

Atlantic Canada Studies Conference

**From Harbour to Horizon: Recharting Atlantic Canada Studies
3-5 June, 2026, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown**

Program (draft – May 6)

All sessions will be located on UPEI main campus unless noted.

Tuesday 2 June

18:00-19:00

ACS 1 / CHA 94: Opening Plenary

PAC 121S

Reckoning with Place: Region and the Role of the Historian in Troubled Times

- Speaker: G. Edward MacDonald
- Chair: Alan MacEachern

Wednesday 3 June

Sessions

8:30-10:00

ACS 2 / CHA 95: Rethinking the 18th-Century Acadian World | Repenser le monde acadien du XVIIIe siècle

MCDH 243

- Clint Bruce: *The African and Acadian Diasporas in Creole Louisiana, 1760s to 1790s*
- Nicole Gilhuis: *Rethinking Acadian Belonging in 18th-Century Mi'kma'ki and Louisbourg, 1749-1754*
- Gregory Kennedy & Jacob Godley: *Rethinking Military Service and Relationships in Acadie and New France*
- Chair, Anne-Marie Lane Jonah

ACS 3 / CHA 101: Atlantic and Global Contexts for Black Canadian Historiography

PAC 110S

- Sarah Chute: *"the Spirit of 1775: Black Loyalists' Politics in the Revolutionary Atlantic World*
- Claudine Bonner: *"Caribbean Migration and the Racial Boundaries of Belonging in Atlantic Canada, 1867-1931*
- Keith Grant: *Remembering Richard Preston: Historiography and Public Memory*
- Chair: Melissa N. Shaw

ACS 4 / CHA 102: Roundtable:

Public Memory, Public History, and the Role of Commemoration in Reconciliation

PAC 112

- Erin Millions
- Jackson Pind
- Skylee-Storm Hogan
- Chair: Omeasoo Wahpasiw

Sessions

10:30-12:00

ACS 5 / CHA 105: New Directions in Epekwitnewaq: Mi'kmaq (Mi'kmaq of Prince Edward Island) History | Nouvelles orientations à Epekwitnewaq : histoire des Mi'kmaq (Mi'kmaq de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard)

MCDH 246

- Rusty Bittermann & Margaret McCallum: *Resetting the Narrative: Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq, British Treaty Making and Land Policy During and after the Seven Years War*
- Theresa Redmond: *Round Peg in a Square Hole: Using Canada's Specific Claims Process to Address Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq's Long History of Land Loss*
- Monica MacDonald & Keltie MacPhail: *The L'nuey Digital Archive: A New Research Tool for Textual Records Related to Epekwitnewaq Mi'kmaq History*
- Chair: Jenene Wooldridge

ACS 6 / CHA 110: Perspectives on Indigenous History | Perspectives sur l'histoire autochtone

PAC 110S

- Cory Slumkoski & Martha Walls: *A "Close Liaison": The Indian Affairs Bureau, the St. FX Extension Department, and the Micmac Community Development Program, 1964-1970*
- Kelly K. Chaves: *Algonquian Star Knowledge: The Comparative Cosmogeny of the People of the Rock, an Ontological Approach*
- Jesse Coady: *Surviving the Great Dying: A Conspectus of Slaving and Fictive Kinship in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, c. 1500-1710*
- Daniel Samson: *Spaces of Power: Accommodation and Negotiation among Acadians and Mi'kmaq on Epekwitk/Isle Saint-Jean, 1719-1758*
- Chair: Thomas Peace

ACS 7 / CHA 111: Material Histories of the Atlantic in the 20th Century: Gender, Travel, Trade | Histoires matérielles de l'Atlantique au XXe siècle : genre, voyages, commerce

PAC 112

- Sheilagh Quaille: *Wanda Wyatt's World Cruise, 1929: A Material History*
- S.J. Jones: *To Market, To Market: Black Nova Scotian Traders and the Green Market, 1909*
- Lisa Bower: *From Travel Journal to Sampler (1948-1954): Stitching Memory, Travel and the Gendered Self/Other*
- Lisa Binkley: *Weaving our World: Mount Allison Handicrafts Guild Weavers, 1935-39*
- Chair: Lisa Binkley

Sessions

13:30-15:00

ACS 8.1 / CHA 115: A Long View of Public History at Parks Canada | Une vision à long terme de l'histoire publique à Parcs Canada

