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Dr. Catharine Wilson Receives the Francis and Ruth Redelmeier Professorship in Rural History

Ruth Redelmeier and her late husband, Francis (OAC 1945), developed a passion for rural and local history in trying to track down the heritage of their well known jersey farm near Richmond Hill. This past year Ruth and her family generously donated the "Don Head Farms" records to the University of Guelph Archives and endowed a "Professorship" to develop Rural History. Dr



Catharine Wilson, Ruth Redelmeier, and Dean of Arts, Don Bruce

Catharine Wilson is honored to be the first Redelmeier Professor. When Cathy was an undergraduate at the University of Guelph and developed a passion for rural history, it wasn't taught anywhere else in Canada. Since then it has developed a following with undergraduate and graduate courses devoted to it, and several doctoral students creating a new generation of scholars. The Redelmeier gift enhances this growing knowledge about the countryside where most Canadians lived well into the 20th century.

Cathy says the gift is very important to her personally as it fosters her research into the internal dynamics of neighbourhood. Her work on barn raisings, quilting bees and other forms of neighbourly exchange aligns with the University's BetterPlanet Project and its desire to deepen our

The Francis and Ruth Redelmeier Professorship in Rural History

understanding of “community”.

The gift's impact extends well beyond Dr Wilson's research. It will enhance the Rural History Roundtable, a speakers' series now in its 12th year. At the Roundtable faculty and students from various disciplines share their research with the public on rural life as it was lived in various places and eras. The Redelmeier gift will expand the range of speakers and further Guelph's reputation as the center for rural history. For example, plans are underway for the Roundtable to host a conference on Artifacts of Agraria here in 2015.

The endowment will also benefit undergraduate students as they develop Guelph's exceptionally fine rural archival collection and learn the skills of event coordination. Doctoral students will have the opportunity to teach a rural/environmental history

course. All will develop practical skill-sets and an informed understanding of rural society so as to contribute to its future.

The first recipient of the Ruth and Francis Redelmeier Professorship believes that history helps us to think critically - not romantically - about our rural past, be better informed about our environment and food supply, and exercise our imaginations and creativity. Cathy and her students find sheer pleasure in hunting down that missing bit of evidence or revising old understandings. Francis and Ruth encountered these pleasures first hand too.

Dr Wilson, on behalf of the Department of History, the College of Arts and the University of Guelph, thanks the Redelmeier Family wholeheartedly for this gift which transforms and inspires.

Centennial of the Birth of Stanford Reid



To celebrate the centennial of the birth of W. Stanford Reid, the founding chair (1965-1970) of Guelph's History department, the Presbyterian College of McGill University held a conference in Montreal from 26-28 September, 2013. Some 150 people attended from North America and Europe. Among the Guelph contingent, most of whom presented on the program, were: the Rev. Elizabeth Morgan, former medievalist Mary Rogers, the Rev. Stuart Macdonald (of Knox College, Toronto), former Canadianist Terry Crowley, recent doctoral graduate Daniel MacLeod, the Rev. Ed Den Haan (currently president of the Priscilla and Stanford Reid Trust), and Stewart Gill, now principal of Emmanuel College at the University of Queensland.

Trivia Night Fund Raiser for United Ways

History trivia night was held on Thursday, November 7, 2013. It was attended by faculty members, graduate students and members of the History Society. Participants grappled with challenging questions thrown at them by Sara Wilmhurst, who organized the event and designed the questions. Dr. Susannah Ferreira, the 2013 Department of History United Way Coordinator, was the instigator of this event. It raised \$220 for the United Way

Dr. Elizabeth Ewan, University Research Chair and Professor of History, led a UNIV 1200, First Year Seminar course called *Scotch Myths: Icons of a Small Country*. The course examines the history and



uses of Scottish icons and stereotypes and looks at how they have represented the country both in the past and the present. Among the famous icons the class examined were bagpipes, whisky, William Wallace, Mary Queen of Scots, tartan, and the Loch Ness Monster. Students also used the research skills they developed in the course to look at how images and icons of Canada are used.

