

Northeast Conference on British Studies

Annual Conference Programme

October 13-15, 2023

Halifax/Kjipuktuk

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Please note that all times are in Atlantic Time Zone (i.e. 4 hours behind London, 1 hour ahead of Boston and Montreal).

- 5:00-6:00 Registration
Wilson Common Room, 2nd floor, New Academic Building (NAB), University of King's College
- 6:00-7:00 Keynote 1: Dana Rabin, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, "The Jewish Atlantic: Colonization, Circulation, and 'Emancipation' in the British Empire, 1650-1830."
Alumni Hall, NAB, University of King's College
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- 7:00-8:00 Reception and Registration
Wilson Common Room, 2nd floor, NAB, University of King's College

The Friday session is generously supported by the University of King's College and by Dalhousie's Classics Department, which is developing new programming to centre on the new Simon and Riva Spatz Chair in Jewish Studies.

All sessions on Saturday and Sunday take place in the Collaborative Health Education Building (CHEB) on the Dalhousie University campus, 5793 University Avenue.

“Hybrid” panels have one or more panelists participating via Zoom. These are the panels that will be available to online participants. There are two hybrid panels, discussing different historical periods, in each session.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14	
Breakfast and Registration	8:15-9:00, Windsor Foundation Room (C170)
Session 1	Saturday 9:00-10:30
C140 <i>HYBRID</i>	<p>Sexual Fluidity, Sex Reversal, and Gender Nonconformity in Twentieth-Century Britain</p> <p>https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/86057035616?pwd=aXI0NzBCRGRqVFVkdNFNYSkZQekcyZz09 Meeting ID: 860 5703 5616 / Passcode: 223109</p> <p>Chair: Chris Waters, Williams College</p> <p><i>George Ives, Sexual Fluidity, and Gender Nonconformity in Early Twentieth-Century Britain</i> Brian Lewis, McGill University</p> <p><i>“Sex Changed by Science”: F. A. E. Crew and Concepts of Sex Reversal in Interwar Britain</i> Ross Brooks, Oxford Brookes University</p> <p><i>Queens and Radical Drag: An Examination of Gender Nonconformity in London’s Gay Liberation Front</i> Zoe Neubauer, McGill University</p>
C150 <i>HYBRID</i>	<p>Roundtable Discussion: Experiencing English History</p> <p>https://trincoll.zoom.us/j/94360417733?pwd=Nk52Ry9QSk0wS0xnYWdqK0hyRGUzUT09 Meeting ID: 943 6041 7733 / Passcode: 1837</p> <p>Chair: Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre, Trinity College</p> <p><i>Using British-history-centered Reacting to the Past games (Cholera, Coffeehouse, Reform Acts)</i> Joe Sramek, Southern Illinois University</p> <p><i>Public History Modules, Student Recruitment and Employability</i> Alyson Mercer, University of Exeter, Cornwall</p> <p><i>Field Visits and Assignments in Boston University’s First Year Program in London</i></p>

