Panel Proposal: Franco-American newspapers and periodicals

Between the 1830s and 1990s, French-Canadian immigrants and their descendants in New England and New York published nearly 400 French-language newspaper titles. Printed with variable frequency and duration, some lasting up to 80 years, these newspapers both complemented and countered English-language newspapers of their time. Quebec Studies recently published the most up-to-date inventory of these periodicals. Our hope is that this inventory will spur research on this long-overlooked, under-researched corpus. We are looking to organize one or two panels on research connected to these titles and/or topics periodicals-related topics. We welcome submissions for any paper proposal that engages with this corpus, including but not limited to such topics as:

- Franco-American journalists and/or editors (e.g. Honoré Beaugrand, Yvonne Lemaitre, Ferdinand Gagnon, Camille Lessard-Bissonette, etc.);
- the circulation of articles and writings between Francophone United States and France;
- the poems and literature published in the papers (Guillet’s study of La Justice of Holyoke, MA lists 55 different Romans-Feuilletons published in that paper alone);
- female journalists and women’s writings;
- comparisons between English-language coverage and French-language coverage of events inside and outside of Franco-American communities throughout New England;
- the circulation of media between French-speaking communities in New England and New York, Québec and/or Acadia;
- the role of the Catholic Church periodicals in the Franco-American community.