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Reimagining Canadian History from a Transnational Perspective

It's a great honour to be named Canadian Research Chair (CRC) in Canadian and Transnational History, and I hope that the Chair will help add to the current excitement in the field. Established in 2000 by the Government of Canada, the CRC Program invests \$265 million annually to support research and training in the sciences and humanities.

In my research, I look to explore the ways that everyday people- taxi drivers and labour unionists, feminists, and exiled priests - have built a global consciousness from below. This career long interest in the transnational dimensions of Canadian history has led me to a CRC that will further explore the connections between Canada and the world.

Since arriving at the University of Toronto nearly 7 years ago, I've witnessed an ongoing renewal of Canadian history, as six new Canadianists (including myself) have been hired. These new hires have joined a contingent of outstanding senior scholars. I'm hoping that funds from the CRC can facilitate the efforts by everyone – including our stellar graduate students and postdoctoral fellows – to continue organizing lectures, conferences, exhibits, and other events that have generated so much new energy. These public events will also allow us to continue to create meaningful connections with communities and address questions of local, national and international concern about Canada and its role in the world.

Because of the work of everyone in the field, U of T has become the ideal place to participate in the ongoing re-imagining of Canadian history from a transnational perspective.

I'm hoping that the funds from the CRC will enable all of us to work towards positioning Canadian history more firmly in larger global contexts and debates. In my mind, this involves bringing new and more diverse voices into the university, collaborating across fields and specializations, and helping our students travel to other parts of the country and the world. At a personal level, the CRC will help fund my research on the intersection of urban and transnational history. In a broader sense I hope that the CRC will help support the field in general in its ongoing attempts to write critical, relevant, and meaningful work that resonates in and speaks to the complex world in which we live.

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Chair's Message

We are fortunate this Fall to welcome 4 new faculty colleagues who promise to expand our undergrad and grad programs in exciting ways. You'll read here about how our students and faculty are taking their research into the city and around the world, and are sharing the results in new books, courses, conferences, and exhibits. We also celebrate the contributions of two retiring faculty, and remember the life and legacy of three of the true builders of our Department who passed away in recent months.

Nicholas Terpstra, FRSC
Professor & Chair
Department of History



Eminent Victorians of Toronto: New Speaker Series

The Department is co-sponsoring a new lecture series to celebrate renovations to the house on St. George Street that John A. Macdonald House once called home. "Eminent Victorians of Toronto" will highlight figures from different sides of Toronto life as it once was, including sportsman Ned Hanlon, political cartoonist J.W. Bengough, pioneering doctor Emily Stowe, journalist and politician George Brown, Mohawk physician and scholar Orenhyatekha, nun and abbess Teresa Dease, and distiller and businessman Geo. Gooderham. See www.history.utoronto.ca for details.

New Cultural Opportunities Fund for Undergraduates

The Bharati Mukherjee Cultural Opportunities Fund aims to help undergraduate students who wish to expand their cultural horizons while pursuing their university studies in History. The range of eligible activities is limited only by the student's own imagination: they might, for example, purchase concert or theatre tickets, take out membership in a museum, join a writers' workshop, or sign up for photography lessons.

The award was created by Beebee Mukherjee, a life-long learner and friend of our Department.

The application will include a short essay (500 word max) describing the cultural activity that they wish to undertake, and how it will enhance their historical understanding and studies. The cost of the activity may not exceed \$500. Applications will be due 30 September each year. Applicants must be registered in a History Major or Specialist program, and be in their second, third, or fourth year. For more information, please email history.chair@utoronto.ca.

Oona Paredes Named Inaugural Strom Visiting Professor

The Department of History will welcome Dr. Oona Paredes as the inaugural Strom Visiting Professor.

The Strom Visiting Professorship was established in memory of Dr. Harold Strom. Strom, after retiring from dentistry, began a PhD in the Department of History. Strom's generosity allows us to invite a junior scholar to spend time at the University of Toronto pursuing their own research in local archives and collections, while also contributing to the intellectual community in the Department through lectures, master classes, and contributions to undergraduate and graduate classes. The Visiting Professor is to be a junior scholar pursuing innovative work thematically or methodologically in contemporary history or international history. Dr. Paredes clearly fits this description.

Currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Southeast Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore, Dr. Paredes' research focuses on indigeneity, religion and state power in Southeast Asia. Her first book, [*A Mountain of Difference: The Lumad in Early Colonial Mindanao*](#) (2013), looked at early colonial encounters between Indigenous peoples (known collectively as the Lumad) on the island of Mindanao in the southern Philippines and Spanish Catholic



missionaries from the 1600s to the 1800s. Trained as a cultural anthropologist, Dr. Paredes' research took her to colonial archives in Madrid, Seville, Marcilla de Navarra, and the United States, to supplement her prior ethnographic research among the Higaunon Lumad peoples in the mountains of northern Mindanao.

Paredes' new research studies political interactions between

Lumads and the Philippine state. She explores how these relations are structured by competing interpretations of 'legitimate' power and authority, as codified in their oral traditions, as well as influenced by broader political realities in the Philippines. Dr. Paredes will join us as the Strom Visiting Professor from 14 September to 29 September 2017. In addition to a [public lecture on 25 September 2017](#), she will lead graduate students in a master class entitled "Using Ethnography: Anthropological Approaches in Historical Approaches." The class will centre on how historians can use ethnography in their own research with a particular emphasis on incorporating oral traditions and interview techniques. While in Toronto, Dr. Paredes will also look at existing research on Canada's Indigenous communities for comparative purposes. For more information on Dr. Paredes' public talk, visit <http://munkschool.utoronto.ca/ai/event/23340/>

Continuing Conversations: Building Intellectual Community

The Department of History is pleased to share our involvement with a number of speaker series, workshops and seminars throughout 2017-2018. We owe many thanks to the organizers, as the time and work they dedicate to bring-in these speakers creates opportunities to listen to and learn from important voices. Here's a highlight:

The conference, "[Global Reformations: Transforming Early Modern Religions, Societies and Cultures](#)," will be held at the Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies at Victoria College, University of Toronto from 27-30 September 2017. Co-sponsored by our Department, the conference welcomes international scholars including plenaries delivered by Andrew Pettegree of University of St. Andrews and Ines Zupanov of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique.



