Canada 150: Defining the Nation in a Transnational World

13th Annual Graduate History Symposium

May 11-12, 2017
University of Toronto
8:30 - 9:00 am  Registration and Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 am  Opening Remarks  SS2098

9:15 - 10:45 am  Plenary Panel  SS2098

**Confronting 150**

**Chair:** Mary Jane McCallum  
(University of Winnipeg)


Doug Nesbitt (Queen’s University), “The Contradictions of Consolidation: Taking Confederation’s Opponents Seriously”

Aedan Alderson (York University), “Canada 150 or British-Canada 254? Unsettling Nationalist Mythology Under British Rule”

Cathleen Clark (University of Toronto), “The Photographs Rendered Less Visible: Recognition Politics, Refusal, and ‘Turning Away’ from the Settler Colonial Gaze at the Standoff at Kanehsata:ke”

Jennifer Bonder (University of Toronto), “We Don’t Want to be Americans: Economic Nationalism and Canada’s Centennial Celebrations”

10:45 - 11:00 am  Coffee Break

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  Scholars’ Roundtable  SS2117

**Myth Making and Canadian Confederation**

*Co-hosted by the TDSB @ UofT History Conference*

**Moderator:** Steve Penfold (University of Toronto)

**Discussants:** Brian Gettler (University of Toronto), Cecilia Morgan (University of Toronto), David Wilson (University of Toronto)

The Scholars’ Roundtable brings together graduate students, faculty, and Toronto District School Board high school students to explore what it means to study history. This year, the roundtable will explore the following questions: Where do milestone events in a single nation’s history, such as the Confederation of Canada in 1867, fit into our approaches to the study of history? Why have such events acquired the status of national myth? Which individuals and stories have been marginalized in the writing of national histories?
Schedule - Thursday, May 11

12:00 - 1:00 pm  Lunch     SS2098

1:00 - 2:30 pm  Concurrent Sessions

Panel 1:  
**War and the Nation State**  
Chair: Timothy Sayle (University of Toronto)

Tim Leech (The Ohio State University), “A Turning Point for the Continental Army: October 1775”

Valérie Bordua (Université de Montréal), “Privateers and Pirates in the Emergence of the European Nationalism during the Hundred Years War”

Nick Baker (Dalhousie University), “We were talking about seizing power: The Zimbabwe African People's Union, Nationalism and the Beginning of Zimbabwe's Liberation War”

Joel Montagnes (University of Calgary), “No Objections’: Canadian Arms Exports, 1946-1958”

Panel 2:  
**Making and Breaking Britishness in the Empire**  
Chair: Mark McGowan (University of Toronto)

Shane Lynn (University of Toronto), “’We’ll Walk Through it in a Week’: Irish Nationalists Plot to Destroy Canada, 1797-1921”

Kevin Woodger (University of Toronto), “Multiple Identities in the Boy Scouts Association of Canada and the Canadian Cadet Movement”

Nick Haissell (Queen's University), “‘True Sons of the North’: Confederation, Regional Identity, and Indigenous Erasure in Nova Scotia, 1857-1877”

Harold Armstrong (York University), “Canada’ First Environmental Historian: Representation of the Natural World in Upper Canada by Catherine Parr Traill Within a Globalising Environmental System”

2:30 - 2:45 pm  Coffee Break
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2:45 - 4:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

Panel 1: **Educating the Nation** SS2098
Chair: Josh Cole (Queen’s University)

Hwang Yun Sik (University of Toronto), “The Reconstruction of South Korean Nationalism in Korean History Textbooks”

Robert Matina (Boston College), “Learning to Hate: Comparing French and German Nationalism through Education before the First World War”

Chad Frazier (Georgetown University), “Building a Foundation: Six Puerto Ricans and their Experiences with US Higher Education in the Twenties and Thirties”


Panel 2: **Forging Real and Imagined Identities** SS2105
Chair: Julie MacArthur (University of Toronto)

Alex Lang (The University of Texas at Austin), “A Violent Universalism: Italian Fascists in the Mediterranean”

Nick Misukanis (Boston College), “Fritz Grobba, the Third Reich, and a United Arab State”

Austin Loignon (The University of Texas at Arlington), “The National Body: John Harvey Kellog and the American Nation as a Body”

Sydney Miller (The Ohio State University), “Proslaveries: Maryland Slaveholders’ Defenses of Slavery in the Early Republic”

7:00 - 10:00 pm **Opening Keynote Address & Reception**
Campbell House Museum (160 Queen St. West)

Ian McKay (McMaster University), “Myth and the Manipulation of History: The Vimy Anniversary in Retrospect.”

*Ian McKay is the Chair of the L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History at McMaster University. He was formerly a professor at Queen’s University, where he taught from 1988-2015. His primary interests are Canadian cultural and political history, the economic and social history of Atlantic Canada, historical memory and tourism, and the history of liberalism, both in its Canadian and transnational aspects.*
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8:30 - 9:00 am  Registration and Breakfast

9:00 - 10:45 am  Plenary Panel  SS2098

**Labour, Migration, and the Politics of Citizenship**

*Chair:* Donna Gabaccia (University of Toronto)

- **Shayan Lallani** (University of Toronto), “Preserved Gender Roles and Recipes: Foodwork in Toronto’s Late Post-War Italian Immigrant Community”
- **Ed Dunsworth** (University of Toronto), “The U.S.-Canada Tobacco Worker Movement and the Making of Guestworker Programs in Canada”
- **Alexandra Sundarsingh** (University of Toronto), “Nationalist Nibbles: A History of Gastrodiplomacy”
- **Amber Walker** (The University of Texas at San Antonio), “Transnational Identities and Borders: Stories of Somali Bantu Refugees in Tanzania, Maine, and Texas”

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  **Closing Keynote Address**

*Hart House Debates Room*

**Mary Jane McCallum** (University of Winnipeg), “Miss Chief: The Obscure History of First Nations Female Suffrage and Leadership”

*Mary Jane McCallum is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at the University of Winnipeg. Her research is inspired by Aboriginal women’s histories and is invested in reshaping modern Aboriginal history in ways that engage with Native and Indigenous Studies, gender and women’s history, labour history, medical/health history and histories of race in Canada.*

12:30 - 1:45 pm  **Lunch**  SS2098

*Sponsored by Past Tense Graduate Review of History*
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Contesting the Hegemonic Nation
Chair: Bhavani Raman (University of Toronto)

Stefan Djordevic (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), “Performing Yugoslavism in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the Royal Dictatorship: The Public Sphere as a space to propagate and reject national identities”

Sohini Majumdar (University of Illinois at Chicago), “Contesting the National: Bengali Muslims and Multiple Forms of Belonging in Postcolonial South Asia”

Justin Wu (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), “It is not that I’ve forgotten China. I never know China”: College Student Writings about Local Identity Formation in Late 1960s Hong Kong

Natasha Sartore (University of Toronto), “Ethnology, Progress, and Working-Class Improvement in Victorian England”

Anran Wang (Cornell University), “Taming Contested Memories: Interpretation and Commemoration of Ethnic Korean History in Modern China”

5:15 - 5:30 pm  Closing Remarks    SS2098
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