

FEATURED PROFESSOR

Nicole Boudreau grew up in Pointe-de-l'Église, an Acadian village in Nova Scotia, Canada, where she learned at a young age to navigate between Acadian French, standard French and English. Given her bilingual and bicultural heritage, the hybrid nature of Acadian identity is an issue that fascinates her, both on an intellectual and emotional level.



Her academic path has also reflected this fascination: a B.A. in Acadian History, a graduate diploma in English to French translation, a Ph.D. in Francophone Studies. Her dissertation, defended in March 2008 at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, takes the form of a critical essay exploring a range of social, cultural and literary issues viewed through the lens of Acadian hybridity. Ms. Boudreau moved to northern Maine in September to take up duties as Assistant Professor of French at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Her research focuses mainly on Acadian literature and culture, but her interests also include creative writing and the social impacts of technology.

ACADIAN ARCHIVES

The Acadian Archives/Archives Acadiennes at the University of Maine at Fort Kent documents, preserves, celebrates, and disseminates information about the culture, way of life, and history of the Franco-American and Acadian people of the Upper St John river Valley. A repository for manuscript materials and audio-visual documentation relevant to regional folklore, folk life, and history, the Archives serves the University community as well as individuals and organizations regionally, state-wide, nationally, and internationally.

2014 WORLD ACADIAN CONGRESS

A huge celebration comprised of more than 300 activities including family reunions, local celebrations, ceremonies, musical and theatrical productions, conferences, cultural performances and sporting events is expected in Fort Kent in 2014. Held every five years, over a two to three week period in August, this event draws people of from all over the world, including an estimated 300,000 participants in various events held region-wide comprising over 50,000 visitors from the four corners of the world.



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