INTERSECTIONS AND CROSSINGS

A JOINT MEETING OF THE WESTERN CANADIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE AND THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS HISTORY CONFERENCE

VICTORIA INN, BRANDON, MANITOBA

SEPTEMBER 25 – 28, 2019

PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.

Roundtable: Woman Suffrage on the (Broadly-Defined) Northern Great Plains (WHIG* session) Salon 1

Moderator: Sarah Carter, University of Alberta

- Bethany Andreasen, Minot State University
- Kristin Mapel Bloomberg, Hamline University
- Kelly Kirk, Black Hills State University
- Molly P. Rozum, University of South Dakota
- Lori Ann Lahlum, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Gerard Boychuk, University of Waterloo
Thursday, September 26, 9:00 a.m.

Protest and Activism on the Canadian Prairies 1969-1978 Salon 2

Chair: James Mochoruk, University of North Dakota

- Cheryl Troupe, University of Saskatchewan, “Operation Flour Power: The Unlikely Partnership of Metis Activists and Prairie Farmers”
- Laura Larsen, University of Saskatchewan, “‘This is my home’: Prairie Farmers Protesting Railway Line Abandonment, 1970-1978

Conflict in the 20th Century Global South (SMH* session) Room 117

Chair: Jerry Martin, Independent Scholar

- Anotida Chikumbu, University of Massachusetts, “‘From Combatants to Contractors’: The Role Played By War Veterans in the Development of Post-War Societies in Southern Rhodesia (Colonial Zimbabwe),” c.1919-1939
- Taurai Madziise, University of Zimbabwe, “The Welfare of War ‘Collaborators’ in Post-Independence Zimbabwe”

United States Politics Private Dining Room

Chair: William H. Mulligan, Jr., Murray State University

- Charles M. Barber, Northeastern Illinois University, “‘Mr. Smith’s’ Real Trial by Fire: William Langer before the U.S. Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, November 3-18, 1941”
- Luis da Vinha, Valley City State University, “Making Transitions Great Again! The Trump Presidential Transition Process in Historical Comparison”
Roundtable: The Public Humanities: Reaching beyond the Ivory Tower
Salon 3

Chair: Steven Robinson, Brandon University

- Nikki Berg Burin, University of North Dakota
- Eric Burin, University of North Dakota
- David Haeseline, University of North Dakota
- Bill Caraher, University of North Dakota

Thursday, September 26, 11:00 a.m.

Fur Trade, Parks, and Indigenous Space Room 117

Chair: Robert Coutts, University of Winnipeg

- Mark Spence, Oregon State University, “The Plains Between: Fur Trade History in Borderlands of the Missouri River and Hudson Bay Drainages”
- Robert Vranich, University of Alberta, “Structures of Invasion”: Settler Colonialism and Canada’s Earliest National Parks, 1885-1930”

People and Environments Salon 3

Chair: Alison Marshall, Brandon University

- Jonathan Hedeen, Chippewa Valley Technical College, “Paradise of Imagination: Francis Parkman’s View of the Natural World and his Conception of North American History”
- Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg, “Climate Change Vernaculars: Contrasting Mennonite Farmers from Manitoba and Iowa”
Violence, Gender, and Age in Early Twentieth-Century Manitoba Salon 2

Chair: Erin Millions, University of Winnipeg

- Kathryn McPherson, York University, “Empire’s Children: Patriarchy, Violence, and Youth in Rural Manitoba, 1870-1914”
- Rhonda Hinther, Brandon University, “Putting Early Twentieth-Century Prairie Sex Workers on Screen”
- Morganna Malyon, Brandon University, “Domestic Violence on the Canadian Prairies during World War I: The Efficacy of Case Study Research”

Wartime Private Dining Room

Chair: Perry Hornbacher, Bismarck State College

- Jonathan Soucek, Purdue University, “The End of the U.S.-Dakota War and the Beginning of Emancipation: Rethinking the Freedom Narrative of the Civil War”
- William H. Mulligan, Jr., Murray State University, “A Small Town and the Great War: Northborough, Massachusetts, 100 Percent Americanism, and World War I”

Comment: Harl Dalstrom, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Thursday, September 26, 12:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Society for Military History luncheon Room 134

By reservation at registration

Thursday, September 26, 2:00 p.m.

