Scotland-Canada Academic Partnership: Member Directory

CANADA

Name	Title/Role	Institution/Affiliation	email	Research Interests
Dr. Kate Ashley	Professor, Vice-Provost Academic Policy and Graduate Studies	Acadia University	kate.ashley@acadiau.ca	19th-century Literary History; Comparative literature; Law and policy; Translation and reception studies.
Dr. Peter Ludlow	Vice-Provost Research & Innovation	Acadia University	peter.ludlow@acadiau.ca	Scottish history; Roman Catholicism; Place; Gaelic language and migration.
Dr. Mark G. Spencer	Professor of History	Brock University	mspencer@brocku.ca	David Hume as Historian; Scotland and America; Scottish Enlightenment.
Dr. R. Andrew McDonald	Professor of History	Brock University	amcdonald@brocku.ca	Medieval Highlands and Islands and Medieval Isle of Man.
Dr. Heather Sparling	Professor of Ethnomusicology	Cape Breton University	heather_sparling@cbu.ca	Gaelic song; Music and dance in Nova Scotia; Language revitalization and music; Disaster songs; Commemoration and memory.
Dr. Don Nerbas	Associate Professor, Dept. of History and Classical Studies, St. Andrew's Society/McEuen Scholarship Foundation Chair in Canadian-Scottish Studies	McGill University	donald.nerbas@mcgill.ca	Atlantic Canada; Capitalism; Coal; Migration; Montreal.
Dr. Don W. Nichol	Professor Emeritus	Memorial University of Newfoundland	dnichol@mun.ca	Burns & the Standard Habbie; Sir Walter Scott; James Hogg; Robert Louis Stevenson; Ian Rankin.

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Dr. Carla Cesaroni	Professor of Criminology, Associate Dean Graduate Studies	Ontario Tech University	carla.cesaroni@ontariotechu.ca	Cross-national comparisons Canadian and Scottish youth justice; Incarcerated young adults; Masculinity and trauma in Scotland and Canada; Cross national comparative of Canadian and Scottish young adult regimes; Faith, religion and prisons (cross national Scottish/Canadian comparatives).
Dr. S. Karly Kehoe	Professor of History	Saint Mary's University	karly.kehoe@smu.ca	Catholicism in Scotland and Scottish Catholicism; Migration; Highlanders and the Caribbean; Scotland and the Empire; Scots in Canada.
Dr. Leith Davis	Professor, Dept. of English, Director of the Research Centre for Scottish Studies	Simon Fraser University	leith@sfu.ca	Cultural memory; Eighteenth-century literature and culture; Media history; Robert Burns in diasporic culture.
Dr. Michael Linkletter	Sister Saint Veronica Professor of Gaelic Studies, Dept. of Celtic Studies	St. Francis Xavier University	mlinklet@stfx.ca	Scottish Gaelic language, literature, history and culture in Canada and the diaspora.
Dr. Alexander Dick	Associate Professor, Dept. of English Language and Literatures	The University of British Columbia	alex.dick@ubc.ca	Scottish romantic literature (1760-1830); Environmental humanities; Political economy; Settler colonialism; Gaelic poetry.
Dr. Angela L. Ferguson	Assistant Professor, Teaching (Faculty of Nursing)	University of Calgary	afergu@ucalgary.ca	Advanced practice nursing; Palliative and end-of-life care; Qualitative research; Cybergogy & Artificial Intelligence in higher education.

