

Border Crossings: Collaborative Experiences for Student Learning  
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Project Summary  
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### Phase I

This project is the first step of collaboration (Fall 2002) among colleagues at UW Oshkosh and the University of New Brunswick, modestly using learning technologies across borders to enhance student learning about national identities.

Four colleagues from the UNB Arts Faculty visited UW Oshkosh.

- Three from the Department of History and one from the Department of English
- Campus visit on November 8 and 11, 2002
- To raise awareness of the developing unique institutional relationship
- To meet faculty and plan collaboration for spring and fall 2003
- To meet faculty/administrators to continue support of student exchange program
- To meet students from both campuses regarding the exchange program
- To present a public forum on an issue of national identities
- To plan collaboration using learning technologies in spring and fall 2003

### Public presentation

- COLS Dean's International Forum, November 11, 2002
- Lunch attended by 40 faculty and staff
- Audience total was 55 faculty, staff, students, and two Canadian visitors
- Panel presented by two Canadian faculty members
- Forum title: "Sleeping with the Elephant: American Unilateralism and Canadian Foreign Policy"

### Presenters

- Dr. Ross Leckie, Department of English, Director of Creative Writing and Editor of *The Fiddlehead*, Atlantic Canada's International Literary Journal
- Dr. William Parenteau, Department of History, Editor of *Acadiansis*, the journal of Acadian history

### Other UNB Colleague Visitors

- Dr. Peter Kent, Department of History, Director of International Relations Fredericton Campus
- Dr. Deborah Johnston, Department of History, Coordinator of ARTS 1000

### Collaboration Projects

*Department of English Project 1: Creative Writing (Spring 2003)*

Dr. Ross Leckie (English), UNB team leader, with creative writing colleagues  
Dr. Ronald Rindo (English), UW Oshkosh team leader, with creative writing colleagues

Goals

- Engage creative writing students in cross-border conversations about their writing
- Read own creative work to student peers and faculty writers across borders
- Critique creative work of student writers across borders

*Department of History Project 2: Canada-US Relations (Spring 2003)*

Dr. William Parenteau (History), UNB team leader  
Dr. Stephen Kercher (History), UW Oshkosh team leader

Goals

- Engage history students in discussions of two events in Canada-U.S. Relations during 1960s
- Discuss these two events with student-faculty participation across borders
- Learn both nations' historical interpretations of these two events

*Interdisciplinary Project 3: Connecting First-year Honors Students (Fall 2003)*

Dr. Deborah Johnston (History), UNB team leader and tutors in ARTS 1000  
Dr. William Baurecht (English), UW Oshkosh team leader and tutors in the First-Year Honors Seminar

Goals

- Introduce first-year students enrolled in ARTS 1000 to those enrolled in the University Honors Program to learn about and from students in another nation
- Engage these students in a common intellectual experience
- Learn about national identities from students across borders by discussing a classic reading assigned in both courses

Phase II

Three colleagues from UW Oshkosh will visit UNB, spring 2003.

- To raise awareness of the developing unique institutional relationship
- To meet faculty and extend department connections on both campuses
- To meet faculty/administrators to continue support of student exchange program
- To meet students from both campuses regarding the exchange program
- To make a public presentation on an issue of national identities
- To finalize plans for using learning technologies in spring and fall 2003