spectrum of Disputes: Autism Activism and the Contours of Biological Citizenship,” and “The Canadian Health Care System,” for the general public and undergraduate students in international studies and public health, Canadian Studies Committee, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon, 29 April - 1 May 2009.

Invited Lecturer, LSJ332/CHID 332 Disability and Society: Introduction to Disability Studies, Professor Joanne Woiak, University of Washington, 21 May 2009.

*In 2006, the University of Washington and the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a Canada-US Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the University of Washington. The MOU was signed by the Vice Provost for International Education for the Board of Governors of the University of Washington and the Executive Director for the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the US.*

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