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UNIVERSITY OF
SASKATCHEWAN

Migrations & Gatherings in the West: Western Canadian History Conference

12-15 September 2024

Hosted by the Department of History

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

MIGRATIONS & GATHERINGS 2024

Thursday, September 12, 2024

6:00pm – 9:00 PM **KEYNOTE:** Ben Hoy, University of Saskatchewan
Reimagining Prairie History Through Games
**a presentation followed by an evening of playing
Ben Hoy's original prairie history board game.*

Louis Loft, 93 Campus Drive
University of Saskatchewan Campus

Light dinner & Cash Bar

Friday, September 13, 2024

8:00 AM Bus pick-up at Parktown Hotel

8:15-8:45 Registration
Coffee and Pastries provided

8:45-9:30 AM Greetings from Elders and Hosts

Room: **KEYNOTE:** Sarah Nickel, University of Alberta
Beaver/Deer Coming Home: Creating Halfway Houses for Indigenous Women in
Kanata's West

10:45-11:00 AM: HEALTH BREAK

11:00-NOON **Session One**

Room: **Land-Based Histories: Reappraising Ownership of the Prairies**
Beaver/Deer

Chair: Adele Perry, University of Manitoba

Presenters:

Sarah Carter, University of Alberta
Who owns the prairies? A history of the land, 1871-2021

Jessy Lee Saas, University of Saskatchewan
"They were often in our kitchen": Indigenous Presence in
Saskatchewan Settler Family Memoires, 1880-1910

Cheryl Troupe, University of Saskatchewan
Subsistence and Justice: Rethinking Métis Women's
Relationships to the Land

Room: Eagle **Reimagining Identity through Religion in the Twentieth Century**

Chair: Karissa Patton, University of Edinburgh

Presenters:

Dasha Guliak, University of Saskatchewan
Migrations and Missionaries: A Prairie Woman's Identity in China, 1919-1972

Bethany Knowles, University of Saskatchewan
"Even and Equal with the wife of his Bosom": Western Women's Political Voices in Letters to Emily Murphy

Zhixi (Jordan) Wang, University of Alberta
From Institutional Church to Inner-City Prophet: All People's Mission and the Social Gospel as Urban Religion in Edmonton, 1908-1975

12:00-12:45 PM LUNCH

Lunch is provided.

12:45-1:45 PM **Session Two**

Room: **Race, Activism, Law and the State**
Beaver/Deer

Chair: Nancy Janovicek, University of Calgary

Presenters:

Letitia Johnson, University of Victoria
Lasting Local Effect: Examining How Japanese Canadian Internment Changed Remote and Rural Medicine in Western Canada

SooBean Kim, University of Calgary
"Compassion with realism": Vietnamese lived experiences and the realities of Canada's immigration and multiculturalism policies, 1970s-1990s

Suzanne Lenon, University of Lethbridge
Exclude, Restrict, Segregate...Resist! A Socio-Legal History of Chinese Laundries in Lethbridge, Alberta - 1893-1911.

Room: Eagle **Women in the Media**

Chair: Valerie Korinek, University of Saskatchewan

Presenters:

Maddie Knickerbocker, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
"An Awful Lot of Women": Women's Words at the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, 1913-16

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Hanna Fantin, University of Lethbridge
Girls Making Media on the Rocking P Ranch

Derek Cameron, University of Saskatchewan
Pioneering Anti-vaccination: Exploring Winnipeg as a Hub City for
Anti-vaccine Networks

Room: Tatanka Jewish and Mennonite Settlement on the Prairies

Chair: Ryan Eyford, University of Winnipeg

Presenters:

Sarah Benson, Carleton University
Ships, Trains, and Wagons: The Migrations of Three Jewish
Families to the Prairie West

Elizabeth Jansen, York University
Immigrant Experiences on Indigenous Land: The Mennonites of
Namaka Farm

Alex Tepperman, University of Winnipeg
Little Shtetl on the Prairie: Crime in Jewish Winnipeg, 1990-2024

1:45-2:00 PM BREAK

2:00-3:15 PM Session Three

Room: **Expanding Rupert's Land Histories: Locating Enslaved Peoples and
Beaver/Deer Trans-Atlantic Indigenous Families in the Imperial Archive**

Chair: Tolly Bradford, Concordia University

Presenters:

Anne Lindsay
"The Slave Woman:" Revisiting the story of Thanadelthur

Krista Barclay, University of Toronto
Migration and Colonial Categories of Identity: The Finlayson
Family in Rupert's Land and Scotland

Erin Millions, University of Winnipeg
Finding 'Missing' Indigenous Children in the Imperial Archive: The
Case of the Ballenden Family

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Room: Eagle

Prairie Legal History

Chair: Ben Hoy, University of Saskatchewan

Presenters:

