

# **24th Military History Colloquium, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2-5 May 2013**

## **Preliminary Conference Schedule**

### **Thursday – Maritime Connections – Canadian Nautical Research Society**

#### **8:45-10:15 am – Session CNRS A**

**Reinterpreting a Robust Royal Navy: Myth, Reality and the Historical Record** (Chair: Robert Davison, Wilfrid Laurier University)

Iain O'Shea, University of Victoria – "The Challenge of Civil-Military Relations: A Case Study of the 1893 Naval Scare in Britain"

Joseph Zeller, University of New Brunswick – "Jutland: A Grand Indecisiveness"

Russell Freure, University of Waterloo – "When Memory and Reality Clash: The First World War and the Myth of American Neutrality"

#### **10:45 am-12:15 pm – Session CNRS B**

**Maritime Warfare from Many Perspectives** (Chair: Maurice Smith, Marine Museum of the Great Lakes)

Ambjörn Adomeit, Western University – "Roosevelt's Private War: Theodore Roosevelt and his Role in Shaping the United States Navy"

Christopher Greenlaw, Wilfrid Laurier University – "Railways at Sea"

Robert Dienesch, University of Windsor – "1943 Through Official Reports: American Submarine Operations in the Year of Change"

#### **1:45-3:45 pm – Session CNRS C**

**Wings over Water: Canada's Maritime Air Forces** (Chair: Mike Bechthold, Wilfrid Laurier University)

Roger Sarty, Wilfrid Laurier University – "The RCAF's First Catalinas and Cansos, 1939-1942"

Richard Goette, Royal Military College of Canada/Canadian Forces College – "Closing the Mid-Atlantic Air Gap: Strategic, Operational and Personal Reflections"

Geoff Hayes, University of Waterloo – "Closing the Mid-Atlantic Air Gap: Strategic, Operational and Personal Reflections"

Carl Christie, air force humorist, writer and historian – "'Hitler's little pet was blown to pieces': A Day with 5 (BR) Squadron of the RCAF's Eastern Air Command"

The Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Nautical Research Society will follow this session.

## **Friday – 24th Military History Colloquium**

### **8:45-9:45 am – Session 1 – Plenary 1**

Terry Copp – “Educating Everyman’s Memory: Historians and Public Commemoration”

### **10:15-11:45 am – Session 2 – Panel A**

#### **New Interpretations about the First World War**

Allan Loughheed – “45e Division at 2nd Ypres”

Jean Martin, Directorate of History and Heritage – “Vimy 9 April 1917: Where is the Snow?”

Patrick Dennis, Wilfrid Laurier University – “‘Slackers, Shirkers and Malingerers’ and other Great Myths About Canadian Conscripts in the Great War”

### **10:15-11:45 am – Session 2 – Panel B**

#### **Nazi Occupation in Western Europe (Chair: Erich Haberer)**

Oliver Haller, Wilfrid Laurier University – “Unintentional Consequences: How Nazi Occupation Policy Assisted Postwar Reconstruction”

Kirk W. Goodlet, University of Waterloo – “Exploring Resistance in the Rural Netherlands: Zeeland and Occupation, 1940-1944”

Jennifer Morawetz, University of Waterloo – “Les Enfants de Boche and their Mothers”

### **10:15-11:45 am – Session 2 – Panel C**

#### **Non-Kinetic Air Power: Search and Rescue and Air Transport**

Richard Goette, Royal Military College of Canada – “‘Baby It’s Cold Outside!’ – Postwar Search and Rescue – the Arctic Challenge”

Sheila Johnston – “Life From Above: The Air Force and Search and Rescue in Canada”

Richard Mayne, Office of Air Force History and Heritage – “Flying ‘Truck Drivers’ or ‘Captains of the Clouds:’” Paul Hellyer and the RCAF’s acquisition of the CC-130 Hercules

## **Friday Lunch –**

### **1-2:30 pm – Session 3 – Panel A**

#### **Canadian Forces and 21st Century Warfare** (Chair: Paul Mitchell, Canadian Forces College)

Francis LaPlante, Canadian Forces College – “UAVs and the Future of Canadian Air Power”

Chris McGuffin, Canadian Forces College – “A military perspective of Cyber Warfare”

Steven MacBeth, Canadian Forces College – “The iPhone as the AK-47 of the 21st Century: Influencing Outcomes through the Indirect Approach”

### **1-2:30 pm – Session 3 – Panel B**

#### **The RCAF in the 1950s and 1960s**

Paul Johnston, Canadian Forces College – “Golden Days? Early Cold War NATO Air Power”

