



BINATIONAL EXECUTIVE SEMINAR
CANADA-UNITED STATES RELATIONS

Program Schedule - Sunday, June 3 - Friday, June 8, 2012

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sunday, June 3rd

Welcome Reception - Sheraton at the Falls Hotel, 300 Third Street,
Niagara Falls, New York, 14303 - <http://sheratonatthefalls.com/>)

Unless otherwise noted, all seminar sessions will be held on-site at the Sheraton (Boardroom)

4:00 - 8:00 pm

Check-in at The Sheraton at the Falls Hotel, Niagara Falls, NY

Monday, June 4th

Institutional Contexts and Political Processes - Canada and the U.S.

7:30 - 8:30 am

Breakfast - Included with Room at The Sheraton at the Falls Hotel - Vouchers
Provided at Check-in (Hotel Restaurant)

Welcoming Remarks - E. Bruce Pitman, Dean, College of Arts & Science,
University at Buffalo, Douglas Kneale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Brock
University

9:00 AM

9:15 - 10:15 am

**Session 1: Historical Perspective on Canada-U.S. Relations - The Origin and
Evolution of Political Differences in Northern North America**

Presenter: Professor Andrew Nicholls (History, Buffalo State College, SUNY)

10:15-10:30 am

Break

10:30 am -12:00

**Session 2: Institutional Contexts for Canada-U.S. Relations - Parliamentary and
Presidential Systems and Federalism**

Presenter: Professor Munroe Eagles (Political Science/Canadian Studies, SUNY-UB)

Presenter: Professor Joshua Dyck (Political Science, SUNY-UB)

12:00 - 1:30 pm

LUNCH - Hot Buffet Lunch - Sheraton at the Falls (Prospect Room)

1:45 - 3:00 pm

Session 3: Canada - United States Relations - High and Low Politics

Presenter: Dr. Brian Bow (Professor of Political Science, Dalhousie University)

Presenter: Professor Geoffrey Hale (Professor of Political Science, University of Lethbridge)

3:00 - 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 - 4:30 pm

Session 4: Canada-U.S. - Economic Integration

Presenter: Dr. Stephen Blank (Acting Director, Portal for North America; Senior Fellow, Center for
North American Studies, American University; Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute, Ottawa;
Senior Research Analyst, North American Center for Transborder Studies, Arizona State University;
Co-Chair, North-American Transportation Competitiveness Research Council)

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Dinner Buffet - Sheraton at the Falls (Prospect Room)

Tuesday, June 5th

Governance & Institutions: Trade Disputes and the Environment

Breakfast - Included with Room at The Sheraton at the Falls Hotel - Vouchers provided at check-in (Hotel Restaurant)

7:00 - 8:30 am

9:00 - 10:15 am

Session 5: NAFTA and the Future of North American Governance

Presenter: Professor Kathryn Bryk-Friedman, Esq. (Director of Law and Policy Research, The Regional Institute, SUNY-UB)

Presenter: Dr. Stephen Blank (Acting Director, Portal for North America; Senior Fellow, Center for North American Studies, American University; Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute, Ottawa; Senior Research Analyst, North American Center for Transborder Studies, Arizona State University; Co-Chair, North-American Transportation Competitiveness Research Council)

10:15 -10:30 am

Break

10:30 -12:00 pm

Session 6: Resolving Trade Disputes under the NAFTA

Presenter: Mr. Lauren Rachlin, Esq. (Partner, Hodgson Russ LLP, Buffalo)

Presenter: Mr. James McIlroy, Esq. (President, McIlroy & McIlroy Inc, Toronto)

12:00 - 1:15 pm

LUNCH - Sheraton at the Falls (Prospect Room)

1:15 - 2:15 pm

Session 7: Bilateral Institutions - The Environment

Presenter: Dr. Debora VanNijnatten (Professor of Political Science, Wilfred Laurier University)

2:15 - 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Session 8: The Great Lakes - Shared Governance on Water Issues

Presenter: Dr. Timothy Heinmiller (Professor of Political Science, Brock University)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Change & Meet in Lobby to travel to Maid of the Mist Excursion

