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*Celebrating
25 years
of academic connections among
Canadian Studies scholars*

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Gary Geddes, political, humanist, place-based poet from British Columbia, will read poetry and engage in discussion about the Canadian penchant for travel... over a light supper on Friday after the conference.

Call for Papers, AGM 2012

Share your scholarship...invite colleagues from your Canadian studies programs to share theirs!!

On February 3, 2012, the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium (PNWCSC) will hold a mini-conference the morning of its annual meeting.

The PNWCSC invites you to submit a proposal to present your Canadian based research that focuses on the Pacific Northwest region and/or the Arctic.

While our focus on Canada's role in global change is on our region and the arctic, we invite presentations (papers, films, dis-

cussions, photo essays, and poetry, e.g.) that represent a myriad of disciplines (history, literature, political science, linguistics, geography, transportation, fisheries, the business among many) and with a variety of approaches: comparative (Canada/US/ Latin America, e.g.), historical, empirical studies, et cetera.



Featuring: Canadian Study's Librarian, Sion



Sion Romaine, UW Canadian Studies Librarian

Greetings from the Consortium's library representative! As the Canadian Studies Librarian at the University of Washington, I work with subject librarians at our three campuses to acquire materials and resources related to the study of Canada and Québec. Like my colleagues at other PNWCSC Consortium libraries, I also rely on the deep knowledge of faculty and students to assist me in choosing resources for our collections. While you may not have a dedicated

Canadian Studies librarian at your institution, there will be a librarian who can help you by purchasing relevant resources related to your Canadian Studies research or courses, creating a class resource page to help your students navigate the myriad sources of information on Canada, or hosting one-on-one consultations for researchers who aren't sure where to start.

And more than ever before, print resources on Canada needed for research purposes that

are not held by your own institution may be borrowed from another institution, usually at no cost to you. Depending on your library's catalog, you may even be able to request a resource held by another library directly from the catalog with just a couple of clicks!

Need a resource for an upcoming course? Be sure to ask your campus librarian for assistance. We're your partners in teaching and learning!

PNWCSC and Librarians—a defining history

by Morna McEachern (after a delightful, if short, conversation with Linda Di Biase)

The role librarians have played in our history attests to the fact that PNWCSC is, at heart, a deeply scholarly organization. From the first organizational meeting, held at the University of Washington in 1986, librarians have been at the core of the consortium. Linda Gould, University of Washington area studies librarian, was at the founding meeting. She held a vision. Librarians are critical to developing area studies scholarship, and thus librarians should be involved with creating the consortium, from the ground up. From the earliest days, a librarian has served on the Executive Committee.

In 1987, Linda Gould hired Linda Di Biase as her assistant and by 1990 Linda Di Biase had helped organize a library committee for PNWCSC. As she described it, it was a ‘shadow organization of one librarian from each member institution’. At annual meetings, the librarians would meet on their own and with the board. Their proudest project was developing cooperative purchasing of Canadian resources, across four states, be-

tween public and private institutions. At the same time, they negotiated interlibrary loan agreements, adding institutions and more resources throughout the 1990s. No small achievement!

With the arrival of the internet as a resource for academic pursuits, in the late 1990s, Linda and the librarians of PNWCSC took up the challenge of leading the consortium into the digital age. Linda, by this time, the second executive director of the consortium, recalled her ‘dog and pony show’ that demonstrated Canadian Studies resources on the web to member institutions. Depending on the institution’s size, location, and budget, she never knew how many minutes—one? ten? –it would take to make the web connections, thus making the lecture/discussion challenging and varied.

In the generous tradition of librarians and much in the way Linda Gould paved the way for her, Linda Di Biase turned over the role of Canadian Studies librarian and consortium board

member to a young colleague, Sion Romaine. As his greetings indicate, librarians continue to be scholars’ greatest support—particularly in the ever changing world of digital media, publication, and other resources. At the same time, as I found when I met Linda Di Biase, librarians also are often the greatest and most generous resources for archival materials. PNWCSC is more than fortunate to have librarians at the historical and current core of its work.



Accommodation for Annual General Meeting 2012

The Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held on February 3, 2011 in Seattle, Washington.

Discounted rate is available at the University Inn.

For discounted group rate, please make reservations by January 10, 2012.

Reservations need to be made individually by calling a toll free number 1-866-866-7977 or email reservation requests to Reservations@staypineapple.com

In order to get the group rate, please mention **PNWCSC 2012** on your reservation.

PNWCSC will distribute a check during the conference to cover accommodation costs for 1 night. Check will be distributed to only active members (who have paid 2011-2012 membership fees).

To renew membership of the institution for 2011-2012 year, please visit jsis.washington.edu/pnwcsc website.



Membership Benefits

- Listing on website with links to your institution's Canadian studies scholars
- Apply for grants to support Canadian focused travel, research or events
- Send a voting representative to the AGM/conference
- Submit graduate student and faculty proposals to the AGM/conference
- Elect a provincial/state representative to the PNWCSC board of directors
- Have your research profiled in this newsletter

All this for amazingly low membership dues of \$250 (your local currency) per annum.