Confronting Settler Colonialism in Western Canada Salon 3

Chair: Kelly Saunders, Brandon University

- Eric Schiffmann, University of Regina, “White Conceptions of Metis Identity: Patrick Riel and The First World War”
Modernism Private Dining Room

Chair: Christy Henry, Brandon University

- Greg Bak, University of Manitoba, “Initiating a Digital Culture in Manitoba: Robert Bury Ferguson and Ferut, 1952-1956”
- Michael J. Mullin, Augustana University, “I want to congratulate you on all the work you did in bringing the EROS program to Sioux Falls”

Complicating the Midwest: Diverse Twentieth Century Experiences in Central Minnesota Room 117

Chair: Robert W. Galler, Jr., St. Cloud State University

- Kayla Stielow, St. Cloud State University, “Agency and Engagement: Japanese Americans in Central Minnesota during World War II”
- Kyle J. Imdieke, St. Cloud State University, “‘Born of Hunger’: The Growth of Diversity at an Upper Midwest University, 1908-2018”
- Mohamed Mohamud, St. Cloud State University, “The Various Experiences and Challenges of Somali Immigrants in Central Minnesota”

Comment: Betsy Glade, St. Cloud State University

Votes for Women on the Northern Great Plains (WHIG session) Salon 2

Chair: Morganna Malyon, Brandon University

- Elizabeth J. Almlie, South Dakota State Historical Society, “Stories of Place and the Equal Suffrage Movement in South Dakota”
- Gerard Boychuk, University of Waterloo, Path(s) to Suffrage?: Female Enfranchisement in the Northern Plains States, 1910-1920
- Kristin Mapel Bloomberg, Hamline University, “Culture, Community, and Strategies for Collective Action Among Nebraska Suffragists in the 1870s and 1880s”
Thursday, September 26, 6:00 p.m.

Conference Reception

John E. Robbins Library, Brandon University

Friday, September 27, 9:00 a.m.

Roundtable: The State of Canadian Prairie History Salon 2

Chair: Betsy Jameson, University of Calgary

- Robert Coutts, *Manitoba History*
- Sarah Carter, University of Alberta
- Rhonda Hinther, Brandon University
- Adele Perry, University of Manitoba
- Cheryl Troupe, University of Saskatchewan

Rethinking the Gilded Age and Progressive Era in U.S. History (Undergraduate session) Private Dining Room

Chair: Robert W. Galler, St Cloud State University

- Sonya Smetana, St. Cloud State University, “Oppression and Resistance: Chinese Immigrants in the Late 19th Century”
- Jennifer Sonterre, St. Cloud State University, The Impact of the Gilded Age’s Forgotten Presidents and their Policies”
- Jenevieve Jaax, St. Cloud State University, “Native American experiences in the ‘Progressive Era’”
- Andrea Langhoff, St. Cloud State University, “Beyond Suffrage; Women of the Progressive Era”
Ancient and Medieval Warfare (SMH session) Salon 3

Chair: Jonathan Epstein, City University of New York

- Pedro Panera Martinez, General Gutiérrez Mellado University Institute, “The Relevance of Women Warriors in the Middle Ages: Some Perspectives from the Contemporary Thought and Examples of Their Performance in Battle Actions”
- Lucian Staiano-Daniels, UCLA, “Two Weeks in Summer: A Microhistorical Case Study of Soldiers and Civilians during the Thirty Years War”

Friday, September 27, 11:00 a.m.

