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Artifacts in Agraria Symposium a Great Success

Rural History enthusiasts from across Canada and as far away as Atlanta and Oklahoma gathered on October 17th/18th last fall at the University of Guelph to hear twenty-two scholars share their research. Each presenter began with an artifact and analyzed how it reflected cultural beliefs and identity, told stories and changed meaning over time. Well known Canadian historians Jack Little, Roy Loewen, Ruth Sandwell and Doug McCalla joined other specialists in agricultural history, rural sociology, archaeology and material culture. A horse blanket, oxen yoke, kerosene lamp, steel wheel, de-horning shears, gourd rattle, milking machine, fiddle and quilt were just some of the artifacts analyzed. People enjoyed the intellectual energy that pervaded the weekend and making new acquaintances.

Former and current graduate students from the Tri-

University Graduate Program, Dr Lisa Cox, Deborah Livingston-Lowe, and Jodey Nurse-Gupta and University of Guelph sessional instructor Rebecca Beausaert presented papers. A generous thank you is extended to students from HIST4620 and Organizing Committee members Lisa Cox, Erin Schuur and Jacqui McIsaac who gave freely of their time. The symposium was coordinated by Jodey Nurse-Gupta and Catharine Wilson and generously supported by the Francis and Ruth Redelmeier Professorship in Rural History.



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At the Artifacts in Agraria Symposium

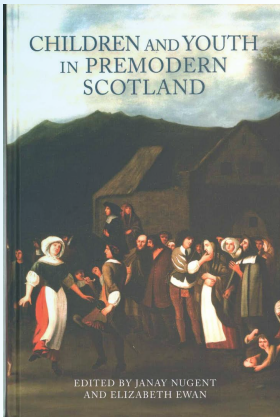


Replica of 19th-century horse hood created by former MA student, Deborah Livingston-Lowe



19th-century Oxen Yoke

Publications and Awards

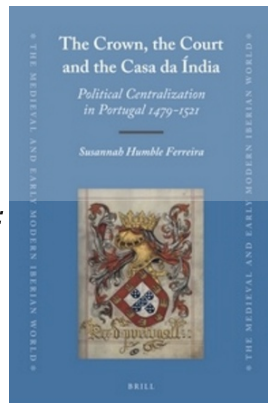


Professor Elizabeth Ewan's new book, co-edited with Janay Nugent, is out, *Children and Youth in Premodern Scotland* (Boydell & Brewer, 2015)

Professor Sofie Lachapelle has just published a new book, *Conjuring Science: A History of Scientific Entertainment and Stage Magic in Modern France* with Palgrave MacMillan.



Professor Susannah Ferreira has a new book out in the bookstores and online: *The Crown, the Court and the Casa da Índia: Political Centralization in Portugal 1479-1521*, with Brill.



Conferences & Invited Talks

Professor. Karen Racine gave two talks:

- * "The Mansion House of Liberty: London's Spanish American Community 1808-1829" at St. Antony's College, Oxford University (Oct 2015)
- * "The National Cadaver: Wars to the Death across Spanish American Independence," at the Institute for Historical Research, University of London (Nov 2015)

MA and PhD History Defence

Hamelin, Spencer

MA (MRP) Dec. 2015 "A New Scale of Activism: The Canadian Labour Movement and the North American Free Trade Agreement" *Advisor, M. Hayday*

Barraball, Jonathon

MA (Thesis) Jan. 2016 "The Peregrinations of 'Lugless Will': Deconstructing an Early Modern Travel Narrative" *Advisor, K. James*

Travel & Business Expense Reimbursement Course - Feb.3 10-12 pm

Do you know someone who would benefit from a quick course on the Do's and Don'ts of Expense Claims at the University?

A course is being held on Wednesday, February 3rd from 10-12 p.m. in the Library Computer Lab Room 034. For more info on how to register and the course content please refer to the HR Learning & Development web site:

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/learningmatters/eventreg/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=763>

Hope to see you there!

Expense Claim Revenue Control Financial Services (ECS) Team
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Winter 2016 Gateway Seminar

CAREERS WITH YOUR HISTORY DEGREE



Winter 2016 Gateway Seminar

Thursday, 4 February 2016, 5:30-7:00 pm
Mackinnon Room 231

History Alumni will talk about their career paths and the value of their history degrees.

