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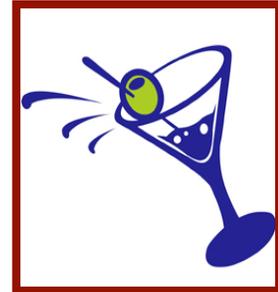
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President's Message

Steven Bruhm

For a number of reasons I'm going to keep this column very short. First, I don't want to distract you from the labours of getting ready for New Year's Eve. Nor would the ACCUTE Office Staff ever forgive me if I got in the way of their chilling the gin and pitting the olives for the martinis. Second, you will find in this newsletter a much larger column concerning the meeting of the Board of Directors and the Annual General Assembly of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as the minutes of the General Assembly as circulated by Federation staff. There are a number of issues in that report that I'd ask you to think carefully about, including a call for volunteers to work with Donna Pennee on the Federation Equity Committee.

The other reason for brevity is that there's been little happening here in the ACCUTE office apart from the processing of proposals and papers for Congress 2008. On that front the news is good indeed: we've had something of a landslide of proposals, netting over 180 from the general call plus another hundred or so through the member-organized panel submissions. Johanne has been working tirelessly (although she might reject the adverb) to get each of those general-call submissions out to two vettors and member-organized submissions out to one. As usual we'd ask all members please to give generously, in the spirit of the season, if you are approached for your time and expertise as vettors. Please remember as well that vetting is now being done



through an on-line form, which you can find at www.accute.ca/vettors_report_form.php The other observation worth making about this heavy proposal rate is that competition for inclusion on the program is going to be fierce, so we would ask in advance that, should you not find your paper accepted for inclusion, do not lose heart with yourself or ACCUTE. Rejection is not necessarily a comment on the quality of your work, it can also mean that your paper was impossible to place in a larger panel. But it's far too early to be thinking of such lumps of coal.

On the topic of Congress, I'm delighted to report that we have secured our second plenary speaker. Dr. Anthony Dawson, recently retired from the Department of English at UBC, is known to all of us as one of Canada's top Early Modernists, an inspiring teacher, a long-standing supporter of ACCUTE (I first met Tony when he was on the executive), and an all-around nice guy. While he hasn't yet decided on the topic of his address, I know it will be engaging, thoughtful, and rigorous. Tony joins Lee Edelman to fill out our roster of plenaries, although we may spring some surprises on you at the last minute. ("May", I say; don't hold me to anything.)

With that, I'll close, but not before wishing all of you a productive and stimulating 2008.

Report of the Delegate to the General Assembly of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

Steven Bruhm



The Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) held its biannual meeting of the Board of Directors and Annual General Meeting of the General Assembly in Ottawa on the weekend of November 23-25. As ACCUTE's newly appointed member to the General Assembly, and newly elected member of the Board of Directors, I attended that meeting. Luckily, so did the Federation's very competent recording staff, who compiled and circulated the minutes of the AGM. I am including those minutes in this newsletter to give you a sense of what transpired there and to avoid repeating things you may already know. I would ask that you take a careful look at these minutes, as they contain a number of matters that ACCUTE members deem important. For the remainder of this column, I'll highlight a few things that are of special interest to our association as they contribute to discussions we have been having on a number of fronts.

Many of you will have read the 13 October *National Post* column by Robert Fulford in which he attacks research in the humanities and social sciences for its triviality and irrelevance. This attack, you may know, comes from a host of (mis)perceptions about queer issues and popular culture studies, misperceptions I won't bother dismantling here. While Federation president (and ACCUTE past president) Noreen Golfman gave us a trenchant and passionate denunciation of that article—and the larger cultural cynicism it betrays—it's worth thinking about ACCUTE's own response to the issue of research and public perception. We all know that no academic dinner-party would be complete without raging against governmental or civic philistines, but we also know that strategies for explaining what we do to that amorphous thing called “the larger community” must not only make common cause with others in the Federation who receive funding from SSHRC; our response must be *different* from the strategies of the sociologist

or political scientist in order to reflect and defend the particularities of our discipline. As scholars of literature (as well as film, theory, and all kinds of other cultural discourses), many of whom have been trained in a hermeneutic of suspicion and critique, some of us often find our work to be deemed irrelevant precisely because it *is* irrelevant, if “irrelevant” is taken to mean that it doesn't directly address issues of social policy, political justice, or material(ist) well-being. Our allegiance with the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences gives us a powerful voice in advocating for much of what we do, but it behooves us as members of ACCUTE to continue to think how we might defend and promote work that does not engage with the “science” of the “social,” or that might consider itself more post-humanist or even anti-humanist than our position in the umbrella Federation readily suggests. Rigorous formalist accounts of pastoral sonnets or queer analyses of Southern gothic narrative do not make ready fare for government granting agencies, but for many of us such topics are the urgent foci of our intellectual and pedagogical lives. As SSHRC, under its new president Chad Gaffield, continues to find its footing within the legacies of Marc Renault and the current Harper government, ACCUTE will need creative, lucid, and convincing ways to continue to advocate for work in the (post) humanities, whatever we imagine that work to be.

