



2011 U.S.-Canada Exchange Alumni Symposium
Partners, Allies, Friends: U.S.-Canada Relations in Focus
October 21, 2011 – Château Laurier, Ottawa

Agenda

- 7:30-8:15 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:15-8:45 a.m. Welcome by Deputy Chief of Mission James Nealon and
Presentation of the U.S. Mission Canada's Distinguished Alumni Award to
The Right Honourable Herb Gray
- 8:45-10:15 a.m. Discussion Panel: ***Origins and Evolution of Canada-U.S. Relations through the 20th Century***
Moderator – Jeremy Brenner, Political Officer, U.S. Embassy
Panelists – Dean Oliver, Director, Historical Research and Exhibitions, Canadian War
Museum
Joel Sokolsky, Principal, Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC)
Christopher Maule, Professor Emeritus, Carleton University
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Discussion Panel: ***Trends in Cross-border Culture***
Moderator - Crystal Meriwether, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy
Panelists - Erica Claus, Director, Canadian Heritage
Andrea Fatona, Professor, OCAD University
Eileen Angelini, Professor, Canisius College
- 12:00-1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Panel: ***Expanding On Your Alumni Experience***
Panelists - Johnny McPherson, Nova Scotia Department of Environment
Sophia Stergiou, WHA Alumni Coordinator, Alumni Affairs
Susan Crystal, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs

- 1:30-3:00 p.m. Discussion Panel: ***Future Directions for U.S. & Canadian Politics***
Moderator - Sam Brock, Minister Counselor for Political Affairs, U.S. Embassy
Panelists - Nancy Peckford, Equal Voice
Goran Pesic, Director, Business Intelligence and Planning, Canadian Commercial Corporation
Ken Cosgrove, Visiting Fulbright Scholar, Carleton University
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. Coffee Break
- 3:15-4:45 p.m. Discussion Break-Out Groups
3:15 – 4:15 p.m. – In Break-Out Groups
- ***Environment and Sustainable Development***
 - ***Civil Society Engagement***
 - ***Economic Growth and Globalization***
- 4:15 – 4:45 p.m. – Reporting Back to Plenary
- 4:45-5:00 p.m. Closing Remarks by Susan Crystal
- 6:00 p.m. No-Host Dinner - The Grand Pizzeria & Bar, 74 George St.