

# 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

- Karissa Patton, University of Saskatchewan, “Especially for out-of-town Women:’ Birth Control Centre Outreach Programs and Knowledge Exchange in 1970s Southern Alberta, 1969-1979
- 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

**African Military History (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”

- Fred MacVaugh, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, “The Business of Foreign Relations on the Upper Missouri: Exploring the Nineteenth-Century Fur Trade’s Influence and Legacy on Borderlands Diplomacy and Politics”
- 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 Hedeem, 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”
- Linda Louise Bryan, Independent Scholar, “Pembina on the Red River: Elastic Demographics During the Minnesota Territorial Period (1848-1864)”

### **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 Hinthier, 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.- War and the Beginning of Emancipation: Rethinking the Freedom Narrative of the Civil War”
- Rebecca Lazarenko, York University, “The effect of the French linguistic crises on the French Canadians during the First World 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

- Kenton Scott Storey, Winnipeg, MB, “Aboriginal title in the Press at Red River and New Westminster”
- Gerald Friesen, University of Manitoba, “Ethical Judgments: The Honourable John Norquay, Premier of Manitoba, 1878-1887”
- 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”
- Cindy L. Urness, “Denby Deegan: Contemporary Indigenous Architect”

**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 Hinthner, 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”

### **Global Conflicts** Room 117

Chair: Bruce Strang, Brandon University

- Tony Mullis, Angelo State University, “*Casus Bovine*: Cattle and Conflict on Two Frontiers”
- Pheeraphong Jampee, North Dakota State University, “From Panglong to Bangkok: The British Colonial Legacy in Burma, 1947-1963”

### **Ancient and Medieval Warfare (SMH session)** Salon 3

Chair: Jonathan Epstein, City University of New York

- Dina Khedr, City University of New York, “Roman Belief on Just War Manifested in The Gallic Wars”
- 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)** Room 217

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”
- Ryan Wharry, Valley City State University, “Sustaining Elite Narratives of National Identity in a Time of Growing Diversification of American Society”

### **The U.S.-Canada Border** Salon 2

Chair: Francis Carroll, University of Manitoba

- Katie Pollock, Canadian Museum of History, “Indigenous Women’s Borderland Cottage Industry”
- Scott MacKenzie, Winnipeg, MB, “Between Two Worlds: Manitoba Post #592, Grand Army of the Republic, 1889-1920”

**Communities** Room 117

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’”

**The Great War and the Great Plains (SMH session)** Salon 3

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”

**New Books, New Directions on the Northern Plains** Private Dining Room

Chair: Suzanne 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”

**Training and Modern Warfare (SMH session) Private Dining Room**

Chair and Comment Robert Nash, Independent Scholar

- Jerome Martin, Independent Scholar, “Air Training in Nebraska in World War II”



- Taylor Hamblin, University of Nebraska, “An Unfollowed Doctrine: Post-TRADOC Teaching and Learning in the Army”

**Friday, September 27, 6:00 p.m.**

**Conference Reception (cash bar)** Grand Salon B

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

**Conference Banquet and Keynote Address** Grand Salon B

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,

- Dale Barbour, Brandon University, “Muddied Waters: The Social and Environmental Transformation of Winnipeg’s Red and Assiniboine Rivers, 1900-1972”
- 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 Afternoon, September 28, at the Commonwealth Air Training Museum:**

**Society for Military History Reception and Tour, including:**

### **Historical Perspectives on the Royal Canadian Air Force (SMH session)**

Chair and Comment: Chris Rein, Air University Press

- Robert Nash, Independent Scholar, “402 (City of Winnipeg) Squadron: From D-Day to Market Garden”
- Alexander Fitzgerald-Black, Juno Beach Centre Association, “Eagles over Husky: The Allied Air Forces and the Sicilian Campaign”
- Kristine Swain, University of Alaska-Anchorage, “Allies and Partners: Integrating Canadian Military Personnel in the Alaska NORAD Region Mission”

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