

PROGRAMME
“Knowledge in Action” — 16th Atlantic Canada Studies Conference
Saint Mary’s University, May 3-6, 2007

Registration begins at 7:00 p.m.
Lobby of the Sobeys Building, Saint Mary’s University

Thursday, May 3, 2007

8:00 p.m. *Heritage Shipwrecks and the 2001 UNESCO Convention: Protection versus Destruction and Desertification*

Opening Keynote Address by Robert Grenier, Parks Canada, Underwater Archaeology

A world leader in archaeology and underwater conservation, Robert has, among his many other achievements, discovered North America's oldest heritage wreck off the coast of Labrador. The innovative methods he developed at Red Bay made the site an international model for scientific research. A great communicator and renowned consultant, Robert has been associated with a number of films and projects, particularly the protection of the *Titanic* and the *Empress of Ireland*. Through his many commitments, such as the chairmanship of an international UNESCO committee, he has helped us understand the importance of preserving our underwater heritage.

Reception to follow

Friday, May 4, 2007

8:15 a.m. Registration continues Lobby, Sobeys Building

8:45 a.m. Opening Remarks: Scotiabank Theatre, Sobeys Building

Session 1A 9:15 am – 10:15 a.m. **SB260**

Representations of the Atlantic Region (Session Chair: William R. Miles)

Marsters, Roger, Dalhousie University

Canada is an Atlantic Province: British Hydrography, Canadian Historiography, and the Maritime Past

Taylor, M. Brook, Mount Saint Vincent University

Frederick William Wallace as a Marine Photographer

Session 1B 9:15 am – 10:15 a.m. **SB255**

Historical Perspectives on Nursing (Session Chair: Sasha Mullally)

Fingard, Judith, Dalhousie University

The Occupational Hazards of Psychiatric Nursing

Kealey, Linda, University of New Brunswick

No More "Yes Girls": Labour Activism among New Brunswick Nurses, 1964-1981

Break

Session 2A 10:30 am – 12 Noon **SB260**

Female Education in the Atlantic Region (Session Chair: John Reid)

Conrad, Margaret, University of New Brunswick

“My aunt Deming don’t approve of my English”: The Education of Women in Planter Nova Scotia, 1759-1800

Davies, Gwen, University of New Brunswick

“The Best Education the Place Affords”: The Education of Loyalist Women in Late 18th C Maritime Canada

Thompson, Gillian, University of New Brunswick

Female Schooling in New Brunswick 1920 to 1960

Session 2B 10:30 am – 12 Noon **SB255**

Law and History in Colonial Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (Session Chair: Michael Boudreau)

Muir, James, University of Alberta and Paul Craven, York University

Employment disputes in the courts of early colonial Nova Scotia

Phillips, Jim, University of Toronto

Itinerant Justice and Itinerant Judges: The Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Circuit, c.1816-1850.

Craven, Paul, York University

Dispensing low law: The business of petty justice in mid-19th century Charlotte County, New Brunswick

Lunch Sessions 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Friday Lunch Session A: **Round Table Discussion** **SB260**
Multiple Views of a City: The Industrial City in Transition (CURA at UNBSJ)
MacKinnon, Robert, Chair
Paul Emile Chiasson, David Creelman, Greg Marquis

Friday Lunch Session B: **Round Table Discussion** **SB265**
Heritage Planning in Nova Scotia
Jim Morrison (Saint Mary's University) and Chuck McKenna (Voluntary Planning, NS Government)

Session 3A 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **SB260**
Taxing History (Session Chair: Daniel Samson)
Tillotson, Shirley, Dalhousie University
The bugbear of direct taxation: the revenue side of the Maritime Rights claims
Guildford, Janet, Mount Saint Vincent University
Who Runs Halifax? Halifax City Council fights the Free school Act of 1865

