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five different native occupations on the site before and after the Norse.

This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the discovery of the site by Helge Ingstad. Parks Canada Agency will host a celebration in L'Anse aux Meadows on July 21, the day of Helge's arrival there. The initial excavations at L'Anse aux Meadows were directed by his wife, Anne Stine Ingstad, in the years 1961 to 1968.



Next AASSC
Conference
May 28th May 31st
2010 in
Montreal

## **AASSC Conference Program Montreal**

AASSC ANNUAL MEETING, May 28th to May 31\* 2010 Concordia University, Montreal Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences

Congrès des sciences humaines

FRIDAY/VENDREDI 28 MAY/MAI

All meetings will be held in the Engineering, Computer Science and Visual Arts Complex (EV) at 1515 St-Catherine Ouest AM

Delegates arrive and register

PM

14.30 - 17.00: Executive meeting — EV 3 - 101

17.30 — 19.30: CINS (Canadian Institute for Nordic Studies) Welcome Reception — ROOM: EV 11 – 725



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SATURDAY/SAMEDI 29 MAY/MAI

**ROOM: EV 1 - 605** 

AM

9.00: Welcome to delegates, BIRGITTA WALLACE, AASSC Presi-

dent, (Parks Canada)

CHAIR: JOHN TUCKER (University of Victoria)

9.30 - 10.30: SESSION 1/1re SÉANCE: ARCTIC MYTH / IMAGES OF

THE NORTH

CHAIR: SANDRA SAARI (Rochester Institute of Technology)

SUSAN GOLD/SMITH (University of Windsor) and INGRID URBERG (University of Alberta - Augustana Campus): —The Construction and Challenging of Arctic Myths in Wanny Wolstad's Creative Work! [a collaborative paper]

10.30 - 11.00: Coffee Break / Pause Café

11.00 - 12.00: SESSION 2 / 2e SÉANCE: CINS KEYNOTE ADDRESS

CHAIR: BIRGITTA WALLACE (Parks Canada)

**TORIL MOI** (Duke University): "'Something That Might Resemble a Kind of Love': Fantasy and Realism in Henrik Ibsen's Little Eyolf."

PM

12.00 — 14.00: WORKING LUNCH with representatives from the Nordic Embassies in  $\mbox{EV}\mbox{ 2-184}$ 

14.00 - 15.30: SESSION 3 / 3e SÉANCE: IBSEN

CHAIR: GURLI WOODS (Carleton University)

**SANDRA SAARI** (Rochester Institute of Technology): —The Face of Mopseman: Representation of the Compelling in Henrik Ibsen's *Little Eyolf*.

**ERROL DURBACH** (University of British Columbia): —The myth of the Paradise Garden' in *The Cherry Orchard*, *Miss Julie*, and *The Wild Duck*.

**ELISABETH KIÆRBYE** (freelance teacher and lecturer, Denmark): -Relationships: Henrik Ibsen's Contemporary Drama, a study of romantic relationships."

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15.30 - 16.00: Coffee Break / Pause Café

16.00 - 17.00:

SESSION 4 / 4e SÉANCE: DANISH/GERMAN and DAN-

ISH/GEORGIAN

CHAIR: MADS BUNCH (University of British Columbia)

CHARLES WEBSTER (University of Wisconsin - Madison): - Identity and Language Maintenance Among Minorities in the Danish - German Border Region

MARINA ALLEMANO (University of Alberta): -Rasmus Rask Revived: A Study of Hanne Marie Svendsen's Novel Rudimenter af R (2009).

19.00 - 22.00: AASSC and Canadian - Scandinavian Foundation Smørrebrødfest at Den Danske Klub, The Canadian Legion, 5455 de Maisonneuve Street West.

SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 30 MAY/MAI

ROOM: EV 2-204/238/260

09.00 - 10.00: SESSION 5 / 5e SÉANCE: OUT OF ICELAND

CHAIR:

LAURIE BERTRAM (University of Toronto): -\_Much did I long for kaffi...': Coffee, power, and desire in the Icelandic Canadian community, 1875-1940.

NATALIE VAN DEUSEN (University of Wisconsin-Madison): -On the Production of a Digital Edition of Mortu saga ok Mariu Magdalenu."

