Thursday, 16 September 2010

9-10am: coffee and registration, Quiet Room, St John’s College

10am-10:30: welcome and introduction, Cross Common Room, St John’s College

10:30am-12pm: Session 1

**Plenary 1: “From Time Immemorial”: First Nations Agriculture in Manitoba**


*Sarah Carter, University of Alberta and Winona Wheeler, University of Athabasca: “When First Nations are Farmers/Settlers: Vexing Problems in the Fabrication of a White Settler West”

*Bret Nickels, University of Manitoba: “A Field of Dreams: The Problems and Prospects for Contemporary First Nations Agriculture in Manitoba”

**Facilitator: Dennis White Bird, Manitoba Treaty Commission**

Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

12pm-1:30pm: Lunch and meeting of WCH National Committee

1:30-3pm: Session 2

**Panel A: Migration, Meaning, and Movement**

*Joyce Chadya, University of Manitoba: “Home Away from Home: Zimbabwean diaspora’s experience of death in Canada”

*Lutz Schowalter, University of Trier: “Reconfigurations of Canadian Space, Canadianization of Global Space? On the Virtualization of Geographies and Its Consequences”

*Brian Froese, Canadian Mennonite University: “Errand to the North: Canadian Mennonites and American Evangelicals in the Twentieth Century Canadian West”

**Facilitator: Alexander Freund, History, University of Winnipeg**

Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

**Panel B: Places of Conflict, Trauma, and Discontent: Gender, Race, and Migration Histories of the Canadian West**

*Shawna Ferris, University of Manitoba: “The Annual Women’s Memorial March: Commemoration, Conviviality, and De-colonization in Vancouver’s Downtown East Side”

*Pernille Jakobsen, University of Calgary: “Murdoch v. Murdoch: in Situ”

*Laura Ishiguro, University College London: “Settling Complaints: Discontent in Family Letters from Nineteenth Century British Columbia”

**Facilitator: Liz Millward, Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Manitoba**

Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul’s College
Panel C: Women’s Contested Place
  *Elizabeth Jameson, University of Calgary: “Claims Across the Line”
  *Mary Murphy, Montana State University: “In Light of Gender: Geraldine Moodie’s Photographs of the West
  *Heather Stanley, University of Saskatchewan: “The best prophylaxis is a well-balanced sex life: Discourses of Married Sexuality during the Baby Boom (1946-1966)”
  Facilitator: Kate McPherson, History, York University
  Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

3pm-3:15pm: coffee break

3:15-4:45: Session 3

Panel A: Place, Race, and Empire
  *Robert Penner, Duke University: “Trans-Atlantic evangelical humanitarianism and Ojibwa nationalism in nineteenth-century Rupert’s Land”
  *Erin Millions, University of Manitoba: “Constructing ‘Britishness’ in the Canadian West: The Education of Fur Trade Children in Rupert’s Land, 1830-1860”
  *Angela Petersen, University of Alberta: “‘Outside I like to rule’: Sam Steele and Imperial Masculinity in Late-Nineteenth-Century Western Canada”
  Facilitator: Krista Walters, History, University of Toronto
  Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul’s College

Panel B: Placing and Replacing on the Screen and the Page
  *Elspeth Tulloch, Université Laval: “Mapping Out the Cultural Presence of Francophones in the West through NFB Film Adaptations”
  *Pamela Johanson, Mount St. Vincent: “Place and replace in Selected Franco-Manitoban Poetry”
  *Gene Walz, University of Manitoba: “Selling the Place: Manitoba on Film from 1898 to 1939”
  Facilitator: Brenda Austin Smith, English, Film, and Theatre, University of Manitoba
  Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

Panel C: Indigenous Peoples, Colonial Places, and the Politics of Memory and Recognition
  *Robin Jarvis Brownlie, University of Manitoba, and Roewan Crowe, University of Winnipeg: “Stories of Resistance in Winnipeg’s North End: An Oral History Pilot Project at Ndinawe”
  *Amanda Nettelbeck, University of Adelaide, and Russell Smandych, University of Manitoba: “Commemorating Foundation: a comparative study of regional historical memory”
  *Marlene Atleo, University of Manitoba, Education: “Re-envisioning, Re-claiming, and Re-naming: Aboriginal Education a requirement for Teacher Credentials in Manitoba”
  Facilitator: (Sherry Farrell Racette - TBC)
  Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

