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UCC Canadian Studies program hosts special guest to celebrate Canadian Studies Day

KAMLOOPS—The University College of the Cariboo's Canadian Studies program invites the public to a presentation by Veronica Strong-Boag entitled *Imagining the Nation: E. Pauline Johnson's Hopes for Canada*.

Strong-Boag is a professor of Women's Studies and Educational Studies at UBC and her talk is the highlight of the sixth annual Canadian Studies Day Feb. 15 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Alumni Theatre, Clocktower.

The presentation preceeds the provincial Flag Day ceremony at UCC, hosted in the Campus Activity Centre Rotunda at 1:30 p.m.

Strong-Boag will focus on Johnson's (1861-1913) conception of Canada by drawing from her co-written book *Paddling Her Own Canoe: The Times and Texts of E. Pauline Johnson*. She will also discuss Johnson's poetic works that captured the Canadian identity and ranged from the extraordinarily erotic to the rights of First Nations.

There is no admission charge for this event, which is sponsored by the UCC Division of Arts. For more information, please call Jody Mclean at (250) 376-5909.