	Kathryn Lamontagne, Boston University
C266	<p>Place, Identity, and Imagining Colonial Communities</p> <p>Chair: James P. Barry, York University</p> <p><i>“Amongst the Howlings of Wild Beasts”: Wilderness Worlds and Animal Agency in Eighteenth-Century British Travelogues of North America</i> Alexander Peacock, Queen’s University</p> <p><i>Anti-Catholicism and the Acceleration of Scottish Highland Settler Colonialism in British North America, 1770-1803</i> S. Karly Kehoe, Saint Mary's University</p> <p><i>Constructing an Outcast Community: Newspaper Coverage of the Wrens of the Curragh and the Creation of New Moralities in Britain</i> Courteney Smith, Boston University</p>
C268	<p>Access to the Aristocracy, c.1837-1940</p> <p>Chair: Paul Deslandes, University of Vermont</p> <p><i>“Another Candidate for Royal Audience”: Gender, Rights of Access, and Queen Victoria’s Stalkers in the Media, 1837-1840</i> Rachel Hamilton, Queen’s University</p> <p><i>“...the public is more interested in duchesses than servants”: The Interwar Gossip Column and the Democratization of Elite Sociability</i> Thomas Sojka, Boston University</p>
10:30-10:45: Break Windsor Foundation Room (C170)	
Session 2	Saturday 10:45-12:15
C140 HYBRID	<p>Eighteenth-Century Texts and Times</p> <p>https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/86057035616?pwd=aXI0NzBCRGRqVFVhNFNYSkZQekcyZz09 Meeting ID: 860 5703 5616 / Passcode: 223109</p> <p>Chair: Melissa Mowry, St. John’s University, NYC</p> <p><i>The Lives and Times of Daniel Defoe</i> Brian Cowan, McGill University</p> <p><i>Francois Quesnay, Adam Smith, and the Wealth of China</i> Simon Kow, University of King’s College</p> <p><i>“The Universal Penman”, the State of Penmanship, and Penmanship and the State</i></p>

	Miriam Jones, University of New Brunswick
C150 HYBRID	<p>Beyond the Western Front: World War I & the British Empire</p> <p>https://trincoll.zoom.us/j/94360417733?pwd=Nk52Ry9QSk0wS0xnYWdqK0hyRGUzUT09 Meeting ID: 943 6041 7733 / Passcode: 1837</p> <p>Chair: Mandy Link, University of Texas at Tyler</p> <p><i>Vermin in the Trenches: Rats, Lice, and the British Experience in the First World War</i> Matthew Stith, University of Texas at Tyler</p> <p><i>Empire and Harrow's "Epic of War"</i> Elizabeth Stice, Palm Beach Atlantic University</p> <p><i>The "Barefoot War": How World War I and British Law Destabilized Gender Structures in Early Twentieth Century Palestine</i> Katie Laird, University of North Carolina</p> <p><i>"Eminently, appalling suffering": Irishwomen, citizenship, and the failure of remembrance in the Irish Free State</i> Mandy Link, University of Texas at Tyler</p>
C266	<p>Consumption and Deviance in the 17th Century</p> <p>Chair: Brendan Kane, University of Connecticut</p> <p><i>"Boiled with Nettles they accompted that good fare": Hunger and Starvation in the 1641 Depositions</i> Amanda Coate, Stanford University</p> <p><i>New Englanders and Ancient Israelites: Thomas Thorowgood's Cannibalistic Lost Tribes</i> Hannah Sparwasser Soroka, McGill University</p> <p><i>The Codpiece With A Charm: Coffee and Demographic Anxiety in 1670s England</i> Amelia Rosch, Queen's University</p>
C268	<p>New Perspectives on the Navy, C.17th-20th century</p> <p>Chair: Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre, Trinity College</p> <p><i>The Voyage of the Black Dog boy, 1668: Timber Scarcity, Sherwood Forest, and Navy Building</i> Sara Morrison, Brescia University College at Western University</p> <p><i>Revolutionary Names: Privateer and Prize Ships in the British Atlantic World, 1777-1814</i> Leah Grandy, Independent Scholar</p> <p><i>Ignorance of Empire on the China Station: Race, Ethnocentrism, and British Naval Perceptions of the Chinese, 1930-1941</i></p>