On October 19, 2017, Dr. Richard Wetzell will speak on the topic of "Eugenics, Racial Science, and Nazi Biopolitics" at the Munk School of Global Affairs. Dr. Wetzell is a Research Fellow and Editor at the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., author of *Inventing the Criminal: A History of German Criminology, 1880-1945*, and coeditor of *Beyond the Racial State: Rethinking the Third Reich*, among other works. His talk is hosted by Professor James Retallack and co-sponsored by the Rose and Ray Wolfe Chair of Holocaust Studies, the Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies, and the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures.



The James M. Flaherty Visiting Professorship (2017-2018), sponsored by the Ireland-Canada University Foundation, has been won by Professor Judith Harford of University College Dublin. Professor Harford was co-sponsored by our department and will arrive in Spring 2018 to give a public lecture, conduct a special seminar, and undertake research. She is a specialist in the history of education, particularly women in the teaching profession.



To submit your event to the History Department Bulletin and website, please submit here: <http://history.utoronto.ca/events-submission-form>

Revisiting Estonia: A New Faculty Profile

Professor Andres Kasekamp, Elmar Tampõld Chair of Estonian Studies

My passion for history began with hearing my parents' experiences as refugees who came to Toronto after WWII. The dramatic and tragic fate of their homeland, Estonia, fascinated me. I was lucky that the Chair of Estonian Studies was established while I was an undergraduate in the History Department at the University of Toronto during the late 1980s. This coincided with the "Singing Revolution" when the Baltic States restored their independence. These developments kindled interest and also opened the opportunity to undertake research in Estonia.

After gaining my PhD with a thesis on the radical right in interwar Estonia at University College London in 1996, I began lecturing at the University of Tartu in Estonia. It was exciting to witness the transition of the country from the Soviet Union to the European Union, and to be part of the sweeping reforms in higher education. In a small, rapidly transforming society, it was rewarding to feel that one's contribution could make a difference.

Subsequently, I became a professor in Tartu's Political Science Department, which was being built from scratch. In addition, I also headed the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, a think tank affiliated with the foreign ministry, which allowed me to bridge the worlds of academia and practitioners and engage in public outreach. During this period, I completed my second book [*A History of the Baltic States*](#) (Palgrave 2010), which has been published in nine languages and the second updated edition is in press.

After spending decades abroad, it is great to be back in Toronto and I am eager to contribute to the department from where I started. I have come full circle.

Professor Andres Kasekamp joined the Department of History in July 2017. He is the Elmar Tampõld Chair of Estonian Studies.

NATO and the Leader of the Free World

Susie Colbourn, PhD Candidate

NATO has made the front pages again in recent months, largely thanks to the candidacy and now presidency of Donald J. Trump. Over the past year, friends often joked that my dissertation had suddenly become relevant. Countless newspaper articles and editorials are revisiting the basics of the Atlantic Alliance. Why should the United States retain a commitment to Europe? How should burdens be shared within NATO? Is NATO actually "obsolete," as Trump memorably charged on the campaign trail?

Most of these questions are far from new, though the forty-fifth president has certainly given them a new tone and urgency. Donald Trump made headlines in May for refusing to endorse Article V—the principle of collective defense—at the Brussels Summit. For his predecessors, Democrats and Republicans alike, the explicit reaffirmation of Article V was often a major reason to hold such a gathering. As one British civil servant put it, referring to Jimmy Carter's first NATO Summit in 1977, the president needed to "recite the apostle's creed."

Using archival collections in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Belgium, my research explores how NATO, its various member governments, and Western citizens responded to the downturn in East-West relations during the late 1970s and into the 1980s. Questions about presidential leadership are central to this story, too. Anxieties about Gerald Ford's willingness to lead after the Vietnam War gave way to lament over Jimmy Carter's indecision. Along came Ronald Reagan and an administration that seemed all too willing to go it alone, ignoring its NATO allies.

Then as now, perceptions of the president mattered in transatlantic relations. At the end of the day, NATO and its underlying promise to defend Europe depended on the United States. Washington was the one holding up the umbrella; the rest of the allies had to hope it wouldn't leak.



The Case of the Dead Cheese Master

Professor Alison Smith, Department of History

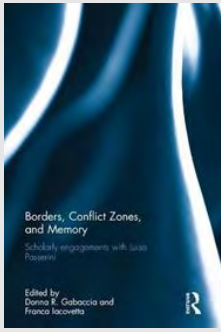
I never expected research on a royal palace in Russia to take me to look at cows in Switzerland. In the summer of 2014, I started conducting research on the palace of Gatchina, a former residence of the Romanovs outside St. Petersburg, and its larger region. On that first trip, I ordered a file that had little to do with opulent Romanovs: “The Case of the Dead Cheese Master Tinguely.” What could this be, I wondered? As it turned out, a man named François Tinguely, a native of Fribourg, Switzerland, had been hired to start a cheese factory on the palace grounds in the 1790s (foodies are not a new phenomenon!). He died there, under slightly mysterious circumstances (although not that mysterious—it had something to do with, as a doctor put it, “chronic over-consumption of alcohol”) and as a result left behind more written traces of himself than many others did.