Empire and Diversity (Undergraduate session) Private Dining Room

Chair and Comment: Luis da Vinha, Valley City State University

- Abhinav Sinha, University of Minnesota, Morris, “The Indigo Plantations of Bihar”
- Madeline Bennett, Valley City State University, “Assessing State Partition as a Conflict Management Strategy in Sub-Saharan Africa”

The U.S.-Canada Border Room 117

Chair: Francis Carroll, University of Manitoba


Communities Salon 2

Chair: Kathryn McPherson, York University
• Patricia Harms, Brandon University, “Voices in the Wind: Spanish Speaking Immigrants in Brandon”
• Jon G. Malek, Western University, “Stitching the Mosaic: The Winnipeg Garment Industry and Filipino Immigration to Canada”
• Jim Mochoruk, University of North Dakota, “The Children's Home of Winnipeg: Changing Patterns in the ‘Relations of Rescue’”

New Books, New Directions on the Northern Plains Salon 3

Chair: Suzzanne Kelley, North Dakota State University Press

• Sean J. Flynn, Dakota Wesleyan University, *Without Reservation: Benjamin Reifel and American Indian Acculturation*, South Dakota State Historical Society Press
• David D. Vail, University of Nebraska-Kearney, *Chemical Lands: Pesticides, Aerial Spraying, and Health in North America’s Grasslands since 1945*, University of Alabama Press
• Thomas D. Isern, North Dakota State University, *Pacing Dakota*, North Dakota State University Press

Comment: Molly P. Rozum, University of South Dakota

**Friday, September 27, 12:45 – 2:00 p.m.**

Women’s History Interest Group luncheon Room 134

By reservation at registration

**Friday, September 27, 2:00 p.m.**

Institutions Salon 3

Chair: Tom Mitchell, Brandon University

• Christopher Kotecki, Archives of Manitoba, “Hospital Development in Manitoba 1870-1960”
• Kylie Stasila Therrien, University of Winnipeg, “Toronto’s Zoos as Cultural Institutions”
• Kellian Clink, Minnesota State University, Mankato, “A History of the Jim Chalgren LGBT Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato”

Politics and Culture (Undergraduate session) Room 117

Chair and Comment: Mark Harvey, North Dakota State University

• Gabrielle Myers, Valley City State University, “Rejecting Environmental Science and Evidence-Based Policy-Making”
• Brandi Adams, University of Regina, “Teaching Women to Shop: Consumer Culture and the Regina Home Economics Club in the Postwar Era”
• Casey Marie Daigle, Minot State University, “Lavender Menace: Communism, Homosexuality, and the Nuclear Family”

Woman Activists in the Suffrage Era (WHIG session) Salon 2

Chair: Betsy Jameson, University of Calgary

• Kelly Kirk, Black Hills State University, “Rousing Good Campaigns’: Ida Crouch-Hazlett in the Black Hills”
• Lori Ann Lahlum, Minnesota State University, Mankato, “‘Prettiest Picket’: Beulah Amidon: North Dakotan and National Woman’s Party Activist”
• Jennifer Helton, Ohlone College, “Wyoming’s Estelle Reel: Women’s Rights and Settler Colonialism”

The Great War and the Great Plains (SMH session) Private Dining Room

Chair and Comment: Mike Burns, South Dakota Historical Society

• Johannes Allert, Rogers State University, “Hard to Tame, but Willing to Go’: Minnesotans in Foreign Service During the Great War”
• Terrence Lindell, Wartburg College, “Letters from Camp: World War I Soldiers Write Home to Bremer County, Iowa”
• George Eaton, U.S. Army Sustainment Command, “Rock Island Arsenal and the 1910 Infantry Equipment Board”
Friday, September 27, 6:00 p.m.

Conference Reception (cash bar) Imperial Ballroom

Friday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.

Conference Banquet and Keynote Address Imperial Ballroom
By reservation at registration

- Sarah Carter, University of Alberta, “Settler Colonial Suffragists and the Prairie Campaigns”

Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m.

