

NORTH AMERICAN COOPERATION

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Section on North American Cooperation**

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A Message From the Section Chair

The AALS Section on North American Cooperation welcomes your interest in matters affecting Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Our Executive Committee – for what seems to be the first time in the history of our section – includes faculty members and deans from all three nations.

Our section will be particularly active at the AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. We are holding a full-day “field trip” to the Canadian Embassy (see more details about that on page 2 of this newsletter), and another substantive program on NAFTA. If you are interested in attending the program at the embassy, be sure to pre-register for that when you send in your registration materials for the annual meeting. We are still finalizing the speakers for the embassy programs, but it promises to be a most interesting day.

We welcome your interest in the section, and invite you to consider joining our section’s executive committee. We also welcome your suggestions for programs to hold in January 2008, when the AALS Annual Meeting will be held in New York.

Special thanks to former Section Chair Mark Wojcik of The John Marshall Law School in Chicago for his help in organizing the embassy visit and in putting out this newsletter. See you all in DC!

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Programs at the AALS Annual Meeting

Section Field Trip to the Canadian Embassy!

Wednesday, January 3, 2007

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Section on North American Cooperation has organized an exciting field trip to the Canadian Embassy on Wednesday, January 3, 2006, the first full day of AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Advance registration for the field trip is required, and the program is expected to sell out.

The trip to the Canadian Embassy in Washington D.C. will feature panels and briefings on Canada and its relations with the United States and Mexico. Briefings from the Canadian Embassy will include updates on U.S.-Canada relations, trade issues, and recent legal developments in Canada. There will also be panels to discuss legal education in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Please bring a government issued form of identification.

Bus will depart from 9:00 a.m. at the main entrance lobby level of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. If space is available, a ticket may be purchased at On-Site Registration until 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd or at the bus departure point on Wednesday, January 3rd.

North American Cooperation and NAFTA in a Changing Political Environment

Thursday, January 4, 2007

10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Wilson C, Mezzanine Level, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

This panel presents three papers selected from a competitive call for papers. The submissions were judged anonymously by a committee, which selected these papers for presentation at the AALS Annual Meeting. As it happens, the focus of the “Changing Political Environment” here is also a focus on the environment, including transboundary pollution and the trade in water. The moderator of the panel will be Section Chair **Mary Anne Bobinski**, Dean of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law. Section Chair-Elect, **Kinvin Wroth (Vermont)**, who is also one of the original founders of the Section on North American Cooperation, will serve as a commentator and discussant.

Panelists

Prof. Neil Craik, University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law, Canada
Transboundary Environmental Assessment in North America: Obstacles and Opportunities

Prof. Austen L. Parrish, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles and
Prof. Shi-Ling Hsu, University of British Columbia Faculty of Law, Vancouver,
Canada

*Embracing Reciprocity: Revisiting Domestic Legal Solutions to Canada's
Transboundary Pollution Problems*

Prof. Peter Bowal, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Carlee Campbell, University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
The New Oil: Trade in Bulk Water Under NAFTA

*A brief business meeting for the Section on North American Cooperation will be
held at the conclusion of the program.*

Best Practices in International Programs

Saturday, January 6, 2007

9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Virginia Suite B, Lobby Level, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

The Chair-Elect of the Section on International Legal Exchange, **Bruce Carolan** of Ireland, will be the moderator of the “Best Practices” program organized by the AALS Section on International Legal Exchange and the Section on Graduate Programs for Foreign Lawyers. The program will be an interactive session that will allow participants to explore issues that are relevant to starting, managing, and developing international programs.

A brief presentation will be followed by an invitation to audience members to attend table discussions moderated by experienced faculty and administrators from U.S. and foreign law schools. Each table will focus on a topic, such as: a) orientation and pre-departure programs, b) marketing and recruitment, c) forming global alliances, d) program evaluation and development, e) integrating, and f) academic support. Participants will be free to move between tables to explore several issues.