Max Hamon, University of Northern British Columbia
The Case of White Nail's Murder: Transregional
Approaches to History before Western Canada

Kiera Mitchell, University of Saskatchewan
"Farm Folk Behind the Bronze Doors: Saskatchewan's
impact on women's property rights and *Rathwell v.*
Rathwell (1978) in The Supreme Court of Canada"

Charles Smith, University of Saskatchewan
"Workers in Saskatchewan Now Have a Clear-Cut Bill of
Rights': Labour Law, Social Democracy, and the
Saskatchewan Trade Union Act, 1944–1950

Room: Tatanka

Print Media and the Making of Prairie Communities

Chair: Jarvis Brownlie, University of Manitoba

Presenters:

Hannah Roth Cooley, University of Toronto
"the first line of defense": Indigenous journalism
organizations, advocacy, and anti-colonial solidarity
building

Shelisa Klassen, University of Alberta
"So little is known of this country": Manitoba Newspapers,
Immigration, and Empire in the 1870s

Areej Syed, University of Calgary
"We Couldn't Have Fought Back Alone": How Newspapers
Inked a Community

3:15-4:00 PM

Discover Wanuskewin

4:00 PM

Bus pick-up at Wanuskewin and return to Parktown Hotel

Saturday, September 14, 2024

8:30 AM Bus pick-up at Parktown Hotel

9:00-9:30 AM Coffee and Greetings

9:30AM-10:30AM **Session One**

Room: Beaver/Deer **Affirming Indigenous Heritage Sovereignty: Perspectives on Community-Engagement and Relationships in History and Museum Practice**

Chair: Claire Thomson, Parks Canada

Presenters:

Stephanie Danyluk, Canadian Museums Association
Locating Dissent: Activating Indigenous Sovereignty in Engagement Practices

Frank Royal, Whitecap Dakota First Nation
Whitecap Dakota Nation's History and Heritage Rights

Elizabeth Scott, Western Development Museum
A Shared Authority: Practicing Space-Making with Indigenous Partners in a Provincial Museum

Room: Eagle **Developing Relationships in the Fur Trade Era**

Chair: Shannon Stunden Bower, University of Alberta

Presenters:

Keiran Leggo-Henderson, University of Saskatchewan
Dividing Lines: Navigating Indigenous-Settler Community in Lac La Biche, Alberta, 1853-1930

Tristan Paron, University of Calgary
"The Islanders and the Bay"

Ryan Eyford, University of Winnipeg
The First Nations Population of Manitoba in 1870

Room: Tatanka

Prairie Masculinities: Health, Media, and Politics

Chair: Kristine Alexander, University of Lethbridge

Presenters:

Erin Gallagher-Cohoon, Queen's University

Discipline & Education: Conservative Boyhood in the *Alberta Report*

Emily Kaliel, University of Guelph

"A Remarkable Increase in Vitality": The Camp Experience and Nutrition Education for Albertan Boys, 1943

Mack Penner, McMaster University

Killers of the Calgary School: Hunting, Fishing, and Politics in Southern Alberta

10:30-10:45 AM HEALTH BREAK

10:45-11:45AM

Session Two

Room:

Beaver/Deer

Reinterpreting Indigenous-Settler Relations

Chair: Erin Millions, University of Winnipeg

Presenters:

Karen Brglez, University of Manitoba and Claire Thomson, Parks Canada

"A Friend of the Canadian Indians": Reconceiving Relations between Catherine Motherwell and Indigenous Peoples in Saskatchewan

Taryn Goff, University of Saskatchewan

"Until the Place Assumed a Prosperous Aspect:" Western Expansionist Vision and Landscape Ideals at Western Canadian Residential Schools, 1884 to 1920

Avery Shtykalo, University of Victoria

"Beyond its Threads: The Kokum Scarf as a Symbol of Early and Contemporary Ukrainian-Indigenous Relationships."

Room: Eagle

Restructuring Regional Economies after the Depression

Chair: Rhonda Hinther, Brandon University

Presenters:

James Naylor, Brandon University

Faint Echoes of 1919? Winnipeg after World War II

Brian Payne, Bridgewater State University
Gathering at City Council: Debating the Rights of the Poor in
Depression-Era Western Canada

Molly Rozum, University of South Dakota
A "Sense of Really Belonging to the Community and the Region":
To Gather Settler Colonial Rural Study Groups in Manitoba and
South Dakota in the 1940s

Room: Tatanka

Energy and Commodities in Global Markets

Chair: Jim Clifford, University of Saskatchewan

Presenters:

Donica Belisle, University of Regina
Violence of History: Helen Fordham Johnson, a Canadian
Plantation Wife in Colonial Fiji

