

Presented by the Graduate Students of the Department of History

The 14th Annual Graduate History Symposium

Senses and Spaces



May 10 & 11, 2018
University of Toronto

Schedule - Thursday, May 10

8:15 - 8:45 am	Registration and Breakfast	
8:45 - 9:00 am	Opening Remarks	SS2098
9:00 - 10:45 am	Graduate Student Panel	SS2098

Constructing Memory, Encountering Spaces
Chair: Eriks Bredovskis (University of Toronto)
Discussant: Mark McGowan (Univ. of Toronto)

James During (University of Massachusetts, Amherst), “Transnational Relations and Contested Memory: The North Wall Memorial and the Vietnam War in Canadian Commemorative Landscape”

Erica Lally (Georgetown University), “American Gulags? Emergency Detention Camps under the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950”

Kate McGregor (Brock University), “Christmas in the (German) Colonies”

Monique Ulysses (Yale University), “Pachuca and Chola Aesthetics in the Twenty-First Century: Embodied Feminist Histories by Mexican American Women”

10:45 - 11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Scholars’ Roundtable	SS2117
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Senses and Spaces in Historical Research
Co-hosted by the TDSB @ UofT History Conference

Moderator: Julia Rombough (University of Toronto)

Discussants: Nicholas Terpstra (University of Toronto), Alison Smith (University of Toronto), Y. Yvon Wang (University of Toronto)

The Scholars’ Roundtable brings together graduate students, faculty, and Toronto School District high school students to explore what it means to “study history,” focusing on the role of the senses as a subject of historical inquiry. The roundtable aims to introduce TDSB participants to the centrality of primary sources for historians while encouraging AGHS participants to reflect on the role of primary source research in their own work. Our scholars are faculty from the Department of History who will discuss the conference theme in reference to their own work.

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12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch SS2098

1:00 - 2:45 pm Graduate Student Panel SS2098

Sensing Across Divides

Chair: Valeria Mantilla (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Jeffrey Pilcher (University of Toronto)

Adrian Christ (University of Alberta), “Value and Sensory Experience: The Amber Trade, c. 1500-1800”

Renée Girard (McGill University), “The Diplomatic Language of Food in Cartier and Champlain’s Accounts”

Rao Mohsin Ali Noor (University of Chicago), “A Fragrant Dream and Odiferous Caves: The Olfactory Imagination of a 17th Century Ottoman Traveler”

Xiaobai Hu (University of Pennsylvania), “Transformative ‘Qiang’: Ethnic Discourse, Frontier Crossing and Imperial Categorization on the Ming-Tibetan Borderland”

2:45 - 3:00 pm Coffee Break

3:00 - 4:45 pm Graduate Student Panel SS2098

Labourers’ Lived Experiences

Chair: Cassandra Luciuk (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Alison Smith (University of Toronto)

Rui Zhang (Simon Fraser University), “Salt Soda in Maoist China: A Study of the Chinese Communist Party’s Labor Protection Policy”

Ed Dunsworth (University of Toronto), “Memory, Race, and Resistance: Narratives of Race and Ethnicity in Oral Histories with Caribbean Farm-workers and Ontario Tobacco Farmers”

Edwin Michielsen (University of Toronto), “Countering the Public Sphere: Proletarian Culture and May Day in Prewar East Asia”

Diane Whitelaw (Queen’s University), “Matriliney, Mining, and Displacement: The Effects of Colonialism on Social Organization and Relationship to Physical Place in Zambia”

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Time TBD

Walk to Campbell House

If you would like to join a group walking to the Campbell House from Sidney Smith Hall, meet on the St. George side of the SS patio.

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Keynote Address & Reception

Campbell House Museum (160 Queen Street West)

Welcome: Eriks Bredovskis (President, Graduate History Society)

Opening Remarks: Chris Baldwin (University of Toronto)

Sensing War: Childhood Memories of the Wartime Atlantic, 1939-1945

Barbara Lorenzkowski (Concordia University)

The AGHS is pleased to welcome Barbara Lorenzkowski, Associate Professor of History and a former Co-Director of the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling at Concordia University, Montreal to deliver our fourteenth annual keynote address. Dr. Lorenzkowski is the author of Sounds of Ethnicity: Listening to German North America (University of Manitoba Press, 2010) and has published several book chapters and articles on the history of migration, culture and transnationalism.