I wasn’t quite sure what to do about this story, but now I have plans to write a short book about Tinguely, focusing on his role as an economic migrant who traveled from west to east. I conducted more archival research in Russia this past year while on research and study leave. I ended my archival work for

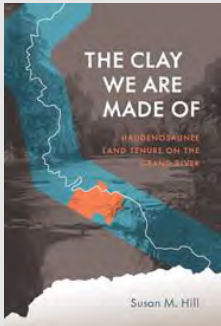
the year with a trip to find out more about where Tinguely had come from. In May, I visited the archives in Fribourg, calling on my slightly rusty spoken French to tell the archivists there who I was and what I was looking for, and was greeted with a bit of incredulity and a lot of help. “This woman is looking for a man from Fribourg who went to Russia to make cheese!” the archivist helping me told everyone else in the microfilm room. The Swiss archives, it turned out, had fewer records of Tinguely than the Russian ones had (“it was a difficult time,” the archivist told me). Even so, the chance to visit those archives, and even more, to walk around the countryside seeing the landscape, so different than that near St. Petersburg, and to come rather closer than I intended to cows who might well be descendants of some of those Tinguely brought with him to Russia, has given me more colour to work with as I write the life of this otherwise forgotten figure.

For a bit more about Tinguely and his experiences in Russia, you can look at <http://russianhistoryblog.org/category/the-case-of-the-dead-cheese-master/>.

Recent Faculty Publications



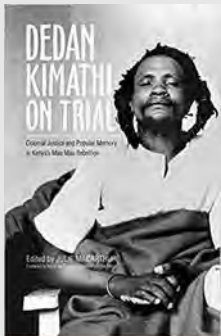
DONNA GABACCIA & FRANCA IACOVETTA, eds.
Borders, Conflict Zones, and Memory: Scholarly Engagements with Luisa Passerini.
Routledge, 2017.



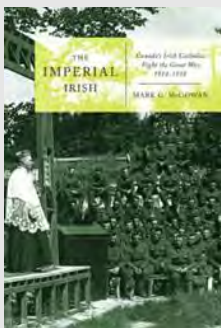
SUSAN HILL
The Clay We Are Made Of: Haudenosaunee Land Tenure on the Grand River.
University of Manitoba Press, 2017.



ERIC JENNINGS
Perspectives on French Colonial Madagascar.
Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.



JULIE MACARTHUR
Dedan Kimathi on Trial: Colonial Justice and Popular Memory in Kenya's Mau Mau Rebellion.
Ohio University Press, 2017.



MARK MCGOWAN
The Imperial Irish: Canada's Irish Catholics Fight the Great War, 1914-1918.
McGill-Queen's University Press, 2017.

FACULTY NEWS

Administrative Appointments and Promotions

Mark McGowan (below right) has begun a two-year term as Deputy Chair to the Department of History. Prior to accepting this role, Professor McGowan was Senior Academic Advisor to the Dean and Principal of St. Michael's College. **Steve Penfold** has rejoined the team of faculty administrators in the Department of History as MA Coordinator. **Rebecca Wittmann** has accepted the renewal of her appointment as Chair of the Department of Historical Studies at the University of Toronto at Mississauga. **Sean Mills** has been awarded tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, and has also been awarded a Tier II Canadian Research Chair in Canadian and Transnational History. **Nicholas Everett** has been promoted to the rank of Full Professor.



Faculty Awards

Laurie Bertram (right) won a SSHRC Insight Grant for \$99, 832 for her project titled "The Other Little House: Colonialism, Brothel Work and Colonial Expansion on the North American Frontier." **James Retallack** won a SSHRC Insight Grant for \$154, 229 for his project titled "The Workers' Emperor': August Bebel's Struggle for Social Justice and Democratic Reform in Germany and the World, 1840-1913." **Mark Meyerson** won a 12-month Jackman Humanities Fellowship, and **Elspeth Brown** and **Stephen Rockel** each won 6-month JHI Fellowships. **Sean Mills** has won the 2017 [Prix de la présidence de l'Assemblée nationale](#) for his book *A Place in the Sun: Haiti, Haitians, and the Remaking of Quebec* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2016). **William Nelson** won the [Notting Hill Editions Essay Prize for 2017](#) with his essay "Five Ways of Being a Painting," *Five Ways of Being a Painting and Other Essays* (Notting Hill Editions, 2017). **Lisa Mar**, the Richard Charles Lee Chair in Chinese Canadian Studies, has been selected as one of 15 prominent Chinese Canadian women from Ontario and was recognized and honoured at *Celebration 15: Voices of Chinese Canadian Women in Ontario*. **Matt Price** is the inaugural winner of the [Kathleen O'Connell Teaching Excellence Award](#). The award recognizes the outstanding teaching and contributions of a sessional instructor to the pedagogical mission of New College in its academic programs, interdisciplinary courses and Writing Centre. **Michelle Murphy** and **Matt Price** were awarded the [J. Franklin Jameson Archival Advocacy Award](#) for their work with the guerilla archiving of US environmental data.



Faculty In the News

In a post for *The UTSC Principal's Blog* titled "[Take a Stand](#)", **Nhung Tran** discusses the complex realities of the refugee experience and what it means to build a welcoming society on the basis of justice. **Donna Gabaccia** was featured in a [number of media outlets](#) for her work co-organizing a rally condemning the white supremacist violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. **Robert Bothwell** engaged in a



debate for [UofT News](#), discussing the impact of US President Donald Trump on trade, immigration and health care policies after his first 100 days in office. **Paul Cohen** (left), a historian of early modern France, was interviewed on [CTV News](#) about the federal elections in France. **Heidi Bohaker** was invited to appear on [The Agenda](#) with Steve Paikin alongside noted author Charlotte Gray and Professor Victoria

Freeman (York University). The panel discussed the social, political and economic make-up of Ontario 150 years ago. With the opening up of restaurants by Syrian refugees, **Franca Iacovetta** discussed with the [Globe and Mail](#) the history of newcomers shaping Canadian foodways. **Michael Marrus** wrote an op-ed column for the *Globe and Mail* exploring the question "[Is Donald Trump a fascist?](#)" In the op-ed, Professor Marrus discusses the definition of the term, the historical manifestations of fascism and, what he argues, is the new rise of fascism in the United States- not "neatly" recognizable as the political movement 80 years ago. As world leaders convened for the G20 Summit, **Jennifer Jenkins** was invited on [CTV News](#) to talk about the G20 meeting and protests taking place in Hamburg, Germany. The Culinarium Research Centre, headed-up by **Jeffrey Pilcher** and **Daniel Bender**, are partnering with the Toronto Ward Museum, for a new program called "[Dishing Up Toronto](#)." The program will run through 2017, and invites participants to discover the city through cross-cultural dialogues, food stories and food tastings.