Pictured here: A few of Dr. Ewan's students and the famous University of Guelph canon, decorated in honor of the course..

Tri-University History Students in Dr. Wilson's graduate course in **Canadian Rural History** are



honing their communication skills as they create six display cases to celebrate "90 Years of College Royal: Students, Community, and Fun." Focusing on the event's student leadership and community involvement, students are exhibiting the

history of College Royal using artefacts, photographs and documents from the Guelph archives. Drop by to see the display on the main floor of the McLaughlin Library, Academic Town Hall and visit the launch on Monday 10 March at 1:30pm.

UofG on Center stage at the Pearl Jam Concert

Renee Woringer and her husband Steve traveled out west to Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria in early December for what turned out to be a pretty COLD vacation - it was the start of the cold snap in Canada. But the main reason for the trip was that Renée is a huge Pearl Jam fan and had tickets to



Calgary and Vancouver concerts. On Calgary concert night, a snowstorm prohibited many people from attending, but they were in the General Admission area, 4 rows from center stage, and Renée brought a memento of Guelph to put our university on Pearl Jam's map. At the right moment, she tossed a UG T-shirt to lead singer Eddie Vedder on stage. He caught it, and she was able to yell to him to come and visit the University of Guelph! See photo for proof! Maybe we'll have a Pearl Jam concert on campus some day?!

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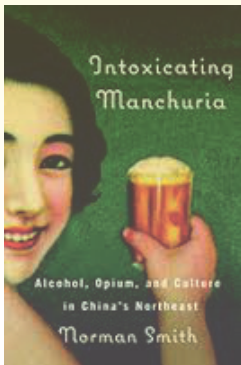
Derek Murray, BA & MA History Guelph, continues in the doctoral program at the University of Victoria. During the past year, he designed and taught courses in Canadian history, race and ethnicity, transatlantic slavery and antislavery, and historical methods.

Mark Dorsey, after obtaining two degrees in History at Guelph, completed a PhD at York University and is currently an instructor in Communications at Georgian College.

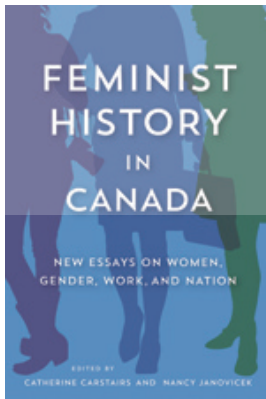
Denny Brett graduated with a History BA from Guelph in Dec. 2012. He is currently doing his MA in History and Classics at the University of Alberta with a thesis project on the history of oilsands land reclamation. He is also the book review editor for *The Otter* (under the Network in Canadian History and Environment (NiCHE) at <http://niche-canada.org/category/the-otter/>). *The Otter* is currently calling for "book reviewers at any stage in their academic and professional careers (public historians, graduate students, Associate Professors, etc)."

PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

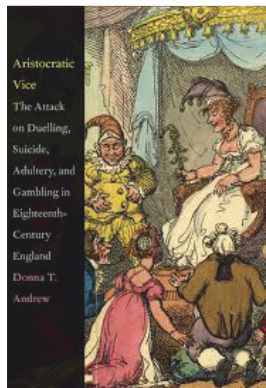
Norman Smith's book, *Intoxicating Manchuria: Alcohol, Opium, and Culture in China's Northeast*, UBC Press, 2012, won the **2013 Gourmand Wine Books Award – Best Drink History Book, Canada (English)**.



