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All events held at St. Vincent's Hall, Fourth Floor, Niagara University

CROSSING BORDERS STUDENT CONFERENCE

March 17, 2017 Fourth Floor Lobby, St. Vincent's Hall

4:00-5:00 p.m. Registration

5:00-7:00 p.m. Dinner and Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Shannon M. Risk, Associate Professor of History, Niagara
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Ms. Phyllis Yaffe, Consul General of Canada – Buffalo Presence

➤ Presentation: Best Student Paper Award

Keynote Presentation by Dr. Kevin White, Assistant Professor
at SUNY-Oswego and Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at Brock
University

March 18, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

8:00-9:00 a.m. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, FOURTH FLOOR LOBBY, ST. VINCENT'S HALL, NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

Breakfast buffet

SESSION ONE: 9:00-10:20, St. Vincent's Hall, Fourth Floor

Panel 1-A, Cross-border Politics and Policies

Room 405

- Moderator, Munroe Eagles, Professor of Political Science, University at Buffalo
- Patience Kapfer, University at Buffalo – “Peace, Order, and Not So Good Government: Political Distrust and Protest in Canada.”
- Jose Barajas, University at Buffalo – “North American Populism: A Comparative Analysis of the Reform Party of Canada and the Tea Party of the United States of America.”
- John Oshei, University at Buffalo – “Converging on Canada? American Polarization and Party Discipline in Comparative Perspective.”

Panel 1-B, History on the Borderlands

Room 406

- Moderator, Thomas Chambers, Professor of History, Niagara University
- Samantha Odrowaz-Sekely, University of Toronto – “Ethos and Alcohol: The Influence of Protestantism on Prohibition in Canada and the United States, 1920-1933.”
- Heidi Madden, University of Buffalo and Brock University – “Wall of Mirrors: Examining How Fort George and Old Fort Niagara Reflect National Identity.”

SESSION TWO: 10:30-11:50 a.m., St. Vincent's Hall, Fourth Floor

Panel 2-A, Theatre and Literature in the Borderlands

Room 405

- Moderator, Marian Bredin, Associate Professor of Communications, Brock University.
- Colin Bruce Anthes, Brock University – “The Biggest Little Brother: How Canada's Subsidized Theatre Interacts with American Commercial Art.”
- Herb Kauderer, University at Buffalo – “Rebranding Atwood: A Look at Margaret Atwood Admitting She Writes SF, then Redefining it as Slipstream.”
- Samuel Piccolo, Brock University – “Adrift in a Frozen Sea.”

Panel 2-B, Cross-border Economics
Room 406

- Moderator, Dr. Todd Inouye, Assistant Professor of Management, Niagara University.
- Craig Hilimoniuk, Brock University and University at Buffalo -- "Communicating Brand Politics in Canada."
- Alexander Djafari, University of Buffalo – "Assessing the North American Free Trade Agreement in Contemporary Times" (Get real title)
- Joshua Reichardt, University at Buffalo – "Railway to Prosperity – Expanding the Use of the Railways Around Buffalo for Economic Development."

Panel 2-C, Demographic Change Among Youth and Senior Citizens in Canada and the United States
Room 407

- Moderator, Susan Mason, Professor of Psychology, Niagara University
- Hannah Williamson, Niagara University – "Comparing Residential Care Settings and Healthcare in the United States and Canada."
- Sophia Smith, Niagara University – "Meeting the Needs of Increasing Senior Populations."
- Ibrahim Berrada, Brock University – "Promoting Canadian Media Content in the Digital Era – An Analysis of the Canada Media Fund."

12:00-1:00 BUFFET LUNCH, St. Vincent's Hall, Rooms 405-406

SESSION THREE: 1:00-2:20 p.m., St. Vincent's Hall, Fourth Floor

Panel 3-A, Security and Criminal Justice on the Border,
Room 405

- Moderator, Michael Durfee, Assistant Professor of History, Niagara University
- Kelly Gaskin, University at Buffalo – "Canada's National Sex Offender Registry: Why It Doesn't Work."
- Tyla Betke, University of Saskatchewan – "Cross-Border Criminals: An Historical Study of British-American Extradition, 1842-1890."
- Patrick Morris, Brock University – "A North American Response to 9/11: Will Homeland Security "Trump" Foreign Policy Approaches."

Panel 3-B, Indigenous People Confront the Government
Room 406

- Moderator, Eileen Angelini, Fulbright Specialist

- Michael O’Shea, University of Pennsylvania – “The Jay Treaty of 1794: Implications for Today’s Canadian Aboriginal Students in the U.S.”
- Meagan Breault, University of Saskatchewan – “Friend or Foe? The Question of the American Indian in Mid-to-Late Nineteenth-Century United States.”
- Collin Anderson, University at Buffalo – “Transnational Arctic Policies.”

SESSION FOUR: 2:30-3:50 p.m., St. Vincent’s Hall, Fourth Floor

Panel 4-A, Attitudes on the Role of Government – A Canadian-American Cross Border Analysis
Room 406

- Moderator, Paul Coleman, University at Buffalo and Brock University
- Ibrahim Berrada, University at Buffalo and Brock University
- Craig Hilimoniuk, University at Buffalo and Brock University
- Patrick Morris, University at Buffalo and Brock University
- Oleksandr Chernomorchenko, University at Buffalo and Brock University

Panel 4-B, Immigrants, Refugees, and Policy
Room 406

- Moderator, Dr. Joseph Sahr Sankoh, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of African Initiative, African/Black Studies, and Immigrant and Refugee Studies, Daemen College.
- Emily Reid, University at Buffalo – “U.S. and Canadian Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis.”
- Ashlee Wilde, University at Buffalo – “Immigrant Adaptation to Democratic Participation in Canada.”
- Sean Cunningham, University at Buffalo – “A Comparative of the American Quota System and Canadian Policy of Selective Immigration Based on Skill.”
- Ahmed Ahmed, University at Buffalo and Brock University – “The Effect of Actions of Islamic Radicals on the Self-Conceptualization of North American Muslims.”

CLOSING REMARKS: 4:00-5:00 p.m., St. Vincent’s Hall, Room 405

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