



# ISA-CANADA REGION

## 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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## FULL REPORT

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**Business Meeting, ISA Annual Convention  
Wednesday 16 March, 6:30-7:00, Salon A, Hilton Atlanta**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Let me express my apologies for being unable to attend the regional ISA-Canada conference last year in June at the University of Ottawa, but I want to express my appreciation for all of those who attended, and specifically to Miguel de Larrinaga for taking my place.

I am very delighted to welcome all our members to the ISA in Atlanta. Before moving forward, I wish to express thanks to all our members of the executive, in particular our secretary-treasurer, Chris Leite and our incoming President Elect, Colleen Bell.

I want to begin by expressing ISA-Canada's wholehearted appreciation to **David Grondin (University of Ottawa)** and **Ellen Gutterman (Glendon College, York University)** for their efforts in pulling together an excellent regional conference for 2015 at the University of Ottawa. There were 35 panels and a workshop on *Practicing International Relations: Bridging the Gap Between Intellectuals and Practitioners* composed of 8 panels and one keynote panel, all of which were an incredible success. In fact, so much so, that the ISA executive has taken special notice of our success in terms of professional development. Therefore, Special thanks in particular to David Grondin, the past-chair, who was kind enough to take on double and triple duty in order to make this conference a success, and also to Veronica Kitchen for her work and leadership on our professional development committee.

Moving on, many thanks to **Russell Williams**, from the Department of Political Science at Memorial University, and **Rob Aitken**, from the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta, for accepting the roles of ISA-Canada Program Co-Chairs for the 2016 conference at the University of Calgary, May 31 - June 2. They have put together an outstanding program. Due in large part to our stellar record in the area of professional development (which thanks goes to **David Black and Tim Shaw** for continuing this tradition for the ISA-Canada meeting at U of Calgary in June), and our success in consistently growing participation at our regional conference among our members, the ISA executive has taken notice, and the executive director of ISA, Mark Boyer, will attend and participate in our regional conference in Calgary in June.

At this conference, we have successfully had an outstanding roundtable in honour of our Distinguished Scholar, **Professor Sandra Whitworth** (Please see the attached report from the Distinguished Scholar Committee). We also are delighted to announce the winner of the graduate student paper prize: [to be determined prior to the convention by our graduate paper competition committee].

Thank all members of the executive and those who have stepped into positions temporarily to continue to make ISA-Canada a large and vibrant section of the ISA.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TREASURER

### FINANCIAL POSITION

#### ***Account Balance:***

ISA-Canada's current balance (as of 31 October 2015) is \$13,361.87.

#### ***Revenue Sources:***

The annual ISA-C regional membership dues (range \$per year), as we receive \$5 for every ISA member with a Canadian address. These dues arrive month by month, and are deposited in the ISA-C account under the auspices of ISA. We also receive a portion of ISA conference registration fees.

Sponsorship arrangements for ISA and ISA-Canada Regional conferences; amounts vary from conference to conference. We have raised \$715 over September-October (Department of Political Science, King's University College & Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan). About the same as last year, but last year we received substantial sponsorship funding, which has just not happened this year. This is something we need to improve significantly in future years.

#### ***Expenses:***

- PCMA Insurance (\$), which all ISA regions must pay on an annual basis.
- 2015 Student paper prize (\$)
- Receptions held at ISA and ISA-Canada Regional conferences (New Orleans and University of Ottawa)

#### ***Upcoming expenses in 2016:***

- Receptions to be held at ISA Annual Convention and ISA-Canada Regional conferences (Atlanta and University of Calgary)
- 2016 Student paper prize (\$)
- ISA Canada Distinguished Scholar Dinner (\$)

## OTHER BUSINESS

Many members have raised the issue of non-tenure track members serving in executive roles for ISA-Canada. Some have noted the possibility of providing some sort of financial compensation (conference fees, percentage of travel, etc.) to adjunct/part-timers who are taking on roles in ISA-Canada Executive. It is part of the complex and relatively unsavory nature of the academy today, and I believe it's incumbent on us as an organization to have some sort of stance of support and recognition of the issue.

## REPORT FROM DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR COMMITTEE - ISA CANADA PANEL ATLANTA 2016

Peter Nyers, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at McMaster University Chaired the Distinguished Scholar Search Committee. We sincerely thank Peter, and extend thanks to his committee composed of Lana Wylie (McMaster), Anne-Marie D'Aoust (UQAM) and Sarah Wiebe (UVic).

Please find his brief report below.

I am pleased to report that the ISA-Canada Distinguished Scholar Award committee has completed its deliberations. Our unanimous decision is to nominate **Professor Sandra Whitworth from York University.**

Professor Whitworth has been a leader in feminist approaches to International Relations, especially in relation to security, peacekeeping, and human rights activism. She has played a major part in promoting work in this area as well as shaping the way in which the key issues are studied and analyzed. Her 1994 book *Feminism and International Relations* set much of the groundwork for the development of feminist IR as a specific approach in the field. Similarly, Whitworth's 2004 book, *Men, Militarism and UN Peacekeeping: A Gendered Analysis* has been praised for its unique contribution to some of the fields foundational concerns about war and peace. Whitworth has demonstrated leadership is encouraging, cultivating, and defending quality feminist scholarship within the field, specifically through her six years as the Editor of the *International Journal of Feminist Politics*. She has also made significant contribution to teaching materials in the field of IR through her textbook *International Relations*, now in its Third Edition. Whitworth has made contributions to global political debates, notably through her 2002 award winning UN report on Women, Peace, and Security. Whitworth's other honours include being selected as the Henrietta Harvey Distinguished Lecturer at Memorial University in the Fall of 2012. She was also the 2012 recipient of the Eminent Feminist Scholar award from the Feminist Theory and Gender Studies section of the ISA. For all these reasons, Whitworth is eminently deserving of the recognition given by the ISA-Canada Distinguish Scholar Award.

In terms of the process, the committee was composed of myself, and Drs. Lana Wylie (McMaster), Anne-Marie DAoust (UQAM), and Sarah Wiebe (UVic). We drew up a long list of nine nominees and discussed the merits of each candidate. Each committee member then ranked the nominees. Whitworth received the highest ranking from each committee member. As such, she became our unanimous choice for this award.

Sincerely, Peter Nyers