One of the hottest topics at the Ottawa meetings was the issue of open access and its correlative, copyright law. Of course, the issue of open access continually exerts its pressures on ACCUTE as we move forward with *English Studies in Canada*, for whom open access publishing may be the future. Discussions at the Federation meetings did much to calm fears about any negative impact of open access journal publishing, simply by emphasizing that we need not and will not abandon the standards of peer- review and

Delegate's Report, continued

scholarly adjudication. It's important for scholars like me (who still remember typewriters) to continually dissociate rigorously vetted on-line journal publishing from other sorts of web publishing, where anyone with access to a server can put up whatever s/he wants. But beyond this, ACCUTE can take some cues from the Canadian Historical Association, which recently digitized the *Journal of the CHA*, making the electronic journal a benefit of membership, much as ACCUTE does with *ESC*. (*JCHA* still has a print version, but that is available only to libraries.) Craig Heron, current president of the CHA, talked candidly about the benefits and downsides to going digital, but my impression overall is that the move has been very well received by members. Heron reported no drop in membership with open-access publication: the two-year rolling wall that offers association members first crack at what's hot in history has ensured (so far) that CHA numbers have not declined. He also observed no loss in institutional subscriptions to the journal—always a worry for the journal's bottom line—but predicted that this is yet to come: when libraries realize that they are getting *JCHA* as part of aggregate bundles to which they subscribe, they will probably cancel the direct subscription through the CHA. There is, he warned, a fair amount of labour and cost in the transition to digital, but he disarmingly added that the mistakes the CHA made and from which it learned are mistakes no other organization will need to make as well. And finally, Heron encouraged associations considering on-line open-access publishing to consider using the Synergies network, based in Montreal, which offers about an 80% return on subscription revenue. In comparison to EBSCO's approximately 20% return, this does much to mitigate the financial risks of moving to open-

access publishing. I found all of this quite convincing. My post-Lutheran superego is always looking for potential problems for ACCUTE's and ESC's possible move to on-line publishing; my post-Lutheran superego came away from Ottawa unfulfilled.

As you'll note from the Federation minutes, scholars across Canada are continuing to question copyright legislation that unreasonably restricts the use of image, sound, and text in the classroom scene. Members of the Federation's Board heard an excellent presentation from Samuel Trosow, Assistant Professor with the Faculties of Law and of Information and Media Studies at the University of Western Ontario. Professor Trosow outlined recent court challenges to copyright legislation and emphasized that many of our universities are still operating under principles that have been successfully overturned in litigation. Pursuant to that, I'd like to draw your attention to an initiative spearheaded by Michael Zryd in the Department of Film at York (and my thanks to Mervyn Nicholson for passing this along). Zryd writes in an email,

If this story in the Globe and Mail is any indication, now is the time for academic associations [like ACCUTE] to speak up in favour of educational fair use of media in classrooms (by faculty and students) and in research.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20071211.wgtcopyright1211/BNStory/Technology/home>

Delegate's Report, continued

Using the excellent [Society for Cinema and Media Studies] "Statement of Best Practices in Fair Use in Teaching for Film & Media Educators" as a model for Canadian educators, we should ensure that we are not subject to counter-productive restrictions on teaching and research, restrictions that are ultimately counter-productive even to the long term health of the media industries.

See

http://www.cmstudies.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=741&Itemid=1

Echoing similar comments from colleagues who have already spoken up about this issue on our association listservs, I urge the Executives of both associations to make submissions to Minister Prentice urging provisions for fair use for educational purposes to be included in the forthcoming copyright legislation.

As president of ACCUTE, I will draft a letter to Prentice expressing my support for these changes, and will let you know what I hear. In the meantime, please feel free to make your own voice heard to the Minister or your local MP.