Justin Fisher, University of Saskatchewan
'Low-energy' and 'high-energy' dreams, and the rippling effects of
migrating ideas and technologies in Western Canada

Patrick Lee, University of Saskatchewan
Planting Eastern European Influence in Saskatchewan Agriculture

11:45-12:45 PM LUNCH

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Session Three

**Room:
Beaver/Deer**

Archives and Museums: Re-examining the Prairies

Chair: Elizabeth Scott, Western Development Museum

Presenters:

Robyn Jensen, University of Regina
Goodbye, Old Country (Viszontlátásra, Régi Ország)

Kristine Alexander, University of Lethbridge
"Queer Youth Curating Queer History in Southern Alberta"

Rhonda Hinthier, Brandon University
Public History on the Prairies

Room: Eagle

Migration, War and Medicine

Chair: Erika Dyck, University of Saskatchewan

Presenters:

Heather Stanley, University of Lethbridge

Migration to the Asylum: How Rural Women and Families Experienced Madness in British Columbia before World War II

Christine Fiddler, University of Saskatchewan

A History of Nēhiyawak (Plains Cree) Traditional Medicine & Healing in Northwest Saskatchewan: 1900-1980

Eric Story, Brock University

When Johnny Comes Marching Home: Western Canada's Homecomings of the Great War, 1915–1919

Room: Tatanka

Missionary Influence in the Treaty Period

Chair: Betsy Jameson, University of Calgary

Presenters

Tolly Bradford, Concordia

"I promise that I will use my influence to make our efforts a success": Ahtahkakoop, John Hines, and the Indigenous-missionary relationship before Treaty Six"

Clinton Westman, University of Saskatchewan

Reappraising the mission, ethnology, and theology of Roger Vandersteene, OMI

Jayson Gislason, University of Manitoba

Treaty Discussions During Lord Dufferin's Visit to Roseau and St. Peter's

1:45-2:00 PM HEALTH BREAK

2:00-3:15 PM

Session Four

Room:

Beaver/Deer

Roundtable on Critical Reflections on Reproductive Justice & History: Interdisciplinary Scholarship, Pedagogy, and Activism

Facilitator: Carol Williams, University of Lethbridge

Presenters:

Chloe Crosschild, *litapiit'saanskiakii*, University of Lethbridge

litsim'kaatsita: Enhancing nursing relations and health-related experiences within a perinatal context for Blackfoot women.

Journeying toward transformative reconciliation to foster maternal health equity.

Jennifer Holland, University of Oklahoma
“Special Rights” and the “New Dred Scott”: Racial and Sexual Resentments in the Western Social Conservatism

A.J. Lowik, University of Lethbridge
Challenging Cisnormativity: Towards a Gender-Inclusive Future of Reproductive Justice, Rights and Health in Western Canada

Karine Coen-Sanchez, University of Ottawa
Empowering Voices: Navigating Reproductive Justice in the 21st Century

Karissa Patton, University of Edinburgh
Women’s Health in Women’s Hands?: Self-Screening, Cervical Health, and Reproductive Justice in Western Canada

Room: Eagle

The Promise and Perils of Water on the Prairies

Chair: Geoff Cunfer, University of Saskatchewan

Presenters:

Jarvis Brownlie, University of Manitoba
Seeking Solutions: Displacement, Accountability, and Cree Communications about Northern Manitoba Hydro Dams

Jonathan Hildebrand, University of Manitoba
Re-orienting Settler Histories: Mennonite Memory, Mapping, and Indigenous Presence in Southern Manitoba

Shannon Stunden Bower, University of Alberta
Irrigate or Migrate: Considering Saskatchewan’s mid-20th Century Efforts to Develop Irrigation amid Farmers’ Determination to Continue with Dryland Agriculture

Room: Tatanka

Rethinking Local Communities

Chair: Michel Hogue, Carleton University

Presenters:

Linda Mahood, University of Guelph
“You could smell the rain coming...” Hitchhiking the Prairies in the 1970s

Connor Thompson, University of Alberta
The Local, the Provincial, the National Pioneer: Portraying Prairie Society in Local Histories, 1945-1976

Harris Ford, University of Saskatchewan
Integration Before Isolation: Saskatoon’s Chinese Population in the Early 1900s

3:15-3:45 PM *Discover Wanuskewin*

3:45 PM Bus pick-up at Wanuskewin and return to Parktown Hotel

Enjoy some down time. From the Park Town Hotel it is a 10-minute walk along the river to the Banquet location (or a 3-minute drive).

Saturday Sept 14, 2024

BANQUET: Celebrating Sarah Carter

Delta Bessborough Hotel, 601 Spadina Crescent

5:30 PM **Cocktails**

6:30 PM **Buffet Dinner with Cash Bar**

7:15 PM **Program and Socializing**

9:00 **Bar closes**

