

## CANADIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

*Serving our students and providing Canada-related courses within the body of English and American Studies.*

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Department of American Studies



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The Canadian Studies Program of the Eszterházy College of Eger has provided Canada-related courses since 1995 and established a Canadian Studies Program that facilitates a wide variety of activities including studies, research, thesis (BA, MA and TDK) counseling, inviting guest lecturers, professional forums. Based on the experience of the former survey courses (introduction to Canadian culture and literature) and the 50% Canadian content Multiculturalism in North-America, nowadays we elaborate a new series of BA and MA courses under the Bologna process. Our activities focus on the comparative aspect of U.S. and Canadian society, interdisciplinary approaches and a distinguished interest in merging staff members' research efforts with those of our students. The college library is equipped with a number of Canadian books on various fields (English and French language holdings).

The program is mostly based on the Department of American Studies that earlier launched its PATCHWORK research project and formulated the N.A.P. (North-American Research) Point, more recently has created the *Studies on Cross-Cultural Understanding and Tolerance* Research Project that is based on a multifunctional institutional partnership framework. We also cooperate with the French Department, where an introductory course on Canadian culture in French is provided. We have extended cooperation with this department as well as Pázmány University Canadian Studies Centre in the course of which students receive counselling on their theses and staff can contribute to the courses of the other

institution. Our aim is to facilitate a diverse spectrum of Canada-related activities from individual and team research to courses, networks and special professional events.

## COURSES:

### *English major, American Studies track (BA)*

- **Introduction to Canadian Studies** (lecture, MBBANI70, comp.)
- **Introduction to Canadian Literature** (lecture, NBBANI96, comp.)
- **Introduction to Canadian Literature** (seminar, NBBANI97, comp.)
- **Multiculturalism in North-America** (seminar, NBBANI97, optional)

### *American Studies (MA)*

- **Introduction to U.S. and Canadian Comparative Studies: Historical and Geopolitical Approaches** (seminar, NMBAMI 20G5)
- **Beyond the Borders of Skin Color** (seminar, NMBAMI 17G5)
- **U.S. and Canadian Comparative Studies: Contemporary Socio-cultural Correlations** (seminar, NMBAMI 21G5)
- **Shared and Divergent Values in Contemporary Canadian and American Society** (seminar, NMBAMI 28G5)
- **Canadian and American Values in a Critical Approach** (seminar, NMBAMI 29G5)
- **Historiographic Metafiction in Contemporary U.S. and Canadian Literature** (seminar, NMBAMI 37G5)
- **Shape Shifters: Hybridity and Ethnic Identity Change in Recent U.S. and Canadian Literature and Films** (seminar, NMBAMI 39G5)

## ACTIVITIES

### EARLIER:

- Canadian Government support for the **Russian Teachers' Retraining Program** and the attached Immersion Bursary Program for our students in Mississauga, Canada;
- Co-operation between St Lawrence College, Kingston, Canada and Eszterházy College, Eger, Hungary in the course of the **Legal Assistant Program** (2 years' financial support and academic assistance);
- **Instructors** from St Lawrence College and UBC;
- Further developing the update infrastructure of research on Canadiana, the so called **N.A.P. (North-America Point)** has been established (ground floor E-Competence Centre, B-building; (2005-2008).

## CURRENT:

- We encourage and **prepare our students to carry on their Canadian studies at MA level**;
- Assistance is provided for students who write their **theses** on Canadian topics;
- Canadian and Hungarian **guest lecturers** have enriched our program over the years with their precious contribution to the courses;
- **Library development**, incorporating Canadiana from various resources (Library Enrichment Program, Class-Set Book Program, gift book donations);
- **Canada Room** (B-220) has been created under the banner of the Department of American Studies in November, 2005 in order to facilitate ample research location for students of both the Institute of English and American Studies and the French Department. A new, more convenient room is needed that could host our Canadiana holdings (English and French language books, magazines, teaching aids) as well as could serve other management and PR functions of the department as well;
- Increasing opportunities for our **students to apply for study grants** in Canada or elsewhere carry out research projects with Canadian content (29 November, 2005. presentation on Studying in Canada, one students the Kennedy Institute Summer Seminar in Berlin) ;
- Canadian Studies courses provided in the course of **exchange programs** at Vilnius University, Lithuania (2005), Black Sea University, Trabzon, Turkey (2007) and Georgia College and State University, Georgia, USA (2009).

## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:

- Students' extra curricula activity in obtaining specific topic-related materials and elaborating quiz papers, comprehension checks and other useful materials;
- **Textbook** compiled for our students entitled *Perspectives on English-Canadian Literature* (EKTF Lyceum, Eger, 1996.)
- **EJAS Canadiana special issue** (2007)
- Fund raising for the publication of **ONE/ANOTHER2 Conference Proceedings** and the translation of English language papers into Hungarian
- Grant application for further **textbooks for MA courses in Canadian Studies**
- **Promotion** (e.g. Liceum TV interview on FRP grant and trip: Nov. 2009., Liceum TV archives, and MR1 interviews in 2009, 2010)

## **YOUNG CANADIANISTS**

### **Theses in Canadian Studies**

- Algonquin Provincial Park** (Sós Ildikó 1996-KJ)  
**Manifestations of the Canadian Multicultural Identity in a Historical Perspective** (Szak Mónika 1996-KJ)  
**Changes in the Status of Native Peoples Population in Canada between the 1970s-1990s** (Holló Ágnes 1998-KJ)  
**Changes in the Perceptions of Hungarian Identity in Canada** (Szigeti Antónia 1999-KJ)  
**Settled Land versus Travelled Land: Travelling and Pioneering Experience through Two Female Literary Scopes in Colonial Canadian Writing** (Zsámba Renáta 2001-KJ)  
**Niagara Falls** (Varga Katalin 2002—TA)  
**Canadian-Hungarian Immigration** (Tóth Nikolett 2002-KJ)  
**Metamorphoses - A Character Analysis in Leonard Cohen's *Beautiful Losers*** (Szász Laura 2006-KJ)  
**Quebec Nationalism from the 1960s to 1995** (Kohán Gabriella 2007-KJ)  
**Migration of the Hungarian Roma to Canada** (Magyar Orsolya 2007-KJ)  
**Developing Cultural Competence with the Help of Film Studies Inuit Culture in Ethnic Identity in *Atanarjuat (The Fast Runner)*** (Takács Attila 2007-KJ)  
**The Functionality of the Female Body in Margaret Atwood's Literary Works** (Buczko Krisztina 2008-KJ)  
**A Comparison of Hungarian and Canadian School Violence Prevention Programs** (Móricz Viktória 2009-KJ)  
**White-to-Black Passing in Twentieth Century North-American Culture** (Nyáry Fruzsina 2010)  
(Takács Attila TDK thesis 2010)

**TDK presentation series and tutorial program** of the newly formed Modern Philology TDK Circle

### **RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

- **Institutional Partnership Project: Studies on Cross-Cultural Understanding and Tolerance**
- **Judit Kádár: “Going Indian: Cultural Appropriation in the Narrative De/Re-Construction of Ethnic Identity in Recent North-American Literature.”**

## PROFESSIONAL EVENTS:

- We have hosted **Canadiana sections at American Studies conferences** (ESSE 1999, HUSSE 2001) organised by the Institute of English and American Studies;
- ***Young Canadianists' Forum*** (3 May, 2001).
- ***Canada4U Day***
- ***ONE/AN/OTHER 1, 2 Conferences*** (2008, 2010)

## INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP:

- **Cooperation** with EKF French Department and involvement of a francophone professor (Dr. Krisztina Kaló) in the work of the Canadian Studies Program, statements of intention on mutual support (see attached) provided by the EKF French Department as well as by the Canadian Studies Centre of Pázmány University.
- In the course of Erasmus **guest professors' exchange** project lectures and seminars were provided on Canadian literature at Vilnius Pedagogical University by Dr Judit Kádár (2005), Black Sea University, Trabzon, Turkey (2007) and under the banner of an EKF partnership agreement with GCSU, Milledgeville, Georgia, USA (2009).
- **Institutional Partnership Project: Studies on Cross-Cultural Understanding and Tolerance** (2010) (see attached)

## FUTURE PROSPECTS

- Obtain new **Canadian visiting teaching staff** for the Dept. of American Studies, preferably on a regular basis;
- Elaborating further ways to get **update resources and teaching aids** in order to enrich our BA and MA courses and our students 'first touch experience' of Canada;
- **Expanding the cooperation** with further universities and other institutions both in Canada and Europe, primarily considering the present policy and existing international ties of the college.
- Launching **practical work in course of our cooperation agreement** with the partner institutions in the following fields:
  - shared research (involving faculty and students, too),
  - guest lecturing (occasional or full-term),
  - mentoring theses (advisory consultations, resource exchange),
  - inviting third party guest lecturers and performers together,
  - publications,
  - seeing into other opportunities, e.g. interdisciplinary research and comparative US-Canadian Studies.
- Provide Canadian Studies courses in the course of Erasmus and Erasmus Mundus **exchange programs**;
- **Save and develop** Canadian Studies in the ever changing palette of Hungarian higher education and at our university college in particular;
- **Obtain financial support** that could facilitate a significant development in the long run;

**IN THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES AND OUR STUDENTS  
I EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT OF THE CANADIAN  
EMBASSY OF BUDAPEST AND ICCS OVER THE YEARS.**