4:00 - 4:15 PM

Walk (weather permitting) or drive to Maid of the Mist

4:30 - 5:30 pm

**Maid of the Mist Excursion - Boat ride under Niagara Falls
(www.maidofthemist.com)**

5:30 - 6:00 pm

Walk/Trolley (weather permitting) to The Top of the Falls Restaurant

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Dinner at The Top of the Falls Restaurant (Goat Island, Niagara Falls State Park, Niagara Falls, NY - www.niagarafallsstatepark.com), Great Lakes Presentation, and Remarks by Niagara Falls Mayor

Presenter: Ms. Helen Domske (Great Lakes Program, University at Buffalo)

Remarks: Mayor Paul Dyster, Mayor of Niagara Falls, New York

Wednesday, June 6th

The Diplomacy of Canada-U.S. Relations and the Secure Movement of People Across the Border
(Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Plaza, Rainbow Bridge Promenade, Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, ON)

- 7:00 - 8:00 am** **Breakfast - Included with Room at The Sheraton at the Falls Hotel - Vouchers provided at check-in (Hotel Restaurant)**
- 8:00 - 8:30 am** **Meet in front of lobby of the Sheraton at the Falls to travel across Rainbow Bridge to Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Rainbow Bridge Promenade**
- 8:30 - 10:00 am** **Session 9: Monitoring the Canadian-American Relationship at the Mass Level - Interpreting Public Opinion Data**
Location: Rainbow Bridge Promenade, Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, Ontario
Presenter: Mr. Nik Nanos (CEO, Nanos Research, Ottawa)
- 10:00 -10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:15 - 11:30 am** **Session 10: The Diplomatic Context of Canada-U.S. Relations (Diplomatic Roundtable)**
Location: Rainbow Bridge Promenade, Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, Ontario
Presenter: Mr. Michael Kergin (Former Canadian Ambassador to the United States)
Presenter: Mr. Stephen Kelly (Diplomat in Residence, Duke University)
Moderator: Mr. Daniel Ujcz (Principal, Canada-U.S. Network)
- 11:30 am - 12:00** **Walk over to Crown Plaza Hotel (Rainbow Salon) for lunch**
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm** **Buffet LUNCH - Crown Plaza Hotel (Rainbow Salon) & Welcoming Remarks**
Remarks: Consul General Marta Moszczenska, Consulate General of Canada, Buffalo, NY
- 1:00 - 1:30 pm** **Walk back to Rainbow Bridge Promenade for afternoon sessions**
- 1:30 - 2:45 pm** **Session 11: Border Infrastructure - Moving People Across the Canada-U.S. Border**
Location: Rainbow Bridge Promenade, Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, Ontario
Presenter: Mr. Timothy S. Andrews (Acting Assistant Port Director, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Field Operations, Port of Buffalo, DHS)
Presenter: Mr. David Berardi (District Director, Canada Border Services Agency)
- 2:45 - 3:00 pm** **Break**
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm** **Session 12: Border Security and the Movement of People**
Location: Rainbow Bridge Promenade, Rainbow Bridge, Niagara Falls, Ontario
Presenter: Dr. Christopher Sands (Senior Fellow, The Hudson Institute)
Presenter: Mr. Colin Robertson (Sr Advisor, McKenna, Long & Aldridge, LLP)
Presenter: Mr. Daniel Ujcz (Principal, Canada-U.S. Network)
- 4:30 - ? PM** **Adjourn - Free evening - Dinner vouchers provided to fellows/faculty for meal at The Sheraton at the Falls, Niagara Falls, NY or participants can stay and dine/sightsee on Canadian side at their own cost**

