



## In this issue:

- **Words from Chris Brown**
- **Words from Manuel Chavez**
- **ABS Awards**
- **New Books/Articles**
- **Grants**
- **New ABS Website: An Introduction**
- **WSSA Helpful Hints**
- **Membership Fees Renewal**

## Words from Chris Brown



Greetings to all the current members of the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) and also to interested friends that have yet to join or renew their membership. As our website materials will explain in more detail, the ABS is dedicated to the study of border regions in our constantly changing world. We are proud to provide a welcome venue for sharing such research through our annual meetings we hold with the Western Social Science Association, the Journal of Borderlands Studies, and the fellowship that we provide to those interested in contemporary border issues. We invite you to explore our website and journal, join the ABS through our secure Internet registration page, and enjoy our truly international association.

Best Regards,  
*Christopher Brown*  
President, Association for Borderlands Studies.

## Words from Manuel Chavez



### ***Greetings and Welcome to the 2007 ABS Calgary Conference***

This coming April, ABS will host, the largest section of the Western Social Science Association annual conference. At some point, ABS officers were concerned that given the location of Calgary, we would have less participation than in previous conferences. That is not the case; we have 29 panels with almost 120 participants from more than 50 different academic and governmental institutions, and literally from all over the world.

As in the past, we have an outstanding representation of the social and natural sciences, international relations, and a growing presence of the arts and the humanities. We will have traditional scholarly panels, several case-study panels, a book presentation panel, a legal-study framework panel, and a funding-research orientation panel.

This year also, ABS will feature a keynote speaker, Dr. Manuel Gonzalez Oropeza, who has worked on legal international affairs and has been a law professor in major institutions in North America. He has taught at the University of Montreal, at the University of Texas in Austin, and also at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico. His presentation will focus on the necessity to understand and study the legal context of national jurisdictions and boundaries.

For our ABS Calgary conference reception, we were able to secure the co-sponsorship of Michigan State University –International Studies and Programs, the Canadian Studies Centre, Communications Arts and Sciences, and from UNAM –Center for North American Research. Thank you to all of them.

And please don't forget to go to the ABS and WSSA websites for important travel information.

See you in Calgary!

*Dr. Manuel Chavez*  
President-elect, Association for Borderlands Studies

## Finalists for the ABS Book Award

### **Members of the Jury:**

- Professor and ABS Past President Stephen Mumme, Colorado State University, ABS Book Award Jury Chair,
- Professor and ABS Past President Joan Anderson, University of San Diego,

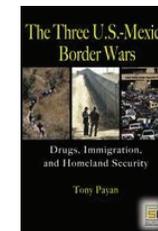
- Professor and ABS Past President David Stea, Texas State University and Center for Global Justice, Mexico,
- Professor and ABS Past President Anthony Popp, New Mexico State University



Xiangming Chen, *As Borders Bend: Transnational Spaces on the Pacific Rim*, Series: Pacific Formations: Global Relations in Asian and Pacific Perspectives, Lanham, MD : Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2005.



Juliet Fall, *Drawing the line : nature, hybridity, and politics in transboundary spaces*, Aldershot, England ; Burlington, VT : Ashgate, 2005.

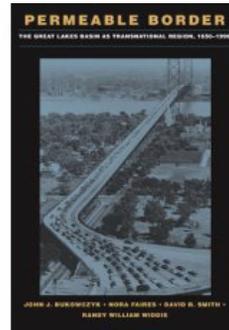


Tony Payan; foreword by Ed Williams, *The Three U.S.-Mexico Border Wars - Drugs, Immigration, and Homeland Security*, Westport, Conn.: Praeger Security International, 2006.



## New Publications

John Bukowczyk, Nora Faires, David Smith and Randy William Widdis. (2005) *Permeable Border: The Great Lakes Basin as Transnational Region, 1650-1990* (Pittsburgh and Calgary: University of Pittsburgh Press and University of Calgary Press) was awarded the 2006 Albert B. Corey Prize, awarded biennially by the American Historical Association and the Canadian Historical Association for "the best book on Canadian-American relations or on the history of both countries."



Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, ed (2007) *Borderlands: Comparing Border Security in North America and Europe*, Ottawa: University of Ottawa Press, ISBN 978-0-7766-0651-4.

Julie Collins-Dogrul (2006). "Managing US-Mexico "border health": an organizational field approach", *Social Science & Medicine*, 63(12), 3099-3211.

Peter L. Reich, Professor of Law at Whittier Law School, authored "Recent Research on the Legal History of Modern Mexico," in *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos* 23, no. 1 (Winter, 2007): 181-193.

The second edition of *Troublesome Border* was recently published by the University of Arizona Press and available for class use.

"*Living On the Border*" By Karl. W Hoffman A New DVD available in correlation with a lectures series beginning in April, raising issues of life along the [American/Mexican Border](#). More information can be found at [www.livingontheborder.com](http://www.livingontheborder.com)

*If you would like to contribute to the New Publications Section, please send your book information and a brief summary along with cover graphic to [absexec@uvic.ca](mailto:absexec@uvic.ca) in an attached word document. Length and inclusion are subject to newsletter size.*

## Upcoming Conferences

**Border Regions in Transition Conference**  
**University of Victoria/Western Washington University**

January 12-15 2008 – More details coming soon!  
[http://web.uvic.ca/padm/brit\\_ix/index.htm](http://web.uvic.ca/padm/brit_ix/index.htm)

## Grants Available

Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington State is offering a sabbatical research fellowship at the Border Policy Research Institute; please follow the links for more information: [www.ac.wvu.edu/~bpri](http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~bpri)  
[http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~bpri/files/2007\\_Feb\\_Fellow\\_Announcement.pdf](http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~bpri/files/2007_Feb_Fellow_Announcement.pdf)

## New ABS Website

[www.absborderlands.org](http://www.absborderlands.org)

The ABS Website has moved, and is now hosted by the University of Victoria, so, you may notice some minor changes. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Guest at [jsguest@uvic.ca](mailto:jsguest@uvic.ca). We would be more than happy to hear your comments and suggestions!

## ABS Executive Secretary's Team



Bruno Dupeyron, Jessica Worsley, Jennifer Guest, Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly

Cindy Vallance, Kelsey Wrightson



## HELPFUL HINTS FOR WSSA and ABS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

**Get your passport** – If you do not have a current passport, get one now. You will need a passport to reenter the U.S. Information is available from the State Department at [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html). Allow plenty of time for processing. If you have traveled to Canada before you may not have been required to carry a passport but the rules have changed. Non U.S. residents should check the requirements for their specific situation.

**Carry your passport** – Your airline will not let you board a flight to Canada without proper documentation (a passport).

**The Hotel Price is in Canadian Dollars** – When you make your reservations at the Calgary Hyatt you will find the price is \$155. Please note that this price is in Canadian dollars. To get the conference rate *please use the group booking code (g-WSSA) when making your reservation*. March 16, 2007 (Friday) is the cut off date for the guaranteed conference hotel rate.

**Exchanging Money** – Canadian dollars are available for purchase at the airport or through ATMs using your bank card. Most Canadian machines support the *Plus* system. Also, many banks provide overnight foreign exchange delivery if you would like to have some Canadian dollars before you leave for Calgary. You will need some Canadian dollars to pay for transportation from the airport to the hotel.

**Watch Those Coins** – The smallest paper bill used by the Canadians is a five-dollar bill. Instead of ones they use one- and two-dollar coins (ones are loonies, twos are toonies).

**Credit Card Charges** – Over the last couple of years most credit card companies have added fees for foreign transactions (usually some percentage of the purchase). If you use your credit card, expect to pay the foreign transaction fees.

**Internet Access** – The hotel makes wireless Internet available but it is not free. Neither will Internet service be available in the meeting rooms. There are some Internet cafes in the neighborhood surrounding the hotel.