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Warren Boyd Ferguson	Sessional Instructor Undergraduate Programs, PhD student (Werklund School of Education)	University of Calgary	warren.ferguson1@ucalgary.ca	Vocational education; Educational leadership; Educational philosophy and ethics; Teacher training programs and innovation; Dignity-generative leadership in schools; Higher education, and the workplace.
Dr. Elizabeth Ewan	Professor Emerita of History and Scottish Studies	University of Guelph	eewan@uoguelph.ca	Medieval and early modern Scotland; Scottish gender history; History of crime in Scotland; Scottish urban history.
Dr. Kevin James	Professor of History, Scottish Studies Foundation Chair, Director, Centre for Scottish Studies	University of Guelph	kjames@uoguelph.ca	Tourism history in Scotland; Scottish travel writing; Scottish emigration; Scottish historical ephemera.
Dr. Cynthia Neville	Professor Emeritus, Dalhousie University, Adjunct Professor, Dept. of History (Guelph)	University of Guelph	nevillec@uoguelph.ca	Scottish legal history, 1150-1600; Legal history of the Anglo-Scottish border lands, 1100-1600; Scottish charters, 1100-1450; English legal history, 1200-1500.
Dr. Grant Schreiber	Sessional Instructor	University of Guelph	grant.n.schreiber@gmail.com	Early modern Scotland and England; Social history; Religious history; Urban history; History of poverty.
Dr. Cathryn Spence	Associate Professor of History	University of Guelph	caspence@uoguelph.ca	Women's and gender history; Medieval and early Modern history; Urban history; Social history; Economic history.
Rhiannon Muirhead	MA student, Public Issues Anthropology	University of Guelph	rmuirhea@uoguelph.ca	Language revitalisation; Crofting; Traditional ecological knowledge; Myth and oral traditions.

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Ashley Shifflet McBrayne	Rare Book Librarian, Archival & Special Collections, McLaughlin Library	University of Guelph	libaspc@uoguelph.ca	Scottish Studies Collection strengths: legal documents and political works and materials related to description; travel; tourism; emigration and settlement; culture; literature; religious and social history.
Dr. Janay Nugent	Associate Professor, Department of History & Religion	University of Lethbridge	nugejb00@uleth.ca	Early modern Scotland; family; gender; children/youth; Reformation.
Dr. Sheilagh Quaile	Assistant Professor (Adjunct)	University of Prince Edward Island	sheilagh.quaile@upei.ca	Textiles; design; art; global trade; empire.
David Livingston-Lowe	Course Instructor, Celtic Studies Program	University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto	david.livingston.lowe@utoronto.ca	Gaelic language and literature; Scots language and literature.
Dr. Mark G. McGowan	Professor Emeritus of History	University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto	mark.mcgowan@utoronto.ca	Irish and Scottish migration to Canada; The Great Irish Famine; History of the Catholic Church in Canada and globally; History of education; The Great War, 1914-1918.
Dr. Mairi Cowan	Professor, Dept. of Historical Studies	University of Toronto	mairi.cowan@utoronto.ca	Medieval; Early modern Scotland; New France; pedagogy.
Dr. Angela Esterhammer	Professor, Department of English	University of Toronto	angela.esterhammer@utoronto.ca	Scottish Romanticism; 18th and 19th-century literature; John Galt; Walter Scott; Scottish diaspora.
Sir Graham Watson	Adjunct Professor, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy	University of Toronto	g.watson@utoronto.ca	The EU.

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Dr. Gordon Bannerman	Instructor	Wilfrid Laurier University	gbannerman@wlu.ca	The fiscal-military state in Europe; Military contracting in the 18th century; Free trade and protection in the 18th and 19th century; Dundee and the Industrial Revolution, 1815-1997; Nineteenth century radicalism and socialism.
Dr. Malcolm Bangor-Jones	Independent Researcher, Dunfermline, Scotland, Research Associate, Gorsebrook Research Institute, St Mary's University	Independent	mbangorjones@btinternet.com	Emigration from Sutherland to Canada c1770 to c1930; economic and social change in the northern Highlands of Scotland.
Dr. Donna Betts	Independent Researcher (ATR-BC®, FSAScot)	Independent	donnabettsphd@gmail.com	Scottish museums; Scottish national identity; Cultural heritage engagement; art-based approaches to well-being in the heritage and historic environment sector; Pictish history.
Dr. Fiona Evison	Independent Scholar, Community Music Researcher	Independent	fevison@uwo.ca	Scottish diaspora as expressed through music performance and composition; Christian congregational music as a means of community identity and community formation; Scottish hymnody; Highland Clearances and Canadian immigration.
Dr. Gillian I. Leitch	Archivist / Historian of St Andrew's Society of Montreal	Independent / St Andrew's Society of Montreal Archives	gilliandoctor@gmail.com	Immigration (to Canada); social and familial networks; Scottish/British identity; associational life; Québec.

