

# **The Association for Canadian Studies and the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association 3rd Annual Conference**

**November 23-24, 2012**

**Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario**

## **Ethnic Identity Formation and Change in Canada and Abroad**

The Association for Canadian studies and the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association invite proposals for our joint annual conference entitled "Ethnic Identity Formation and Change in Canada and Abroad" to be held November 23-24, 2012 at the White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

The conference also marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> conference of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association and the third in a series of three conferences jointly organized with the Association for Canadian Studies. The Conference will offer a unique opportunity to exchange views and ideas.

Conference organizers welcome proposals for papers, sessions, panels, roundtables, poster and video presentations that address the topics of ethnic identity, immigration, diversity, and multiculturalism in Canada and internationally. Our conference organizing committee welcomes papers on topics related to ethnic identity and other topics related to identity formation, immigration, racism, discrimination, social justice, Indigenous Peoples, second- and third-generation issues, and Francophone identity. Papers should address one of these aspects in the Canadian context, though organizers will consider submissions that have an international context. Organizers invite submissions from a variety of perspectives, academic disciplines, and areas of study, including the humanities and the social sciences. Travel assistance is available for some domestic presenters, the amount to be determined based on number of participants. We will endeavor to make a decision shortly after the abstract is received in order to facilitate those who need verification of their acceptance for travel funding purposes at their own institutions.

Who should attend? In addition to members of the Association for Canadian Studies and Canadian Ethnic Studies Association, the conference will be relevant to a wide range of people interested in ethnicity, race, immigration, multiculturalism, and related diversity issues in Canada, particularly as they intersect with issues of multiculturalism. University professors, graduate students, and other researchers and teachers; policymakers and civil servants from all levels of government; those who work in various non-governmental organizations, as well as those involved as frontline workers delivering various kinds of social services – all of these will find that this conference offers them worthwhile information, challenging critical perspectives, and an opportunity to network and discuss important issues with people from across the country and from a variety of academic disciplines and institutional perspectives. A special issue of the *Canadian Ethnic Studies Journal* will showcase selected papers from the conference. Shorter papers can be submitted for consideration in ACS's *Canadian Diversity*. To be considered for publication in the either journal, papers must be submitted no later than two weeks after the conference. Papers must be written in accordance with the journal's guidelines.