**Transportation from the Airport** – Expect to pay about \$30-35 Canadian for a taxi ride from the airport to the hotel. Shuttles are available for about \$12 Canadian per person

**Eating** – The Hyatt has a couple of fine restaurants in the hotel. There are also many eating establishments within easy walking distance. Chinatown has many restaurants and is about four blocks from the hotel.

**Shopping and Other Activities** – There are several cultural sites and a major shopping center within walking distance from the Hyatt.

**Weather** – Don't forget to pack for Canadian (April) weather. Calgary is Chinook country, so it can go from –15 Celsius, to +15 in about 10 minutes. It is not unusual to have snow, rain and heat during April.

**Airport as you Leave** – U.S. Customs and Immigration has a processing area in the Calgary airport. You will be cleared for entry into the U.S. at the airport. Allow plenty of time to get through security (2 hrs) in case things are moving slowly. Also, if you are hungry you may experience some confusion as there is a glass wall between most of the airport food vendors and the area where cleared passengers wait. Some of the doors may be closed making it seem as though you cannot access the area. Look for the open door.

**More Information** – For additional information, check the conference page of the WSSA website at <http://wssa.asu.edu/conferences/default.htm>.





## Its that Time Again!!!

### Association for Borderlands Studies 2007: Renew or Join Today

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to express our sincere thanks if you have recently joined the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) or renewed your membership for 2007. Please feel free to pass this notice on to colleagues who might also be interested in joining.

If you have not yet joined or renewed your ABS membership for 2007, we are pleased to remind you of some of the benefits of membership.

The Association for Borderlands Studies is the leading international scholarly association dedicated exclusively to the systematic interchange of ideas and information relating to international border areas. Founded in 1976 the Association has expanded its membership around the world. It encompasses an interdisciplinary membership of scholars at more than one hundred academic, governmental institutions, and NGOs representing the Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe.

If you are a social scientist, a government official or NGO employee with an interest in borders, boundaries, frontiers and borderland studies, you may apply for membership in the Asso-

ciation. The Association publishes the [Journal of Borderlands Studies](#), which presents leading research on border issues, and organizes the [ABS annual meeting](#) providing a scholarly forum for a wide range of topics on border regions around the world.

Membership follows the calendar year (January to December). This requires the submission of a credit card number and an expiry date. Membership receipts will be provided by email.

The 2007 membership fee is in Canadian funds. Fees are as follows: \$40 for regular memberships, \$25 for student memberships, and \$30 for library memberships.

To renew or join for 2007:

Open the ABS web page: <http://www.absborderlands.org/>

Click on the "Membership" button on the left side of the screen

Follow the simple steps which include credit card payment using our secure online payment system

This process will take you about 3-5 minutes. I timed myself when I renewed my 2007 membership – it is easy and simple.

*Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly*  
ABS Executive Secretary

### Membership benefits:

- A free annual subscription to the **Journal of Borderland Studies (JBS)** (2 issues annually)
- A window on your profession offered by the Association's on-line newsletter, **La Frontera**: field analysis, news from the departments, conferences, scholarships, research topics, research funding, new publications
- Access to participation in the **Annual Conference** and to related funding

### Membership fees support the administration of the following activities:

- The **Association of Borderland Studies Annual Award** for best book of the year.
- The **Association Student Best Paper Award** (3 annual prizes)
- **Association Website** which includes, among other features, employment opportunities
- <http://www.absborderlands.org/>
- Association List serve– **ABS Executive Secretary**

**Address changes or other administrative queries** — Please e-mail all changes or queries to [absexec@uvic.ca](mailto:absexec@uvic.ca)

The Association of Borderland Studies (ABS) does not and cannot guarantee the accuracy of this newsletter. Opinions and findings that may be expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the ABS or its Directors, Officers and employees. Anyone using the information does so at their own risk and shall be deemed to indemnify the ABS from any and all injury or damage arising from such use. Moreover, the ABS does not sponsor, review or monitor the contents of all sites accessible via hyperlinks.