Speakers on the program include **Adi Altshuler** (Northwestern University School of Law); **Judith A. Horowitz** (Duke University School of Law); **Linda J. Lacey** (The University of Tulsa College of Law); **William B.T. Mock** (The John Marshall Law School in Chicago); **Nancy Pinn** (Harvard Law School); and **Jill M. Sears** (Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law).

ASIL Teaching Interest Group International Law Roundtable

Saturday, January 6, 2007

10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

ASIL Interest Group in Teaching International Law
Marriott Wardman Park, Harding Room, Mezzanine Level

Many members of the AALS Section on North American Cooperation are also members of the American Society of International Law (ASIL). One of the Interest Groups within the ASIL is focused on those who teach international law, including those who teach international law at law schools outside the United States. This year, the ASIL Interest Group on Teaching will hold a special program on at the end of the AALS meeting. The session will begin immediately after the Saturday morning program on “Best Practices in International Programs.”

The ASIL Teaching International Law Interest Group provides a forum for those involved in or interested in teaching international law to discuss approaches, methods, and new techniques taking place both in the United States and abroad. The Group operates under the premise that effective teaching leads to increased public awareness and a greater understanding of international law. Although innovative new practices are often highlighted, standard approaches are also examined in order to keep them fresh and effective. The Group has previously addressed topic areas such as curriculum and pedagogy in both doctrinal and non-doctrinal courses, requiring international law courses, infusion curriculum, and international law certificate programs within the JD program. The Group addresses these topics through discussions and workshops, as well as through co-sponsorship of international conferences.

The three-part roundtable discussion on Saturday, January 6, 2007 will: (1) share innovative ways and materials to help professors include international law materials in courses that do not traditionally focus on international law; (2) discuss the experience of law schools that have “international law certificate programs” within their JD programs; and (3) consider how international law professors have incorporated the Society’s Centennial Resolution relating to the laws of war and the treatment of persons in custody. Individuals members who are interested in speaking on one of the three topics on the program should contact Prof. Mark E. Wojcik, Co-Chair of the ASIL Interest Group on Teaching International Law, at The John Marshall Law School, 315 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604, 7wojcik@jmls.edu, or 312-987-2391.

For more information about the American Society of International Law and its interest groups, visit www.asil.org.

ABA International Law Section has Committees on Mexico and Canada

Section Executive Committee member (and former Chair of the American Bar Association Section of International Law) **Bob Lutz** wants to remind everyone that the American Bar Association Section of International Law has at least two committees of special interest to members of this section – the committees on Canada and on Mexico. U.S. law professors can join the section (you are likely already members of the ABA through your law school, so go ahead and join the international section too), and professors in Canada and Mexico can join the ABA as “associate members,” which provides a less expensive dues rate than regular ABA membership. Both committees have listserves dedicated to legal issues for Canada and Mexico.

Canada Committee: www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IC815000

Mexico Committee: www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IC845000

Or click on the “Committees” link on the ABA International Law Section Homepage at <http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/home.html>

U.S.-Mexico Bar Association

The U.S.-Mexico Bar Association held its annual conference in Monterrey, Mexico from October 18-20, 2006. The conference theme was “The Intersection of Law, Business, and Security in the New North America.” The association also recently reduced its student membership rates.

More information on the bar association is available at www.usmexico.org.

U.S.-Mexico Law Institute Moves From New Mexico to Florida

The U.S.-Mexico Law Institute held its annual conference from October 9-10 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Institute promotes research on legal problems of concern to both countries. It also provides a regular forum for lawyers, judges, and legal scholars to share views with their counterparts from the other country. This year also marks the Institute’s move from the **University of New Mexico School of Law** to the **University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law**. Individual memberships in the institute are \$50 a year, including a subscription to the U.S.-Mexico Law Journal and a copy of supplemental materials distributed at the annual meeting.

Invitation to Attend Program in Canada: University of Windsor Lecture on November 15

Executive Committee Member Bruce Elman, Professor and Dean at the University of Windsor, invites you to attend the Herb Gray Distinguished Lecture on Wednesday **November 15**, at 8:00 p.m. The speaker will be the **Honourable A. Anne McLellan**, Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Alberta and Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Her topic is "The Border after 9/11: How Big a Barrier to Trade." The program will take place in the Moot Court Room, Ron W. Ianni Law Building, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Contact Bruce Elman for more information (see page 10 of this newsletter).

