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The Future of Québec Studies in the United States:

Enriching a Vibrant Community



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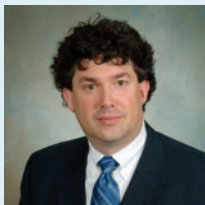


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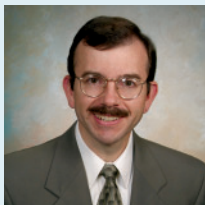
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Established in February 2004, the fundamental purpose of the Institute is to offer dynamic and contemporary Québec-focused curricular, research and program initiatives. SUNY Plattsburgh has a longstanding demonstrated commitment to educating local, regional, national and international communities on Québec Studies.

As our web site illustrates (www.plattsburgh.edu/iqs), the Institute is actively engaged in planning and sponsoring a variety of significant program activities. From curricular offerings on Québec, lecture engagements featuring prominent Québec speakers, to conferences, seminars and workshops for faculty and K-12 teachers, the Institute is dedicated to championing the advancement of Québec Studies in the United States.



PURPOSE OF THE COLLOQUIUM

The express purposes of the colloquium are to identify, evaluate and candidly discuss the current state of teaching, research, publishing, and program initiatives that collectively are aimed at promoting Québec Studies in the United States, and to consider recommendations that will further elevate and institutionalize the position of Québec Studies in the U.S.

The roundtable panel format is designed to provide critical insights on the vibrancy of Québec Studies in the U.S. – measured according to national and regional demographic, membership and institutional engagement, key program activities in Québec Studies being championed by universities and associations, the administration and promotion of Québec Studies by the Ministry of International Relations, and best international practices for the successful enhancement of Québec Studies in the United States.

The preliminary findings and recommendations to emerge from *The Future of Québec Studies in the United States: Enriching a Vibrant Community* will be presented on Friday, October 13th as a special plenary session at the American Council for Québec Studies biennial conference.

— **Dr. Christopher Kirkey**
Director, Center for the Study of Canada and
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The ACQS encourages, facilitates and sponsors a rich variety of Québec Studies teaching, research and program initiatives in the United States. The ACQS mission is to promote the study of Québec in the United States through the publication *Québec Studies* and the sponsorship of a biennial conference.



The AIEQ is responsible for the promotion and development of Québec Studies in Canada and abroad. AIEQ works to create and foster an international network of research on Québec through a variety of initiatives including: cooperation with university communities interested in the society, history, culture, evolution and development of Québec; supporting university research, teaching and publications on Québec; supporting and organizing conferences, seminars, colloquiums and other public events that contribute to the development of Québec Studies; and, promoting internet links focused on the study of Québec.



The Ministry of International Relations plans, organizes, and directs the international activities of the government and its departments and agencies, and coordinates government activities in Québec that have an impact on international relations. For a full statement on the mission and responsibilities of the Ministry, please consult (www.mri.gouv.qc.ca/en/ministere/mission).





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All Colloquium Panel Sessions, including breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks will be held in the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Bowie Vernon Room (2nd Floor of the CGIS Knafel Building) at Harvard.

7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST

Greetings and Exchanges

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Jason Kaufman

John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences
Department of Sociology
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Ms. France Dionne

Delegate of Québec to New England
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

FOCUS OF THE COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Christopher Kirkey

Director, Center for the Study of Canada and Institute on Québec Studies
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT PLATTSBURGH

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Panel Session I

The State of Québec Studies in the United States: National and Regional Considerations

Moderator

Dr. Martin Lubin
Professor, Political Science
SUNY PLATTSBURGH

Roundtable Participants:

Dr. J.-André Senécal – UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

- *The Historical Founding of Québec Studies in the U.S.*
- *The Evolution of Québec Studies in the U.S.*
- *National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.*

Dr. Raymond Pelletier – UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

- *The Demographic Realities of the Québec Studies community in the United States*
- *The Priorities of the American Council for Québec Studies*
- *National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.*

Dr. Kevin Christiano

- UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
- *The State of Québec Studies at American Colleges and Universities*
 - *Is there a Need or Role for regional Québec Studies associations in the U.S.?*
 - *National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.*

Dr. Emile Talbot – UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

- *The current state of Québec Studies publishing in the U.S.*
- *Publishing outlets for scholars in the U.S., including Québec Studies*
- *Areas/Disciplines that are robust or under represented*
- *National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.*

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Panel Session II

Teaching, Research and Scholarship in Québec Studies: Disciplinary Perspectives

Moderator

Dr. Robert Gill
Professor, Political Science
RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Roundtable Participants:

Dr. Earl Fry – BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

- *The state of Québec Studies in the disciplines of economics and business*
- *Areas in need of greater attention in the college curriculum and in publishing venues*
- *National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.*

Dr. Robert Whelan – UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS – ARLINGTON

- *The state of Québec Studies in the disciplines of political science and public policy*
- *Areas in need of greater attention in the college curriculum and in publishing venues*
- *National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.*

Dr. Leslie Choquette – ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

- *The state of Québec Studies in the discipline of history*
- *Areas in need of greater attention in the college curriculum and in publishing venues*
- *National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Panel Session III

Championing Québec Studies Program Initiatives:
Universities and Associations

Moderator

Dr. Christopher Jones
Professor, Modern Languages
CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

Roundtable Participants:

Dr. Don Alper
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Ms. Nadine Fabbi – UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

- Québec Studies programming offered by WWU/UW
- National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.

