

**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
HISTORY DEPARTMENT
FALL 2017**

**WORKPLACE LEARNING HIST3480:
“Commemorating John McCrae – Locally and Abroad”**

Instructor/Faculty Advisor: Dr. Kim Martin

Workplace Supervisor: Tammy Adkin, Manager, Guelph Museums

Interested students should contact Dr. Martin, kmarti20@uoguelph.ca

Course Format: Independent work with scheduled meetings.

2018 marks the centenary of the death of Guelph-born doctor, poet and soldier John McCrae. Guelph Museums is planning commemoration activities in Guelph and in Belgium and France, where Lt. Col. McCrae served during the First World War and where he is buried.

Your experiential learning opportunity will involve researching and assisting with the planning of a local commemoration ceremony to be held in Guelph January 28, 2018 and a graveside service to be held in Wimereux, France May 2, 2018. You will work with and be supported by the Museum’s manager, supervisor of visitor experiences, and Commemoration Committee. Your tasks will include researching best practices in commemoration activities and graveside services, and developing the program and protocol manual for the graveside service, considering perspectives of military, faith, family and the community.

In connecting this work experience to your academic discipline you will write a series of short critical reflections and a research paper analyzing commemoration activities from local and international perspectives.

Methods of Evaluation and Weights:

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| • Overview of best practices for commemoration activities | 10% |
| • Program and protocol manual for graveside service | 50% |
| • Weekly Critical Reflections submitted in two instalments | 15% |
| • Document analysis of commemoration activities
(1500 words) | 25% |

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge of research practices
Knowledge of Guelph and military history
Knowledge of local and international public engagement activities
Appreciation for public engagement

Ability to critically reflect upon your own work
Ability to critically assess the commemoration activities

No Textbook Required

Project Timeline

Week 1: Pre-arranged meeting with the Professor and the Guelph Museums manager to discuss the project.

Weeks 1-3: Environmental scan of other commemoration activities to determine the best practices/approaches.

Week 3: Proposal due

Weeks 4-12: Research program elements and protocols for graveside ceremonies

Week 6: First collection of weekly Reflections is due covering weeks 1-5

Week 12: Second collection of weekly Reflections is due covering weeks 6-10

Week 13: Document Analysis is due

Articles will be submitted at various points over the semester and meetings will be held with the professor and Ms. Adkin.

*Please note: This is a preliminary web course description only. The department reserves the right to change without notice any information in this description. The final, binding course outline will be distributed in the first class of the semester.