MCDH 328

- Katherine Crooks, *The Bartletts of Hawthorne Cottage: Re-Interpreting Northern Exploration at a Newfoundland Historic House*
- Angela Duffett, *Podcasting and Partnerships at Parks Canada: ReCollections/ReTrouver*
- Alain Gelly, *Deux anniversaires, deux manières de commémorer*
- Meghann Jack, *Revealing Red Bay: Exhibiting a 16th-Century Basque Whaling Station in Labrador*
- Stephen Smith, *The Long View of Bellevue House: The Four Lives of an Historic House Museum*
- Chair: Anne-Marie Lane Jonah

ACS 9 / CHA 116: Workshop: The Nature of Power at the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School | Atelier: La nature du pouvoir au pensionnat de Shubenacadie

- Stephen Dutcher

ACS 10 / CHA 118: Difficult Relationships: Prince Edward Island | Relations difficiles: l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

KMB 211

- Gerjan Altenburg: *Buddhist Monasticism, Espionage, and Property Law on Prince Edward Island*
- Michael B. Pass: *"And We're the Renters"? Japanese Tourism to PEI in the Era of "Japan Bashing"*
- Laurie Brinklow & Evelyn Bradley: *'Birthplace' revisited: Contested Narratives and the Road to Reconciliation on Prince Edward Island*
- Chair: Nicole O'Byrne

ACS 11 / CHA 121: Perspective on the Land and Animals | Perspective sur la terre et les animaux

PAC 112

- Renna Truong, Christie Teterenko, Leland Reed, & Julia Guy: *The CPR Land Sales Application at UCalgary Libraries and Cultural Resources*
- Alex Gagné: *Fertile Ground, Barren Vision: Government Oversight and the Stunted Growth of Ontario Viticulture, 1866-1929*
- Emily Oakes: *A Weary Horse: Shell-Shocked Equines in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces During the First World War*
- Mark McLaughlin: *Invasion of the Grosbeaks! Recharting the Self and the Other Through Human-Animal Relations in Post-Second World War New Brunswick*
- Chair: Jerry Bannister

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15:30-17:00

ACS 12 / CHA 122: Industrial Restructuring and Working-Class Responses in 19th and 20th-Century Nova Scotia | Restructuration industrielle et réactions de la classe ouvrière en Nouvelle-Écosse aux XIXe et XXe siècles **MCDH 243**

- Lachlan MacKinnon: *Negotiating the End of Coal: Community and Trade Union Responses to the DEVCO Coal Closures, 1999-2000*
- Grace McNutt: *Navigating Change: Women, Families, and the Transition from Sail to Steam in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia*
- Don Nerbas: *A.B. McGillivray and the Crisis of the Provincial Workmen's Association in the 1890s*
- Chair: Kurt Korneski

ACS 13: Folklore, Foodways, and Cultural Politics **PAC 110S**

- Sarah Perry: *The Witch of the Miramichi: Indigeneity & Environmental Folklore in Canada's Atlantic History*
- Edith Snook: *Pickles and Colonialism in the Eighteenth-Century Maritimes*
- Chris Greencorn: *"Don't know how much value this will be": Race, Authenticity, and Helen Creighton's Folk Culture Collecting from the Mi'kmaq*
- Chair: Michael B. Pass

ACS 14: Roundtable: Atlantic Canadian Universities and the future of the History Major **PAC 112**

- Joel Belliveau
- Hannah Lane
- Andrew Nurse

- Heidi MacDonald
- Chair: Sasha Mullally

Wednesday Evening extra-curriculars

Historic Charlottetown walking tours (details TBD)

Lobster Dinner (details TBD)

Cliopalooza – Barn Dance | Cliopalooza – dance champêtre, 19:30-22:00 (2 Kent Street)

Thursday 4 June

Field Trips

8:30-11:30

- *Site visit to Skmaqn—Port-la-Joye—Fort Amherst National Historic Site*
- *Historic Charlottetown walking tours (details TBD)*

11:30-13:00: Lunch

Wanda Wyatt Dining Hall

Sessions

13:00-14:30

ACS 15: Governing Bodies: Religion, Medicine, and State Authority

MCDH 243

- Nicole O'Byrne: *Religious Freedom in Times of Emergency: The Crown versus Pastor Phillip Hutchings*
- Martha Walls: *The Atlantic Research Centre for Mental Retardation and Competing Models of Disability in the 1970s*
- Stefanie R. Slaunwhite: *The Dr. W. F. Roberts Hospital School (WFRHS): A Provincial Institution with Regional Reach*
- Chair: Sara Spike