New Faculty Appointments

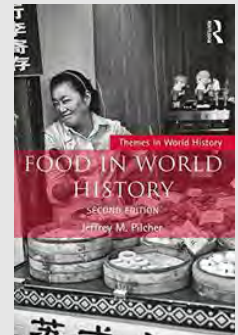
Our new specialist in Indigenous Studies is **Susan Hill**. Professor Hill joins the Department of History and Centre for Indigenous Studies, and will serve a five year term as Director for the Centre of Indigenous Studies. Professor Hill has been Associate Professor of History and Director of the First Nations Studies Program at Western University since 2010, with a previous tenured appointment at Wilfred Laurier University. She received her PhD in Native Studies from Trent University. Professor Hill's research focuses on Haudenosaunee land history, Haudenosaunee thought and philosophy, Indigenous research methodologies and education history. Her new book [The Clay We Are Made Of: Haudenosaunee Land Tenure on the Grand River](#) has recently been published with the University of Manitoba Press. *Continued on next page.*

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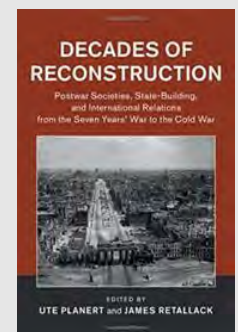
MICHELLE MURPHY
The Economization of Life.
Duke University Press, 2017.



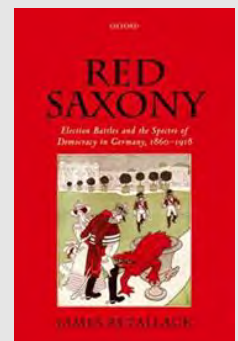
JEFFREY PILCHER
Food in World History,
2nd edition.
Routledge, 2017.



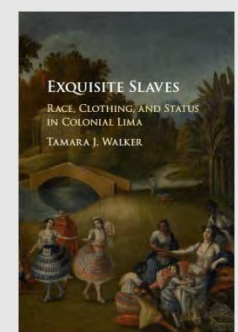
JAMES RETALLACK AND UTE PLANERT, eds.
Decades of Reconstruction:
Postwar Societies, State-
Building, and International
Relations from the Seven
Years' War to the Cold War.
Cambridge University Press,
2017.



JAMES RETALLACK
Red Saxony: Election Battles
and the Spectre of Democracy
in Germany, 1860-1918.
Oxford University Press,
2017.



TAMARA WALKER
Exquisite Slaves: Race,
Clothing, and Status in
Colonial Lima.
Cambridge University Press,
2017.



New Faculty Appointments Continued

In it, Professor Hill uses Haudenosaunee languages, oral records and wampum strings to provide a corrective and comprehensive account of the Haudenosaunee relationship to their land.

Andres Kasekamp, Professor of Baltic Politics at the University of Tartu (Tallinn), will be joining the University of Toronto as the holder of the Elmar Tampõld Chair of Estonian Studies, based in both the Department of History and the Munk School for Global Affairs. Professor Kasekamp took his PhD at the University of London in 1996, and began teaching at Tartu University, rising to the rank of full Professor of Baltic Politics in 2004. He was Director of the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute in Tallinn (2000-14), and head of the Institute of Government and Politics at Tartu University (2008-11). Both roles brought him into close contact with policy makers, diplomats, and international politicians. Professor Kasekamp has authored 5 books and edited or co-edited 14. He has received or collaborated on over 30 research grants from various European agencies, and written 35 peer reviewed research papers and over 70 articles and notes.

Tamara Walker joins the Department of History this year with an appointment in Latin America and the Hispanic World. Professor Walker received her Ph.D. from University of Michigan in 2007, and last year served as a Visiting Scholar at the Americas Center/Centro de las Américas at the University of Virginia. Her research focuses on the history of slavery and freedom in Latin America, the process of racial formation in the region, and the ways in which gender shaped the experiences of enslavement and racialization. Her first monograph, [*Exquisite Slaves: Race, Clothing, and Status in Colonial Lima Peru*](#), was published by Cambridge University Press in April 2017. In her monograph, Professor Walker examines how slaves in a wealthy urban centre used elegant clothing as a language for expressing attitudes about gender, race and status. Professor Walker's next project will consider African diasporic movements within the Hispanic empire, extending across Asia, the Americas and Europe, and above all, intends to recover the Pacific as a Hispanic sphere.

Katie Lindeman is the Department's new term appointment in Medieval Studies. Professor Lindeman specializes in the social history of medieval religious groups, particularly Dominican preachers and inquisitors. Her current book project investigates the relationship between secular ideals of gender and religious vocation in the Dominican Order from 1200 to 1400, and the impact of these gendered models on their preaching and work with inquisitions. Her

most recent research funded by the Medieval Academy of America and the American Historical Association has centered on the role played by St. Vincent Ferrer in the development of the Dominican inquisition in late medieval and early modern Valencia. After receiving an MA and PhD from the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto, Professor Lindeman held teaching appointments at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto and McMaster University.

Thank You to Davina Joseph!

Davina Joseph has left the University of Toronto after nine years as Graduate Administrator in the Department of History, and nineteen years of service to the University of Toronto. We are incredibly grateful to Davina for her dedication to faculty and graduate students. She has ushered countless graduate students through their programs, calmed nervous students as they wrote their comprehensive exams and solved complex funding issues for our students. We will all miss her humour, knowledge, patience and compassion.