Session 3B 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **SB255**
The Black Experience in the Atlantic Region (Session Chair: Jim Morrison)
Fortin, Jeffrey A., University of New Hampshire
Atlantic Crossroads: Nova Scotia's Primacy in Remaking Blackness in the African Diaspora 1796-1800
Whitfield, Harvey A., University of Vermont
Slaves of the Loyal Americans

Break

Session 4A 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **SB260**
Responding to the Economic Crises in 20th Century New Brunswick (Session Chair: Blake Brown)
Parenteau, William, University of New Brunswick
Testing the Limits: Woods Work, the Minimum Wage and Industrial Relations in New Brunswick, 1930-1941
Lang, Nicole, Université de Moncton
La crise dans l'industrie forestière: Les défis pour la communauté et les travailleurs du Nord-Ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick

Session 4B 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **SB255**
Memory and Commemoration (Session Chair: Greg Marquis)
Harding, Robert, Dalhousie University
Continuity and Commemorations: Newfoundland's Cultural Memory of the Attack at Beaumont Hamel
Frank, David, University of New Brunswick
The New Brunswick Labour Landmark: A Reconnaissance

Session 5A 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **SB260**
Identity, Place and Commemoration (Session Chair: John Johnston)
Rudin, Ronald, Concordia University
Faut-il tourner la page? Acadian Memories of the *grand dérangement*, 250 years later
Norman, Alison, OISE/UofToronto
The Grand Historic Pageant of the 1928 Kentville Summer Carnival: Historical Knowledge in Action

Session 5B 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **SB255**
Expression of Concern: The Economy in New Brunswick (Session Chair: Stephen Henderson)
Nerbas, Don, University of New Brunswick
Responding to Decline: The Changing Business World of the Bourgeoisie in Saint John, NB in the 1920s
Kenny, James L., Royal Military College of Canada
The Origins, Impact, and Significance of the Bathurst Day of Concern, 16 January 1972

7:30 p.m. *Cyril Byrne Memorial Lecture*

Theatre Auditorium, McNally Building

Historical Impressionism: The fiction of facts. An Evening with Wayne Johnston.

Wayne Johnston is the author of several novels, including *The Colony of Unrequited Dreams*, named by *The Globe & Mail* as one of the 100 most important Canadian books ever produced; *The Divine Ryans* which has been adapted to the silver screen; *Baltimore's Mansion*, winner of the Charles Taylor Prize, and his newest work, *The Custodian of Paradise*, released last fall.

Reception to follow

Saturday, May 5, 2007

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast will be available in Lobby, Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University

Session 6A 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SB260

Politics and Social Policy in 20th Century Atlantic Region (Session Chair: Bonnie Huskins)

MacDonald, Heidi, University of Lethbridge

The Maritimes and the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Program, 1937-1942

Morton, Suzanne, McGill University

Working Within a Restrictive Law: Glace Bay Experiments with Welfare Reform in the 1940s

Hayday, Matthew, Mount Allison University

Fighting for French: A community-level analysis of the French immersion movement in Sackville, New Brunswick

Session 6B 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SB255

Producing and Presenting History: Pitfalls and Possibilities (Session Chair: Nicole Neatby)

Hunter, Mike, Cape Breton University

Communication Spaces in Louisburg: Learning from Harold Innis

MacLeod, Erna, Parks Canada

Presenting History and Performing Identity: Interpreters' Roles at Fortress Louisburg

Jonah, Anne Marie Lane J, Parks Canada

(Re)presenting the Women of 18th Century Louisburg

Break

Session 7A 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

SB260

Universities and Social Change I (Session Chair: Stephen Dutcher)

Goodwin, Daniel C., Atlantic Baptist University

The Origins of Wilfred Currier Keirstead's Social Philosophy

Massicotte, Julien, University Laval

Clément Cormier et la fondation des sciences sociales en Acadie

Session 7B 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

SB255

The Perils and Potential of Digital History (Session Chair: David Sutherland)

Charlong, Lisa, Jennifer Whitney, and Margaret Conrad, University of New Brunswick

