The Canadian Studies Program and Berkeley Law present a mini-conference:

**Constitutional Differences:**
Cross-Border Conversations on American and Canadian Constitutional Law and Practice

Tuesday, April 23, 2013
The Warren Room, 295 Boalt Hall
9:45 am – 3:30 pm
Including buffet lunch

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Agenda:

Moderator: **Professor Stephen Ross**, Penn State, Visiting Scholar at Berkeley Law and Sproul Fellow in Canadian Studies, UC Berkeley

9:45-10:00: Coffee, sign-in

10:00-10:15: Welcome (**Professor Irene Bloemraad**, Director and Thomas Garden Barnes Chair of Canadian Studies; **Professor Stephen Ross**, Boalt)

10:15-11:30: *The Effective Representation of Local and Regional Interests in the National Political Process: Comparing Canada and the U.S.*
**Professor Jean Leclair**, Université de Montréal and **Professor Jesse Choper**, Berkeley Law

11:45-1:00: *The role of the Framers’ Understanding of Constitutional Text in Modern Constitutional Interpretation: Rhetoric and Reality*
**The Honourable Ian Binnie**, Supreme Court of Canada (Ret.) and **Professor Daniel Farber**, Berkeley Law

1:00-2:00: Informal lunch and open Q&A

2:15-3:30: *Comparing Supreme Court practice*
**Justice Binnie** and **Professor Amanda Tyler**, Berkeley Law (former law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

**Format**: Principal conversants will briefly answer some open-ended questions, followed by topical interaction with the audience and other conference participants