

# CANADIAN STUDIES PROGRAM



DEPARTMENT of  
AMERICAN STUDIES

ESZTERHÁZY COLLEGE,  
EGER



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## Earlier bilateral (Canadian-Hungarian) projects at EKF



- 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



# ICCS Summer Seminars & FEP/ FRP grants





# Achievements and the present state of affairs

Seventeen years in Canadian Studies, serving our students and providing Canada-related courses within the body of English and American Studies. Secondary schools outreach program.



# Ongoing courses:



## BA:

- *Introduction to Canadian Culture*
- *Introduction to Canadian Literature*
- *Multiculturalism in North-America: A Multidisciplinary Approach*



## MA:

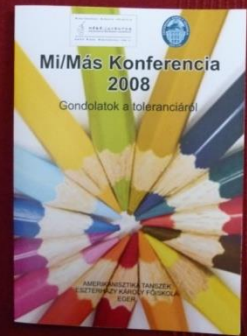
- *Shape Shifters: Ethnic Passing in US and Canadian culture*
- *Comparative U.S.-Canadian Studies*

- encourage and **prepare our students to carry on their Canadian studies at a university level;**
- assistance those 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):





# Resource materials created and forums held



- 1. **Students' extra curricula activity** in obtaining specific topic-related materials and elaborating quiz papers, comprehension checks and other useful materials;
- 2. **Textbook** entitled *Perspectives on English-Canadian Literature* (EKTF Lyceum, Eger, 1996.)
- 3. *Going Indian: Cultural Appropriation in the Narrative De/Re-Construction of Ethnic Identity in Recent North-American Literature* (manuscript to be published in 2012.)
  
- We have hosted Canadiana sections at various conferences (ESSE 1999, HUSSE 2001) organised by the Institute of English and American Studies;
- *Young Canadianists' Forum* (3 May, 2001);
- ONE/AN/OTHER Conference (2008, 2010) and follow up books
- EJAS Canadiana Special Issue (2010)
- *Freeside Europe* Canadiana issue (to be published online in 2012 in cooperation with Kodolányi College)

# The first YCF, EKF, 2003





# Canadian Studies Students and Courses in the Last Two Decades



# Ambassador Hage opens the NAP





# Canada4U Days in secondary schools



# One/an/Other 2 Conference, 2010

(Canadian Leadership Grant fo Prof. John Berry and two fellow Canadian academics)





# Talented Students' Day, 2011

Eszter Szenczy doctoranda (ELTE) , guest lecturer giving presentation  
on Métis literature



Plans and projects in 2010 that were not finalized due to the cut of Understanding Canada Program as well as local support

- **Further curriculum development;**
- **FEP for MA courses**
- *Patchwork* (s-t research cooperation, 2008-9) , *Diversity* (2010-)
- **obtain update teaching aids** and resources;
- Further **co-operation** with professionals at other departments of EKF as well as with Canadianists in and outside Hungary;
- Provide Canadian Studies courses in the course of an **exchange program** at Vilnius University, Lithuania (September, 2005), Valdosta University, GA, USA (2006-7), GCSU, Milledgeville, GA (2009); University of New Mexico(2012)
- **Institutional cooperation project** (2010-) with Hungarian Academy (Sociology and Cross-Cultural Psychology Institutions, ELTE University, Budapest)



# Further plans

- **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;
- **Promote cooperation** with universities in Hungary and abroad as well as with the Canadian Embassy of Budapest, CCCH and other NGOs
- Explore ways how – having the new Liberal Government in charge of international relations– Canadianists could **obtain more support** for research teaching and program support



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# Current development 2015.

- JK head of the Hungarian Network for Canadianists (HUNCS under CEACS/ICCS)
- JK founding and board member of the Hungarian-Canadian Intercultural Society
- Zagreb CEACS Conf. (Oct.)
- Károli Multiculturalism Conf. (Nov.)
- Recruiting for HUNCS

