

Celebrate Canada Days February 28th to March 3rd

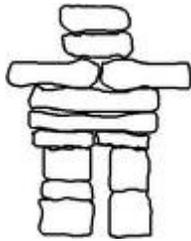
Organized by the Mizzou Canadian Studies Center and the Consulate General of Canada

canada.missouri.edu

Film: CE QU'IL FAUT POUR VIVRE (THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE)

Monday, February 28th, 7:00 PM, Mumford 133

Short-listed for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar in 2009, this fact-based drama mixes tears and laughter to tell a powerful story of cultural displacement. In 1952, during a tuberculosis epidemic, an Inuit hunter is evacuated from the Far North to Quebec City, where he struggles to get his bearings in a strange new world of buildings and trees. In French and Inuktitut with English subtitles.



TEACHING THE GEOGRAPHY OF CANADA IN THE UNITED STATES: STUDENT PERCEPTIONS AND THE EFFECTS OF FIELD EXPERIENCES

Presented by Professor Laura Smith, Department of Geography, Macalester College (MN)

Tuesday, March 1st, 12:00 PM, Memorial Union N206

The numerous educational benefits of student fieldwork are well documented; for many students, the most inspirational form of learning takes place in the field. But what are the impacts of a very short field experience? And what are the impacts of field experience on student perceptions of a place? Through a course development grant provided by the Government of Canada, a regional geography course during the fall of 2008 included a brief field excursion to Thunder Bay, Ontario. Students were required to keep a "field notebook" on the experience and complete a program evaluation. Using student reflections and responses, Professor Smith examines the effects of field experience upon student perceptions of Canada.

Film: THE JOURNALS OF KNUD RASMUSSEN

Wednesday, March 2nd, 7:00 PM, Mumford 133

Iglulik, 1922-23. Real people, actual events. The great shaman Avva and his family are living on the land some distance from Iglulik, his home community that lately has taken up the teachings of Christian missionaries. Danish explorer/adventurer Knud Rasmussen pays Avva a visit, accompanied by two fellow Danes: trader Peter Freuchen and anthropologist Therkel Mathiassen. The CBC called this 2006 film "unexpectedly powerful — this is a film that works on the soul more than the brain."



CANADA: AN ARCTIC NATION

Presentation by Ted McDorman, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Thursday, March 3rd, 3:30 PM, Bush Auditorium, Cornell Hall

The Arctic – its bleakness, beauty, animals, vast untapped resources, weather, inaccessibility – has long held a special place in the popular psyche of Canadians. In light of recent events, such as Russians planting flags on the North Pole and the reduction of ice cover in the Arctic Ocean, Canadians in opinion polls indicate that the Arctic should be Canada's most important foreign policy focus. These recent events have resulted in global attention being paid to the Arctic. In addition to exploring the reality (and myths) surrounding Canada's Arctic Nationhood, this presentation will look at many of the legal and political controversies, specifically regarding the Arctic Ocean, that involve Canada, the United States, and the other Arctic States.