	Liam Caswell, Dalhousie University
C220	<p>Modern Works through Medieval Lenses</p> <p>Chair: Kathy Cawsey, Dalhousie University</p> <p><i>Not the Gods You Were Expecting: Reading Indigeneity and Settler-Colonialism in Marvel's Thor</i> Brenna Duperron, Dalhousie University</p> <p><i>It Takes Two: Old English Grammar of Loss and Grief in The Lord of the Rings</i> Gavin Foster, Dalhousie University</p> <p><i>"A Legacy Forced, Not Given": Magic, Autonomy, and Rape in the Morte Darthur and Tracy Deonn's Legendborn</i> Lindsay Church, Dalhousie University</p>
<p>12:15-2:00: Lunch Break + Business Meeting + Keynote 2 Windsor Foundation Room (C170)</p> <p>Keynote 2: Daniel Woolf, Queen's University, "Experiences of Defeat: Loss, Exile, and Dissent as Themes in British Historiography"</p> <p>https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/86057035616?pwd=aXI0NzBCRGRqVFVhNFNYSkZQekcyZz09 Meeting ID: 860 5703 5616 / Passcode: 223109</p>	
Session 3	Saturday 2:15-3:45
C140 HYBRID	<p>Law, Principle and Morality, C.18th-19th</p> <p>https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/86057035616?pwd=aXI0NzBCRGRqVFVhNFNYSkZQekcyZz09 Meeting ID: 860 5703 5616 / Passcode: 223109</p> <p>Chair: Kathryn Lamontagne, Boston University</p> <p><i>Narratives of Care and Exploitation in the Lunacy Trials of George Colman the Elder</i> Susan E. Brown, University of Prince Edward Island</p> <p><i>Waiting for their day in court: religion, atheism, and oath-taking in British courtrooms</i> Karen McFarlane, Trent University</p> <p><i>Law and Colonial Georgia During the Trustee Period, 1732-1752</i> Scott Douglas Gerber, Ohio Northern University</p> <p><i>Best-Laid Scottish Settlement Plans: Portree, New Glenaladale, and Belfast, (1741-1826)</i> J. Marc MacDonald, University of Prince Edward Island</p>
C150 HYBRID	<p>Settler Colonialism Confronts the International Order</p> <p>https://trincoll.zoom.us/j/94360417733?pwd=Nk52Ry9QSk0wS0xnYWdqK0hyRGUzUT09</p>

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C266	<p>Pick your Panic: Antipopery, Race, and Gender in the English 17thc.</p> <p>Chair: Simon Devereaux, University of Victoria</p> <p><i>Race, Gender, and Radicalism in Cromwell's Western Design</i> Melissa Mowry, St. John's University, NYC</p> <p><i>Depth or Surface? Royal Authority and Skin in the Seventeenth Century</i> Craig Kosofsky, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</p> <p><i>"Papists cannot undo Protestants but Papists and some Protestants may undo all Protestants": Fear, Suspicion and Crypto-Communication during the Popish Plot</i> Andrea McKenzie, University of Victoria</p>
C268	<p>Global Histories of the British Empire and its Legacies</p> <p>Chair: Amitava Chowdhury, Queen's University</p> <p><i>"In these two weeks we will all create history": The Use of History at the 1998 Australian Constitutional Convention</i> Heather Poussard, Queen's University</p> <p><i>Transnational Imperial Refraction and Settler Colonialism: Indo-Trinidadians in Post-British Places</i> Ajay Parasram, Dalhousie University</p> <p><i>Responsible Government, Imperial Obligations, and the Politics of Intercolonial Comparisons</i> Alex Martinborough, Queen's University</p>
<p>3:45-4:00: Break Windsor Foundation Room (C170)</p>	