SCOTLAND

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Aileen Ogilvie	Heritage Engagement Officer	Brora Heritage	learning@broraheritage.com	Highland Clearances; Sutherland; Gaelic language; Music; Crofting.
Dr. Coralie Mills	Dendrochronologist, Honorary Research Fellow	Dendrochronicle (Director) and University of St Andrews	coralie.mills@dendrochronicle.co.uk	Dendrochronology in Scotland; Timber trade history; Woodland history; Landscape history.
Dr. Scott Lyall	Associate Professor in Modern and Scottish Literature	Edinburgh Napier University	s.lyall@napier.ac.uk	Scottish literary and cultural revivalism; Scottish modernism; Literature and religion; the history of Scottish literary criticism.
Dr. Anna Groundwater	Principal Curator, Renaissance and Early Modern History	National Museums Scotland and University of Edinburgh	a.groundwater@nms.ac.uk	Material culture of early modern Scotland; James VI and I; Mary, Queen of Scots; networks; borders.
Dr. Alison Cook	Senior Postdoctoral Research Associate	Scottish Association for Marine Science	Alison.Cook@sams.ac.uk	Changes in glaciers; sea ice and shipping in the Arctic and Antarctic.
Prof. Nick Owens	Executive Director	Scottish Association for Marine Science	Nick.Owens@sams.ac.uk	Marine science; Blue economy; Environmental restoration; Marine governance; History of Scottish marine science.
Jenny Brownrigg	Exhibitions Director	The Glasgow School of Art	j.brownrigg@gsa.ac.uk	20th Century women artists, photographers and filmmakers in Scotland; Scottish Highlands and Islands material culture.
Prof. Steve Boardman	Professor Emeritus of Medieval Scottish History	The University of Edinburgh	steve.boardman@ed.ac.uk	Saints cults; Chronicles; Political history; Chivalric culture.
Prof. Ewen A. Cameron	Professor of Scottish History	The University of Edinburgh	e.cameron@ed.ac.uk	Highland land question; political history; history of Scottish education; Scottish/Irish comparisons.

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Prof. Robert Dunbar	Chair of Celtic Languages, Literatures, History & Antiquities	The University of Edinburgh	rob.dunbar@ed.ac.uk	Gaelic language, literature and culture in Canada and the wider diaspora; eighteenth to twentieth century Gaelic literature and culture; language policy and language planning for Gaelic and other Celtic languages; sociolinguistics of Gaelic and other Celtic languages.
Dr. James Kennedy	Director, Centre of Canadian Studies, Senior Lecturer in Sociology	The University of Edinburgh	J.Kennedy@ed.ac.uk	Comparative/historical sociology; political sociology; nationalism and national identity; comparative politics; politics and society in Scotland and Québec.
Dr. Gerard McKeever	Lecturer in Modern Scottish Literature	The University of Edinburgh	gerard.mckeever@ed.ac.uk	Literature; Enlightenment; Romanticism and regionalism.
Dr. Esther Mijers	Senior Lecturer in Scottish History	The University of Edinburgh	e.mijers@ed.ac.uk	Early modern Scotland and the wider world, incl. Europe, the Caribbean and North America; exchanges in people, goods and ideas; early pathways to empire.
Dr. Emily Joan Ward	Lecturer in Medieval Scottish History	The University of Edinburgh	emily.ward@ed.ac.uk	Scotland (c. 1000–c. 1300); rulership; childhood; adolescence; gender.
Dr. Juliette Desportes	Postgraduate Researcher	The University of the Highlands and Islands	juliette.desportes@uhi.ac.uk	Eighteenth-century land; histories and geographies of rural protest; land reform in the Highlands of Scotland; landownership and landed estates; community history and heritage.
Dr. Elizabeth Ritchie	Senior Lecturer	The University of the Highlands and Islands	elizabeth.ritchie@uhi.ac.uk	Scottish Highlands; emigration; religion; gender and family; education.