Why do they think that way? Challenges to the collaboration between historians and programmers in the creation of the Atlantic Canada Portal

Gillis, Roger, University of New Brunswick

From the Digital to the Practical: Issues in the Construction of a Virtual Archive

Slumkoski, Corey, University of New Brunswick

Transforming the Archival to the Digital: Issues in the Digitization of Primary Source Material

Lunch Sessions 12:00 Noon

Saturday Lunch Session A: **Round Table Discussion** **SB260**
Finding Our Way, Finding Our Future: Researching Alternative Educational Paths for Innu Youth
Trudy Sable, Chair
Margaret Harry, Alexander MacLeod, Richard Nuna, Tony Jenkinson

Saturday Lunch Session B: **Round Table Discussion** **SB265**
Who is the Public in Public Archaeology?
Bruce Fry, Chair
Sara Beanlands, Rebecca Duggan
Katie Cottreau-Robins, Jeff Turner

Session 8A 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **SB260**
Bridging the Gap (Session Chair: Anne Marie Lane-Jonah)
Balcom, Sandy, Parks Canada
Re-interpreting the Evidence: Refurnishing the Governor's Apartments at Louisburg
Donovan, Ken, Parks Canada, Fortress of Louisbourg.
Toléris Mais Non Permis; Gambling, Games and Gaming in Ile Royale, 1713-1758
Johnston, John, Parks Canada
History and Historic Sites: Reflections on the Disconnect

Session 8B 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **SB255**
Literature, Identity and Politics (Session Chair: Alexander MacLeod)
Charman, Caitlin, Queen's University
Catastrophe and its Aftermath: The Politics of Nostalgia in Hugh MacLennan's *Barometer Rising* and K. J. Harvey's *The Town that Forgot How to Breathe*
Creelman, David, University of New Brunswick
Multiple Maritime Identities: A Greimasian exploration of National/Regional Identities
Sandrock, Kirsten A., University of Marburg
The Politics of writing: Feminist and Environmentalist Activism in Donna Smyth's *Subversive Elements*

Break

Session 9A 2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **SB260**
Reconsidering the "Atlantic Revolution" (Session Chair: Margaret Conrad)
Clow, Michael & Peter MacDonald, St. Thomas University
Remembering the Other, Post-War, Rural Industrial Revolution
Henderson, Stephen, Acadia University
Sea Change or Spare Change? The Atlantic Provinces and Ottawa Discuss equalization in the 1950s
Pasolli, Lisa, University of New Brunswick
"Bureaucratizing the Atlantic Revolution: The 'Saskatchewan Mafia' and the Modernization of the New Brunswick Civil Service"

Session 9B 2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. **SB255**
Public History/Private Property: History and Atlantic-Canadian Literature (Session Chair: Renée Hulan)
Wyle, Herb, Acadia University
The Age of Sale: History, Globalization and Commodification in Contemporary Atlantic-Canadian Literature
Armstrong, Christopher J., Chukyo University, Japan
The Public "I": Confession, History and *The Big Why*
MacLeod, Alexander, Saint Mary's University
Writers at Work: The Literary Construction of Atlantic Canada through Haliburton, Longfellow and Maillet

Break

Session 10A 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SB260

Soldiers, Sailors and Society 1775 – 1827 (Session Chair: Jerry Bannister)

Mercer, Keith, Dalhousie University,

The Politics of Press Gangs in Nova Scotia, 1775-1815

Miles, William R., Memorial University and Michael Vance, Saint Mary's University

"Nova Scotia soldier pensioners in their British Imperial context, 1812-1827"

Session 10B 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SB255

New Approaches to Writing History (Session Chair: Shirley Tillotson)

Huskins, Bonnie, University of New Brunswick

Compassionate Scholarship: Inter-generational collaboration, life writing and the diaries of Ida Louise Martin, Saint John, 1945-92