Session 4	Saturday 4:00-5:30
C140 HYBRID	<p>Gender and Crime in the 17th Century</p> <p>https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/86057035616?pwd=aXI0NzBCRGRqVFVkdNFNYSkZQekcyZz09 Meeting ID: 860 5703 5616 / Passcode: 223109</p> <p>Chair: Krista Kesselring</p> <p><i>“A very sinful artifice to prevent a sudden execution”</i>: convicted women evading punishment in seventeenth century Britain Anna Suranyi, Endicott College</p> <p><i>Satan and Sathan: The Devil, the Familiar, and the Witch in Reformation England</i> Krystina Yeager, Salem State University</p> <p><i>The Strange Case of George Strangways: A Tale of Property, Honour, and Murder in Interregnum England</i> Melissa Glass and Ken MacMillan, University of Calgary</p>
C150 HYBRID	<p>Child Rescue, Child Abandonment: British Humanitarians and Childhood, 1840s-1930s</p> <p>https://trincoll.zoom.us/j/94360417733?pwd=Nk52Ry9QSk0wS0xnYWdqK0hyRGUzUT09 Meeting ID: 943 6041 7733 / Passcode: 1837</p> <p>Chair: Brian Lewis, McGill University</p> <p><i>“Leaving the Nest”</i>: Salvation Army Aftercare for Children Erica Bowler, McGill University</p> <p><i>Lost Children: Hunter-Gatherer Children from Southern Africa in Victorian Britain</i> Elizabeth Elbourne, McGill University</p> <p><i>“You are not prisoners, nor is this a prison”</i>: Care and Contempt in New South Wales, c. 1860-1900 Claudia Soares, University of Newcastle</p>
C266	<p>Creating Gender, Domesticity and Material Culture, c.1750-1950</p> <p>Chair: Paul Deslandes, University of Vermont</p> <p><i>At Home in the Colonies? Domestic Spaces and Material Culture in the Late-Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic</i> Elyse Bell, Queen’s University</p> <p><i>A Victorian Fashion in Edwardian Portraits: The Paisley Shawl in Paintings by Francis H. Newbery</i> Shelagh Quaile, Independent Scholar</p> <p><i>Crafting Love: British Women’s Gift Exchange, 1830-1870</i></p>

	<p>Michaela Cardo, Queen's University</p> <p><i>Welcome Back: The 1950s Fascination with Reincarnation in Britain and America</i> Elizabeth Grumer, Boston University</p>
C268	<p>There and Back Again: Travel, Pilgrimage, and Identity in the Imagined Wales</p> <p>Chair: Samuel Kalman, St Francis Xavier University</p> <p><i>Was Medieval Arthurian Pilgrimage Real?</i> Cory James Rushton, St Francis Xavier University</p> <p><i>Imagined Geographies and Imagined Histories: Shakespeare, Wales, and Nation Building in Cymbeline</i> Johnathan H. Pope, Memorial University of Newfoundland</p> <p><i>"It's only a trickle of Welsh blood": Place and Identity in the writings of Berta Ruck</i> Bonnie White, Memorial University of Newfoundland</p>
6:00-7:30: Reception 2 – The Citadel	
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15	
8:15-9:00: Breakfast	
Session 5	Sunday 9:00-10:30
C140	<p>Childhood in the 17th and 18th Centuries</p> <p>https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/86057035616?pwd=aXI0NzBCRGRqVFVvNFNYSkZQekcyZz09 Meeting ID: 860 5703 5616 / Passcode: 223109</p> <p>Chair: Anna Suranyi, Endicott College</p> <p><i>"Noe body can be more concerned for your health and the health of all your family than I am": John Locke as Physician to the Children of Edward and Mary Clarke</i> Adriana Benzaquén, Mount Saint Vincent University</p> <p><i>"To Put the Whites of Their Class to the Blush": Education and Opportunity for Free Black Children in Nova Scotia, 1784-1840</i> Matthew Blake Strickland, University of Florida</p> <p><i>Parental Grief and Making Modern Britain, 1641-1824</i> Rachel Monsey, Boston University</p>
C150 HYBRID	<p>Not Imagining Racism: Double-Standards of Silence and Invisibility</p> <p>https://trincoll.zoom.us/j/94360417733?pwd=Nk52Ry9QSk0wS0xnYWdqK0hyRGUzUT09 Meeting ID: 943 6041 7733 / Passcode: 1837</p>