Ms. Manon Bradley – SUNY PLATTSBURGH

Dr. Christopher Kirkey – SUNY PLATTSBURGH

- Québec Studies programming offered by the Institute on Québec Studies, SUNY Plattsburgh
- National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.

Dr. Diddy R. M. Hitchins – ACSUS

Dr. George Sulzner – ACSUS

Mr. David Archibald – ACSUS

- Québec Studies programming offered by the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States
- National and Regional challenges that confront Québec Studies in the U.S.

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

LUNCHEON

Introduction

Dr. Christopher Kirkey
SUNY PLATTSBURGH

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr. Alain Gagnon
Canada Research Chair in Québec &
Canadian Studies
Professor, Political Science
UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL

“Québec Studies: A Road Map for Research”

Alain-G. Gagnon is Canada Research Chair in Québec and Canadian Studies and Professor of Political Science at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). He is the Director of the Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la diversité au Québec (CRIDAQ) and coordinator of the Research Group on Multinational Societies (GRSP). Between 1983 and 2003, he taught at Queen's University, Carleton University and McGill University; he has also held a Visiting Professorship at Pompeu Fabra and the Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona as well as at the Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux. He has published over forty volumes and 150 journal articles and book chapters in the fields of Canadian and Québec Politics, Federalism, Nationalism and the Sociology of intellectuals. His work is read in over ten languages. Among his most recent publications: *Multinational Democracies* with James Tully at Cambridge University Press, *Federalism, Citizenship, and Québec. Debating Multinationalism* with Raffaele Iacovino at the University of Toronto Press in 2006. Three of his books have known several editions: *Québec: State and Society*, *Canadian Parties in Transition* and *Canadian Politics*.

2:30 – 3:45 p.m.

Panel Session IV

Québec Studies in the United States:
Government Perspectives and Considerations

Moderator

Ms. France Dionne

Delegate of Québec to New England
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Roundtable Participants:

Mr. Yanick Godbout – MRI, QUÉBEC

- *The View from Québec: Québec Studies teaching, research and program initiatives in the United States*
- *New initiatives the MRI view as priorities for the Québec Studies community in the U.S.*

Ms. Alessandra Benedicty

QUÉBEC DELEGATION, N.Y.

- *The View from the New York office – What is working, what needs to be improved or abandoned, and what new ideas could be championed*

Mr. Tim Rogus – QUÉBEC DELEGATION, CHICAGO

- *The View from the Chicago office – What is working, what needs to be improved or abandoned, and what new ideas could be championed*

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENT BREAK

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Panel Session V

Québec Studies in a Global Context:
International Programs and Practices

Moderator

Dr. Richard Vengroff

Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
KENNESAW UNIVERSITY

Roundtable Participants:

Mr. Robert Laliberté – AIEO

- *The Global View of Québec Studies: A review of associations and programs in nations other than the U.S. where Québec Studies teaching, research and program initiatives are flourishing*
- *Examples of international success*
- *What can the Québec Studies community in the United States learn from the pursuit of Québec Studies internationally?*

Dr. Alain Gagnon

UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL

- *Québec Studies program initiatives at UQAM and in Québec – a profile of Québec Studies teaching, research, scholarship and program initiatives*
- *Program activities in Québec Studies that could possibly benefit and be implemented by the U.S. Québec Studies community*

Mr. Stephan Gervais – MCGILL UNIVERSITY

- *Québec Studies program initiatives at McGill and in Québec – a profile of Québec Studies teaching, research, scholarship and program initiatives*
- *Program activities in Québec Studies that could possibly benefit and be implemented by the U.S. Québec Studies community*

Dr. Jocelyn Létourneau – UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL

- *Québec Studies program initiatives at Université Laval and in Québec – a profile of Québec Studies teaching, research, scholarship and program initiatives*
- *Program activities in Québec Studies that could possibly benefit and be implemented by the U.S. Québec Studies community*

5:30 – 5:45 p.m.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Dr. Christopher Kirkey, SUNY PLATTSBURGH

6:00 p.m.

DINNER

Harvard Faculty Club