6pm: dinner and Pub Night sponsored by University of Manitoba Press, Lo Pub, 330 Kennedy Street (at Ellice Avenue)

Friday, 17 September 2010

8:30-9am: coffee
9:00am-10:30am:  
Session 4

**Plenary 2: Writing and Rewriting Prairie Space**

* Alison Calder, University of Manitoba: “The Importance of Place; or, Why We’re Not Post-Prairie”
* Garin Cycholl, University of Chicago: “Dakota is Everywhere’: The Microgeographies of ‘Here’ in Thomas McGrath’s Letter to an Imaginary Friend”
* Claire Omhovere, Universite Paul Valery, Montpellier 3 (France): “Miriam Toews Topography of the Void in A Complicated Kindness”

*Facilitator: Niigomwedon James Sinclair, English, UBC

*Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

10:30-10:45am: coffee

10:45am-12:15pm:  
Session 5

**Panel A: Alberta: Where do Working People Fit in a Meta-Narrative of One Party, One Class and One Ideology?**

* Erik Strikwerda, Athabasca University: “War; Recession; Roar and Depression”
* Jason Foster, Athabasca University: “The Klein Years: Where Were the Workers?”
* Jennifer Kelly, University of Alberta: “Visible Minorities and Labour”
* James Muir, University of Alberta: “War and Cold War, 1940-60”

*Facilitator: Winston Gereluk, Labour Studies, Athabasca University

*Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

**Panel B: Christianity and Indiginiety in Transforming Worlds**

* Amanda Fehr, University of Saskatchewan: “Christian Transformers: Continuity and Change in Aboriginal Spatial Places”

*Facilitator: Jonathan Clapperton, History, University of Saskatchewan

*Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul’s College

**Panel C: Canadians and their Pasts: Studies Based on the National Survey**

* Winona Wheeler (University of Saskatchewan), Mary Jane McCallum (University of Winnipeg) and Gerald Friesen (University of Manitoba) “Saskatchewan Aboriginal Perspectives on the Past: A Survey”
* David Northrup, York University Institute of Social Research: “The Relevance of Place”
* John Pollard, York University Institute of Social Research: “Conducting a National Survey”

*Facilitator: Ken Osborne, Education, University of Manitoba

*Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor


1:30pm-3pm:  
Session 6

**Panel A: Local Histories: Historical Places, Contested Spaces**

* Sharon Reilly, Manitoba Museum: “The Victoria Park Debate”
* Peter Bush, independent researcher: “The Church Union of 1925 as a Crisis of Place and Re-place on the Canadian Prairies”

*Facilitator: Sharon Wall, History, University of Winnipeg

*Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor
Panel B: Imagining a New Civic Order: Locating Public Health Work in the Prairie West and Northern Quebec
*Kristin Burnett, Lakehead University: “The Root of all National Greatness: Domesticity, Health and State Health Care Workers in Southern Alberta First Nation Communities, 1890-1940”
*Marion McKay, University of Manitoba: “Building for the Canada of Tomorrow: Public Health Nursing in Manitoba, 1915-1922”
*Johanne Daigle, Université Laval: “Des infirmieres aux confines du territoire du Quebec: L’ expérience de colonization interieure, 1932 – 1972”
Facilitator: Chris Dooley, History, York University
Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul’s College

Panel C: Aboriginal Resources, Aboriginal Resistance
*Peter Fortna, Metis Local 1935, and Tereasa Maillie, University of Calgary: “Some of the Indians get itchy to get back to their traplines: Understanding Metis Traditional Land Use and Occupancy in North-eastern Alberta”
*Alan McCullough, Historical Consultant: “The Confrontations at the Rivière aux Ilet de Bois”
*Tolly Bradford and Erika Dyck, University of Saskatchewan: “Peyote on the Prairies: Religion Scientists and Native-Newcomer Relations in 1950s Western Canada”
Facilitator: Warren Cariou, English, University of Manitoba
Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

