

Judit Nagy

Since 2000 Judit Nagy has been offering a wide variety of Canadian Studies courses at Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Budapest, Hungary. These cover such areas as Canadian literature, Canadian society, the First Nations, Canadian nature, Canadian film and theatre, the Canadian national identity and current social and cultural challenges in Canada. Complementing these courses, her student-focused activities include work-in-progress thesis writing sessions, the organization of conference student sessions and help for students in the preparation of their conference papers, the involvement of students in the creation of worksheets on set Canada-related topics, and the organization of “Canada in the English Classroom” workshops and consultation sessions for Master’s students in the teacher-training programme.

Within her university, Judit Nagy has played a key role in promoting the institutionalization of Canadian Studies, in particular through the launching of a North American Specialization Programme and the creation of the Károli Canada Centre of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, thus ensuring the incorporation of Canadian courses in the new Bologna system at both the Bachelor’s and the Master’s level. As coordinator of the Károli Gáspár Canada Centre, she has facilitated the organization of many events such as guest lectures and workshops as well as two conferences (“A Week of North American Culture”, 2006; “Indigenous Perspectives of North America”, 2012 – both in cooperation with the Embassy of Canada, and the latter also with Eötvös Loránd University and the National Library of Foreign Literatures).

Of particular note are Judit Nagy’s outreach activities for teachers and high school students. Since 2006 she has been coordinating the work of a German-Hungarian research group focusing on the teaching of Canada at secondary schools. This has resulted in two publications for upper primary and secondary school teachers, *Indigenous Perspectives of Canada – A Cultural Reader* and *The Canadian-German-Hungarian Cultural Reader*. These are freely available online; the latter has also been distributed in a print version. The work of the research group has been promoted at many conferences in Germany and Hungary.

In recognition of her accomplishments as one of the most active Canadianists in Hungary, the Central European Association for Canadian Studies is pleased to present Judit Nagy with this Certificate of Merit.