One final item: Federation VP for Equity Issues (and ACCUTE member) Donna Palmateer Pennee reported on the need to revitalize and re-staff the Equity Issues Steering Committee. To that end, she called upon associations to appoint representatives to join her network of people thinking about equity matters. I'd like now to issue a call for a volunteer to represent ACCUTE in the Equity Issues network. Just drop me an email if you're interested, and I'll forward names to Donna in the order I receive them.

Member reports and summary minutes of meetings can never quite convey the sense of energy and purpose that one feels on coming away from a meeting like the Federation General Assembly. I can only assure members of ACCUTE that I think the Federation is in excellent hands with Noreen Golfman, Executive Director Jody Ciufu and her staff, and a Board of Directors that is experienced, thoughtful and committed. It's sometimes difficult to remain upbeat when we're slogging through our university's trenches, but from a national perspective our work clearly remains alive, potent, and energizing.

Donna Pennee is calling upon ACCUTE to appoint representatives to join her Equity Issues Network. Interested? Drop us an email at accute@msvu.ca



Report of the Board of Directors' Meeting and the 2007 Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences November 24-25, 2007 Ottawa

President's address

President **Noreen Golfman** tackled head on the criticism that research in the humanities and social sciences is "irrelevant, outlandish and trivial." She spoke passionately about the need to sustain a national conversation on research in the humanities and social sciences, and challenged members of the general assembly to "seek ways of demonstrating the impact of the research ... but not at the cost of maintaining a discussion about social and moral values."

Dr Golfman also spoke about the government's Science and Technology strategy and in particular, its focus on funding the kinds of research that will deliver commercially marketable products. She said this is challenging our community to define what value our degrees possess; to tell government where or how we fit into the S&T strategy. Dr Golfman said the question ought to "how does the Science and Technology strategy ... fit with us?" Dr Golfman assured the members of the general assembly that the Federation will continue to make the case that our community must be part of the government's strategy because "we are part of the conversation that asks how the Science and Technology strategy is socially responsible."

At the close of the meetings, Dr Golfman thanked past President **Donald Fisher** for his dedication and enthusiasm for promoting the Federation and raising its profile during his term. Dr Fisher told the members of the general assembly that he was honoured to be part of what he described as a unique organization, dedicated to the humanities and social sciences.

Travel grants

President **Golfman** reported that the Federation has resolved the long-standing issue of travel grants. SSHRC will fund the 19 association members who are not currently eligible based on the formula that has been in place since the program was frozen in 1996. The funding for all recipients will be available in February for the current government fiscal year, April 07 to March 08. The Federation has notified all newly-eligible associations that the deadline for applications is **December 15, 2007**. Further changes are on hold for now, while SSHRC continues the ongoing examination of all its programs. Dr Golfman stressed that the Federation will continue its advocacy for increased funding for the program and will emphasize the role travel grants play in the development of graduate students.

New Executive Committee and Board of Directors

Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee, **Donald Fisher**, reported on the results of the Federation's elections for the 2007-08 Board of Directors and Executive.

The 2007-08 Executive Committee is:

President – **Noreen Golfman** (Memorial)
President Elect – **Nathalie Des Rosiers** (Ottawa)
VP Research Dissemination – **Jean-Claude Guédon** (Montréal)
VP Research Policy – **Suzanne Crosta** (McMaster)
VP Equity Issues – **Donna Palmateer Pennee** (Guelph)
VP Development – **Deborah Poff** (UNBC)
Chair, ASPP Management Board – **Jim Frideres** (Calgary)

Welcomed to the Board are:
Steven Bruhm (ACCUTE, MSUV)
Graham Carr (Concordia)

Denis Gagnon (Saint-Boniface)

Michelle Murray (Bishop's) – renewed for one year to rebalance the election cycles

Robert O'Kell (Manitoba) for a second mandate

Patrick O'Neill (CPA) for a second mandate

Pamela Dickey Young (CTS, Queen's) for a second mandate

The President thanked outgoing Board members:

Donald Fisher (Past President, UBC)

Hans Michelmann (Saskatchewan)

Keith Wilson (ACCUTE, Ottawa)

SSHRC President's address

Chad Gaffield outlined what he called SSHRC's new direction, which he said has three key elements: quality, connections and impact. Dr Gaffield said this involves enhancing the quality of research, for example, by enriching the peer-review system, improving connections among disciplines and among the granting councils, and integrating performance, evaluation and audit activities. The plan is outlined in a document called *Framing Our Direction* and is available on SSHRC's website. Dr Gaffield also reported that in 2006-07, SSHRC funded 3,600 new grants, scholarships and fellowships.

