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New UNH Canadian Studies Program Welcomed with Music

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire launches its new minor in Canadian studies Friday, Sept. 22, with an evening of Canadian folk music and guests from the Canadian Consulate in Boston.

The event runs from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the Granite State Room of the Memorial Union Building. It is free and open to the public.

Singer Lynn Noel and a cappella quartet Lingua Franca will perform, along with UNH alumna Lucie Therrien, who will sing in English, French and six other languages. The keynote address will be given by Consul General Mary Clancy, from Boston.

The event is sponsored by the UNH Canadian Studies Program, The Center for International Education and the Center for the Humanities.

A Canadian theme is also woven into the Sept. 22 UNH International Seminar Series, "Crossing Boundaries: Bilingualism, Culture and Education in the New Millennium." Professor Monica Heller, of the University of Toronto, will present "Heated Language in a Cold Climate" at 4 p.m. in the MUB room 330. The seminar is also free and open to the public.

The new Canadian studies minor is made possible by a grant from the Canadian Embassy. Existing UNH courses will be complemented by field trips, guest speakers, an expanded library collection, faculty development and workshops. In addition, UNH will continue as a partner in exchange programs with Nova Scotia and Quebec.

Students in the program will learn about Canadian culture, history, geography and natural resources, and will have the opportunity to study abroad and conduct research with Canadian studies faculty, whose expertise crosses academic disciplines. According to program coordinator Debra Straussfogel, associate professor of geography and natural resources, 23 faculty and staff members from 10 different departments are participating in the program.

Offered through the UNH Center for International Education, the new minor is a first step in building a larger program in Canadian studies at UNH. For more information, contact Professor Straussfogel at 603-862-1930.

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