ACS 16: Policing, Punishment, and Prejudice in Atlantic Canada

MCDH 246

- Michael Boudreau: *“Any decent person would have been shocked by the crime”: The Execution of Joseph-Pierre Richard in New Brunswick, 1957*
- Greg Marquis: *Usual Suspects: The Saint John Police, the Crown and the George Leeman Murder, 1983-2024*
- Duff Sutherland: *Policing the Loggers: the role of the RCMP in the 1959 International Woodworkers of America Strike in Newfoundland and Labrador*
- Chair: Andrew Nurse

ACS 17: Artistic Creation and Acadian Identity in Postwar New Brunswick
MCDH 328

- Violette Drouin: *The poetics and politics of Acadie in the works of Raymond Guy LeBlanc and Antonine Maillet*
- Victoria MacBeth: *Acadian Identity and Agency in Albénie Arsenault's Rug Hooking*
- Ron Rudin: *Claude Roussel, the Escuminac Disaster, and the Creation of the Fishermen's Monument*
- Chair: Edward MacDonald

ACS 18: Travel and Tribulation
KMB 211

- Oliver Walton: *Modelling Wolastoqiyik Movement: Exploring Travel Routes and the Significance of Country*
- Laura Oland: *Before the Brewery: Travel, Leisure, and Self-Fashioning in Geoffrey Oland's Letters*
- Jesse Coady: *Finding Pierre Léon Poirier: A Mariner and His World in the Early Modern Gulf of Saint Lawrence*
- Gabe Isenor: *Why Here? Settlement Origins, Land, and Environmental Memory in Nunavik*
- Chair: David Creelman

ACS 19: Literature, Media, and Ecological Poetics
KMB 210

- Bridget Baldwin: *Rita Reconstructed: The Queer Feminist Legacies of Rita MacNeil*
- Yoko Araki: *Anne Shirely (2025) and Its Generation Z Viewers in Japan*
- Tom Halford: *Not Having a Tim in Alexander's MacLeod's Animal Person: Tim as a Strange Object in "Lagomorph" and "Closing Date"*
- Chair: Peter Thompson

Plenary Session
14:45-16:00

ACS 20: *The Life, Work, and Legacy of Rosemary Ommer: Resources for Recharting*
MSC 110 McMillan Hall

- Barbara Neis
- Sean Cadigan
- Linda Kealey
- Rob Greenwood
- Chair TBD

16:00-17:00

Atlantic Canada Studies Reception

MSC 110 McMillan Hall

Sponsors:

- Atlantic Canada Studies Centre and the Dean of Arts, University of New Brunswick
- Dean of Arts, University of Prince Edward Island
- Institute of Island Studies, University of Prince Edward Island
- Other sponsors TBD

17:00-19:30

Break for dinner (on your own) and travel to City Cinema

19:30-21:30

Atlantic Canada Studies Film Screening

A curated selection of four new short films about Atlantic Canada with introductions from directors and scholars.

City Cinema, (64 King St, Charlottetown). Seating is limited, registration required.

- Titles TBD
- Chair: Fiona Polack

Friday 5 June

Sessions

8:30-10:00

ACS 21: Cultural Memory, Identity, and Belonging

MCDH 243

- Sandi Stewart: *Isabella Goudge & David Honeyman: Investigating Family Ties at the Nova Scotia Museum & World's Fairs*
- Callum Beck: *Gentlemen's Agreements in Prince Edward Island's Politics: Why Islanders Always Elected Twenty-One Protestants and Nine Catholics*
- Fayrouz Ibrahim: *"Weaving Threads of Heritage: A Comprehensive Exploration of Material Culture Among Muslim Immigrants in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada, with Nova Scotia as a Case Study."*
- Chair: Ron Rudin

ACS 22: Lessons in Two-Eyed Seeing, Relational Learning, and Community

MCDH 246

- Jen Doyle & Morgan Varis: *Two-Eyed Seeing in Practice: Co-Teaching Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Change*
- Greg K. Campbell: *Recharting the Classroom: Decolonizing Pedagogy Through Relational Learning in Atlantic Canada*

- Sarah Cardy: *Critical Knowledge and innovation systems to support rural agricultural development: Lessons that travel for supporting rural communities*
- Chair: Hannah Lane