2006-2007 scholarly book prize winners

Harold Adams Innis Prize, Social Sciences:

José Igartua (Université du Québec à Montréal), *The Other Quiet Revolution: National Identities in English Canada, 1945-71* (UBCP)

Prix Jean-Charles-Falardeau, Social Sciences:

Marie-Aimée Cliche (Université du Québec à Montréal), *Maltraiter ou punir? La violence envers les enfants dans les familles québécoises, 1850-1969* (Éditions du Boréal)

Raymond Klibansky Prize, Humanities:

Daniel Coleman (McMaster University), *White Civility: The Literary Project of English Canada* (UTP)

Prix Raymond-Klibansky, Humanities:

Élyse Dupras (Collège de Maisonneuve), *Diables et saints. Rôle des diables dans les mystères hagiographiques français* (Librairie DROZ)

Open access

The VP of research dissemination, **Jean-Claude Guédon** reported that the Federation provided substantive input into the development of SSHRC's first pilot program for open access journals. Over 70 proposals were received for the pilot. Dr Guédon also said that the pilot project announced last year to digitize and post in open access the past ASPP winners has resulted in four books going on-line, with another eight in the process of being digitized. **Jim Frideres**, Chair, ASPP Management Board, further elaborated on the ongoing discussions with the university presses about putting all the books supported by the ASPP in open access. If this were successful, nearly 200 books would go into open access each year.

At a workshop, *Electronic Journals – Best Practices*, moderated by Dr Guédon, **Craig Heron**, President of the Canadian Historical Association, gave a first-hand account of the

association's transition from print to the electronic format. **Rowland Lorimer**, President of the Canadian Association of Learned Journals, identified the services and resources available to journals for digitization.

Digitization of back issues

The Canadian Association of Learned Journals (CALJ) is canvassing universities, scholars, libraries, research funding agencies, among other interested parties, to seek a legal opinion on the issue of digitizing journals and making them available to the public. The board passed a motion that the Federation will support this effort by contributing up to \$3,000 toward a legal opinion on the issue.

New open access university press

Frits Pannekoek, the President of Athabasca University, announced at the General Assembly that AU will launch its open access scholarly press at Congress 2008, in Vancouver. AU is the first university in Canada to create an open access scholarly press and will put 10 books on-line in June 2008. Mr Pannekoek assured members that "quality must not be compromised" and that the books and scholarly articles will be peer reviewed.

Federal government consultations

President **Golfman** reported that the Federation is actively pursuing advocacy opportunities with the government and members of the opposition parties. She reported that in August, the Federation organized a session at Memorial for 25 members of the Liberal caucus. This quickly became a must-attend event for caucus members and was supported by the university, with the participation of President and Vice-Chancellor Dr Axel Meisen. Other meetings were held with the leader of the government in the Senate, senior policy advisors in the PMO and Liberal leader's office, and senior staff in the Industry minister's office.

During the general assembly, Dr Golfman conducted a lively and provocative panel discussion on how to reach members of the Conservative government on issues that matter to our community with **Tim Powers**, VP Summa Strategies, a long time conservative advisor and national policy director, **Lisa Samson**, Principal, Strategy Corp, a conservative advisor and key player in the 2006 election campaign, and **Chris Waddell**, Associate Director, Carleton School of Journalism, a respected observer of the Ottawa political scene.

This theme – how to better advocate for the humanities and social sciences – was also taken up by a panel of Deans, moderated by **Suzanne Crosta**. **Gary Boire**, from Lakehead, **Rowland Smith**, from the University of Calgary, and **Reeta Tremblay**, from Memorial discussed the work they are doing to raise the profile of the humanities and social sciences within their universities. All agreed that there is a need to advocate with university administration and colleagues the value of a liberal arts degree.

Equity panels at Congress

The VP of equity issues, **Donna Palmateer Pennee** announced that there will be five equity panels at Congress 2008 at UBC. They are:

- De/colonizing Anti/Racism in the Academy
- The Audit Academy: Measuring (in) the Profession
- Intersectionalities in Theory and in Practice
- Equity Leadership from the Top
- Action and Traction: "Equity How To" from the Field

Dr Pennee called on members of the general assembly to help her get the word out that she needs to re-staff the Equity Issues Steering Committee and freshen the Equity Issues network of contacts for associations and institutions. She asked members to send names of contacts to the Federation at fedcan@fedcan.ca

Copyright

VP Research Policy, **Suzanne Crosta**, reported that the Federation has updated its position in four areas: Crown copyright, statutory damages, orphan works and copyright term. The full text is on our web site at www.fedcan.ca. Dr Crosta also reported that new federal copyright legislation is expected to be tabled in December.