Dr. Lorenzkowski's current research explores the social spaces of childhood in Atlantic Canada during the Second World War. Based on close to one hundred history interviews conducted in the port cities of Halifax, St. John's, and Saint John, she examines the 'small spaces' of childhood, children's mobility in the wartime city, gendered tales of growing up and coming of age, the alternate chronologies of childhood, and children's sensory explorations of the wartime city.

Please join us for a reception following the keynote lecture.

Light refreshments and drinks will be provided.

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8:30 - 9:00 am Registration and Breakfast

9:00 - 10:45 am Graduate Student Panel SS2098

Making and Regulating Urban North America

Chair: Joel Dickau (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Michael Savage (University of Toronto)

Shannon Brown (Queen's University), "A Gay Pioneer': Remembering Alexander Wood and Constructing the Gay Village in Toronto"

Michelle Fu (University of Toronto), "Double Capture: Photography, Indexicality, and the History of Toronto's Riverdale Zoo"

Brintha Koneschacha (University of Montreal), "The Place-Making of Deindustrialized Montreal's Little Burgundy: The Greening of a Neighborhood (1970-1990)"

Severina Scott (University of Michigan Ann Arbor), "Milwaukee's 'Mason-Dixon Line': Vel Phillips and the Fight Against Northern Segregation in the 1960s"

10:45 - 11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00 am - 12:45 pm Graduate Student Panel SS2098

Moving through Landscapes

Chair: Matthieu Caron (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Erica Toffoli (University of Toronto)

Thomas Gimbel (University of Chicago), "Walking Through Philosophy: Human senses at the 'Temple Garden of Philosophy'"

Matthew Long (Clemson University), "Mutual Aid and the Second Line: A History of Black Benevolent Societies and New Orleans Music"

Jason Romisher (Simon Fraser University), "The Jim Crow North: An Analysis of Segregation and Agency in New Jersey Swimming Facilities"

Ben Barsotti Scott (University of Virginia, School of Architecture), "Altering the Landscape a Little Bit: Queer Space-making in Collier Schorr's *Blumen*"

12:45 - 1:45 pm Lunch SS2098

Sponsored by Past Tense Graduate Review of History

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1:45 - 3:30 pm Graduate Student Panel SS2098
Regulating & Experiencing Early Modern Urban Space
Chair: Hana Suckstorff (University of Toronto)
Discussant: Nicholas Terpstra (Univ. of Toronto)

Allison Graham (University of Toronto), “The ‘Inferior Condition’: Constructing Race and Caste in Manila”

Alexandra Logue (University of Toronto), “Filthy and Nasty Savours’: Health and Neighbourhood Conflict in Seventeenth-Century London”

Julia Rombough (University of Toronto), “Noise Pollution and Air Pollution in the Early Modern Italian City”

Spirit Waite (University of Toronto), “The Hand That Feeds: Alimentary Control and the Formation of the Body at the Ospedale degl’Innocenti, c. 1570-1650”

3:30 - 3:45 pm Coffee Break

3:45 - 5:15 pm Graduate Student Panel SS2098
Interpreting Visual Cultures
Chair: Kelsey Kilgore (University of Toronto)
Discussant: Tamara Walker (University of Toronto)

Liora Belford (University of Toronto), “The History of Tamed Sound”

Emmet Von Stackelberg (Rutgers University, New Brunswick), “First Flames of Censorship: Urban Space, Bodily Safety, and the Origins of National Motion Picture Censorship”

Andrew Zetts (Villanova University), “Vorschriften in the Mennonite World: Constructing Culture and Meaning in North America”

5:15 - 5:30 pm Closing Remarks SS2098

7:00 pm - End of Conference Reception
Location TBD
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