Year in Review

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- New to the Center: Mr. Matthew Sparke, Ph.C., University of British Columbia, to fill a vacancy in Geography and International Studies; Dr. Andrea Simpson, Political Science and Ms. Marion Cook, Program Secretary;
- Dr. Anthony Chan became Center Director and Principal Investigator for the Pacific Northwest National Resource Center on Canada;

At the University of Washington
- 15 students earned Ph.D.'s;
- 14 students received master's;
- 67 students completed a bachelor's;
- Two new courses: "Cascadia: A Bioregional Perspective on the Environment and Economy of the Pacific Northwest" and "The Internet and Cultural Industries in Canada;"
- A Canada Track was added to the Jackson School M.A.I.S. degree;
- More than 80 videos covering aspects of Canadian society were donated by the Center to establish the largest area-studies collection housed at Classroom Support Services. The Canada collection exceeds 300 films and videos;
- Ms. Paulette Thompson, a Garfield High School teacher in Seattle, received the regional award as 1995 National Consortium for Teaching Canada Teacher of the Year for contributions to the study of Canada in K-12 education;
- 13 Northern Northwest Coast Native Canadian Prints were donated to the University Libraries by Dr. W.A. Douglas Jackson. They are on permanent display in Special Collections.
- In cooperation with the Friends of CBUT and the public the Center took on TCI Cable, who vowed to and did cut CBUT from its line-up. A partial victory - the Utilities Commission in Seattle negotiated terms in TCI Cable's franchise agreement that CBUT be added as car-

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riage capacity increases;
• The National Consortium for Teaching Canada, chaired by the Center, arranged for an exhibitor booth at the November conference for the National Council for the Social Studies. More than 700 K-12 teachers visited with representatives from NCTC and discussed how Canada can be and is included in their teaching;

“Canadian Co-Productions of Projects for New Media;” Ms. Keira Armstrong; Ms. Jennifer Beeson; Ms. Heather Cooper, and Mr. Robert Peterson.
• The Center offered a series of seminars for educators and the public to include “Literature and Music of Canada” and “International Updates: Trends and Transitions in Your World.” Among the speakers were Dr. Raymond Hébert, St. Boniface College; Mr. Ken Georgetti, President, British Columbia Federation of Labour; Dr. Elaine Barnard, Harvard Trade Union; Dr. Dennis Duffy, Canada Fulbright Scholar; Dr. Philip Resnick and Dr. Julia Cruikshank, University of British Columbia; Dr. Jim McCormick, California State University, Sacramento; Mr. Irwin Shubert, Simon Fraser University; Ms. Phyllis Simon, Vancouver Kidsbooks; Dr. Marie Vautier, University of Victoria and Mr. Paul Yee, Canadian children’s author.

At Western Washington University
• 30 students received a bachelor’s;
• At the ACSUS
  Dr. Donald Alper, Political Science, participated in the Editorial Board meeting for The American Review of Canadian Studies, was a panelist on “The Organization of Interdisciplinary Knowledge: Canadian Studies Programs in 1995,” and chair for “Politics in the Pacific Northwest;” Dr. Robert Monahan, Geography and Environmental Sciences, served as Counselor for the annual ACSUS board meeting; Dr. Mary Ann Hendryson, Economics, presented a paper, “The Agrarian Gender Gap: Membership Differences of the United Farmers of Alberta and the United Farm Women of Alberta;” Dr. Lyle E. Harris, Journalism, addressed, “The Charter, the Press and the Supreme Court: A Bal-

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Calendar of Events

- February through May, alternating Wednesdays, 5:30-8:00 pm, "International Updates: Trends and Transitions in Your World," offers the latest insights from top University scholars, convenient early evening programs and dinner catered by a local ethnic restaurant. $20.00 per person, per session. UW campus. To register call Middle East Center 206-543-4227 or FAX 206-685-0668. "Three Conflicting Geographies of Cascadia," May 22.