Research ethics

Patrick O'Neill, Canadian Psychological Association, takes over as Chair of Research Ethics from **Deborah Poff**. The sub committee is working on a full response to *Moving Ahead*, a report calling for a system of participant protection in research involving humans.

New Federation members and affiliates

The Federation approved the applications for membership from St. Francis Xavier University, Concordia University College of Alberta, Ontario College of Art & Design, and Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University and the Canadian Disabilities Studies Association. Applications for affiliate membership were approved from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Canadian Research Knowledge Networks. The Federation now represents 72 institutions, 67 associations and 7 affiliate members.

Increased association fees

The general assembly voted to increase association fees, starting in the year 2008-09. Fees will automatically rise each year by the amount of the consumer price index. This will mean an average increase of \$22 for small associations, \$49 for medium associations, and \$88 for large associations. The minimum and maximum fees will be maintained at their current level of \$500 and \$7,500 respectively. This will be reviewed again in 2010.

New direction for Endowment

The new Vice President Development, **Deboraff Poff**, laid out a new direction for endowment with an emphasis on donor recognition and securing sponsorship for the Federation's showcase events, including Congress and the Book Prizes.

Peer review

To further the Federation's work to encourage participation in peer evaluation of research, members passed a motion "that the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences holds participation in the peer evaluation of research to be a professional responsibility of the professoriate."

Sharing of census information

The lack of availability of census information is a major issue for researchers. Members passed a motion "that the Federation cooperate with the Canadian Historical Association and other associations and groups in attempting to get the federal government to review the Census Act before 2011 so as to ensure (or try to ensure) that Canadians agree to leave their personal census data open to future researchers."

For more information contact fedcan@fedcan.ca

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
Daniel Coleman**

ACCUTE member Daniel Coleman (McMaster University) has received the prestigious Raymond Klibansky Prize in the Humanities, awarded by the CFHSS's Aid to Scholarly Publishing Program.

Dr. Coleman, author of the award-winning book, *White Civility: The Literary Project of English Canada* (UTP), and three other Canadian scholars were honoured at a reception on Parliament Hill on Saturday 24 November 2007.

**THANK YOU
TO
Keith Wilson**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Delegate Assembly for the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences, Keith Wilson stepped down after years of active service. For the past two years Keith has represented ACCUTE as the Federation Delegate and has served on the Board of Directors as Member for Large Institutions. We owe Keith a great thanks for all this work and dedication. He has done much to keep our star shining at the Federation!

The Friends of Ernest Buckler Society

This is the second update for those who are interested in the plans to celebrate Ernest Buckler and his works next year here in Centrelea, Nova Scotia. There have been some new people added to the email distribution list so I'll recap here :

Friday, July 18/08 – 7 pm – Mini film festival at King's Theatre in Annapolis Royal (<http://www.kingstheatre.ca/>) with some readings from Ern's works - \$5/admission.

Saturday, July 19/08 – 2 to 5 pm – Ern's 100th Birthday Party at 3641 Highway 201, Centrelea, Nova Scotia.

Sunday, July 20/08 – 2 pm – Service at All Saints' Anglican Church at Gibson's Lake near West Dalhousie, Nova Scotia. Ern is buried in the cemetery here.

The next new information is that The Friends of Ernest Buckler Society is planning a scholarship in Ern's name for a graduating student at Bridgetown Regional High School who is a gifted writer. As we are still in the planning stages for this exciting project, we welcome any suggestions. This will be a lasting memorial to an author who graduated at the age of twelve from BRHS.

There are also some plans afoot by other organizations in the area. We hope to have word of a Writers' Workshop by the next Update.

For those coming from afar who are interested in staying for the full three days of goings-on, there is accommodation and restaurant information at the following website - <http://www.destination-ns.com/common/directory>. Just click Annapolis Royal/Bridgetown and there is a wide variety of accommodations and eating establishments for your stay. While many of the establishments are aware of this event, we will make sure they know well in advance.

Once again, I encourage you to pass this information along, print this notice out and put it on your fridge, and reserve the third weekend next July. Please get in touch with any questions or suggestions.