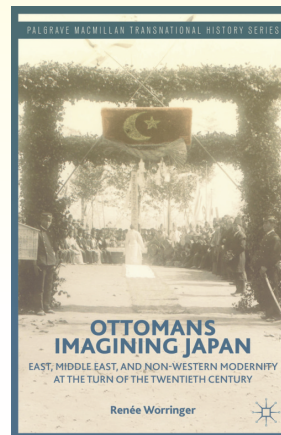
Catherine Carstairs's book, co-edited with Nancy Janovicek, *Feminist History in Canada: New Essays on Women, Gender, Work, and Nation*, UBC Press, 2013



Donna T. Andrew, History Department Emerita Professor has also published a new book: *Aristocratic Vice: The Attack on Duelling, Suicide, Adultery, and Gambling in Eighteenth-Century England*, Yale University Press, 2013.



Renée Worringer's book, *Ottomans Imagining Japan: East, Middle East and Non-Western Modernity at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*, Palgrave-MacMillan is set to appear in January 2014. The book deals with Ottoman views of modern Japan as a model for reform, modernization and nation-building strategies at the end of empire.



Gordon Hak, University of Guelph History Alumni, has a book out, *The Left in British Columbia, A History of Struggle*, Ronsdale Press, 2013. Gordon Hak is with the Vancouver Island University



*A Blast from the Past*__ Answer to riddle of the mystery photo on p8:
Terry Crowley, with his faculty class in Shenyang, China, 1987.

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Last Semester

Dr. Renée Worringer, in October, delivered a paper at the 2013 International Wolf Symposium: Wolves and Humans at the Crossroads, entitled "Enemy of the Shepherd, Wolf in Dog's Clothing?: Wolf as Deity, Devil, Menace, Mistreated?" in which she compared European, Central Asian and Japanese attitudes towards the wolf in relation to religious doctrine, ancestral myths, and the effects of modernity upon perceptions of wolves.



Fall 2013, Gateway Seminar discussion

The title of the Department of History Fall 2013 Gateway Seminar discussion was "Historical Education, International Career" It was given by



Brett Thompson of the Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade & Graduate of the Guelph History Program on Monday, October 7, 5:30-7:00pm in MACK 232. (BA, History, 2007)

Brett shared his experience as a History graduate navigating the world of graduate school, internships, and into the workforce as a policy analyst at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development in Ottawa.

SSHRC and OGS Information Session

Professors Elizabeth Ewan and Sofie Lachapelle and graduate students Alice Glaze and Sara Wilmshurst spoke at this information session. The event was to assist graduate and upper-year history undergraduate students who might want to apply for research funding and scholarships be better prepared for the process. It was held on Thursday, October 10 from 12noon to 2pm in MACK132.

Current Semester

RURAL HISTORY ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS' SERIES, WINTER 2014

Matt Elder

Date: Tuesday Jan 21, 7:00- 9:00 pm

Place: MacKinnon Building, Room 309, University of Guelph

Title: "“Every Man his Own Doctor’: Illness, Suffering, and Disease Management in Rural Ontario, 1858-1870”

Matt is a graduate of the M.A. History program at the University of Guelph. His research focuses on agricultural commodities in rural Ontario and the history of disability.

Elizabeth Ritchie

Date: Thursday 6 February, 7:30 – 9:30

Place: Florence Partridge Room, McLaughlin Library, Room 384

Title: "“With a Woman and an Axe’: The Labour of Scottish Emigrant Women in Rural Canada, 1782-1851.”

Elizabeth teaches at the University of the Highlands and Islands in Scotland and researches education, popular religion, gender and the family in the early 19th-century Scottish Highlands and women's emigration from Scotland to Canada.

Daniel Samson

Date: Thursday 27 February, 2:30-4:30 pm

Place: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph

Title : "Missionaries, the Domestic, and the Improvement of Mi'kmaq Agriculture, 1820-1860".

Daniel teaches rural and colonial history at Brock University, and writes about farmers and the rural world of colonial Nova Scotia.

Dawn Dietrich

Date: Thursday, 20 March, 2:30-4:30 pm

Place: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph

Title: "Managing Nature: A Feminist Environmental History of Eastern Ontario's Forests, 1849-2013"

Dawn is a PhD candidate in the Department of

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Geography, University of Guelph. She investigates the impact of resource management shifts, the role of nature, and the importance of gender and nature constructions in human-environment relations.