On 24 May 2017, a group of thirty faculty, graduate students and staff gathered to raise their glass to Davina on the patio of the Bedford Academy including all five of the Associate Chairs, Graduate she worked with (top right).

We wish all the best to Davina and her family!



Postdoctoral Fellows

The Department of History is pleased to welcome two Postdoctoral Fellows to the Department for 2017-2018.

Christo Aivalis holds a PhD in History from Queen's University. His dissertation examined Pierre Trudeau's relationship with organized labour and the CCF-NDP, and will be published by UBC press in early 2018. He is also writing a biography of Canadian labour leader Aaron



Roland (A.R.) Mosher, to be published with Athabasca Press' Working Canadians Series. His work has appeared in the *Canadian Historical Review*, *Labour/Le Travail*, *Our Times Magazine*, *Ricochet* and *Canadian Dimension*. He has also served as a contributor to the Canadian Press, Toronto Star, CTV and CBC. His SSHRC postdoctoral research project is an intellectual history of the Great Depression, centered on how working-class Canadians understood and sought to rectify the crisis in social, political, economic, and spiritual terms. His postdoctoral supervisor is Sean Mills.

Matthew Wiseman is a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow at the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History in the Munk School of Global Affairs and the Department of History at the University of Toronto. He earned his PhD from Wilfred Laurier University, and his postdoctoral



fellowship will be supervised by Timothy Sayle. His postdoctoral research project explores the linkages between state, industrial and university institutions. Between 1947 and 1984, scientists from university and industrial institutions utilized government funding to gain access to remote locations and communities in the North and to establish new research laboratories across southern Canada.

Canada by Treaty Travels Across UofT Campus



This spring saw the launch of *Canada by Treaty: Negotiating Histories*, a 24 panel exhibit aimed at helping to educate campus community members on the centrality of Indigenous communities to the making of modern Canada. The exhibit was co-curated by James Bird (Nehiyawak/Cree) and Professors Laurie Bertram and Heidi Bohaker of the Department of History. The exhibit draws on content created by students in Bohaker's joint undergraduate/graduate seminar *Canada by Treaty* taught in the fall of 2016.



Curators and Researchers of *Canada by Treaty* at launch. Photo courtesy of Diana Tyszko.

The exhibit launched on Thursday 27 April at Hart House, in an event that saw remarks delivered by Chief Stacey LaForme of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, President

Meric Gertler of the University of Toronto and Dean David Cameron of the Faculty of Arts & Science. The Honorable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, also attended the launch. As Dean Cameron noted on the significance of the exhibit, "Indigenous peoples have remained effectively invisible for far too long. Genuine reconciliation is a long-game that will require great persistence and commitment, but I think we are all hopeful that we are at a real turning point."

Since the successful launch, the exhibit has been traveling across UofT Campus. It was displayed in the Rotunda at University College, ensuring that every graduating student from the



Canada by Treaty. Photo courtesy of Diana Tyszko.

University of Toronto walked passed it on their way to Convocation Hall. On Canada Day, the Honorable Elizabeth Dowdeswell displayed the exhibit in her offices at Queen's Park. More than 6000 were expected to visit Queen's Park as it was open to the public. This fall as new students arrive at the University of Toronto the exhibit will be displayed in the lobby of Robarts Library.

For more information on *Canada by Treaty* including resources and a full exhibit schedule, please visit their website at: <http://history.utoronto.ca/research-publications/canada-treaty>



Retirement of Professor Jan Noel

Kimberly Main, PhD Candidate
Department of History University of Toronto

After teaching at the University of Toronto at Mississauga since 1992, Professor Jan Noel retired this summer. Professor Noel is a noted researcher in the field of colonial Canada with numerous articles, and her first book, *Canada Dry*, was an exploration of the intersections of temperance, class, religion and social reform in Lower Canada. Considered a “must read” for any graduate student studying Canadian history, it was awarded the 1996 John A. Macdonald Prize by the Canadian Historical Association, as the book “judged to have made the most significant contribution to an understanding of the Canadian past” that year. Professor Noel’s latest book, *Along a River*, argued that the women in New France were privileged over their compatriots in France, England, and early America. This book continues the debate on the nature of women’s agency and their role in the colonial era.

In her time at UTM, Professor Noel taught the popular *History of Women in Canada* course as well as serving at one time as the director of Gender Studies in the Department. Her dedication to undergraduate students and their education is clear as she played a significant role in the

research, development and implementation of the writing skills program for History students at UTM, which would eventually become the Heads Up Program.

Professor Noel is praised by her colleagues for her willingness to help them get acquainted with a new department or a new field. Professor Brian Gettler says, “In the short time I have been at U of T, Jan has been an invaluable mentor. She has helped guide me as I adapt to the institutional culture of the research.” Professor Mairi Cowan says of Professor Noel, “She has always been a patient senior colleague, and her support for this grateful historian's recent forays into early New France has been inspiring: she has listened to my preliminary thoughts, answered many questions, and helped me choose where to share my findings. I only hope that I can learn to be so helpful to colleagues in turn.” I echo these sentiments about Professor Noel as her inspiring research and writing led me to apply to be her student. She is a wonderful supervisor and an encouraging and supportive mentor.

Professor Noel, happy retirement!

**Kimberly Main is a 4th year PhD candidate, under the supervision of Professor Jan Noel.*

Retirement of Professor Jüri Kivimäe, Elmar Tampõld Chair of Estonian Studies



Joseph Sproule, PhD Candidate
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Professor Jüri Kivimäe retired in June of this year. Born and educated in then-Soviet Estonia, in 1999 he was appointed Elmar Tampõld Chair of Estonian Studies at the University of Toronto. In this capacity he did much to advance the study of Baltic history through publications, teaching, and engagement with Toronto's Estonian community.