Panel D: Icelandic People, Places, and Cultural Politics in Western Canada; Joint Session with Earthly and Cultural Metamorphosis, 7th Canada-Iceland Partnership Conference
*Laurie Bertram, University of Toronto: “Topographies of pastry and edible ethnicities: Vínarterta and popular Icelandic-Canadian identity”
*Ryan Eyford, University of Manitoba: “Broken Townships: The Pattern of Land-taking in the Icelandic Reserve, 1875-1883”
*Ágústa Edwald, “From Iceland to New Iceland: The archaeology of 19th century emigration”
Facilitator: Birna Bjarnadóttir, Icelandic Studies, University of Manitoba
Location: Icelandic Reading Room, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

3pm-3:15: coffee

3:15-4:45: Session 7

Panel A: Places of Politics: the Twentieth-Century
*Jared Wesley, University of Manitoba: “Defining Prairie Politics: (Counter) Cultures in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba”
*Heidi MacDonald, University of Lethbridge: “Placing the Economic Crisis: How 1930s British Columbia Youth Diarists Connected Location and Time”
*Robert A.J. McDonald, UBC: “Populism and the Clash of Modernities: Thinking Beyond the Prairies”
Facilitator: James Naylor, History, Brandon University
Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

Panel B: Place, Conservation and Culture
*Jonathan Clapperton, University of Saskatchewan: “Who opposes parks after all: Sliammon First Nation, BC Parks, and Settler Conservation”
*Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma: “Badlands and Bones: Towards a Conservation and Social History of Dinosaur Provincial Park, Alberta”
Facilitator: Jean Friesen, History, University of Manitoba
Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor
Panel C: Places of Consumption, Material Culture and Resources

*Ruth Sandwell, University of Toronto: “Household Power in Western Canada: A Social History of Fossil Fuels and Hydro-Electricity in Western Canadian Homes, 1900-1950”
Facilitator: Esyllt Jones, History, University of Manitoba
Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul's College

6pm: dinner and 8pm: reading

Saturday, 18 September 2010

8:30-9am: coffee

9am-10:30: Session 8

Plenary 3: Migrant Cultures and the Train in Western Canada

*Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg: “Transcultural Space and Multi-linear Time: Travel Narratives of Canadian Low German Mennonite Emigrants, 1922 and 1948”
*Alison R. Marshall, Brandon University: “The Train and Notions of Prairie Chineseness: Dwellings and Crossings as builders, washers, cooks and gentry, 1911 to 1949”
Facilitator: Gerald Friesen, History, University of Manitoba
Location: Robert Schultz Lecture Theatre, St John’s College

10:30-10:45: coffee

10:45-12:15pm: Session 9

Panel A: Senses of Place

*Bev Sandalack, University of Calgary: “Prairie Towns: A Continuity of Process and Form”
*Ann Davis, University of Calgary: “Museums and Sense of Place”
*Mel Prewitt, University of Iowa: “Rural Education in the American West”
Facilitator: Leah Morton, History, University of Manitoba
Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul's College

Panel B: Literatures of Place

*Julia Petry, University of Trier: “In these cold arenas: Life and Death in poems of Three Female Prairie Writers”
*Lindy Ledohowski, St. Jerome’s University in the University of Waterloo: “Little Ukraine on the Prairie: The Role of Prairie Place and Space in Ukrainian Canadian Literature on English”
*Emma LaRocque, University of Manitoba: “For the Love of Place’ - Selected Metis Writings”
Facilitator: Dennis Cooley, English, University of Manitoba
Location: Robert Schultz Lecture Theatre, St John's College
Panel C: Transformative Ethnohistories: Describing and Inscribing Sto:lo Expressions of Identity and Meaning of Place through Narrative and Language

*Margaret Robbins, University of Victoria: “Centre from Which Underground Passages Radiate: Understanding Mystical Tunnels in a Sto:lo Spiritual Geography”
*Stephanie Danyluk, University of Victoria: “Weaving Ties of Kinship and Place: Naming as a Literal and Metaphorical Anchors to Place”
*Liam Haggerty, University of Saskatchewan: “Wealth of Cultures: Sto:lo and Xwelitem Systems of Sharing in British Columbia’s Fraser River Valley”

**Facilitator: TBA**

Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

12:15-1:15pm: lunch and farewell