AN INVITATION

Quebec’s Eastern Townships and the World:
A Region and its Global Identities
Author’s Workshop & Edited Volume

November 19-21, 2020
Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada

The Center for the Study of Canada and Institute on Quebec Studies at State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, the Eastern Townships Resource Centre at Bishop’s University, McGill University, and the Canadian Studies Program at Bridgewater State University, are pleased to invite you to participate in a two-day author’s workshop entitled “Quebec’s Eastern Townships and the World: A Region and its Global Identities.”

We invite single-discipline, multidisciplinary, and comparative scholarly analyses that link the Eastern Townships and the world. Contributions providing original perspectives on the Eastern Townships as a centre, a borderland, a bridge between nations, communities, and peoples, and as a gateway between markets, are especially encouraged. What human, discursive, and material phenomena connect the Eastern Townships and the global community?

Participation, Timing and Results
This author’s workshop is for scholars who write and think deeply about the Eastern Townships. As an academic who is engaged with these issues, we invite you to prepare a draft scholarly paper for the workshop that focuses on your area of expertise. The Eastern Townships Resource Centre (ETRC) at Bishop’s University will serve as the academic host for the author’s workshop.

Christopher Kirkey, Director of the Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh, Erin Hurley, Professor of English at McGill University, Cheryl Gosselin, Professor of Sociology at Bishop’s University, and Andrew Holman, Director of the Canadian Studies Program at Bridgewater State University, will serve as the workshop coordinators and editors of a book that will feature the workshop’s best papers.

The authors’ workshop, to be convened on November 19-20, 2020, will be a dialogue of constructive exchange. Participants will receive all of the draft papers in advance of the workshop, thereby providing them an opportunity to read the work of their colleagues in advance. Workshop participants are required to submit their draft contributions (6,000 to 7,000 words) to the editors by October 1, 2020.
In this workshop, each participant will deliver a formal evaluative commentary of 20 minutes on a colleague’s essay, which will be followed by a brief response of 5-7 minutes by the essay’s author(s). This in turn will be followed by a general discussion involving all the participants. This model will allow us to keep the workshop small, structured, and focused, and will ensure that all contributions address the central themes of our book project.

After the workshop, participants will be provided with written feedback based on the comments made by their assigned commentators as well as those of the workshop coordinators. Contributors will have until January 15, 2021, to complete any revisions and to re-submit their papers. Selected papers will be published as a book with a leading scholarly press.

**Support for Participants**

To facilitate participation in this initiative, the Center for the Study of Canada and Institute on Quebec Studies at SUNY Plattsburgh, the Eastern Townships Resource Centre at Bishop’s University, McGill University, and the Canadian Studies Program at Bridgewater State University are pleased to provide confirmed workshop participants with:

- an opening evening reception on Thursday, November 19, 2020;
- breakfast, refreshments, lunch and dinner Friday, November 20; breakfast and lunch on Saturday, November 21; and,
- hotel accommodations for two nights (November 19 and 20).

In addition, participants travelling from outside of the Sherbrooke area will receive CDN$250 toward travel expenses, payable in December 2020.

We trust that you will agree that this is an exciting initiative, one that will lead to timely deliberation and significant scholarship. Do contact any of us with enquiries you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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