

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Michigan
presents

The first 2011-2012 Thursday Morning Lecture Series:
“Canada: Learning From and About our Neighbor”

September 15, 2011

Confessions of a Border Community: Windsor, Ontario, Canada

Prof. Larry Kulisek

Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Programs, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Windsor

Throughout almost 300 years of history between the Border Communities of Windsor and Detroit, one finds recurring themes about their relationship. Periods of restrictions have usually been balanced by corresponding times of freer access to each country's flow of people and goods. Border locations, especially for the smaller partner, often enhance profitable opportunities for illegal or immoral activities, such as smuggling and gambling, that test the ethical base of these communities. Dr. Kulisek received his PhD from Wayne State University and was an Associate Professor of History at the University of Windsor. He co-authored *Windsor 1892-1992: A Centennial Celebration* and co-edited *Conference Papers from The Western District of Upper Canada*.

September 22, 2011

Why do Many Quebecers Want Their Own Country and Will They Get It?

Prof. Stephen Brooks

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Windsor and Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan

The Quebec nationalist movement has been an influential force in Canada's largest province since the 1960s. Referenda on independence for the province have been held twice and the last vote was a razor-thin rejection of an independent Quebec. For almost 20 years the political group, Bloc Quebecois' raison d'être is the separation of Quebec. What consequences would an independent Quebec have for Canada and the United States? Professor Brooks teaches Canadian and American Politics and is Director of the UofM Ottawa Internship Program. Almost 500 American students were placed in the offices of Canadian MP's over the past 30 years.

October 6, 2011

The Labo(u)r Movement and Canadian Politics

Prof. Ian Robinson

Lecturer and Research Scientist, Department of Sociology and the Residential College's Social Theory & Practice Concentration, University of Michigan

Since the Great Depression, the Canadian labor movement has impacted on Canadian politics. Similarities and differences of the respective political impact by the US and Canadian labor movements will be presented. Prof. Robinson has degrees from Oxford and Yale Universities. He taught at Yale, Northwestern University, and Reed College. He teaches and writes on comparative, political economic and social movements, with particular attention to the labor movements of North America and Western Europe. He has also worked on trade policy – specifically, NAFTA – both as a scholar and for a year as a minor government apparatchik during Ontario’s first and (so far) only NDP government (1990-1995).

October 13, 2011

Canadian Prose and Poetry

Dr. Lyall H. Powers

Professor Emeritus of English, Department of English Language and Literature, University of Michigan

Dr. Powers will discuss the novels: *The Tin Flute* (Gabrielle Roy), *Wild Geese* (Martha Ostenso), *As for Me and My House* (Sinclair Ross), *Who Has Seen the Wind* (W.O. Mitchell), *The Sacrifice* (Adele Wiseman), and *The Diviners* (Margaret Laurence). Poetry by John McCrae, Dorothy Livesay, Frank R. Scott, A.M. Klein, and Alfred W. Purdy will also be presented. Dr. Powers has degrees from University of Manitoba, the Sorbonne, and Indiana University. He taught at the University of Wisconsin and received honors from the Royal Society of Canada, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and is a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is the author of *Henry James and the Naturalist Movement*, *The Alien Heart: Margaret Laurence’s Life and Work* and editor, *Henry James and Edith Wharton, Letters, 1900-1915*.

October 20, 2011

Health Care in Canada: Crisis? What Crisis?

Dr. Cheryl Collier

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Windsor

Canada’s universal health care system has been both celebrated as a jewel in the crown of Canadian citizenship and criticized for creating long waiting lists and (more recently) its potential unsustainability. Dr. Collier will examine the origins of the Canadian health care system, its promise, some of its failures and will dispel some of the myths associated with it. Dr. Collier has research expertise in comparative social policy and politics; and has published articles on health care, child care and anti-violence against women policy. She has served on the board of a health care policy consortium in Ottawa and has written policy documents for the National Cancer Institute of Canada.

October 27, 2011
The State of Canada-USA Relations

Dr. Roy B. Norton
Consul General of Canada to Michigan, Ohio, Indiana & Kentucky

A strong, constructive, mutually beneficial relationship with the USA is Canada's greatest foreign policy priority. In many respects, it's an asymmetrical relationship – but one that most Americans should also regard as vitally important. Dr. Norton received degrees from Carleton University, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and John Hopkins University. Prior to being consul general, he served the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C., as Minister (Congressional, Public and Intergovernmental Relations). He was on Canada's negotiating team for the Investment and Intellectual Property Chapters of NAFTA, Ontario's Assistant Deputy Minister B Export Development, and President/CEO of Ontario Exports Inc., in the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade.

This lecture was planned by the following members of the OLLI Lectures Committee: Dan Converse, Muriel Converse, G. Ron Frisch, Charles Garvin, Robert Kahn, Jim Saalberg, Don Smith, Henry VanDyke, Wes Vivian, and John Dorcsey, chair.

Location: Clarion Hotel and Executive Conference Center, 2900 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor.

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Fee: If OLLI member, \$30 for the 6-lecture series, \$10 for one lecture; \$50 for non-OLLI members for the 6-lecture series (includes \$20 annual membership dues)

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