

CAS NEWS

Guest Speakers

January 22, 2009

**THE
MORRISON LECTURE
GIL TROY**

McGill University
"Welcome to the
Age of Obama"

*Spencer Engineering Building
Room 1200, 5:00pm*

February 25, 2009

DON ABELSON

University of Western Ontario
"Cold Warriors? The Political
Legacy of the 1980's U.S.
Hockey Team's Victory over the
Soviets in Lake Placid"

SSC 9420, 2:30pm

March 11, 2009

RANDALL BALMER

Columbia University
"So Help Me God: Religion and
the American Presidency Since
John F. Kennedy"

SSC 9420, 2:30pm

Black History Month

February 2009

Western's Black Students' Association is currently seeking submissions for a special edition of the GAZETTE as part of their celebration of Black History Month. Submissions of all kinds are encouraged, and may include articles, reviews, comics, drawings, etc... The deadline for submission is second week of January. Please send all submissions by email to: aadenir2@uwo.ca.

Upcoming Event

**The Third Annual
Morrison Lecture in American Studies
with special guest
GIL TROY**

**Professor of History, McGill University
"Welcome to the Age of Obama"**

The Centre for American Studies is honoured to welcome **Gil Troy**, history professor at McGill University to Western on Thursday, January 22, 2009. Gil Troy is the author of *Leading From the Center: Why Moderates Make the Best Presidents* and *Morning In America: How Ronald Reagan Invented the Eighties*. Spencer Engineering Building, Room 1200, 5:00pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

For information about the event:

Professor Rob MacDougall, Dept of History: rmacdou@uwo.ca



In the News

CAS and Western to Host 2009 CAAS Annual Conference

The Centre for American Studies in association with various other faculties at Western is delighted to be hosting the annual CAAS (Canadian Association of American Studies) in November, 2009. The theme of this year's conference is "States of Emergency: Crisis, Panic and the Nation". This three day interdisciplinary conference will take place November 13-15, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel in downtown London. A Call for Papers has been issued and can be viewed on the CAS website: <http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/Conferences.html>.

If you would like more information, please contact CAAS Conference Program Director, **Professor Bryce Traister**, Dept of English: traister@uwo.ca.

Graduate Program Planned

The CAS is pleased to announce that plans are underway to establish an MA program. The MA in American Studies at Western will be the first of its kind in Canada. This one-year interdisciplinary program will offer graduate students the opportunity to study the United States from a Canadian perspective. The CAS is hoping to have the graduate program in place by 2010.

CAS Launching Publication Series

The CAS will be introducing a new publication series in 2009 which will be entitled, "Critical Issues of Our Time". The inaugural edition, scheduled for publication in spring 2009, will be penned by Michael Hawes, Executive Director of the Canada-US Fulbright Program. Four issues will be published each year.

New CAS Faculty Members

The Centre for American Studies welcomes the following UWO faculty members:

Joshua Schuster (English)
Michelle Banks (Film Studies)

"It took a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get where we are today, but we have just begun. Today we begin in earnest the work of making sure that the world we leave our children is just a little bit better than the one we inhabit today."

Barack Obama, 2008 U.S. President Elect

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Undergraduate News

Melissa Scott Back from D.C. Internship

Third year American Studies student Melissa Scott recently returned from an exciting and action-packed 15 week internship with The Washington Center in Washington D.C. Melissa wanted to share some of her experiences in the nation's capital: "I interned at Kemp Partners, a strategic consulting firm headed by former Congressman and Vice-Presidential Candidate, Jack Kemp. As you all know, this past fall was unlike any other the United States has ever experienced; first with the election of the first African-American President to the oval office, and secondly because of the economic crisis. During my time in DC, I volunteered on a Presidential Campaign, attended a Homeland Security Law & Policy class at George Washington University, and attended hearings on Capitol Hill. I was also privileged to attend the Pentagon Memorial Dedication on September 11th. I was able to meet Press Secretary Dana Perino, former speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security, Paul McHale. I took part in White House and Presidential conference calls and briefings on Capitol Hill, specifically regarding the Bailout as well as Defense issues. It was an incredible experience that I would highly recommend to other students. If anyone is interested in further information about The Washington Center or my experiences, feel free to contact me via email at msscott59@uwo.ca."



New Selected Topic in American Studies 2009-10

In September 2009, the Centre for American Studies will be offering a new Selected Topic course, American Studies 2230F: "Sport in America." This topic will also be offered as a Distance Course in the spring semester. Priority for enrollment to this course will be for students enrolled in the American Studies program. See course calendar for prerequisites.

Intent to Register, February 2nd - March 31st

Professor Bryce Traister will be available for individual counseling for students who are interested in pursuing a degree in American Studies.

Office hours: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30am, UC 369 and Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am, SSC 1003.

Program information booklets are available at the CAS office and can also be downloaded in PDF format from the CAS Website on the BA Honors Program page. Feel free to contact the main office with any questions:

cas@uwo.ca, or 519-661-3938.

JANUARY PAPER ADD/DROP PERIOD:
JANUARY 12 & 13
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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