	<p>Chair: Chris Waters, Williams College</p> <p><i>Black Women Abolitionists: Mary Prince and Sarah Parker Remond</i> Katrina Anderson, University of Delaware</p> <p><i>Canada's Interwar Colour Line & the Fallacy of British "Fair Play"</i> Melissa N. Shaw, McGill University</p> <p><i>Racialized Silencing Logics: British Show-Window and Picturesque Logics in the Political Geography of Knowledge Production Concerning Race</i> Grace Livingston, University of Puget Sound</p>
C266	<p>Women in Peril</p> <p>Chair: Tim Stretton, Saint Mary's University</p> <p><i>Fear and Dying in Early Modern England: The Ars Moriendi of Mary Astell and Grace Gethin</i> Lyn Bennett, Dalhousie University</p> <p><i>Death by Childbirth: The Case of Ann More</i> Ronald Huebert, Dalhousie University</p> <p><i>The Perils of Piety: The Nineteenth-Century "Fasting Girl"</i> Sara Malton, Saint Mary's University</p>
C268	<p>Law and Regime Change: The Politics of Imperial Continuity in the Global British Empire</p> <p>Chair: Elizabeth Elbourne, McGill University</p> <p><i>Authoritarian Pluralism and its Discontents: The Archival Roots of British Governance in post-Conquest Quebec, 1759-1791</i> Riley Wallace, McGill University</p> <p><i>Ottoman Inheritors: British (mis)use of Ottoman Land Law in Mandatory Palestine</i> Michael Avanzato, McGill University</p> <p><i>"If We Plant by Composition": Anglo-Arawak Relations and Roman Law in Guianan Colonization, 1609-1630</i> Joe Borsato, Queen's University</p>
10:30-10:45: Break Windsor Foundation Room (C170)	
Session 6	Sunday 10:45-12:15
C140 HYBRID	<p>Remembering and Mis-Remembering Tudor Queens</p> <p>https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/86057035616?pwd=aXI0NzBCRGRqVFVhNFNYSkZQekcyZz09</p>

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C150 HYBRID	<p>Legitimacy, Information and the Early Modern State</p> <p>https://trincoll.zoom.us/j/94360417733?pwd=Nk52Ry9QSk0wS0xnYWdqK0hyRGUzUT09 Meeting ID: 943 6041 7733 / Passcode: 1837</p> <p>Chair: Krista Kesselring, Dalhousie University</p> <p><i>"Fountains of Learning" and "Gold-clothed St. Peters": Bishops, Native Culture, and Religious Reform in England and Wales, C.1400-1600</i> Katharine Olson, San José State University and University of Bangor</p> <p><i>"Pretended Queen": English Catholics and Elizabethan Treason Legislation, 1569-1572</i> Hannah Wygiera, University of Calgary</p> <p><i>Dutch Wars and the Politics of Information in Restoration Britain and Ireland, c. 1664-1674</i> Yekai Zhang (Kyle E. E. Stuart), Brown University</p>
C266	<p>Perspectives on Chartered Companies and the Hudson's Bay Company, 1600s-1860s</p> <p>Chair: Anna Suranyi, Endicott College</p> <p><i>Furs, Fish, and Forests: HBC Administration of the King's Posts on the Gulf of St. Lawrence</i> Glenn Icton, University of New Brunswick</p> <p><i>Family Desire and the Operations of the Hudson's Bay Company, 1810s-60s</i> Tolly Bradford, Concordia University of Edmonton</p>
C268	<p>Liberalism is a lie!</p> <p>Chair: Brian Lewis, McGill University</p> <p><i>The Myth of Objective Inquiry: Performative Rationality and the Sanderson Committee of 1909-10</i> Robert Cochran, Brandeis University</p>

	<p><i>Anti-indenture as Antislavery: The Trope of Slavery in Britain and the British Empire</i> Amitava Chowdhury, Queen's University</p>
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The Fragmented Realities of Britain's Liberal-Empire: An Open Letter
Michael Ortiz, University of Rhode Island