

## Newsletter First Half of Fall 2014 Semester

- **Welcome 3 to CSC**
  - Michigan State University's Canadian Studies Center introduces three new interns for the 2014-2015 year.
    - Lauren Leslie is the administrative assistant at the center. Lauren is a senior with a major in Comparative Cultures and Politics in the James Madison College. She is also president of the MSU Women's Council. In her spare time, Lauren enjoys reading research papers and articles, traveling, and visiting museums.
    - Emily Horbatiuk is the assistant activities coordinator at the center this year. She is a senior graduating with a B.A. in French, a minor in Canadian Studies, and a business cognate. Emily has dual-citizenship with Canada and the United States. Outside of work she enjoys traveling around Ontario and Michigan, reading French novels, and visiting history museums.
    - Sarah McBain is the graphic design intern. She is a junior and is studying advertising with a creative concentration. Sarah is on the e-board for the MSU Advertising Association. Aside from school and work, she keeps herself busy with graphic design work.
- **MWACS**
  - The event that the center is looking forward to earnestly is the **Midwestern Association for Canadian Studies (MWACS) conference**. The Canadian Studies Center is teaming up with the MSU College of Law to welcome conference goers from across the region in both the U.S. and Canada to our beautiful campus. If you are interested in helping as a sponsor or attending as a participant, go to **WWW.MWACS.US** to register TODAY! You can also check out the highlights of the conference, planned for November 13-15, 2014.
- **Title VI**
  - This year the center sent a funding proposal to the U.S. Department of Education; more specifically, a Title VI proposal. This grant is given out by the United States government to university centers who focus on international sections, such as Canadian Studies. The grant is given out only every four years, so it is a quick window of opportunity for enhancing Canadian Studies on campuses across the U.S. However, three other MSU centers received the grant in their respective divisions: the African Studies Center, the Asian Studies Center, and the Broad College of Business Center for International Business (CIBER). We would like to send a sincere congratulations to our fellow Spartans who were awarded this grant and cannot wait to see their use of it.

Our congratulations goes to the previous and current winners of the grant, Washington University and University of Maine. Even though Michigan State's Canadian Studies program was not a recipient this time, we hope to pair up with these university's to keep students engaged in Canadian Studies. The center received "outstanding to very good" ratings in every category of evaluation, along with excellent feedback and recommendations for increasing the number and depth of Canadian content courses, francophone inclusion, and recruiting additional faculty dedicated to Canadian Studies. We plan to follow up on every recommendation made.

- **EBTC**

- In September, AnnMarie Schneider, Director of MSU's Canadian Studies Center helped to open the discussion at the Eastern Border Transportation Coalition (EBTC) conference, held in Toronto, Ontario. AnnMarie spoke of the progress of "Beyond the Border", the regulatory environment, sharing of information between the two countries, and the next steps for balancing security and trade. Attendees to the conference included the US Consul General in Toronto and the Canadian Consul General in Detroit. Joining her was Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia) Professor Daniel Lynch, Director of the Centre for International Trade and Transportation.

- **Homecoming**

- Homecoming is a special time at our university. It is a time to take a moment to come together and recognize MSU's talented people, and share the experiences of all Spartans. One of the highlights is the parade, in which the CSC has its proper place. Something that everyone looks forward to seeing in the parade is alumnus Peter Dewan's green and white themed vintage car, decked out in Canadian flags and maple leaves with a Sparty hood ornament and a horn that plays the MSU fight song. Students, office staff, and other alumni came out to support the center. The thousands of people on the sidelines along East Lansing's Grand River Avenue showed their appreciation with cheers for our northern neighbor.

- **Crossing Borders Graduate Research Conference**

- On October 10 and 11, the Canadian Studies Center co-sponsored the third-annual graduate conference, Migration without Borders. It featured graduate students, all at various stages in their studies, speaking of migration and mobility with an interdisciplinary mindset. Joining several Spartans at the conference, Anke Patzelt from the University of Ottawa, gave her speech, *Feelings of Home and Belonging amongst Contemporary German Immigrants in Canada*, through a Canadian perspective. The conference was a successful transfer and mélange of information and perspective.

- **Thanksgiving**

- Thanksgiving is important to Canadian culture and identity as is the American version. Being at a different time than American Thanksgiving – second Monday of October – many Canadians are unable to return home to spend the holiday with their family and loved ones. So every year the CSC throws a Canadian Thanksgiving for them and a few community friends. This year we had an overwhelming response! Over 60 students and faculty attended. Dinner was delicious and our makeshift dining room in one of the conference rooms in the International Center was buzzing with warmth. We were proud to take time out to make a piece of Canadian culture right here on campus and share it with the community. We had live music from an alumni on campus whose major was French. We hosted both the College of Law's Canadian Legal Society and the Canadian Osteopathic Medicine Association, both student-led groups on campus. Even though many could not return home for the holiday, we became a family ourselves.