ACS 23: Coastal Cultures, Coastal Heritage
MCDH 328

- Sara Spike: *"weird honks and groans": Foghorns on the Coast and in the Museum*
- Chloe Lundrigan: *"Same boat, same waters": migratory birds, helping others look closely, and changing traditions in local seascapes*
- Meghann Jack: *Recentring the Cantwell Family at Cape Spear Lighthouse National Historic Site*
- Justin Kakeu, *Dangerous Waters: Shipwreck Risk and Coastal Trade Networks in the Gulf of St. Lawrence*
- Chair: John Matchim

ACS 24: "What Makes a Good Life": Recent Literature in Atlantic Canada
KMB 210

- David Creelman: *First Books: Lyrics and Protest in the Poetry of Four African Descended Women from Nova Scotia*
- Gemma Marr: *"We both want to live outside the city one day": Place, Family, and Belonging in Jaime Burnet's milktooth*
- Peter Thompson: *"the actual memory or just the memory of remembering that memory": William Ping's Hollow Bamboo*
- Chair: Mark McLaughlin

ACS 25: Water, Land, and Relationships: Exploring Currents of Change and Adaptation in Mi'kma'ki (New Brunswick & Nova Scotia).
KMB 211

- Heather Green: *Claiming the Bay: Water, Work, and Identity in Cape Breton Coastal Communities*
- Natasha Simon: *Guided by Nogumi: Waterways as Living Treaty Relations*
- Zachary A. Tingley: *Industry, Recreation, & Mosquitos: Christie Pond's Move from Electricity Generation to a Mosquito Filled Swamp*
- Lyle Vicarie: *Title: TBD*
- Chair: Lisa Chilton

10:00-10:30: Break

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ACS 26: Art and Extraction in Newfoundland and Labrador

MCDH 243

- Fiona Polack: *Ocean Extractivism and Creaturly Encounters*
- Lisa Moore: *Newfoundland and Labrador Fine Art as Resistance and Eco-environmental Protest*
- Danine Farquharson: *Anti-Extractivist Theatre in Newfoundland and Labrador (1970-1980)*
- Chair: Sandi Stewart

ACS 27: Roundtable: *Coast to Coast: What Can Scholars of Atlantic Canada and the Pacific Northwest Learn from Each Other*

MCDH 246

- Keith Thor Carlson
- John Lutz
- Glenn Icton
- Colin Osmond
- Thomas Peace
- Zachary A. Tingley
- Jay Lalonde
- Chair: Heather Green

ACS 28: Gendered Mobilities, Acadian Worlds, and Cross-Border Networks

MCDH 328

- Phyllis E. LeBlanc: *Charting the mobility of New Brunswick's single, adult women of French ethnic origin: 1906-1940*
- Tom Pinette: *The Poet Laureate of the Mi'kmaq people and an Acadian Folklorist Walk into a conference: Recharting (Decolonizing) Maine Acadian Cultural Selection through Truthtelling at The Affecting Presence Conferences, 1988-1990*
- Jean-Robert Frigault: *Acadian Identity and Diaspora in Louisiana*
- Chair: Daniel Samson

ACS 29: Tourism, Transportation, and National/Regional Collections

KMB 210

- Madeleine Léger: *A Tale of Two Bridges: The Romanticization of Settler Material Cultures in the Maritimes*
- Alexander Stokes: *A "Fixed Meaning" for Citizenship Education?: Debating the Confederation Bridge and Educational Policy from 1986-2006*
- Jacqueline Riddle: *National Significance, Atlantic Stories: Marine Transportation Collections at Canada's Museums of Science and Innovation*
- Chair: Nick Mercer

ACS 30: Labour, Regulation, and Resource Work
KMB 211

- Harry Holman: *Net Loss: Technological Change in the 19th Century Gulf of St. Lawrence Mackerel Fishery and its impact on the North Atlantic Fisheries Question*
- John Matchim: *"No time to play": Seal Hunting Regulations and the Rise of the 'professional' Sealer, 1960s-1980s*
- Lauren Hawes: *With power comes pulp: The development of forestry technologies on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore, 1867-1971*
- Chair: Paul W Bennett

12:00-13:30: Lunch Break

ACS 31: Plenary Lunch and Learn,
MSC 110 McMillan Hall

Crisis, Continuity, and Reform: Understanding Medicare's Past and Imagining Its Future in Atlantic Canada

- Speaker: Greg Marchildon
- Chair: Sasha Mullally

Sessions

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ACS 32: Land, Empire, and Extractive Economies
MCDH 243