A man of many interests, Professor Kivimäe has written widely on the economic, social, cultural, and religious history of the Baltic region. His publications on Hanseatic trade, the Lutheran Reformation, and daily life in medieval Estonia reflect his focus on late medieval Livonia. In recent years, he has also published on the thirteenth-century Livonian Crusades, twentieth-century oral histories, and aspects of Baltic historiography – a breadth of scholarship made possible by his superb facility with languages, both modern and medieval. As his colleague Professor Piotr Wróbel remarked, “In the 1980s, Jüri Kivimäe belonged to a pioneering group of young Estonian historians who approached the German settlement in the north-eastern littoral of the Baltic Sea and a history of the Teutonic Order from a new point of view: less Germano-centric and more internationally balanced. In the intervening years

this approach changed the German *Ostforschung* and made Estonia an important segment of the international Baltic studies.”

Professor Kivimäe's popular courses on the Hansa, the crusades, and the modern Baltic introduced thousands of students to the Baltic world that he so vividly brought to life through his teaching.

Universally admired by colleagues and students alike, his infectious enthusiasm inspired many. The graduate students he supervised in topics ranging from Latvian folklore to Stalinist repression to early modern economics have benefitted from both his scholarly brilliance and his warm-spirited kindness.

Professor Kivimäe frequently spoke at community events hosted by Tartu College and *Eesti Maja* (Toronto's Estonian community centre). The departmental conferences he organized were always well attended by North American and European academics, community members, and students at all stages of their studies. His tireless commitment to bringing people together to share in his passion for history leaves the Chair of Estonian Studies more vital than ever.

**Joseph Sproule is a 6th year PhD candidate, under the supervision of Professor Jüri Kivimäe.*

Discovering the Breadth of History: An Undergraduate Profile

Graham Coulter, 4th Year Undergraduate Student

I knew when I was applying to universities that I wanted to study history, and of the five universities I applied to, I chose the University of Toronto because of the quality, reputation, and breadth of its History Department.

I came with a preconceived notion of the kind of history I wanted to study: the British labour movement. When I arrived, however, I was exposed to other kinds of history and interdisciplinary methods, which allowed me to expand and reassess my interests and strengths as an undergraduate scholar. I began to focus on representations of and intersections between Indigeneity, disability, and labour, particularly in Canada. This change was largely inspired by Professors Ian Radforth, who specializes in the history of immigration, spectacle and labour in Canada, and Doris Bergen, who specializes in religion, ethnicity, gender, and extreme violence during the Holocaust. Both are interdisciplinary in their approach and encouraged me to explore historical methods as well as those from other fields.



Graham Coulter with the Kullarri Day Patrol in Broome, Western Australia.

The History Department at the University of Toronto manages to achieve an experience for undergraduate students that on the one hand provides tremendous breadth and exposure to different kinds of histories, and on the other a degree of specificity and focus that is not available at most other universities in Canada. Because of my training in the department, I have excelled even when working on projects in other fields. As a Jackman Scholar in Residence, I worked on a project with Professor Thomas Keymer from the Department of English using both historical and literary methods to research seditious libel in seventeenth-century England. That same summer, I was awarded a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Scholarship to study with Professor Harry Blagg at the University of Western Australia, conducting intensive community-level research with Indigenous justice workers in criminology, history, and Indigenous studies.

I have been involved with the History Students' Association since my first year, and this year will serve as co-president with Alif Shahed. I hope to bring similar depth and breadth to our activities and events this year.

Three Undergraduate Students Win UofT Libraries Research Prizes

Angela Hou, Alexandra Southgate, and Ryan Sun, three undergraduate students, have each won a [U of T Libraries Undergraduate Research Prize](#) for their work in their respective History Courses. The prize recognizes undergraduate student work that shows an innovative use of information sources to develop the student's understanding of what it means to be "information literate" in the 21st century. Angela, Alexandra and Ryan were three of six students to win the \$1000 prize.

Angela Hou, taking [HIS344: Conflict and Cooperation](#) with Professor Timothy Sayle, drew on Chinese and English language sources including primary documents from two different readers, a series of Chinese language print sources, and online digital Chinese and American documents. She wrote a nuanced argument about the establishment of the People's Republic of China and its relationship both to the world outside China and the world Mao was building at home.

Alexandra Southgate, in her paper for [HIS344](#), identified the key secondary literature, and combed through primary sources available at University of Toronto Libraries including the Digital National Security Archive and the Foreign Relations of the United States Series. Alexandra wrote a thoroughly researched paper about President Richard Nixon's contemplations about whether or not to launch a massive assault, possibly including nuclear weapons, against North Vietnam.

Ryan Sun, working with Professor Doris Bergen on an [independent study](#), submitted an essay examining the Jewish refugee migration in Hong Kong between 1937 and 1947. Comparing their experiences with those of British and Chinese refugees, Ryan looked at their treatment by local communities and the government.



TDSB Visits the History Department

On Thursday 11 May, the Department of History hosted over 220 students from 15 secondary schools across the Toronto District School Board. The students participated in the day-long conference *TDSB @ UofT History*. The students participated in over 20 sessions including lectures, roundtables and campus tours.

Students left with a sense of the breadth of history courses available for study at the university level. They listened to lectures about feminism in the non-western world, skinny dipping in the Don Valley River and American popular culture during the Cold War. They also heard about the possibilities for an undergraduate in the Department of History, as Professor Nakanyike Musisi



Professor Steve Penfold delivers plenary at TDSB @UofT History

talked about taking her students on a trip to Uganda and Professor Heidi Bohaker led a tour of the *Canada by Treaty* exhibit

and discussed the important role undergraduate student researchers played in the development of the exhibit. *TDSB @ UofT History* also had a focus on careers, highlighting to students the strong research, analytic and communication skills they will gain in the History program.

The Conference was a great success, and we wish to thank the faculty, graduate students and administrative staff for all of their contributions!