Cahill, Barry, NSARM and Marchildon, Gregory, University of Regina

Managing Intellectual Capital: Law Firms as Knowledge Banks

7:30 p.m. **Reception** & 8:00 p.m. **Banquet:** *Murphy's Restaurant*, Murphy's on the Water, Halifax waterfront

Sunday, May 6, 2007

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast will be available in Lobby, Sobeys Building, Saint Mary's University

Session 11A 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SB260

New Perspectives on Women in Atlantic Canada (Session Chair: Suzanne Morton)

Risk, Shannon, University of Maine

Themes from the Early Woman suffrage Movements in Maine, NB & NS 1870-1900

Rygiel, Judith, Saint Mary's University

Bridal Wealth: The Legacy of Acadian Women in the Early Twentieth Century

Session 11B 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

SB255

New Perspectives on Outmigration (Session Chair: Bill Parenteau)

Marquis, Greg, University of New Brunswick

Hillbilly Highway? The Maritimer as a Problem in 1960s Toronto

Ouellet, Nelson, Université de Moncton

L'émigration aux États-Unis et l'activisme ouvrier en Acadie (1887-1949)

Break

Session 12A 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

SB260

Universities and Social Change II (Session Chair: Del Muise)

McGahan, Elizabeth, University of New Brunswick at St. John

Higher Education as Urban Renewal: UNB Saint John and Its City

Dutcher, Stephen, University of New Brunswick

Knowledge into Action: Assessing the Saint Mary's University's *Master of Management -- Cooperatives and Credit Unions*

Session 12B 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

SB255

Mid-19C Atlantic Region (Session Chair: Peter Twohig)

Walls, Martha, University of New Brunswick

"Cheering for King Edward and Singing Pow-Wow: The Triennial System of Elections and Politics at Lennox Island

Parnaby, Andrew, Cape Breton University

The Cultural Economy of Survival: The Mi'kmaq of Cape Breton on the Eve of Confederation

Lunch Sessions 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Session A: Solving Historical Mysteries: The University-Public Classroom Connection **SB260**

Forster, Merna, University of Victoria

Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History

Wallace, Birgitta, Retired (Parks Canada)

Where is Vinland

Caron, Caroline-Isabelle, Queen's University and Lise A. Robichaud, Independent researcher

The Mystery Man of Baie Ste. Marie

Lunch Session B: University-Community Collaborations **SB 265**

Muise, Del, Carleton University

CURA: Canadians and Their Pasts (based at ULaVal)

Ferguson, Carol Ann, UNB

CURA: Re-Connecting with the History of Labour in New Brunswick: Historical Perspectives on

Contemporary Issues

MacKinnon, Robert, UNBSJ

CURA: The Industrial City in Transition: A Cultural and Environmental Inventory of Greater Saint John

BOOK LAUNCH

1:00 p.m.

Lobby, Sobeys Building

You are invited to celebrate the launch of Stephen Henderson's *Angus L. Macdonald: A Provincial Liberal* from the University of Toronto Press.

WORKSHOP: Teaching Atlantic Canadian History and Literature: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Sunday, May 6, 2007

2:30 p.m. — 5:30 pm

SB255

Workshop Chair: Dr. Renee Hulan, Associate Dean of Arts (Research)

Featured speakers:

Richard MacKinnon (Cape Breton University)

Graham Reynolds (Cape Breton University)

Harvey A. Whitfield (University of Vermont)

Herb Wylie (Acadia University)

The workshop will consider how researchers in their role as teachers promote and support Knowledge in Action. The conference, which has gathered together educators with diverse expertise and experience in the study of Atlantic Canada, presents a remarkable opportunity to discuss programs, curriculum, learning models and teaching methods, and to share creative ideas of how to bring current research into the classroom. It is hoped that this will be a first step towards creating a forum for members of the university, secondary education, and wider community to share expertise, to exchange ideas, and to develop new learning and teaching methods.

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