- Jay Lalonde: *Settler Colonialism, Land, and the History of Mining in Nova Scotia*
- Laura Fraser: *The Coronet of Timber: The Imperial Timber Trade's Impact on Canada's Forestry Policies between 1845 and 2024*
- Andy Post: *Colonial Policy - Formation in Newfoundland and the Northeast*
- Patrick Callaway: *Reexamining Halifax's Earliest Trade Networks: The Naval Office List, 1751-55*
- Chair: Justin Kakeu

ACS 33: Islandness and Adaptation
MCDH 246

- Evelyn Bradley: *Invisible Threads: Exploring Islandness in the Absence of whiteness*
- David Morgan: *The Economic Viability of Supplemental Irrigation as a Response to Climate Change on Prince Edward Island*
- Megan Moynagh and Stephanie Arnold: *Reimagining the Possibilities and Expectations of Sectoral Adaptation*
- Chair: Laurie Brinklow

ACS 34: Political Economy, Regionalism, and Re-Charting
MCDH 328

- Andrew Halliday: *What the rise and fall of the Atlantic Bubble tells us about contemporary Atlantic Canadian regionalism*
- Fred Burrill: *Recapturing the (old) New Maritimes*
- Neil Balan: *A Vocabulary for the Genocide Economy in Atlantic Canada*
- Chair: Yuliya Raschupkina

ACS 35: Mobility and Memory in the Borderlands
KMB 210

- Mary T. Freeman: *Slavery in the District of Maine & Atlantic Canada: Exploring Revolutionary Connections*
- Susan Dickson-Smith: *Living Water: African Baptist Churches in New Brunswick's Borderlands*
- Anne Bardaglio: *"...on this lonely shore of Grand Manan": Perceptions of Place in the Bay of Fundy Islands, 1870-1914*
- Chair: Daria Kass

ACS 36: Climate-Smart Agriculture: Governance & Technology Transfer
MCDH 246

- Joshua MacFadyen, Yuliya Raschupkina, Seyedaidin Mousavian, and D. Bailey Clark: *Cultivating Knowledge: Technology Transfer, State Investment, and Agricultural Change in the Maritime Provinces, 1886-2026*
- Yuliya Rashchupkina, Joshua MacFadyen, Isadora De Souza, and Jordan Goodfellow: *Policies, Practices and Governance Arrangements for Climate Smart Agriculture: The Case Study of Crop Farming in Atlantic Canada*
- Daria Kass: *Sustainable Agriculture and Water Use on Prince Edward Island: A Watershed-Scale Social-Ecological Analysis, 1960-2020*
- Chair: Simon Lloyd

15:00-15:30 Break

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ACS 37: Climate, Energy, and Transition Discourses
MCDH 243

- Carmen Warner: *"It's Not a Racist Thing": Affective Statistics as Neocolonial Technique*
- Nick Mercer: *Sustainability Panacea or Local Energy [In] Justice? A Media review of Newfoundland's Wind-to-Hydrogen Boom*
- Seyedaidin Mousavian: *Emission Reduction Efforts in the Maritime Provinces*

- Megan Devoe: *Just Transition in Cape Breton: Worker and Key Informant Perspectives*
- Chair: Neil Balan

ACS 38: Planning, Public Institutions, and Participation
MCDH 328

- Paul W. Bennett: *Book Culture and Schools: The Disappearance of School Libraries in the Maritimes*
- Miles Howe: *A Spy in the Garage? Maurice Tugwell, The University of New Brunswick and the Centre for Conflict Studies*
- Sasha Mullally: *Networks of Light, Soap and Water: Engineering Modernity in Fredericton 1920s-1970s*
- Chair: Andrew Halliday

ACS 39: Policy, Rights, and State Power
KMB 210

- John Hempstead: *Expropriation and Indigenous Economic Reconciliation in New Brunswick*
- Martha Walls & Corey Slumkoski: *If These Feelings of Bitterness Continue: White Paper Critiques from Mi'kma'ki*
- Marcus Puddu: *Double Consciousness within Contemporary Mi'kmaw Literature*
- Alexa Purcell: *Beyond the Ballot: Feminist Perspectives on Voter Turnout and Democratic Inclusion in Nova Scotia*
- Chair: Laura Oland

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1992	Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's
1994	University of New Brunswick, Fredericton
1996	Université de Moncton, Moncton
1998	University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown
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