

## APRIL 2009 RESOURCE NOTICE

**Greetings!** Because we have entered a new season, I am featuring some curricula from the Northwest Territories on climate change and, because spring is also a season of renewal, I am identifying several professional development and international travel opportunities that serve the purpose well. Of course, some opportunities like **STUDY CANADA** have been mentioned before, but please note the exciting **new travel support** available to participants! If unable to join me in June, I hope you will find other opportunities here that interest you!

I thought it important to remind you, too, that beginning on **June 1, 2009**, the U.S. government will require US citizens to have a passport, passport card, or other DHS-compliant document\* when entering at a sea or land port of entry from Canada. Note that children and groups of children (ages 16-18) who are US citizens will still be able to present the original or copy of their birth certificate, or other proof of U.S. citizenship such as a naturalization certificate or citizenship card when entering under adult supervision. \*For more information on the changing travel requirements, visit the Department of Homeland Security's [www.getyouhome.gov](http://www.getyouhome.gov) website.

Best wishes and happy travel planning! Tina Storer

**Please ensure your server accepts group messages and notify me if you are receiving duplicate notices or wish to be removed from the Canada Listserv. WWU and UW jointly perform K-12 STUDY CANADA outreach as a US Department of Education-funded National Resource Center on Canada in the US. Annual Embassy of Canada grants also provide generous support.**

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### 1) STUDY CANADA "STIMULUS PACKAGE"!

Regional Consulates of Canada regularly support workshop registrants with up to \$300 in travel support because STUDY CANADA has served so well for the past thirty-one (!) years to provide teachers with a strong foundation for teaching Canada. Although support is still hoped for -- given the financial climate and budget constraints that educators and consulates are likely facing -- our Center at WWU will now **guarantee travel support in the amount of \$300** for out-of-state teachers (and **\$150 for educators in WA State**). For special circumstances, we may be able to offer even more but cannot guarantee any additional amount until these awards are in place.

Consider this our own "stimulus package" to encourage teaching about our northern neighbor at all levels of K-12 education and contact me soon to ensure your spot since I expect this offer will result in full enrolment by the end of April. [Please note that this offer also applies to those who have already registered (and are applicable for consular support by being a US-based teacher not already fully supported by school/district).] STUDY CANADA offers either 40 WA-State issued clock hours or 3 university quarter credits (C/AM 410) at a cost of only \$550 for 6 days and 5 nights (and includes the cost of hotel, breakfasts, activities, and transportation between Vancouver and Whistler thanks to USDOE Title VI and Government of Canada Outreach Grants). See [www.k12studycanada.org/scsi.asp](http://www.k12studycanada.org/scsi.asp).

### 2) GROWING TREND TO STUDY ABROAD IN CANADA

Given the recent economic hardships faced by many families, studying abroad in Canada has become an increasingly attractive option. If students or counselors in your school/district tend to overlook this option, please share this news....

The current favorable exchange rate and high quality of education in Canada makes studying at one of the more than 90 universities in Canada an academically savvy and financially affordable decision. Because post-secondary schools are publicly funded and heavily subsidized by the government, Canadian universities are generally less expensive than American private schools and some public universities--even though international students pay more than their Canadian counterparts. American students are eligible for merit-based financial aid from the institutions and, what's more, are still eligible for US-based financial aid even if attending a school in Canada. I recommend visiting [www.educationau-incanada.ca](http://www.educationau-incanada.ca) to de-mystify the prospect of studying in Canada, to find the best personal and academic "fit", and to use tools to calculate costs, consider scholarship options and assess visa requirements.

An article at [www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/12/25/canada\\_passport\\_to\\_higher\\_ed\\_lower\\_cost](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/12/25/canada_passport_to_higher_ed_lower_cost) points out "since 2001, the number of Americans attending college in Canada has risen by 50 percent to about 9,000 according Embassy of Canada in Washington." If some students still wonder why at least a term or a year abroad in Canada--if not a full degree--might be preferable to a more "exotic" or distant location, have them read Glynn Hunter's article at [www.transitionsabroad.com/publications/magazine/9703/study\\_abroad\\_in\\_canada.shtml](http://www.transitionsabroad.com/publications/magazine/9703/study_abroad_in_canada.shtml).

