

2008 Québec Workshop Presenter Bios – University of Washington, Seattle

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Thierry Giasson est professeur adjoint au Département d'information et de communication de l'Université Laval, à Québec. Il détient un doctorat en science politique de l'Université de Montréal. Depuis, octobre 2007, M. Giasson est directeur et chercheur principal du *Groupe de recherche en communication politique* (GRCP). Ses travaux actuels se concentrent sur l'examen des pratiques de communication politique, sur les campagnes électorales et sur le marketing politique au Québec et au Canada. En 2007, M. Giasson a été *Pacific Northwest-Québec Initiative Visiting Professor* en politique québécoise à l'Université Western Washington de Bellingham et à l'Université de Washington, Seattle, dans l'État de Washington.

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Frédéric Gagnon est professeur invité au *Center for Canadian-American Studies* de la *Western Washington University*, à Bellingham (WA), où il donne un cours sur la politique québécoise et les relations entre le Québec et les États-Unis. Chercheur à l'Observatoire sur les États-Unis de la Chaire Raoul-Dandurand de l'Université du Québec à Montréal depuis 2002, il est chargé de cours en science politique à cette même université. Il y soutiendra, en juin 2008, une thèse de doctorat sur le rôle du président de la commission du Sénat américain sur les Relations extérieures après 1945. Les recherches de Frédéric portent sur les institutions politiques américaines, les élections américaines, la politique étrangère américaine et les relations Québec-États-Unis. Il a été boursier *Fulbright* à l'Université du Massachusetts (2005), et chercheur invité au *Center for American Politics and Citizenship* de l'Université du Maryland et au *Canada Institute* du *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars* à Washington D.C. (2006).

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Timothy Pasch (B.A., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.A., University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Diplôme, Université Paul Valéry III Montpellier) is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Communication at the University of Washington. Timothy is a French and Japanese speaker and a FLAS recipient for Inuktitut. His dissertation research is focused on social networking in the Inuit Communities of Nunavik. Tim looks at language preservation in online social spaces where aboriginal and minority language use can be encouraged through web-tools such as blogs, email clients and online chatting. Tim lived with an Inuit family in Inukjuag last summer and will be giving a slideshow of his experiences during his talk today.

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Lonnie Tristan Renteria is currently a faculty member at Seattle University and the Art Institute of Seattle where he teaches French, Québécois Literature, Documentary Film and Spanish. Lonnie is a scholar, filmmaker and playwright. Lonnie was a recipient of a FLAS award to do research in Montréal where he had the opportunity to engage the film and theater community specific to Montréal. His interests are identity polemics, imagined spaces and performativity in sub-altern communities. He has been invited to lecture frequently on these issues. His most recent endeavor, a documentary film entitled *Ebony Chunky Love*, has garnered much attention, controversy and praise and is currently touring the US with future dates in Canada. Albeit, not a film about Canada, the story originated with a conversation with peers in Montréal and is a marriage of all his interests. Lonnie has completed a play treatment entitled "Dos solitudes," a play about tensions in family, identity, love and friendship among

recent Hispanophone immigrants in Québec. He is currently finishing a film short entitled, "Leave it to the professionals" and has been invited to direct and co-produce a documentary about Women in the Zydeco music movement.