Whiteness and History in Western Canada Salon 1

Chair: Anne Lindsay, University of Manitoba

- Shelisa Klassen, University of Manitoba, “Whiteness, Land, and Immigration in Manitoba Newspapers, 1870-1890”
- Ryan Eyford, University of Winnipeg, “White Settler Historian: R.B. Hill and the History of Manitoba”
- Adele Perry, University of Manitoba, “Whiteness, Colonialism, and Pluralism in Postwar Western Canadian History”

Urban Spaces Salon 2

Chair: Jon G. Malek, Western University,

- Thomas Saylor, Concordia University, “Visions of the Suburban Future: Building Jonathan”
• Alison Marshall, Brandon University and Brian Mayes, City Councillor, City of Winnipeg, “The Death and Life of Canadian Suburbs? Implicit Urban Religion in City Planning”

**Teaching Joint and Combined Operations at the U.S. Air Force Academy (SMH session) Private Dining Room**

Chair and Comment: Douglas Kennedy, U.S. Air Force Academy

• Tony Rush, U.S. Air Force Academy, “The Only Thing Worse Than Fighting with Allies is Fighting Without Them: A Pedagogical Examination of How Combined Operations are Taught to USAFA Cadets”

• Myles Smith, U.S. Air Force Academy, “Combined and Joint Operations in Korea: A Case Study in UN Coalition Fighting”

• Jason Naaktgeboren, U.S. Air Force Academy, “From the Arctic to Afghanistan: The Canadian-U.S. Partnership in a Coalition World”

**Echos of the Premodern Salon 3**

Chair: David Winter, Brandon University

• Jacob Fager, Minnesota State University, Mankato, “Norse North America: Theories and Traditions of Norse Vinland”

• Sarah Fischer, Minnesota State University, Mankato, “Redefining English Kingship: The Role of the Nobility in the Glorious Revolution”

• Hans Peter Broedel, University of North Dakota, “How the Sea Serpent Survived: the Epistemological Value of Science, Testimony and Popular Culture in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries”

**Saturday, September 28, 11:00 a.m.**

**Building and Sustaining Communities Private Dining Room**

Chair: Michael J. Mullin, Augustana University

• Karen Brglez, University of Winnipeg, “Land Surveying, Settler Communities, and Constructing German-Canadian Spaces on the Prairies: The Case of William Wagner, 1871-1885”
• Mel Prewitt, Eastern Iowa Community College, “Bordertown: Gretna, Manitoba and the German Normal School”
• Virginia Torrie, University of Manitoba, “Farm Debt Compromises, 1930s-1940s: An Empirical Study of Case Files from Manitoba and Ontario”

**Transnationalism** Salon 1

Chair: James Naylor, Brandon University

• Toru Shinoda, Waseda University, Japan, “Neither European, Nor American: Why Canadian and Japanese Socialist Parties Matter”
• Klára Kolinská, Metropolitan University Prague, “If only they’d stop waiting...” Staging Western Canadian Drama in Central Europe”
• Kelly O’Dea, University of South Dakota, “Eastern Block Response to the 1973 Wounded Knee Occupation: A Study of the Cultural Significance of Indigenous Activism in East Germany”

**Belief and Disbelief** Salon 2

Chair: Patricia Harms, Brandon University

• David J. Grettler, Northern State University, “The Dakota Presbytery and Native American Missionaries on the Pine Ridge Reservation, 1895-1925”
• Ashleigh Androsoff, University of Saskatchewan, “‘Peace and Freedom’s Triumph’: How Independent Doukhobors Fought Militarism in Saskatchewan, 1940-1965”
• Thomas Tandy Lewis, St. Cloud, MN, “Freedom to Blaspheme in the United States: A Short History”

**The Continuing Centennial: The Great War in History and Memory (SMH session)** Salon 3

Chair and Comment: George Eaton, U.S. Army Sustainment Command

• Jonathan Epstein, City University of New York, “Turmoil at the Top: Albert, King of the Belgians, his War Minister Charles de Broqueville, and French Intervention during the Great War”
• Rose-Ethel Althaus Meza, Nassau Community College, “The Forgotten Credentialed Medical Women of the Great War”
Saturday, September 28, 2:00 p.m.

**Historical Perspectives on the Royal Canadian Air Force (Society for Military History session)** Commonwealth Air Training Museum

Chair and Comment: Chris Rein, Air University Press

- Alexander Fitzgerald-Black, Juno Beach Centre Association, “Eagles over Husky: The Allied Air Forces and the Sicilian Campaign”

Saturday, September 28, 3:30 p.m.

**Society for Military History Tour of the Air Commonwealth Training Museum**

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