- Friday, March 8, 1:30-2:50 pm, "Rebel Province Wreaks Havoc in Aftermath of the October Referendum," by Michael Bittner, Associate Director, Canadian Studies Center. Campbell's Resort, Chelan, WA. This is part of a larger program for K-12 educators. Sponsored by the Washington State Council for the Social Studies and the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Office. To register call Kurt Jacobs, Lopez Island Schools, at 360-468-2219.

- Monday, April 1, 1:30-2:45 pm, "Bloody Metaphors and Other Allegories of the Ordinary" traces some of the vectors that can be seen in contemporary Québec as it struggles to become fully (post) modern." By Dr. Elspeth Probyn, Associate Professor and Director, Women's Studies, The University of Sydney. Smith Hall, Room 311. Sponsored by Canadian Studies, Women's Studies and the Center for the Humanities.

- Tuesday, April 9, Thursday, April 11, and Tuesday, April 16, 8:00-9:00 am. NEW Satellite Program For Educators. "International Updates: Trends and Transitions in Your World" satellite, enrichment programs for social studies and business teachers. Through 60 minute presentations you will receive expert views and up-to-date information from internationally recognized scholars to assist you in revitalizing and internationalizing your curricula. "Rebellion and Change in Canada," "China and the United States on the Eve of the 21st Century" and "Toward a Global Economy." To register call Marie Rustemeyer, ESD 101/STEP/Star, at 509-536-2151.

Best Bet Book


To request disability accommodations, contact the office of the ADA coordinator at least ten days in advance of the event, 206-543-6450 (voice); 206-543-6452 (TDD); 206-685-3885 (FAX); access@u.washington.edu (email).
Quebec Shifts Gears

Major budget cuts have been announced by Quebec's separatist government headed by Premier Lucien Bouchard. Spending estimates for the 1996-97 fiscal year reduce overall spending by $1.17 billion, from $42.26 billion in the current to $41.09 billion in the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1996.

Announcement of these cuts at the end of March confirms a major shift in direction by the Parti Québécois government since the resignation of former premier Jacques Parizeau last November, from the single-minded pursuit of sovereignty above all, and at all costs, to the prioritization of fiscal responsibility and even, to some extent, a "normalization" of relations with Québec's other partners in the Canadian federation. Premier Bouchard has even requested a personal meeting with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, an initiative that would have been unheard of under the Parizeau administration.

Some Americans, including associates of the Canadian Studies Center, have been surprised by the extent of cuts to Québec's foreign delegations. The Los Angeles delegation, which serves the entire West Coast, will be shut down altogether, as will the delegations in Atlanta, Boston, and Chicago. Overall, Québec will be

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Department and Faculty News

At the University of Washington

New Scholars, New Visions in Canadian Studies will appear summer 1996. New Scholars represents a quarterly monograph series, published by the Canadian Studies Center. It is intended to provide a forum for the newest members to academia and offer established scholars an avenue to publish a unique perspective that may not be welcome in a more traditional publication. 200 copies of the inaugural edition will be available free of charge. Thereafter, there will be a charge of $6.00 per copy, per quarterly publication or $24.00 for a yearly subscription.

In the first edition, a paper written by Karlyn Koh, a doctoral student in English at Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., will be featured. The title of the inaugural monograph is "Speculations and (Dis)Identifications: Notes on Asian Canadian Women Writing."

The Canadian Studies Center Home Page can now be accessed via the World Wide Web. Check it out as we continue to add and update the site. Find useful links to Canadian news sources, government press releases and tourism information; search the Canadian holdings in the University Libraries; read about the Center programs of study; browse the Canadian video and film library and check out the upcoming calendar of events. The address is:

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Canadian Video and Film holdings in Classroom Support Services now exceeds 300 titles from documentaries to news stories to animation to feature films for use in your classes. Call 543-9909 or access via Center Home Page.

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