10.00 - 10.30: Coffee Break / Pause Café

10.30 - 11.30 : SESSION 6/ 6e SÉANCE: BERGMAN AND STRINDBERG (RE)CONSIDERED

CHAIR: HARRY LANE (University of Guelph)

MARILYN BLACKWELL (Ohio State University): "SCTV's Ingmar Bergman Parody."

GURLI WOODS (Carleton University): "Strindberg's Play Ett drömspel in Merete Morken Andersen's Novel Mandel (2005)."

12.00 - 14.00: Lunch / Déjeuner

14.00 - 15.00: SESSION 7 / 7E SÉANCE: SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES AT U. **ALBERTA** 



Bergman and Strindberg (re)

Considered



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CHAIR: MARINA ALLEMANO (University of Alberta):

**CHRISTOPHER HALE** (University of Alberta): -Bella Coola and Its Norwegian Settlement.

**PER RUDLING** (University of Alberta): "\_Scientific Racism' in Sweden and its influence in Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union.]

15.00-16.00: SESSION 8/8E SÉANCE: KAREN BLIXEN and HENNING MANKELL

CHAIR: SUSAN GOLD/SMITH (University of Windsor)

**MADS BUNCH** (University of British Columbia): -Karen Blixen's *Carnival* in the light of Kierkegaard.

**HARRY LANE** (University of Guelph): Henning Mankell's *Italian Shoes* as a *Bildungsroman* of Old Age.

16.00 - 16.30: Coffee Break / Pause Café

16.30-17.30: SESSION 9 / 9E SÉANCE: COMPARATIVE STUDIES: CANADIAN-SCANDINAVIAN NOTIONS OF SUSTAINABILIT Y and CULTURAL IDENTITY

CHAIR: INGRID URBERG (University of Alberta - Augustana Campus)

**TIM FRANDY** (University of Wisconsin and University of Lapland): Informal Economy and Sustainability in the North: The Clash Between Home-Harvesters and Sportsmen.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf MICHAEL\ LANGE\ (Champlain\ College):\ -Teaching\ Identity:\ Shifting\ Cultural\ Touchstones\ in\ the\ Classroom.\ I \end{tabular}$ 

MONDAY / LUNDI 31 MAY/MAI

ROOM: EV 2-204/238/260

AM

09.00 - 10.30: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10.30 - 11.00: Coffee Break / Pause Café

11.00-12.00: SESSION 10 / 10E SÉANCE: THE MUSIC OF GRIEG

CHAIR: MARILYN BLACKWELL (Ohio State University):

DEREK YAPLE-SCHOBERT (Canadian/Americ an pianist): : -Norwegian Na-

tionalism in the Piano Music of Edvard Grieg.

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LUNCH: followed by a discussion of Henning Mankell. Participants in this discussion should buy their lunch, and then return to the room for an informal group discussion

12.30 - 14.00: INFORMAL SESSION: HENNING MANKELL: BEYOND THE POLICE PROCEDURAL?

MODERATORS: SUSAN GOLD/SMITH (University of Windsor) and HARRY LANE (University of Guelph)

In this session, we are invited to discuss what is distinctive about Henning Mankell's fiction.

For example, are there elements in his mystery novels that enable them to transcend the traditional rudiments of the genre-elements such as complexity of character, a focus on social alienation, on betrayed or unfulfilled dreams, or a concern with ethical, political, and social issues? (Mankell reportedly told Michael Ondaatje that in Faceless Killers -he'd started out writing a crime novel only because it was the most convenient way to make [...] points about racisml; he has described the Wallander books as thematic variations about problems facing Swedish democracy and its welfare state.)

Do such elements also inform Mankell's writing when he moves the action beyond the provincial town of Ystad-in the novels set in the Swedish archipelago, in those set in Africa and on the world stage, and in his fiction for young readers?

No special expertise is necessary to attend this session (the moderators certainly claim none). Just bring your thoughts and your interest.



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## Welcome in Montreal!

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## NB! Norwegian Travel Grants DEADLINE MAY 1ST

The Royal Norwegian Embassy offers travel grants to AASSC members who wish to travel to Norway to attend seminars, conferences, or university courses, to establish or renew academic contacts, or to do research, gather scientific information, books, teaching material and so on. The grants are awarded to applicants who actively work for the promotion of Norwegian studies in Canada or at individual academic institutions. Applications, including a cv and a proposal for the use of the grant, must reach the embassy by May 1st of each year:

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