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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The end of the fall semester is an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of our students, staff and faculty and an opportunity to look ahead. We are proud of our history and remain committed to being a space that fosters original research and teaching by virtue of our interdisciplinarity.

Our graduate students remain at the forefront of path-breaking research on Canadian institutions, societal transformation, and minority rights. Our alumni find meaningful employment in areas directly related to their expertise. Our diverse faculty are among the best teachers on campus. They continue to deliver innovative interdisciplinary learning experiences. Our doctoral and postdoctoral fellows continue to generate outstanding research. Our undergraduate students are engaged, thoughtful and motivated. Our administrative staff are second to none.

I encourage you to read about how we are ensuring that Canadian Studies remains an integral part of Carleton University. Our School's website documents several of our most interesting courses, provides insights on how our undergrads and grads engage in state-of-the-art learning experiences, and illustrates how our School is engaged in stimulating debate on some of the key issues facing Canada today through our lecture series, research seminars and policy discussions. By continuing to work together and by supporting one another, the School will endure.

*Best wishes for the Holidays and all good things for 2024.*

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## ACSUS Conference in November 2023

The School was actively engaged in November's biennial meeting of the Association of Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) in Washington DC.

We sponsored the ACSUS graduate student symposium in which three of our doctoral candidates participated.

Professor Richard Nimijean organized a panel and presented his own research on the impact of Covid19 on post-secondary education in addition to contributing to a panel on pedagogy and Canadian Studies. Richard's sessions included:

*"Canada's COVID-19 Response in International Context: The Case of Higher Education"* (with David Carment);

*"Pandemic Pedagogy and Canadian Studies: Virtual Collaborative Teaching Beyond COVID-19"* (with Jeffrey Ayres);

Co-chair and roundtable participant in *"Constructing Canadian Identity from Abroad: How Externality Influences an Understanding of Canada;"* and

Roundtable participant at *"Pedagogical Challenges in a Tumultuous World."*

David Carment presented his views on the state of Canada – US relations as a participant in the Ambassador Enders plenary. Carment also contributed to a panel on pedagogy and Canadian studies.

The three PhD candidates who attended the biennial Conference were Gale Franklin, Breanna Kubat and Victoria Pelky pictured above.

**Victoria Pelky** presented *"Challenging Social and World Views: Carl Beam's Indigenization of a Western Art Form as a Form of Activism"; and* *"Constitutionally Conflicting Bilingualism in Canada: An Analysis of Three*

*Provincial Approaches to Separate French Education Following the Implementation of the Official Languages Act.”*

**Breanna Kubat** presented “*Canadian Universities in the Twenty-First Century: tensions, pressures, and responses*”; **and** “*Pearsonian Nostalgia: The Utility of Nostalgia as a Political Discourse in the 2015 Rebranding of the Liberal Party of Canada.*”

**Gale Franklin** presented “*Tactical Listening amid Displacement and Resettlement: Syrian Refugees’ Musical Experiences in Edmonton, AB*”; **and** “*The Sounds of Whiteness: Listening to the “Freedom Convoy” Occupation of Ottawa, Canada.*”

All presentations were widely attended and well received. The conference provided fruitful opportunities to engage with emerging Canadian scholars from around the world.



Smiles all around at our Holiday Brunch earlier this month!

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## Images from our Holiday Brunch - December 2023

Students, staff, faculty, affiliated and adjuncts enjoyed good food, good conversation and lots of laughs at our Holiday Brunch on Tuesday the 12th.



While catching up with colleagues and students, we all feasted on french toast with real maple syrup, frittata, latkes, fresh strawberries, quiche, chocolate croissants and egg nog.

Conversations lasted into the afternoon. A good time had by all!!



## MA Students' End-of-Term Presentations

Our cohort of first year MA students shows how very diverse and deeply interesting research proposals can be in the School of Canadian Studies, a School that is engaged in redefining Canada as an object of critical research.

[Read more.](#)



## Student Videos

If you haven't already seen them, have a look at the two recently posted videos!

[Watch them](#) on our homepage.



