Welcome Back!
We hope everyone had a great summer.

MA Program Approved: Begins September 2010
We are delighted to announce that the MA Program in American Studies was granted final approval by OCGS on June 18, 2010, and that we will welcome our first group of graduate students to the program this September. This 12-month program will offer two fields of study: American Cultural Studies and Canadian-American Relations. The MA in American Studies at Western is the first program of its kind in Canada. For more information on admission requirements, application procedures, program requirements, and courses, please visit our website: http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca/graduate_program.html

New Look for CAS Website
The CAS website has undergone some changes to its design and format this past summer. The site has been redesigned to be more consistent with the format of other UWO department websites. This will allow for a greater ease of navigation for visitors to our website. Check out our new look: http://cas.ssc.uwo.ca

THE CANADA-U.S. INSTITUTE

Western D.C. Official Launch
Western’s newly created Canada-U.S. Institute celebrated its official launch in Washington D.C. on April 13, 2010. Professors Cameron Anderson and Laura Stephenson, Department of Political Science, presented the findings of their research paper, “Moving Closer or Drifting Apart? Assessing the State of Public Opinion on the U.S. – Canada Relationship”.

Upcoming Conference
Director Don Abelson reports that the Canada-U.S. Institute plans to co-host a conference with the Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations. The conference, “Taking Stock of a Turbulent Decade and Looking Ahead: Immigration to North America in 2000-2010”, will take place from April 28-30, 2011.
CAS Director Don Abelson presented the American Studies student awards for 2009-10 to Brendan Clements and Laura McGee on April 9, 2010. Brendan was awarded the Morrison scholarship in Academic Achievement. Laura was the recipient of the Morrison scholarship in Academic Improvement as well as the gold medal in American Studies at spring convocation. Congratulations to both Laura and Brendan on these impressive achievements and best of luck in the coming year!

Selected Topics Courses 2010-11
AME 2230F: Sport in America
New AME 2231G: Subversive Democracy: Understanding the Tea Party Movement
New AME 3330F/Film Studies 3330F: The Fog of War: Screening the Vietnam Conflict
New AME 3340G/Film Studies 3360G: “Quality” Television in the U.S.

New American Studies Student Club
We are very excited that a group of enterprising students are taking steps to form a USC ratified student club in American Studies. The American Studies student club will increase the presence of the American Studies program, encourage inter-faculty and student-professor collaboration, and provide a forum for students to pursue a shared interest in the study and discussion of North America. The club hopes to serve both an academic and social purpose. Students interested in getting involved can contact Laura McGee (lmcgee6@uwo.ca) or Ross Heft (rheft@uwo.ca). All undergraduate and graduate students are welcome.

Important Dates for Undergraduate Students:
August 9: Web registration closes
August 26 - September 18: Extended web registration
September 20 & 21: Paper add/drop period

GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

Graduate Student Orientation Sessions
- American Studies Session: Tuesday, September 7, 11:00am, SSC 9434
- UWO Graduate Student Orientation: Saturday, September 11, 10am-2pm, HSB 40. Registration: http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=20

CAS Graduate Student & Faculty Welcome Reception
Tuesday, September 7, 3:30pm, Michael’s Garden, Room 3320, SH

Put It Into Practice Conference
The School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will be hosting Put It Into Practice: A one day conference for graduate students and postdoctoral trainees on the importance of finding an application for their research outside of academia. Saturday, November 13. For details and registration: http://grad.uwo.ca/PIIP.htm