Looking Back @ the Berks

Dr. Jennifer Evans, Learning Communities Coordinator, University of Toronto

It's been three years since "the Berks" came to the University of Toronto. The Berks, or the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, was founded in 1930 to create a space for women who were marginalized in their male-dominated historical profession. It has grown to become "the single most important international conference on the history of women, gender and sexuality" bringing together scholars, community members, artists and politicians to ask questions about history and the present day.

In May 2014, Professor Franca Iacovetta, my PhD supervisor, brought the Berks to the University of Toronto. In its 80 year history, this was the first time it was held outside of the United States. It was an enormous undertaking and over three years of planning. Working with her Co-Chairs and Dr. Pamela Gravestock, Franca created programming partnerships with citywide organizations such as the Art Gallery of Ontario, brought a significant Indigenous focus to the program and involved renowned scholars Ursula Franklin and Natalie Zemon Davis. The Conference was a resounding success welcoming over 2000 participants over four days, and organizing over 265 sessions.

At the time of the Berks, I wrote a blogpost for ActiveHistory.ca titled "[Feminist Mentorship @ the Berks](#)." In the blogpost I highlighted the work for the Berks being performed by PhD students and postdoctoral fellows from the University of Toronto: Sarah Amato, Camille Begin, Laurie Bertram and myself. I discussed the camaraderie and collaborations, the eight hour car rides (!) and the professional skills we were building through our opportunities with the Berks. Three years later I find myself amazed at the careers the four of us have built. Sarah Amato, who curated "A Night of Feminist Art and Culture" for the Berks, is now a Research Officer for the Legislative Assembly of the Alberta Government. The Berks' Program Coordinator, Camille Begin, is now Historical Plaques Coordinator for Heritage Toronto. Laurie Bertram, who curated a display in Robarts Library profiling emerging scholars for the Berks, is now a professor in our Department, and has continued her curatorial work, recently mounting the successful *Canada by Treaty* exhibit.



Behind the scenes at the 2014 Berks as the team does last minute preparations.

As the Administrative and Communications Coordinator for the Berks, I developed critical programming and communication skills. I responded to all e-mail inquiries, coordinating travel grant applications, accessibility requests, graduate student involvement, volunteer scheduling and partnership networks. For me, the highlight was seeing 10 undergraduate students from "Women in Canadian History," the UTM course I was TAing at the time, volunteer for the conference and share their excitement about meeting many of the names we had been reading all year long. The skills I learned from the Berks well positioned me for the job I held for the last two years as Executive Assistant to the Chair (History), University of Toronto, where among other things I have been designing, editing, writing and soliciting articles for the newsletter you are currently reading. It also gave me the knowledge of partnerships and programming for the new job I start this fall as Learning Communities Coordinator with the Faculty of Arts and Science. I am amazed about where our careers have taken us in what seems like three short years, and so grateful for the learning opportunities, skills and knowledge gained by our work for the Berks.

Canada 150

2017 is the 150th Anniversary of Confederation in Canada, and Canadians are engaged in a yearlong reflection on the history of their country. To mark the anniversary, the Department of History hosted a day-long public conference titled “The Other 60s: A Decade That Shaped Canada and the World” on Saturday 22 April 2017. The conference discussed the global context in which the Canadian federation emerged in



the 1860s, and aimed to provoke a larger public discussion. Highlights included a morning plenary “We Get a Piece and We Get a Say: Approaching Confederation from the Perspective of the Metis Nation of the North

West,” delivered by lawyer, treaty negotiator and artist Jean Teillet. The Conference was concluded with the 2017 Creighton Lecture, given by Elsbeth Heaman



(McGill University). Her talk titled “The Civilization of the Canadas in the 1860s,” examined the complicated academic and political uses of the “civilization” in Canada during the 1860s and their afterlife.

The Conference was a success with more than 100 in attendance throughout the day, and Co-Chairs Heidi Bohaker and Paula Hastings are hopeful that discussions beginning that day will lead to a collection of articles.

You can now listen to all of the talks from the Conference for free at

<http://history.utoronto.ca/Canada150#canada-150-events-tab-2>

13th Annual Graduate History Symposium

Kevin Woodger and Kassandra Luciuk,
PhD Candidates & Co-Chairs of the AGHS

The 2017 Annual Graduate History Symposium (AGHS), which took place from 11-12 May 2017 in Sidney Smith Hall, addressed the theme of “Canada150: Defining the Nation in a Transnational World.” This year’s symposium featured over thirty papers from across Canada and the United States examining the multiple ways in which historical scholarship can engage with concepts of nations, nationalisms, and national identities. We were also able to host two keynote addresses; an opening talk delivered by Professor Ian MacKay (McMaster University), discussing his latest book *The Vimy Trap*, and a closing keynote by Professor Mary Jane McCallum (University of Winnipeg) on her new research into early Aboriginal Canadian women chiefs. Professor McKay’s talk was followed by the symposium’s reception at the beautiful Campbell House Museum, and Professor McCallum’s talk was opened to the public and held in the Hart House Debates Room. The AGHS also featured a scholars’ roundtable on the subject of Confederation and national myth-making, co-hosted by the *TDSB@UofT Conference*. Once again, the AGHS partnered with *Past Tense Graduate Review of History* for a Best Paper Award, which included a cash prize and an opportunity to publish in an upcoming issue.

The 2017 Organizing Committee would like to thank the many graduate students, faculty, and staff of the History Department for all the time and effort given in support of this year’s AGHS. We would also like to thank the Graduate History Students’ Association, the Department of History, and Professor Nick Terpstra and Jennifer Evans for their generous support.

