



# Crossing Borders 2012

*A Multi-Disciplinary Student Conference on the United States, Canada and Border Issues*

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

**HOSTED BY**

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**IN ASSOCIATION WITH**

**Brock University**

**The Consulate General of Canada (Buffalo)**

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**Consulate General of the United States (Toronto)**

**All events held at the Sheraton at the Falls, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY, 14303.**

## Crossing Borders Student Conference

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

**6 PM – 8 PM**

**Opening Reception  
Sapphire Ballroom**

**6:45pm** Welcoming Remarks –  
Munroe Eagles, Director of Canadian Studies Academic Program,  
University at Buffalo – SUNY  
Ms. Marta Moszczenska, Consul General of Canada, Buffalo, NY  
Dr. Bruce D. McCombe, Interim Provost, University at  
Buffalo – State University of New York

**7pm – “The Making of ‘The War of 1812’ – WNED**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 - 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.**

**8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.**

**Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. Sessions 1 and 2**

**SESSION 1: Public Policy Across the Border [COBALT ROOM]**

**Moderator:** TBA

- Bobbie Thoman, University at Buffalo – SUNY  
“Cruel and Inhuman Punishment in Canada: Will the US Ever Learn?”
- Desiree Fuller, Edinboro University  
“Concerns for Lake Erie”
- Daniel Froste, University at Buffalo – SUNY/ University of Leicester (UK)  
“How Do Canadian and British People Consider Their Healthcare Systems?”
- Merri Luebbert, Edinboro University, Pennsylvania  
“Niagara River and Hydroelectric Power”

**SESSION 2: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Quebec and Quebecois Culture [RUBY ROOM]**

**Moderator:** Ms. Patricia Fietz, US Consulate, Toronto, ON

- Kayla DeCoste, Canisius College  
“The Preservation of Francophone Culture in the United States”
- Hillary Sponable, SUNY Plattsburgh  
“The Evolution of the Educational System in Quebec: from New France to New Immigrants”
- Collin Anderson, University at Buffalo – SUNY  
“Quebec Independence – What it Means for Quebec and Canada”
- Dustin Sholl, University at Buffalo – SUNY  
“Revisiting Bouchard and Taylor’s Report on Reasonable Accommodation in Quebec: From Multiculturalism to Interculturalism, and Quebec’s Challenge of Facilitating Immigrant Adaptation”

**10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. BREAK** (refreshments)

**10:45 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. – Sessions 3 and 4**

**SESSION 3: Literary Border Crossings [COBALT ROOM]**

**Moderator:** Professor Jan Kinch, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

- Isabelle Fournier, University at Buffalo - SUNY  
“The American Dream in Jacques Poulin’s *Volkswagon Blues*”
- Hannah Jocelyn, York University  
“Border Crossing Women Writers: Locating National Identity in the Work of Jane Rule and Elizabeth Hay”

**SESSION 4: Canadian and American Politics [RUBY ROOM]**

**Moderator:** Ms. Patricia Fietz, US Consulate, Toronto, ON

- Alison Kimlinger, University of Minnesota  
“The Faith Factor: A Comparison of Religion’s Role in Canada and the United States”
- Craig Baila, Brock University  
“The ‘Gamification’ of Canadian and American Politics”
- Dylan McLean, University at Buffalo – SUNY  
“Terrorism Related Fear in Canada: Does it Exist and if so What’s the Source?”

**12:00 PM – 1:45 PM            Lunch with Keynote Speech**

**Ms. Marta Moszczenska, Consul General of Canada, Buffalo**  
**Mr. Kevin Johnson, Consul General of the United States, Toronto**  
**Dr. Marian Bredin, Brock University, Announcement of “Best Paper” Prize for**  
**Crossing Borders 2011**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Mr. Rick Hill**

***“Choices and Consequences: Haudenosaunee War of 1812 Experiences”***

**Rick Hill** Hill is a citizen of the Beaver Clan of the Tuscarora Nation, residing at the Grand River Territory of the Six Nations. He is the former Assistant Director of Public Programs at the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution, and is a lecturer in Indigenous Studies. He attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and holds a Master's Degree in American Studies from SUNY-Buffalo, where he taught for two decades. He recently appeared in the WNED documentary “The War of 1812.”

**2:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.   Sessions 5 and 6**

**SESSION 5: Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the United States [COBALT ROOM]**

**Moderator:** Dr. Lorraine Oak, Associate Dean, University at Buffalo - SUNY

- Andrew M. Roy, SUNY Plattsburgh  
    “Tough Love? Catholic Missionary Activity in New France With Huron  
    Emphasis, pre 1608-1659”
- Rebecca Leonard and Kimberly Barszcz, Edinboro University  
    “Comparing and Contrasting Native American Legends from Canada and the  
    United States”
- Jeffrey Cooper, University at Buffalo – SUNY  
    “Six Nations Policing – An Oral History”

**SESSION 6: Trade, Currency, and Foreign Policy in the New North America [RUBY ROOM]**

**Moderator:** Ms. Patricia Fietz, US Consulate, Toronto, ON

- Jessa Connigo, Brock University  
“The Canada-US ‘Special Relationship’ and Canadian Foreign Policy”
- Tyler Colbert, University at Buffalo – SUNY  
“Amero?”
- Carly White, Brock University  
“Like a River Dammed: American Attempts to Block Canada From Joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership”

**3:15PM – 3:30PM – BREAK - Refreshments**

**3:30PM – 4:45PM Sessions 7 & 8**

**SESSION 7: Canadian and American Nationalism and Higher Education [COBALT ROOM]**

**Moderator:** Dr. Lorraine Oak, Associate Dean, University at Buffalo - SUNY

- Herb Kauderer, Hilbert College / UB-SUNY  
“Institutions of Higher Learning and the Cross-Border Trade in Education”
- Stephanie Siewic, University at Buffalo - SUNY  
“How Does Canadian Nationalism Compare to Other forms of Nationalism, Specifically, American Nationalism?”
- Gregory Young, University at Buffalo - SUNY  
“Wrapped Up in the Flag: Flag Culture and the Performance of Nationalism(s) in the United States and Canada”

**SESSION 8: Canadian and American Foreign Policy [RUBY ROOM]**

**Moderator:** Dr. Gregory Betts, Professor of English and Director of Canadian Studies, Brock University

- Jason Tucker, Brock University  
“Bridging the Gap: Arctic Sovereignty and Canada’s Role in North American Security Post 9/11”

- Patrick Kelly, Brock University  
“*Quo Vadimus*: Canada, the United States, and Ballistic Missile Defence”
- Haley McCormick, Brock University  
“Our True North”
- Alexis Kleiman and Brittany Topkins, Brock University  
“The Trilateral Approach to Cross Border Security Issues”

**4:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**Refreshments and Concluding Remarks**