William March, Office of Air Force History and Heritage – “‘Don’t Let the Door Hit You in the Ass on the Way Out’ – the RCAF and the UN Emergency Force”

Randall Wakelam, Royal Military College of Canada – “‘All Things Considered, I’d Rather Have a Mule’ – Army Aviation and the Helicopter in the 1960s”

### **1-2:30 pm – Session 3 – Panel C**

#### **Soldiers’ Conduct, Medicine and Veterinarians in the First World War**

Craig Mantle, University of Calgary – “A Common Understanding: The Normative Code and the Regulation of Interpersonal Relationships in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1918”

Andrew McEwen, University of Calgary – “‘On the go all the time’: The Canadian Army Veterinary Corps in 1918”

Heather Moran – “Changes in the Medical Corps 1915-1918”

## **2:45-4:15 pm – Session 4 – Panel A**

### **The Home Front in the First World War**

Trevor Ford, Memorial University – “‘My desire [is] that they leave Newfoundland’: Nativism, ‘Foreigners’, and Official Decision-Making in Wartime Newfoundland, 1914-1918”

Mélanie Morin-Pelletier, Canadian War Museum – “Revisiting the First World War Home Front”

Michael Richard Westcott, Memorial University – “Defending the Dominion: The Naval Defense of Newfoundland and Labrador in the First World War”

## **2:45-4:15 pm – Session 4 – Panel B**

### **Civil-Military Relations during the Cold War**

Matthew Wiseman, Wilfrid Laurier University – “Foreign or Domestic: The Korean War and Canadian Rearmament”

Michael Stevenson, Lakehead University – “Operation Skyhawk, Continental Air Defence, and Canadian-American Relations during the Diefenbaker Era”

Frank Maas, Wilfrid Laurier University – “Canadian Armour in the 1960s: A New Look at the Army from Hellyer to Trudeau”

## **2:45-4:15 pm – Session 4 – Panel C**

### **Canadian Operations in Mediterranean, 1943-45**

Lee Windsor, University of New Brunswick – “Decision in Sicily: Canada’s Role in Operation ‘Hardgate’”

Christine Leppard, University of Calgary – “Doesn't Anybody Care? Canada, Britain and the Supply of 1st Canadian Corps in Italy”

R. Daniel Pellerin, University of Ottawa – “Canadian Infantry in North Africa, January-May 1943”

## **2:45-4:15 pm – Session 4 – Panel D – Spotlight on Teaching: From Theory to Practice**

### **Education Within and About the Military**

Rob Dienesch, University of Windsor – “From the Military Pyramid to a Dynamic Model”

Randall Wakelam, Royal Military College of Canada – “Teaching Military History to Officer Cadets at the Royal Military College”

Kathryn Rose, Memorial University of Newfoundland – “‘The Historian, in the Library, with the Revolver’: Web 2.0, Digital Humanities, and Historical Research”

## **Saturday – 24th Military History Colloquium**

### **8:45-10:15 am – Session 5 – Panel A**

**Preparing for Peace: Canada’s Postwar Demobilization and Demilitarization** (Chair: Graham Broad, Western University)

Anne Millar, University of Ottawa – “Coast to Coast, College to College: The Student Veteran Experience on Canadian Campuses in the Post-Second World War Period”

Alex Souchen, Western University – “Breaking the Habit: Defence Dependency and the Demobilization of Canada's Wartime Economy, 1943-1948”

Jon Weier, Western University – “Preparing Canadian Soldiers for Peace: The YMCA and the Khaki University in the First and Second World Wars”

### **8:45-10:15 am – Session 5 – Panel B**

#### **Command in the First World War**

Andrew B. Godefroy, Canadian Army Land Warfare Centre – “Learning to Win: MGen Arthur Currie and the Test of Divisional Command on the Western Front”

William Stewart – “Parameters of Command: Two Case Studies on Agency, Limits and Possibilities of Cdn Div Command on the Somme”

Aimee Fox-Godden, University of Birmingham – “‘Hopeless inefficiency’? The Transformation and Operational Performance of Brigade Staff in British and Commonwealth forces, 1916-1918”

### **8:45-10:15 am – Session 5 – Panel C**

#### **Canada and the Second World War**

Charles Peng, Royal Military College of Canada – “One War Two Victories: Chinese Canadians in the Pacific War”

Will Pratt, University of Calgary, “Medicine and Morale: Battle Exhaustion, VD, and Sick Parade in the Canadian Army, 1939-45”