Graduate Student Prizes and Awards

Congratulations to our graduate students for the following awards:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship	Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral)	Connaught International Scholarship for Doctoral Students
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Recently Defended PhD Dissertations (Since Fall 2016)

JULIE ANDERSON	<i>Historical Memory, Authority, and the Written Word: A study of the documentary and literary culture at the early medieval court of Benevento, 700-900 CE</i> (Supervised by Nicholas Everett).
STEPHANIE COROZZA	<i>Child Welfare Workers and Holocaust Rescue in France</i> (Doris Bergen).
BRET EDWARDS	<i>A Bumpy Landing: Jet Age Airports, Global Aero-Mobility, and Local-National Frictions in Late Twentieth Century Canada</i> (Steve Penfold).
JENNIFER HAYTER	<i>Racially 'Indian' Legally 'White': The Canadian State's Attempts to Categorize the Metis, 1867-1939</i> (Heidi Bohaker).
KAITLIN HELLER	<i>Explanation in Chronicles of Western Europe in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries</i> (Joe Goering).
ROSS HUYSKAMP	<i>Life in the Midst of Superlatives: Exhibitions in Postwar Hamburg and Rotterdam, 1946-1973</i> (Jennifer Jenkins).
MEHMET KURU	<i>Locating an Ottoman Port-City in the Early Modern Mediterranean: Izmir 1580-1780</i> (Natalie Rothman).
VOJIN MAJSTOROVIC	<i>Ivan Goes Abroad: The Red Army in the Balkans and Central Europe, 1944-1945</i> (Lynne Viola).
SHANNON NASH	<i>The Idea of Al Qaeda Sleepers as a Threat to American National Security</i> (Wesley Wark).
RICHARD PILKINGTON	<i>A "Time When Principles Make Best Politics"? The Western Response to "Genocide" in East Pakistan</i> (Ronald Pruessen).
JULIA RADY-SHAW	<i>The Protestant Churches and the Challenges of Post-War Life in Ontario, 1945-1956</i> (Mark McGowan).
LAURA SMITH	<i>Settlers and Unsettlers: Irish Catholicism on the British North American Frontier, 1791-1845</i> (Mark McGowan).
SYLWIA SZYMANSKA- SMOLKIN	<i>Fateful Decisions: The Polish Policemen and the Jewish Population of Occupied Poland, 1939-1945</i> (Piotr Wróbel).
CALEB WELLMUM	<i>Energizing the Right: Economy, Ecology, and Culture in the 1970s US Energy Crisis</i> (Elspeth Brown).



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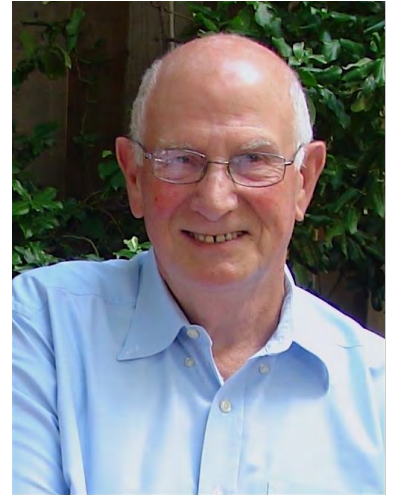
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In Memoriam

J.M. Beattie, University Professor Emeritus of History

Professor John M. Beattie earned his PhD from King's College, Cambridge and in 1961, was appointed to the Department of History, University of Toronto. He was a member of our Department for 35 years, during which time he earned the rank of University Professor and was elected to the Royal Society of Canada. He served as Acting Chair of the Department, and two terms as Director of the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies at the University of Toronto. Over the course of his career, Professor Beattie published five books including *Crime and the Courts in England, 1660-1800* which was considered a foundational book for any student of the history of crime and law. As noted in the *Globe and Mail* what was so meaningful to Professor Beattie in regards to his career, were his teaching and students:

"Yet as important as research and writing were for him, John's great love was teaching. He believed this was a university's most essential mission and the truest test of what its core values should be: openness, curiosity and rigour. John always took immense pleasure in the work of his graduate students and joy in all their successes, academic and otherwise."



A celebration of life is scheduled for Thursday 28 September at 5:00 p.m. in the Debates Room, Hart House.

J.W. Michael Bliss, University Professor Emeritus of History

Professor Michael Bliss, OC FRSC, first came to the Department as an undergraduate in 1958, and he earned his BA, MA, and PhD (under the supervision of Ramsay Cook) here before being appointed to the faculty in 1968. He was a member of our Department for 38 years, during which time he earned the rank of University Professor. Over the course of his career, Professor Bliss published 14 award winning books on business, politics and medicine. He earned numerous honours over the years including being made an Officer of the Order of Canada. His most recent honour came in 2016, when he was the first historian to be inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Professor Bliss was also a leading public intellectual, who was often called on by the media to provide commentary on the political, business, medical and social life of Canada

A memorial is planned for Saturday 23 September 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Common Room & Upper Library at Massey College.

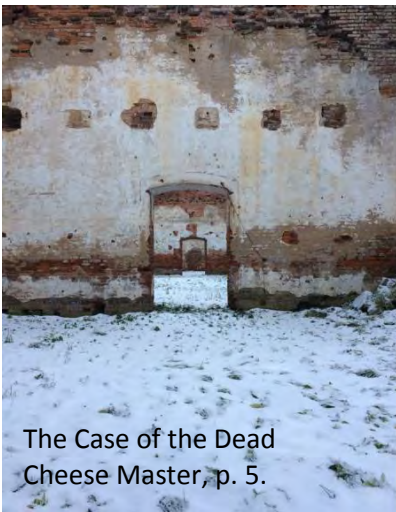


Norman Zacour, Professor Emeritus of History

Professor Emeritus Norman Zacour has passed away took his MA at Columbia University and completed his PhD at the University of Pennsylvania in 1954. In 1966, he was appointed as a Professor of History at the University of Toronto. Professor Zacour was one of the first faculty members appointed to the Centre for Medieval Studies, and was Director of the Centre from 1978-1983. His research focused on social, religious, institutional and intellectual facets of Medieval Europe, and he was the author of several books on the Crusades.

In 2013, he established the Norman Zacour Graduate Scholarship in Medieval Studies. The scholarship will be awarded to one or more graduate students from the Centre for Medieval Studies based on academic excellence with preference given to international students.





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