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U.S. - Canada Alumni Workshop

On November 6 and 7, 2008, the Consulate General Halifax and Dalhousie University co-hosted a one-day workshop entitled **North America after 2008** for U.S. Department of State Exchanges Alumni. The conference focused on what the future holds for the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Over forty people from the three countries attended the workshop, which was very timely coming on the heels of the Canadian and U.S. federal elections. Participants discussed topics such as the future of NAFTA, the future of the Security and Prosperity Partnership, a possible role for Mexico in NATO, and continental security.



Reception at Consul General's Residence

New Canada-U.S. Alumni Community

The electronic community has been launched and provides a forum for networking with other alumni interested in Canada-U.S. issues. As with most social networking websites, the communities on the State Alumni Website will allow you to find fellow alumni; engage in discussion; read & post articles, news about alumni achievements, and announcements from the Department of State and the Embassy. Registered alumni will be able to participate in live Q & A sessions with special guests and the sessions' transcripts will be available on-line as well.

These new communities have all that the global community has, including the research databases and more. We invite you to extend your networking by taking advantage of this opportunity to further your research and professional contacts with fellow alumni.

To be a part of the community, you need to register on the State Alumni Site at <https://alumni.state.gov>

Alumni Messages

Reginald C. Stuart (2004 Canadian Fulbright Scholar), History and Political/ Canadian Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Last year Dr. Stuart spoke on his book, ***Dispersed Relations: Americans and Canadians in Upper North America*** (Baltimore & Washington: Johns Hopkins University Press and the Woodrow Wilson Press (2007)), and the current state of Canada-U.S. affairs at a book launch at the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC. He also was invited to speak at the Canada-United States Institute, University of Calgary; and the Center for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University. Dr. Stuart was a frequent guest on radio and TV programs in the Halifax, Nova Scotia area on the primary campaigns, and the U.S. elections of 2008.

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Dr. Matthew S. Mingus (2005-06 American Fulbright Scholar), Professor of Governance at Western Michigan University, will be spending a year as a Governance Advisor for the U.S. Department of State in Iraq. This position will involve working with the embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team (ePRT) based at Camp Taji, Iraq. Mingus stated, "I am looking forward to a break from academia and particularly the chance to put some of my ideas from research on democratic reform to the real-world test." This team is composed of Foreign Service Officers and specialists in political affairs, governance, agricultural and economic development, education, and the rule of law. As a team their purpose is to help develop a strong sense of local control, including the development of local civil society organizations and infrastructure. This team covers the areas in the Province of Baghdad that are North and West of the city of Baghdad.

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The Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program would like to take this opportunity to thank Ambassador and Mrs. Wilkins for their continued support, their wise counsel and their friendship during their time in Ottawa.

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The Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program undertakes important mobility survey

In an attempt to understand the mobility trends of students and scholars between Canada and the United States, the Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program is undertaking a study to examine the conditions and factors that promote academic mobility between our two countries. This project, undertaken in collaboration with the United States Department of State, under the auspices of the Fulbright for the Future Initiative, is specifically meant to examine and evaluate the current state of our knowledge in this area and gather new net data on mobility, with specific reference to the current state and future prospects for further mobility, and provide a series of preliminary policy observations and recommendations.

There is currently little understanding of the trends that motivate, or inhibit, academic mobility between Canada and the U.S. This study will provide much-needed insight into this subject. Canadian and American surveys will be completed by late spring 2009, and a discussion paper will be available shortly thereafter. We hope that these findings will assist the academic community in providing new opportunities for scholarly exchange between neighbours.

Alumni Social Networking

STATE ALUMNI now has a presence on two social networking websites to reach out to both alumni and potential alumni. The State Alumni groups are open for anyone to join on the following websites:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=31684659276> and

ExchangesConnect: <http://connect.state.gov/group/statealumni>.

We invite you to connect with State Alumni on both Facebook and Exchanges Connect!



U.S. Embassy's Information Resource Center (IRC)



- ✓ **Research and Reference Services.** Got a question about the U.S.? Looking for the latest public policy statement? A U.S. law? The IRC can help with your request for information from or about the U.S. ottawareference@State.gov
- ✓ **E-Alerts.** Subscribe now to any of our services to receive e-mail messages alerting you to new texts and documents on your subject of interest: http://ottawa.usembassy.gov/content/content.asp?section=issues&document=e_alerts
- ✓ **Web Sites.** Visit <http://ottawa.usembassy.gov> for information on the Embassy and about the United States. The site is updated daily.

U.S. Embassy on Twitter

Follow **our** Twitter page: <http://twitter.com/usembassyottawa> (the best place to find website headlines from all US Mission to Canada websites, including consular updates).

U.S. Embassy on FaceBook

Our Facebook Group is <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=37252083756> Sign up to FaceBook to join the group. Once signed in, you can become a member of the U.S. Embassy Ottawa Group.

U.S. Embassy Podcasts

<http://canada.usembassy.gov/content/content.asp?section=issues&document=podcasts> – on this page you can listen to the podcasts by U.S. Experts and read their bios. If you have (or download) iTunes, all you have to do is search for U.S. Embassy Ottawa, and you can subscribe to U.S. Embassy podcasts. Thereafter, every time there is a new podcast, it will download automatically to your listening device (i.e., MP3 player).

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State Alumni

<https://alumni.state.gov>

US Embassy

<http://ottawa.usembassy.gov>

Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program

www.fulbright.ca

State Department Main

www.state.gov

State Department Current Issues

www.usinfo.state.gov

State Alumni Network

The Department of State Alumni Network provides a great opportunity for State Alumni to remain in touch and meet others from around the world who have participated in U.S. government-sponsored programs. Those connected to the network can take advantage of upcoming web chats with experts, receive alumni news, free academic journals, global newspaper databases, and learn about grant opportunities. Update your user profile information if you have already signed up or register now at <https://alumni.state.gov>

