



CANADA'S GAME? CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ICE HOCKEY AND IDENTITY

*A scholarly conference hosted by the Canadian Studies Program at Bridgewater State College
Radisson Plymouth Harbor Hotel, Plymouth, Massachusetts
April 14-16, 2005*

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005

5:00-8:00 pm	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	<i>Reception Area, First Floor</i>
5:30-7:30 pm	COCKTAIL RECEPTION	<i>Reception Area, First Floor</i>

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2005

7:30-9:00 am	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	<i>Foyer, Lower Level</i>
8:00-9:00 am	BREAKFAST	<i>Foyer, Lower Level</i>
9:00-10:30 am	SESSION I	

Panel 1: The Gender of Hockey

CARVER

Chair: **Maura B. Rosenthal**, Castleton State College, Vermont.

Commentator: **Julie Stevens**, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Carly Adams and **Charlene Weaving**, University of Western Ontario, London.

"Chicks with Sticks: A Critical Examination of Women's Hockey Media Coverage."

Jodi Cohen, Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts.

"Transitioning Gender: Hockey, Gender, and Hockey's Gender."

T.A. Loeffler, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

"'This is Being Canadian': Women Embracing Hockey Identities at Mid-Life."

Panel 2: Writing(s) about the Game I: Hockey, Words and Meaning **AMPHITHEATER**

Chair/commentator: **Jason Blake**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Jay Atkinson, Methuen, Massachusetts.

“Why Ice Hockey? A Writer Considers His Subject”

Paul Martin, University of Vermont.

“Talking to Americans: Canadians, Hockey, and Poetry in the classroom”

Don Morrow, University of Western Ontario, London.

“A Literary and Historical Analysis of Ken Dryden’s The Game.”

10:30-10:45 am

COFFEE BREAK

Foyer, Lower Level

10:45 am - 12:15 pm **SESSION II**

Panel 3: Spectacle and Spectatorship

CARVER

Chair: **William Ross**, Charles E. Holt Archives of American Hockey, UNH, Durham.

Commentator: **Stephen Hardy**, University of New Hampshire, Durham.

Russell Field, University of Toronto, Ontario.

“There’s more people here tonight than at a first night of the Metropolitan’: Professional Hockey Spectatorship in the 1920s in New York and Toronto.”

Craig Hyatt, Brock University and **Julie Stevens**, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario.

“Americans as Hockey Sympathizers? A new perspective on the American influence upon Canada’s National Game.”

Richard Harrison, Mount Royal College, Calgary, Alberta

“Between a Puck and a Show Piece: Sport, Entertainment, and the Differing Responses to Hockey (and its Absence) in Canada and the United States.”

Panel 4: Writing(s) about the Game II: Hockey, Words and Meaning

Chair/commentator: **Don Morrow**, University of Western Ontario, London.

AMPHITHEATER

Jason Blake, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

“‘Just Part of the Game’ – Depictions of Violence in Hockey Prose.”

Celeste Burns, **Jessica Yost**, and **Elizabeth Sutton**, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania.

“Passing it on: Hockey in Canadian Children’s Literature.”

Jamie Dopp, University of Victoria, British Columbia

“Win Orr Lose: Searching for the Good Canadian Kid in Canadian Hockey Fiction.”

Karen E. H. Skinazi, Marymount College of Fordham University, New York.

“The Hardy Boys Writer with a Canadian Agenda? Leslie McFarlane and the Hockey Nation.”

12:30-2:00 pm

LUNCHEON

MAYFLOWER

Guest Speaker:

The Honourable James Bradley, Minister of Tourism and Recreation, Province of Ontario, Canada.

“The Rocky Relationship between Hockey and Government”

2:00-3:30 pm

SESSION III

Panel 5: Commemoration and the Invention of Tradition

AMPHITHEATER

Chair/commentator: **Morris Mott**, Brandon University, Manitoba.

Jack Falla, Boston University, Massachusetts.

“‘He is Our Flag’: Maurice ‘Rocket’ Richard and the Meaning of Hockey in the Culture of French Canada.”

Robert H. Dennis, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

“Forever Proud? From Public to Private Space: the Invention of Tradition during the Montreal Canadiens’ Transition from the Forum to the Molson Centre.”

Ryan Eyford, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

“From Prairie Goolies to Canadian Cyclones: The Metamorphosis of the 1920 Winnipeg Falcons.”

Panel 6: Hockey and Nation I. Canada’s Game Abroad

CARVER

Chair/commentator: **Sandra Clark**, Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts.

Ludivine Lemoine and **Gérald Billard**, U.F.R. Sciences Humaines et Sociales, Departement de Geographie, Laboratoire MTG, Mont-Saint-Aignan, France.