All the best
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are updated on the ACCUTE website as they
come into our offices.

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<http://www.ACCUTE.ca/Job List.htm>

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Uncanny Media: The Gothic Shadows of Mediation

Interdisciplinary conference, artistic Salon and Gothic event
hosted by the Department of Media and Cultural Studies
at Utrecht University in the Netherlands
7-9 August 2008

Confirmed keynotes: Fred Botting • Steven Bruhm • Jeffrey Sconce

To tell a story is always to invoke ghosts. The act of narration, by nature, invites the spectres of the past, and is haunted by long-hidden anxieties or desires. The uncanny is an indispensable part of storytelling; it is the unrepresented lurking behind presentation, the unknown saliently present in the known. Nor is it only literature that is uncannily destabilized by its own technology; indeed, every act of mediation, be it textual, visual or auditory, evokes a Gothic conflation of overlapping temporalities and realities.

Examples of uncanny mediation are as numerous as they are varied. David Lynch has experimented with the uneasy borders between mediation and reality in the dreamlike topology of his films; Patrick McGrath allows the voice of past trauma to simultaneously narrate and haunt the literary present; rock bands from Bauhaus to Apoptygma Berzerk employ music technology to lend the ghosts of the Goth a voice; daily life has acquired a spectral dimension through the virtual 'absent presence' of wireless technology; and, like many other emblems of the uncanny, Dracula has been renarrated, remediated and re-enacted in film, literature, and computer games.

How can we describe the uncanny agency of media in such phenomena? To what extent does the book, the camera, the iPod, or the computer invite ghosts, create a voyeur, or a doppelganger? How does this shadow side of mediation influence our perception of the Real, the virtual, the unconscious, the Self? And what happens when the uncanny itself is mediated? Can we create spectral reflections of the spectre, a hyperreality of the simulacrum?

This conference aims to raise interdisciplinary discussions regarding mediation and uncanniness. Papers on both historical and contemporary topics are welcome. Possible themes include but are not limited to

- Mediating the uncanny: literature, film, music, computer games
- Spectrality and hauntology of mediation and technology
- Reality, hyperreality and simulacra
- Mediation of the Self: online identities and technological doppelganger
- Schizophonia, ventriloquism and backmasking in auditive media
- Dreams and the unconscious
- Spiritualism and mediumship

Proposals should include the name and contact details of the proposer, the title of the proposal and an abstract of no more than 250 words. Please send proposals to Isabella van Elferen, isabella.vanelferen@let.uu.nl. The deadline for proposals is **1 March 2008**. The conference website will be updated regularly. It can be found at www.uncannymedia.nl.

CALL FOR PAPERS***ESC: English Studies in Canada*****Event & Sound: Special Issue on Poetry**

Call for essays on event and sound - on the temporal dimension - in poetry. We welcome critical writing on poetry broadly conceived of as an event in sound and time, ramifying through the social, language, technology, history. We encourage contributions that extend recent work on questions of orality, oratures, aurality, voice, performance, close listening, spoken word, phonotext, live events, audio recording, etc., to questions of temporality and the event.

We invite contributors to design their essays around the inclusion of recorded material as this special issue will feature an accompanying cd. We therefore encourage contributors to provide recorded material and to refer to it and when appropriate to design contributions around this cd opportunity.

We ask that essays be no less than 1 250 and no more than 4 000 words and that we receive them no later than **1 February 2008**. Please contact us regarding any questions you may have.

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Please Check	Annual Earnings for Category	Individual Fee for Category
	Up to \$20,000/year	\$40
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	\$45,001-\$60,000	80
	\$60,001-\$75,000	100
	\$75,001-\$90,000	110
	\$90,001-\$120,000	125
	\$120,001 and over	135
	Optional donation to the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences	5
	Total Membership fees	

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ACCUTE 2007/2008 Household Membership Form
Effective October 1, 2007

Renewing Member New Member

Please print clearly

Member's Name: _____

Institution: _____

Delivery Address (including department and campus, if applicable): _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone(work): _____ (home): _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Professional Designation:

- Professor Associate Professor Assistant Professor College Pr
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Subtotal (add figures in right-hand column)			
Subtract Price of One Subscription to ESC			- \$35
Optional donation to the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences			+ 5
Total Household Membership			

Additional Membership Information
To Be Completed by Those Applying for Household Memberships

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Professional Designation:

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professor | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Professor | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Professor | <input type="checkbox"/> College Professor |
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