Matthew Douglass, University of New Brunswick – “Machine Guns From New Brunswick: A Case Study of the 10th Independent Machine Gun Company (The New Brunswick Rangers) During the Second World War”

**8:45-10:15 am – Session 5 – Panel D – Spotlight on Teaching: From Theory to Practice**

**Personalizing the Classroom**

Clint Lovell, Eastview Secondary School, Barrie, ON – “The Boys From Barrie: A local High School classroom”

Dave Little, Valley Manor School, Martensville, SK – Introducing and interesting middle school students in handling Canada’s Past”

Blake Seward and Mason Seward, Upper Canadian District School Board, Ottawa, ON – “Technology, history and crossover in the classroom”

**10:45-11:45 am – Session 6 – Panel A**

**Air Force Leadership in the Second World War**

Mike Bechthold, Wilfrid Laurier University – “Raymond Collishaw and RAF Leadership during the Western Desert Campaign”

Rhonda Jarrett, University of Calgary – “No. 6 RCAF Bomber Group: A Study of Leadership, Discipline and Canadian Values”

**10:45-11:45 am – Session 6 – Panel B**

**Submarines Operations in Canadian Waters**

Bill Carruthers, University of Calgary – “The Ice Has Ears: The Canadian Experience with SOSUS during the Cold War”

Adam Lajeunesse, University of Calgary – “Wither Canadian Sovereignty?: 30 Years of American Submarine Operations in the Canadian Arctic”

**10:45-11:45 am – Session 6 – Panel C**

**United States and Commonwealth Military History**

David Macri, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education – “Gaps in Memory: Remembrance of Dead Foreign Volunteers”

**10:45-11:45 am – Session 6 – Panel D – Spotlight on Teaching: From Theory to Practice**

**Teaching the First World War**

Tracy Bannister, Hillcrest School, Anglophone East School District, NB – “Beyond Flanders Field: Meaningful Study of the First World War in Grade 2”

Carol Watkins, Resurrection Catholic Secondary School, Kitchener, ON – “First World War in the Classroom: Beyond Mud, Trenches, and Guns”

**Saturday Lunch –**

**1-2:30 pm – Session 7 – Panel A**

**Business and War** (Chair: Andrew Thomson, Schulich School of Business, York University)

Gordon Greavette, Wilfrid Laurier University – “Munitions and War Supplies in Canada during the Great War”

Jonathan Turner, University of Toronto – “The Glassco Commission and Defence Research”

Andrew Burtch, Canadian War Museum – “Make, Test, and Transfer: Defence Research, Defence Industry, and the CRV-7 Rocket”

**1-2:30 pm – Session 7 – Panel B**

**War and the Intersection of Civilians and the Military**

Richard Holt, Western University – “Johannes Canuck: Immigrant Soldiers in the CEF”

Steven Dieter, Norwich University – “Caribbean Garrison Duty: A Historical and Contemporary Reflection”

Cindy Brown, Western University – “Military Necessity, Italians, and the Second World War in Italy”

**1-2:30 pm – Session 7 – Panel C**

**War and Memory**

Evan Habkirk, Western University – “Public Education in a Local Context: The Great War Centenary Association Brantford – Brant County – Six Nations”

Jeff Noakes, Canadian War Museum – “Renewing the LeBreton Gallery at the Canadian War Museum”

Ed Storey – “Operation Keepsake and Afghanistan”

### **1-2:30 pm – Session 7 – Panel D – Spotlight on Teaching: From Theory to Practice**

#### **Education and Commemoration in France**

Alan Lucicuk, Centennial Collegiate, Saskatoon Public School Board – “Touring the Battlefields with Canadian Students”

Christophe Collette, Lycee, Victor Lepine school, Caen France and President of the Westlake Brothers Association – “Le Devoir de Memoire: High School Students and the Memory of the Canadian Soldiers in Caen, France”

Marie-Eve Vaillancourt-Deleris, Juno Beach Centre – “Bridging education of Canada’s D-Day in an international context to an international audience”

### **2:45-3:45 pm – Session 8 – Plenary 2**

Daniel Caron, Library and Archives Canada – “Challenges of the Digital Age: A new choreography for building archives”

## **Sunday – Spotlight on Teaching: From Theory to Practice**

### **8:45-10:15 am – Session 9 – Plenary 3**

Blake Seward, Jill Coyler, and Matt Symes – “Toward a National Association of Social Studies Teachers”

### **10:45 am-12:45 pm – Session 10 – Plenary 4**

Jill Colyer, National Coordinator, The Historical Thinking Project – “Workshop on the future of history teaching in the Canada”