“A French Geography of Ice Hockey: the Weird Location of the Professional Teams in France.”

Michael Talbot, Oxford University, United Kingdom.

“The Maple Leaf Boys; How a Little-Known, but Important Part of ‘Canada’s Game’ Took Place in Britain.”

Andrew Holman, Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts.

“The Canadian Hockey Player Problem: Student Athletes and National Identities in U.S. College Sport, 1947-1975.”

Panel 7: Hockey and Community

PLYMPTON

Chair/commentator: **Brendan Burke**, Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts.

Greg Gillespie, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

“Big Liners and Beer Gardens: The Port Arthur Bear Cats, the CAHA, and Canada’s 1936 Olympic Hockey Team.”

Roger Godin, Minnesota Wild and Soc. for International Hockey Research, St. Paul, Minnesota.

“The Evolving State of Hockey: The 1934-35 St. Paul Saints.”

Lynne Perras, University of Calgary, Alberta.

“The Saskatoon Quakers: The Rise and Fall of Community Hockey Heroes.”

3:30-3:45 pm

AFTERNOON BREAK

3:45-5:15 pm SESSION IV

ROUNDTABLE: “Where We’ve Been, Where We’re Going” **AMPHITHEATER**
Moderator and Panelist: **Stephen Hardy**, University of New Hampshire, Durham.

Guest Panelists:

Joe Bertagna, Commissioner, Hockey East and Executive Director, American Hockey Coaches’ Association.

Digit Murphy, Head Coach, Brown University Women’s Hockey.

Colin Howell, Gorsebrook Research Institute, St. Mary’s University, Halifax, Canada.

6:00-8:00 pm CONFERENCE BANQUET MAYFLOWER

Keynote Speaker: **Jean Perron**, Head Coach, Israel under-18 National Team; former CIAU National championship coach; former NHL coach (Montreal Canadiens, Quebec Nordiques); sports commentator on Montreal’s *Télévision quatre saisons*. (TQS).

Sponsored by the Québec Delegation in Boston, Mme. France Dionne, Delegate.

10:00-11:00 SHINNY MATCH
Armstrong Arena, Long Pond Road, Plymouth

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005

8:00-10:00 am CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Foyer, Lower Level

8:00-9:00 am BREAKFAST Foyer, Lower Level

9:00-10:30 am SESSION V

Panel 8: Hockey and Nation II: Hockey and War/ Hockey as War **CARVER**
Chair/commentator: **Bryan Baldwin**, Bridgewater State College and University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Markku Jokisipilä, University of Turku, Finland.

“Waging the Cold War on Ice – International Ice Hockey Tournaments as Arenas of Ideological Confrontation Between East and West.”

J. Andrew Ross, University of Western Ontario, London.

“Playing Soldiers: the National Hockey League and the Second World War.”

Panel 9: The Business of Hockey

AMPHITHEATER

Chair/commentator: **Russell Field**, University of Toronto, Ontario.

Julian Ammirante, York University, Toronto, Ontario.

“Manufacturing Players and Controlling Sports: An Interpretive Synopsis of the Political Economy of Hockey and the 2004 NHL Lockout.”

Peter L. de Rosa, Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts.

“The World Hockey Association and the Economics of Rival Leagues.”

John Wong, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, New Hampshire.

“Capitalism and Nationalism: An examination of early professional hockey.”

10:30-10:45 am

NUTRITION BREAK

Foyer, Lower Level

10:45 am -12:15 pm **SESSION VI**

Panel 10: Hockey and Nation III: Defining the Game/ Defining Canada

AMPHITHEATER

Chair/commentator:

Colin Howell, Gorsebrook Research Institute, St. Mary’s University, Halifax, Canada.

William Newbigging, Algoma University College, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

“Hockey’s Origins: Myth and Realities”

Brian Kennedy, Pasadena City College, California.

“Confronting a Compelling Other: Canadian Identity and the Summit Series of 1972.”

Michael Buma, University of Western Ontario, London.

“The Nation at Stake: Cultural Myth and the 1972 Summit Series.”

Panel 11: Violence

CARVER

Chair/Commentator: **Andrew Holman**, Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts.

Jeffrey Gerson, University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

“Different Views on Fighting in Ice Hockey? An Oral History of Canadian and American Contemporary Professional Minor League and Division I Hockey Players.”

Maura B. Rosenthal and **Jennie-Beth Schoonejongen**, Castleton State College, Vermont.

“Curse words, mom jokes, and racial slurs: Verbal Aggression in NCAA Division III Ice Hockey.”

Lenard Kotylo, Society for International Hockey Research, Toronto, Ontario.

“Permitted Violence in Hockey.”