## La vitalité des études québécoises et canadiennes

Anne Trépanier participated in the event "La vitalité des études québécoises et canadiennes" at UQUAM on December 7, 2023. Lise Bissonnette, Alain G. Gagnon, François Rocher and Félix Mathieu were amongst the speakers.

Here Anne Trépanier is with Suzie Beaulieu and Suela Sefa, from the Association

internationale des études québécoises.

Anne Trépanier also participated in : "Une révolution pour rien? L'avenir de l'église catholique au Québec". Gilles Labelles and Martin Meunier were amongst the speakers.

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## **2024 Atlantic Canada Studies Conference (ACSC)**

The Canadian-American Center at the University of Maine invites proposals for the 2024 Atlantic Canada Studies Conference to be held at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine, USA on the weekend of May 10-12, 2024.



[Read More.](#)

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## **MA students discover Norval Morrisseau exhibition at CU Art Gallery**

First year MA students recently discovered a rich exhibition at CUAG curated by Canada Research Chair Carmen Robertson: *Norval Morrisseau*. [Read More.](#)



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**Jurek Elzanowski's research now Open Access**

Jurek Elżanowski is gradually returning to work this semester after three years on disability leave. Jurek is actively involved in the coordination of the Schools' Heritage Planning and Studies concentration.

His paper “*Cartographies of Catastrophe: Mapping World War II Destruction in Germany and Poland*,” published in 2022 with Carmen Enss, has recently been made open access by Cambridge University Press.

It can be viewed by anyone on the Urban History journal website or by following the [DOI link](#)

Elevation of Piwna Street in Warsaw based on surveys conducted in 1939 and after 1944 (top), juxtaposed with as-built drawings from 1956 (bottom). After P. Biegański and J. Zachwatowicz (eds.), *Stare Miasto w Warszawie: Odbudowa* (Warsaw, 1956), personal collection of J. Elżanowski as part of an international project with which he collaborated.



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## Lineup Announced for Winter 2024 Research Talks

We are excited to announce the three Guest Speakers for our Winter term *Research Talks*.

Our first guest speaker is **Gale Franklin**, pictured here, PhD Candidate in the School.

[Review our poster for further details on](#)





[our lineup.](#)

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## **Canada Talks Series - Winter 2024 February Event**

Join us on **February 9th** for the next event in our ***Canada Talks Series*** where we'll be hosting *Huda Mukbil*, security consultant and author of "*Agent of Change: My Life Fighting Terrorists, Spies and Institutional Racism.*"

The title of her talk is: "***From National Security to Political Candidacy: My Journey and 10 Key Lessons from Running with the New Democratic Party in Ottawa South***"

**An RSVP is required for this event.**

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**Our second Canada Talks for Winter 2024  
has now been confirmed!**

[Jeremy Wildeman](#)

Fellow, Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC)

University of Ottawa

will join us on **March 8th.**

Further details coming soon!

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**24 Sussex Drive: From Residence to Reticence**

On the occasion of the annual Bob & Mary Anne Phillips Memorial Lecture, Heritage Ottawa is pleased to partner with Carleton's School of Canadian Studies & the Azrieli School of Architecture & Urbanism as well as Historic Ottawa Development Inc for an evening of free-wheeling discussion about Canada's favourite public housing debacle. 24 Sussex has been allowed to deteriorate to the point where there is serious discussion of demolition. But that may be pre-mature.... So let's talk about it.

This evening event will be a panel discussion examining the constraints and opportunities of rehabilitating 24 Sussex.

Moderator **Andrew Cohen** will challenge our four experts to bring their views and ideas to the table.

**Date:** February 21, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Dominion Chalmers' Woodside Hall

**Guest Speakers:** Marc Denhez, Mark Brandt, Sheila Copps, Patricia Kell

**Watch for further details in January.**

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### **Media outreach:**

[Global Affairs missed target of having nearly half of Canadians back diplomatic efforts: department report](#)

[These are messy days in world affairs. Now, some say Canada has egg on its face](#)

[Canada's long-standing support of Israel at the UN faces pressure in Hamas war](#)

### **Publications:**

[The War in Ukraine and its Global implications](#)

[Ethnic Conflict and Modern Warfare](#)

[Exiting the Fragility Trap: SDG 16 is the Key but Attaining it Remains Elusive in](#)

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