Sonja Missio (BAH, History'08) is a Prospect Researcher and Information Officer at North York General Foundation, involved in a major fundraising campaign and an international soccer journalist.

Samuel Sharp (BAH, History'12, MA History'15) is a Historical Interpreter at the Gibson House Museum and a Program Instructor at Colborne Lodge Museum, Toronto.

All History students welcome! Pizza & Pop will be provided!

There is a Future in the Past

Announcements

The History Department presents

RURAL HISTORY ROUNDTABLE:

SPEAKER SERIES WINTER 2016

SWINE PRODUCTION IN ONTARIO IN THE 20TH CENTURY:

Environment and Animal Welfare

Miguel Mundstock Xavier de Carvalho

Post-Doc, Guelph and Professor at Federal University of Southern Frontier, Brazil

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 4:00-5:30PM

Location: Johnston Hall, OAC Boardroom, Room 104

MOVED BY THE STATE:

Forced Relocation and a 'Good Life' in Postwar Canada

Tina Loo

McLean Chair in Canadian Studies and Canada Research Chair in Environmental History, UBC

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 3:00-4:30PM

Location: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph

RURAL CONVICTS IN A BRITISH PENAL COLONY:

Transportation to Van Diemen's Land 1817-1853

Hamish Maxwell-Stewart

Professor of History and Associate Dean Research, University of Tasmania, Australia

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2:30-4:00PM

Location: Johnston Hall, OAC Boardroom, Room 104

MAN-ANIMAL RELATIONS

as Viewed by Archaeological Excavations in the Castle of Roissy, France (12th-19th c)

Jean-Yves Dufour

Archaeologist, INRAP Interregional Direction Centre Ile de France

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2:30-4:00PM

Location: Florence Partridge Room 384, McLaughlin Library

WOLF IN DOG'S CLOTHING

The History of Sheepherding Dogs for Livestock Management

Renée Worringer

Associate Professor, Guelph, Ottomanist & Sheepdog Enthusiast

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 3:00-4:30PM

Location: MacKinnon Building, Room 132, University of Guelph



Sponsored by the Francis and Ruth Redelmeier Professorship in Rural History

Invitation from the University of Victoria History Department

Dear Fellow Historians,

No group can better appreciate the historical significance of the current refugee crisis in the Middle East and its implications than historians. We know that this is a crisis unprecedented in our lifetimes and of a proportion rarely seen in world history.

I am sure that many of you, like a group of us at UVic, watched the growing crisis over the past summer and fall with horror and a feeling of helplessness. Recently we decided that we did not have to sit idle as the crisis deepens, and we would like to invite you to join us.

As a group of faculty, staff and students in our History Department we decided to take on the responsibility to sponsor and host a Syrian refugee family. We would like to invite you to join us and, if you can, either 1) make a contribution towards our project or 2) consider organizing among your colleagues and communities to sponsor a refugee family or, 3) both!

Through this process we have learned that we are not really helpless -- that we as individuals and as a group of historians can make a real difference in the lives of suffering people, today. Now. We have also learned that these acts of generosity are bringing us closer as a community of scholars.

We invite you to join us in sponsoring a refugee family. Please go to our website where you can learn more about this project and make a donation.

Through the Intercultural Association we can offer tax receipts. We are working to raise \$50,000 and are half-way there.

This week one of our emeritus faculty has offered to double new contributions up to a ceiling of \$5,000 so your donation will mean twice as much.

Our website: <http://www.historyrefugee.org/>
On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HistoryRefugeeCommittee/>

We also have the option of a gift card which will allow you to make a donation in lieu of another kind of gift to a family member or friend who perhaps has less need of your support. Should you wish to start a group to sponsor refugees or bring a group of your colleagues/students together to support this initiative, we would be very happy to share what we have learned about the process and how we have proceeded.

Please join us in making the new year a much brighter one for a desperate family, and then, hopefully, another and another. Together we can light a candle, and in time, a bonfire, against the darkness.

With thanks and best wishes...

John Lutz, chair
On behalf of the UVic Department of History
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Victoria, B.C. V8W 3P4

W16 Schedule of History department meetings

Meeting times are 12:30-2:30 in MacKinnon room 132

Friday January 15
Friday February 26
Friday April 8

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