### 3) CLIMATE CHANGE CURRICULA FOR K-12 CLASSROOMS

Visit [www.climatechangenorth.ca/section-1p/C1\\_Lesson\\_plans.html/](http://www.climatechangenorth.ca/section-1p/C1_Lesson_plans.html/) to explore lesson plans developed in the Northwest Territories for students who are witness to the impacts of climate change. Lesson plans for elementary, middle and high school classrooms are available and can be adapted for classrooms located below the Arctic Circle.

#### **4) READY TO LEAD A FIELD TRIP TO CANADA?**

I am sometimes asked by teachers about opportunities to visit Canada with students as an organized field trip. It is obviously an easier undertaking for teachers in border states like New York to visit Montreal or for Washington State teachers to visit Vancouver. However, I have known several intrepid teachers who regularly take students across the continent to explore Ottawa, the capital, or Quebec City from as far away as the San Juan Islands in Washington State. If you're not interested in doing that, don't worry. "Visit Canada" is the leading educational tour operator to use for "package" class trips. Their specialty is in French language school and class field trips to Montréal/Québec City for French clubs and classes; theatre (theater) trips as well as choral/band trips to Toronto/Ottawa; plus general educational tours to any of these cities or Vancouver. Visit <http://www.visitcanada.com/> or call (800) 456-5552 for more info.

#### **5) INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS**

IREX, an international non-profit organization in Washington, DC is offering secondary teachers a very exciting international travel grant opportunity through the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) funded by the U.S. Department of State. They are recruiting U.S. teachers (English or social studies subjects) for the reciprocal visit component of the program, involving a two-week professional exchange in one of the following countries: Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, El Salvador, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nicaragua, Senegal, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan or Ukraine.

The fully-funded program provides visa support; round-trip domestic airfare, lodging and meals to attend the TEA U.S. Conference; round-trip airfare from the U.S. to the assigned country; emergency medical insurance; as well as lodging and a daily stipend in the host country. Interested teachers can download the TEA U.S. teacher application is available at [www.irex.org](http://www.irex.org).

Eligible applicants must be: Secondary-level (middle or high school), full-time teachers with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines including English as a Foreign Language, English Language or Literature, and the Social Sciences (including social studies, civics, and history); U.S. citizens; and able to travel in April 2010.

#### **6) TRIP OF A LIFETIME TO THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE**

Visit <http://www.adventurecanada.com/rcgs> to learn how you can journey with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society (**September 1 - 16, 2009**) to explore some of the least travelled regions of the Canadian Arctic. Starting in Cambridge Bay, head west into the Beaufort Sea, through Prince of Wales Strait, to make expeditionary stops on both Banks and Victoria Islands. Next, visit Winter Harbour and Neil Griffiths Point on Melville Island and delve into the rich waters of Lancaster Sound, reputed for its abundance of beluga whales and other marine mammals. Stop on Baffin's Eastern coast to visit the vibrant Inuit community of Mittimatalik at Pond Inlet and Buchan Gulf, one of many deep fjords on the northeast shoulder of Baffin Island.

Crossing Davis Strait to Greenland you can visit Ilulissat, the largest town in Disko Bay and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Imagine cruising waters where North America's icebergs calve from the massive Greenland icecap as it tumbles down to meet the sea. Head south to Itilleq and passage down the stunning Sondre Stromfjord to Kangerlussuaq. Onboard the RCGS team of resource staff will help you comprehend this vast land, it's makeup, history, mythology and people. Daily lectures will compliment onshore activities preparing you for amazing experiences on both land and sea.

#### **7) COLORADO COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES**

**April 10, 2009: Academics, Advocacy & Adventure in the 21st Century** (Denver Hyatt Tech Center 8:30am-3:30pm) Consul Jamie Caton and Karen Palmerini from the Consulate General of Canada, Denver, will offer a "Canada in the Classroom" session on how to teach about the geography, culture, trade relationship and government of our northern neighbor. Mike Cawthra, a K-12 STUDY CANADA Teacher Associate (and storyteller extraordinaire!) will present on Canadian culture and discuss resources that are available for elementary grade students. Anton Schultzi will repeat a fabulous session for high school teachers first offered at the 2008 NCSS Annual Conference in Houston called "Comparing North American Governments Canada, U.S. and Mexico". There will also be an exhibit booth where a lot of K-12 STUDY CANADA resources and information on Canada will be shared. I hope all teachers attending the conference take advantage of the opportunities to learn about Canada!