Fabio Faria Mendes

Date : Thursday 3 April, 2:30-4:30 pm

Place: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph

Title: "Patrons, Kins, and Neighbours: Godparentage and Social Networks in Nineteenth-century Minas Gerais, Brazil"

Fabio is Associate Professor of Federal University of Viçosa, Brazil, and Visiting Researcher in the Department of History at University of Guelph. His research focuses on family history and historical demography in 19th century Brazil and Canada.

2014 Tri-University History Conference

This year's edition of the Tri-University Graduate Student Conference will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014 at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo.

HISTORIES AND COMMUNITIES TRI-UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

22 March 2014

Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo

In 2014 the Tri-University Graduate Student conference is celebrating its 20th anniversary. This year's conference will explore the complex and shifting relationships between **history** and **community**. History is about change, which is often the result of interactions among multiple communities. Historians also engage with different kinds of communities, including communities of action, place, and practice. We invite papers that explore this broad theme of histories and communities in any period and geographic region, as well as other topics.

We encourage both individual submissions and panel submissions (with a Chair if possible).

Visit www.triuniversity.ca/conference/conference-registration to register and submit a 1-page CV and a 250 word abstract. Successful papers will be notified after 7 February 2014.

Deadline: 7 February 2014



For more information, contact, Dr. Susan Roy, Dept. of History, University of Waterloo, 200 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON, Canada N2L 3G1

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Location: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph

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The BetterPlanet Project

Middle East Society Event

Coming up Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 5:00 pm in MacKinnon Building, Room: 237.

Topic: "Citizen Ahmad: Rethinking Islamic Law In non-Muslim Polity". Talk to be given by Dr. Said Fares Hassan, Assistant Professor, Al-Azhar University, EGYPT (author of *Fiqh al-Aqalliyat History, Development, and Progress*)

For more information on this and future MES talks for the semester, contact Dr. Eid Mohamed
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The Rural History Roundtable invites you to ...



Networks of Land, Labour and Family 1830-1930

7 March 2014 at the Lifetime Learning Centre 1713 (OVC), University of Guelph

14:30

Peter Baskerville, University of Alberta

The Last Best West: Homesteaders on the Move, Alberta 1870-1916

15:15

Catharine Wilson, University of Guelph

'Man-Days': Labour Exchanges Between Ontario Farmers, 1830-1930

16:00 break

16:15

Fabio Faria Mendes, Universidade Federal do Vicosa

Crossing Borders: Intermarriage, Heterogamy and Social Networks in Waterloo County 1870-1902

17:00

Gordon Darroch, York University

Reconstructing Household Experience with Canada's Historical Censuses





A Blast from the Past

Can you guess who this is -
bottom row, center?

And when?

Find out if you are right on p.4

ANNOUNCEMENTS



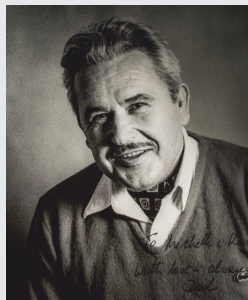
Edna Retires

Edna Mumford, who retires January 31 from the University of Guelph, was feted by current and retired members of the department of History during a send forth party held in her honor. Edna joined the university in 2003 as Graduate Secretary in the Department of Computing Science (now School of Computer Science). She joined the Department of History as Undergraduate Secretary in 2008. Edna and Ritchie, her husband, are flanked to the left by Catherine Carstairs, the chair of the History Department and, to the right, by Don Bruce, Dean, College of Arts.

In Memoriam:

Stefan Straka, a long-time member and former Chair of the University of Guelph History Department (1975-84), passed away January 10, 2014.

Professor Straka, the third chair of Guelph's History department, succeeding



A. Margaret Evans, was an expert in Eastern European Studies. He joined the Department in 1967 and edited *The Scottish Tradition* for many years. He did his PhD at McGill. In 1987 he took early retirement and moved to Nova Scotia.

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