

CAS NEWS

Speakers' Series 2011-12

January 25, 2012

STEPHEN BROOKS

Dept. of Political Science
University of Windsor

**American Exceptionalism:
Fact, Fiction, and Future**

4:30pm, SSC 5220

February 7, 2012

DON ABELSON

Dept. of Political Science
Centre for American Studies
Canada-U.S. Institute, UWO

**First Impressions, Second
Thoughts: Reflections on the
Complex World of**

American Think Tanks

4:30pm, SSC 5220

March 13, 2012

ANITA HILL

Professor of Social Policy,
Law, & Women's Studies

Brandeis University

**The Value of Belonging:
Reimagining Equality in**

The 21st Century

5:00pm, UC 224

**Speakers' Series
Coordinator
MONDA HALPERN**

**Events Assistant
ANNA ZUSCHLAG**

The CAS Proudly Presents Special Guest **Anita Hill**

The Value of Belonging: Reimagining Equality in the 21st Century



The Centre for American Studies is delighted to welcome special guest, Professor of Social Policy, Law, and Women's Studies at Brandeis University, [Anita Hill](#). Anita Hill is the author of numerous articles on international commercial law, bankruptcy, and civil rights. She has written her biography, *Speaking Truth to Power*, and was the co-editor with Professor Emma Coleman Jordan of *Race, Gender and Power in America: The Legacy of the Hill-Thomas Hearings*. Her latest book is *Reimagining*

Equality: Stories of Gender, Race, and Finding Home. Anita Hill has given numerous presentations on commercial law as well as race and gender equality. She has appeared on several television programs, such as Face the Nation and Meet the Press, and her commentary has been published by *Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, and the *Boston Globe*. This event is co-sponsored by the Canada-U.S. Institute and generously supported by the Department of Women's Studies and Feminist Research and the Social Science Student Donation Fund. **Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 5:00pm, UC 224 (Conron Hall).**

FACULTY NEWS

Faculty Promotions!

Many congratulations to CAS Associate Directors and Department of History Professors, [Monda Halpern](#), and [Rob MacDougall](#) on their recent faculty promotions. Both have now been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

CANADA-U.S. INSTITUTE



Renowned journalist and author [David Frum](#) gave a lecture, "The Unhappy Giant: Canada-U.S. Relations in the Great Recession" to a capacity audience on September 20, 2011 as part of the CUSI Visiting Fellows Program.



David Frum with CUSI Director Don Abelson, Event Staff and Volunteers.

WELCOME NEW INSTRUCTORS!

Andrea Gill

American Studies 1020

Michael Arntfield

American Studies 2231G

Ross Bullen

American Studies 9000B

CRITICAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME

Volumes 7 and 8 of *Critical Issues of Our Time* are now available [online](#).

Volume 7, "Monster in Muslim: Lizzie Borden, American Myth-making, and the Regeneration of the New England Spinster", was contributed by **Paula Uruburu**, author and Associate Professor of English at Hofstra University.

Volume 8, features the article "First Impressions, Second Thoughts: Reflections on the Changing Role of Think Tanks in U.S. Foreign Policy" by CAS & CUSI Director, and Political Science Professor, **Don Abelson**.

"The man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything."

Theodore Roosevelt, 26th
President of the United States
(1901-09), 1858-1919

NEOAMERICANIST

Volume 5, Edition 2 of [NeoAmericanist](#) is now available. The journal is currently accepting online submissions for the spring/summer 2012 issue.

UNDERGRADUATE HAPPENINGS

American Studies Student & Faculty Meet & Greet!

The Wave, Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 1:00-3:30pm.
Hosted by the American Studies student club.



Paper Add/Drop Hours: Jan 16 & 17, 9:30am-4:00pm

Winter term courses: **Am Studies 2231: Crimes of the Century** & **Am Studies/Film Studies 3330G: Screening the Vietnam conflict** (some spaces available)

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

First Class of MA Students Graduate at Fall Convocation

The 2010-11 class became the first students in Canada to graduate with a Master of Arts degree in American Studies at fall convocation ceremonies on October 28, 2011. A lunchtime reception for the students and their families was held at the CAS office in their honour. Congratulations on reaching this milestone!



Above: Graduate Chair Margaret Kellow, student, Sarah Rider

Left: Professor Rob MacDougall, Admin Asst Christine Wall, students; Sarah Rider, Lindsay Thornton, Christen Cole, Lisa Sutton, Miles Hopper, Professors Monda Halpern & Aldona Sendzikas



Achievements of our Graduate Students!

DAVE BEITELMAN (2011) has been awarded an internship position with the U.S. Consulate General office in Halifax, N.S. Dave is currently pursuing a PhD in Political Science at Dalhousie University.



LAURA MCGEE'S (2011) article "The Political Sermon as Cultural Text: John Winthrop, Increase Mather, Jonathan Edwards, and American Identity in the Colonial Era" was featured in the Nov 2011 edition of *NeoAmericanist*. In addition, her paper "When Bomb Canada is Really Just a Metaphor: Using the American Jeremiad to Reinterpret Anti-Canadianism in the American Press" will appear in the March 2012 issue of the *American Review of Canadian Studies*. Laura is currently studying Law at the University of Toronto.

JOHN LIVINGSTONE (2012) has been invited to present his paper "Relieve Vicksburg or Seek a "Battle of Annihilation"? An Evaluation of Robert Edward Lee's Strategic Vision in the Summer of 1863" at the 14th Annual Graduate Strategic Studies Conference at the University of Calgary, Feb 10-11, 2012.

TOM COOKE (2012) will be presenting his paper, "Social Media Governmentality: Biopolitics, Private Interest, Foreign Policy" at the International Studies Association's 53rd Annual Convention in San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2012.



CAROLINE DIEZYN (2012) performed to rave reviews in the Dept. of English production of *The Revenger's Tragedy* in November, 2011. (Photo courtesy of Dave Hurst)