



**Canadian Network for Economic History /
Réseau Canadien D'Histoire Économique
2008 Conference Program
Friday, April 18 – Sunday, April 20
Mont Blanc Room, Four Points Sheraton
475 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec**

Friday, April 18

Coffee

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Labour Movements

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Chair: Patrick Coe (Carleton)

Byron Lew (Trent) and Bruce Cater (Trent)

"Farm Mechanization on an Otherwise 'Featureless Plain': Tractor Adoption on the Northern Great Plains and Immigration Policy of the 1920s"

Dhanoos Sutthiphisal (McGill)

"Location, Location, Location: Why Do Inventors Move?"

Alan Green (Queen's) and David Green (UBC)

"Immigration and Inequality in Canada in the Early 20th Century"

Lunch
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Institutions
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Chair: Marc Law (UVM)

Cliff Bekar (Lewis and Clark) and Clyde Reed (SFU)
"Distributional Dynamics in a Stochastic Environment with Tradable Assets:
Medieval English Land Markets"

Steve Nafziger (Williams)
"Democracy in Tsarist Russia? The Case of the Zemstvo"

Break
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Inequality, Women and Wealth
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Chair: Sonia Laszlo (McGill)

Marina Adshade (Dalhousie)
"Predicting Patterns of Early Twentieth Century Wage Inequality"

Livio DiMatteo (Lakehead)
"Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Women and Wealth in Ontario, 1870-1920"

Michael Pammer (Johannes Kepler)
"Inter-Regional and Intra-Regional Inequality in 19th Century Austria"

Reception, McGill Arts Building, 853 Sherbrooke Street West
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 19

Breakfast / Coffee
9:00 am – 9:30 am

Spanning the 20th Century
9:30 am – 11:00 am

Chair: Almos Tassonyi (Ontario Ministry of Finance)

David Clingingsmith (Case Western Reserve)
"Bilingualism, Language Shift and Industrialization in Mid-20th Century India"

Ruth Dupré (H.E.C.)
"Prohibition of Alcohol and Anglo-Saxon Culture: A Comparison of the U.S.,
Canada, Australia, and New Zealand"

William Troost (UBC)
"Peer to Peer: Lifetime Learning and the Evolution of the Gender Literacy Gap"

Business Meeting
11:00 am – 11:30 am

Lunch
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Student Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Chair/Discussants: Michael Huberman (U de Montréal)
Gillian Hamilton (U of T)

Claudia Rei (Boston U)
"The Organization of Merchant Empires: Portugal, England and the Netherlands"

Gordon Holmes (McMaster)
"Canada's International Accounts with Great Britain, the United States and the
Rest of the World, 1868-1929: A Review of the Literature and New Estimates"

Herbert Emery (Calgary) and Jesse Matheson (Calgary)
"Public Pensions and the Well-Being of Seniors in Canada: Comparing Means Tested and Universal Eligibility, 1921-1970"

Jason Dean (McGill)
"The Economic Assimilation of Urban Immigrants in Canada during the Wheat Boom Era of 1896-1913"

Break
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Funding Government Debt
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Chair: Ann Carlos (University of Colorado – Boulder/University College Dublin)

Mark Dincecco (IMT Lucca Institute)
"The Political Economy of Financial Good Housekeeping in Historical Perspective"

Mauricio Drelichman (UBC) and Hans-Joachim Voth (ICREA/UPF and CEPR)
"Lending to the Borrower from Hell: Lender Coalitions and Incentive Compatibility in the Age of Phillip II"

Michael Bordo (Rutgers), Tamara Gomes (Bank of Canada) and Lawrence Schembri (Bank of Canada)
"Canada and the IMF: Trailblazer or Prodigal Son?"

**Conference Dinner, Café des Beaux-Arts, Montreal Museum of Fine Art,
1384 Sherbrooke Street West**
7:00 pm

Keynote Speaker: Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech)
"Centuries of Wealth, Enterprise and Capital Markets: A Few Claims and Many Tasks"

Sunday, April 20

Breakfast / Coffee
8:30 am – 9:00 am

Trade and Factor Flows
9:00 am – 10:00 am

Chair: Richard Sicotte (UVM)

David Eltis (Emory), Frank Lewis (Queen's) and Kimberly McIntyre (Finance)
"The Costs of Transporting Slaves to the Caribbean: 1680-1730"

David Jacks (SFU), Chris Meissner (UC Davis) and Dennis Novy (Warwick)
"Trade Booms, Trade Busts and Trade Costs"

Break
10:00 am – 10:15 am

Physical Well-Being
10:15 am – 11:45 am

Chair: Angela Redish (UBC)

Louis Cain (Loyola/NWU) and Sok Chul Hong (Chicago)
"Survival in 19th Century Cities: The Larger the City, the Smaller Your Chances"

Kris Inwood (Guelph), Les Oxley (Canterbury) and Evan Roberts (Victoria U)
"Physical Well-Being in New Zealand since the 19th Century"

Alexander Moradi (Oxford – Nuffield)
"Towards an Objective Account of Nutrition and Health in Colonial Kenya: A Study of Stature in African Army Recruits and Civilians, 1880-1980"

Concluding Remarks
11:45 am – 12:00 pm