Thursday, June 7th

Public Policy and the Political Management of Canada-U.S. Relations

- 7:30 - 8:30 am** **Breakfast - Included with Room at The Sheraton at the Falls Hotel - Vouchers to be provided at check-in (Hotel Restaurant)**
- 8:30 - 10:00 am** **Session 13: Defense Cooperation**
Presenter: Brigadier General R.J. Chekan (Director - Strategic Policy and Planning, NORAD Command Center, Colorado)
- 10:00 -10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:15 am - 11:45** **Session 14: Agriculture and Trade in Food Products**
Presenter: Mr. Bobby Seeber (Senior Policy Analyst, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food)
Presenter: Mr. David J. Salmonsens (Senior Director, Congressional Relations & International Policy, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, DC)
- 12:00 - 1:15 pm** **LUNCH - The Sheraton at the Falls (Prospect Room)**
- 1:30 - 3:00 pm** **Session 15: Cross-Border Energy Relations**
Presenter: Dr. Monica Gattinger (Professor of Political Science, University of Ottawa)
Presenter: Mr. Paul Frazer (Senior Advisor, 3 Click Solutions, Washington, DC)
- 3:00-3:15 pm** **Break**
- 3:15 - 4:30 pm** **Session 16: Immigration and Canada-U.S. Relations**
Presenter: Mr. Stephen Kelly (Diplomat in Residence, Duke University)
Presenter: Ms. Laurie Tannous (VP Government & Industry Relations, Russell A. Farrow)
- 4:30 - 5:00 pm** **Change and meet in the lobby of the Sheraton at the Falls by 5:00 pm**
- 5:00 - 5:45 pm** **Transportation to Benchmark Restaurant, Niagara College Campus, NOTL**
- 6:00 - 8:30 pm** **Evening Event: "Wines of the Niagara - A Force for Economic Development"**
Wine Tasting (Niagara College Tasting Centre)
Dinner (Niagara College Benchmark Restaurant)
Location: Benchmark Restaurant, Niagara College Campus, Niagara on the Lake
- 8:30 - 9:15 pm** **Transportation back to Sheraton at the Falls Hotel, Niagara Falls, NY**

Friday, June 8th

Moving Goods Across the Border - Perimeter Security and the Future of Canada-U.S. Relations

Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, Fort Erie

- 7:00 - 8:00 am** **CHECK-OUT and Breakfast - Included with Room at The Sheraton at the Falls Hotel - Vouchers to be provided at check-in (Hotel Restaurant)**
- 8:00 AM** **Meet in front of The Sheraton at the Falls Hotel**
- 8:00 - 9:00 am** **Transportation to Peace Bridge Authority Offices in Fort Erie, Ontario**
- 9:00 - 10:00 am** **Session 17: Managing Border Infrastructure and Logistics**
Location: Peace Bridge Authority Boardroom (Fort Erie Ontario)
Presenter: Mr. Ron Rienas (Buffalo & Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority)
Presenter: Mr. Lew Holloway (Niagara Falls Bridge Commission)
- 10:00 -10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:15 - 11:30 am** **Session18: Facilitating Cross-Border Commercial Relations**
Location: Peace Bridge Authority Boardroom
Presenter: Mr. Kim Hill Mr. Kim Hill (Director, Sustainability and Economic Development Strategies, and Director, Automotive Communities Partnership, Center for Automotive Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan)
Presenter: Ms. Laurie Tannous (VP Government & Industry Relations, Russell A. Farrow)
Presenter: Mr. Pat Whalen (COO, Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus)
- 11:45 - 12:45 pm** **LUNCH - Peace Bridge Authority Boardroom (Meal sponsored by Buffalo-Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority from Ming The - www.migteh.dinnerschoice.com)**
- 1:00 - 2:15 pm** **Session 19: Perimeter Security and the Future of Canada-U.S. Relations**
Location: Peace Bridge Authority Boardroom
Presenter: Dr. Christopher Sands (Senior Fellow, The Hudson Institute)
Presenter: Mr. Paul Frazer (Senior Advisor, 3 Click Solutions, Washington DC)
Presenter: Mr. Colin Robertson (Senior Advisor, McKenna, Long & Aldridge)
- 2:15 - 2:30 pm** **Closing Remarks and Presentation of Certificates**
- 2:30 PM** **Departures - Transportation to Buffalo Airport (or back to Sheraton Niagara Falls NY Hotel depending upon travel arrangements)**