



CALL FOR PAPERS

Sports, like all things, contain borders or boundaries that define them and give them limits and meanings. All borders are rigid and porous; they both divide and connect. Hockey's borders are no different. Hockey is made up of a series of communities defined by their boundaries: players and coaches, producers and consumers; Canadians, Americans and others; labour and capital; men and women; spectators and performers, aggressors and victims, storytellers and their audiences. "Hockey on the Border" is a multidisciplinary conference that will bring together the interests of those who study hockey in its variety of forms and contexts, past and present. Located in one of the sport's best-known border cities, this three-day event will examine how hockey *works* and what it has come to mean to Canadians, Americans and others around the globe. Scholars from all academic disciplines and critical perspectives are invited to submit presentation proposals and to participate. All papers that examine hockey in a scholarly way will be considered, but proposals involving the following themes are especially encouraged:

- Hockey as a transborder phenomenon
- International trade and the commerce of hockey
- Media coverage and the representation of hockey in international context
- Hockey's internal boundaries: gender, race, class (and others)
- PuckLit: the borders of hockey fiction
- Memoirs, memory, nostalgia and myth
- Violence: a marginal role?
- Hockey as labour, hockey as management

"Hockey on the Border" continues the occasional series of scholarly conferences on hockey begun at Saint Mary's University (Halifax) in 2001 and hosted most recently by the University of Victoria in 2007.

Presentation abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted electronically or in hard copy by **December 10, 2009** to **both** of the conference co-chairs:

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