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Dr Paul Meighan	Postdoctoral Researcher	University of Galway (School of Education)	paul.meighan@universityofgalway.ie	Gaelic sociolinguistics; New speakers and language revitalization; Digital media and online language practices; Language, land, and Dùthchas; Scotland–Canada and transatlantic Gaelic connections.
Dr. Lizanne Henderson	Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor in History, Programme Director MSc Sustainable Tourism and Global Challenges	University of Glasgow	lizanne.henderson@glasgow.ac.uk	Scottish cultural history; witch-hunts and supernatural belief traditions; cultural history of animals; Arctic studies; heritage management and wildlife tourism.
Dr. Martin MacGregor	Senior Lecturer in Scottish History	University of Glasgow	martin.macgregor@glasgow.ac.uk	The history of Gaelic-speaking Scotland in all periods from c. 1300 to c. 1900, with emphasis upon: Clans and clan society in the later middles ages; Gaelic culture, especially poetry and song; Gaelic identities; The Highland Clearances and land agitation, 1745 to 1886; Gaelic and Gaelic-orientated sources, and their utility for the historian.
Prof. Steven J. Reid	Professor and Head of History	University of Glasgow	steven.reid@glasgow.ac.uk	The Renaissance and Reformation in Scotland; Mary, Queen of Scots and her cultural afterlife; James VI and I and his cultural afterlife; Neo-Latin Literature and Culture.

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Prof. Margaret Connolly	Professor of Palaeography and Codicology	University of St Andrews	mc29@st-andrews.ac.uk	Medieval Scottish scribes; Scottish notaries; Medieval Scottish manuscripts; History of St Andrews.
Prof. Scott Hames	Professor of Scottish Literature	University of Stirling	scott.hames@stir.ac.uk	C20 and contemporary Scottish literature; Scottish devolution; Scottish magazines; Literary nationalism.
Aaron Colin Sheridan	PhD Researcher	University of Strathclyde and the Scottish Oral History Centre	aaron.sheridan@strath.ac.uk	Oral history; community history; health history; deindustrialisation; housing history.
Prof. Matthew Smith	Professor of Health History	University of Strathclyde	m.smith@strath.ac.uk	Mental health and psychiatry; food and diet; environmental history; allergy and immunology; child health.
Nick Bibby	Honorary Professor in Social Science (UWS) and Adjunct Professor in Canadian Studies (Trent)	University of the West of Scotland and Trent University	nick@nickbibby.org	Historical and contemporary links between the Scottish diaspora and Indigenous peoples.
Prof. Murray Stewart Leith	Professor of Political Science, Director of the Centre for Migration, Diaspora, Citizenship & Identity (CMDCI)	University of the West of Scotland	murray.leith@uws.ac.uk	Contemporary Scottish diaspora; Scottish national identity & nationalism; Scottish politics & society; Scottish global affairs.

INTERNATIONAL

Name	Title/Role	Institution/Affiliation	email	Research Interests
Prof. Marina Dossena	Professor of English Language (*until 31 Dec. 2025*)	The University of Bergamo (Italy)	marina.dossena@unibg.it	Late Modern Scotland; prescriptivism; education in 18th-century Scotland; Jacobite studies; popular culture in 18th- and 19th-century Scotland.
Prof. Angela McCarthy	Professor of Scottish and Irish History, Director of the Centre for Global Migrations	University of Otago (New Zealand)	angela.mccarthy@otago.ac.nz	Comparative Scottish and Irish migration; Scotland and slavery; migration and madness.