The Great Lakes Water Basin: MSU Holds a December 1-2 Conference in Chicago at the Shedd Aquarium

On December 1 and 2, the Institute for Trade in the Americas at Michigan State University College of Law will host its second annual conference on Trade and Investment in the Americas. The focus of the conference is the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact and Agreement signed by the governors and premiers of the 10 Great Lakes states and provinces on December 13, 2005. The conference is organized around six cross-cutting topics: international trade; environmental law; international law and dispute resolution; rights of indigenous peoples; international human rights; and constitutional law.

The conference site is the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, and confirmed speakers include distinguished professors and environmental advocates from the United States and Canada.

For more information about the conference, contact Professor Keith Fisher (kfisher@law.msu.edu or (517) 432-6974) or Casey Fry (frycasey@law.msu.edu or (517) 432-6980) at the Michigan State University Institute for Trade in the Americas.

Canadian Law Society Formed by Law Students

Students at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago have formed a Canadian Law Society for students who are from Canada, or who are interested in studying in Canada, or who simply want to learn more about the Canadian legal system. Their first

meeting was held at the Canadian Consulate General in Chicago. The students organized a number of programs about Canada, including a special program to introduce Canadian Legal Research sources to law students in the United States. Professor Mark Wojcik is the faculty advisor, who is happy to share information about the organization and who hopes that other schools will also form Canadian (and Mexican!) Law Societies at their schools.

Call for Papers and Panel Proposals

Global Legal Skills Conference

Chicago, May 4-5, 2007

A Global Legal Skills Conference will be held **May 4-5, 2007** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. The intended audience for this conference includes LL.M. Program Directors who have students from other countries (especially if they do not presently offer specialized courses for ESL students); Legal writing professors who teach students who speak English as a Second Language (ESL); Teachers in Intensive English Language Programs (IEPs) and Orientation Courses for U.S. Law (and individuals who want to learn about teaching in those programs); Legal Writing Program Directors; Writing advisors who work with international students; ESL teachers who teach law students, lawyers, and business people who deal with legal issues; Court translators; and Graduate students who are learning to teach ESL.

Participants from Canada and Mexico are especially encouraged to attend the program.

The deadline for proposals for the 2007 conference is **January 18, 2007** (after the AALS meeting in Washington D.C.), however earlier submissions of panel, paper, and workshop proposals is of course welcome. The Program Planning Committee will review all the submissions. Contact Professors Molly Lien or Mark Wojcik at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago for more information.

**Midwest Association for Canadian Studies
Call for Papers
Biennial Conference
February 16-17, 2007
Intercontinental Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri**

Conference theme -- *The Frontier: Four Hundred Years of North American Discovery*
Since the First Nations settlement and the first European exploration, the upper Midwest has been central to the emergence and development of Canada and the United States. The limitless border of the Midwestern frontier offered challenges and experiences that are uniquely Canadian and American. The biennial MWACS conference continues this tradition of exploration and discovery through presentation of contemporary research in North American history, culture, art, communications, geography, politics, economy, and society.

Conference papers are welcome on all topics related to Canada and Canadian Studies across all fields and disciplines. Research papers pertaining to the conference theme are particularly encouraged. Paper title and abstract of no more than 200 words should be sent by mail, email or fax by **December 1** to:

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MWACS has limited travel funds to support graduate students and new scholars to help offset conference lodging and travel. Contact the conference organizers or review the MWACS web site at www.mwacs.org

To subscribe to the MWACS listserv, please email LISTSERV@PO.MISSOURI.EDU.

The Midwest Association for Canadian Studies (MWACS) is an interdisciplinary regional organization of scholars and professionals. MWACS, like the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, encourages creative and scholarly activity in Canadian studies, facilitates the exchange of ideas among Canadianists in the U.S., Canada, and other countries, enhances the teaching of Canada in the U.S., and promotes Canada as an area of academic inquiry.

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