#### **8) 9TH ANNUAL DOCUMENTARY FILM WORKSHOP AT UW (SEATTLE)**

**May 9, 2009: Coming of Age in a Changing World** (Walker-Ames #225, Kane Hall, UW, Seattle - 8:30am-4:00pm) This one-day Saturday workshop will introduce educators to the documentary film genre and to several films that depict the experiences of youth during turbulent or changing times. The workshop will begin with a keynote address on

the integration of documentary film into the classroom (or curriculum) by Diana Hess, Professor of Education at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Presentations and excerpts from films focusing on a range of themes, including *Persepolis*, an animated autobiographical account of a girl's life during and after the Iranian Revolution; *A Century of Genocide in the Americas: The Residential School Experience*, which provides a stark look at the exploitation of First Nations children who were sent away to Indian Residential Schools; and *Young and Restless in China*, which profiles the lives of nine young Chinese men and women in the swiftly changing times of modern China.

The cost of the workshop is \$50 and includes copies of two films, seven (7) clock hours, parking or bus passes, continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Registration priority is given to active K-12 or community college educators. **Registration closes Thursday, April 30, 2009 or when the event is full.**

For more information, please contact the Canadian Studies Center at [canada@u.washington.edu](mailto:canada@u.washington.edu) or visit <http://jsis.washington.edu/outreach/film>.

### **9) CANADIAN RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

From *The Canadian Family Cook Book: A Volume of Tried, Tested and Proven Recipes*. Ed. Grace E.

Denison. [Toronto: McLeod & Allen, 1914.] 538 pages.

Tina's Note: I felt like I had struck gold when I came across this cookbook at a garage sale last summer. Please join me in trying out some these "tested and proven" recipes that harken back almost 100 years! Although the source unfortunately offers no background story for recipes and offers ingredients and directions that are foreign to modern cooks, I think you'll nonetheless enjoy the challenges of bringing Canadian history into your kitchen. I thought it particularly appropriate--as a first choice--to offer the recipe below that celebrates the Canada-US relationship by honoring the *first* First Lady.

#### **Martha Washington Pie**

##### **Ingredients:**

4 oz blanched almonds  
4 oz powdered sugar  
2 eggs  
2 oz macaroons  
2 oz melted butter  
½ gill rum (?)  
½ saltspoonful ground cinnamon (?)  
6 drops orange flower water (?)

##### **Instructions:**

- Pound almonds in a mortar with two ounces of powdered sugar, adding gradually one raw egg.
- When well pounded, add two ounces more of sugar, melted butter, rum, ground cinnamon, orange flower water and break in another egg.
- Pound for five minutes and add well-pounded macaroons.
- Line a pie plate with good paste, pour in the preparation and bake.
- Decorate with candied fruit.

***[NB: Temperature 350? Average time needed for a homemade pie?]***

### **10) RUTH WRITER'S REVIEW OF CANADIAN LITERATURE**

*King Leary* by Paul Quarrington. (Toronto: Anchor Canada, 1987) ISBN 978-0-385-66601-5

Paul Quarrington's novel, *King Leary*, was selected as the winner of the CBC *Canada Reads* 2008 competition. The novel is about the life of a more-than-elderly hockey hero, Percival Leary, who learned to play hockey at a reform school--after setting a house on fire--with four unique monks as his coaches. Readers will learn about Percival Leary's rise to fame and about his relationships with hockey buddies during his career. The author provides fascinating insight into the lives of hockey greats at the beginning of the last century and the beginning of the sport.

Quarrington blends the past with a dose of contemporary humor when Leary returns from a home for the aged to Toronto to film a commercial for ginger ale. His "St. Louis Whilygig" move scored the winning goal of the 1919 Stanley Cup. His journey to Toronto and his past glory days jogs memories of various figures in the world of hockey, including "Blue" Hermann, a newspaper reporter who once wrote of Leary's career but ironically becomes his "roomie" in the old folk's home.

The novel previously won the 1988 Stephen Leacock Award for humor. It is nice to include it once again on a must-read list for Canadians and to recommend it now to others like me who are interested in Canada.

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