



Reading the Proclamation of Confederation in Kingston Market Square on 1 July, 1867 (Queen's University Archives, Kingston Picture Collection, V23 His-Con-1)

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**October 12-14, Toronto, Ontario**  
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**Friday, October 12**

**9:30-10:30 Registration**

**Session 1**

**Panels 1-4**

**10:30-12:00**

**Seymour Room**

**Panel 1 Manifestations and Manipulations of Identities in Scotland, 1400-1950**

Chair: Stephen Heathorn, McMaster University

Commentator: Graeme Morton, University of Guelph

United Countries, Divided Churches: Scottish Episcopalians and the Church of England, 1688-1712

Jodi Campbell, University of Guelph

Naming practices and identity in fifteenth-century Scotland

Heather Parker, University of Guelph

Britain's War Memory: An Appeal for a Scottish Dimension

Daniel Travers - Laurentian University

**Stevenson Room**

**Panel 2 Exporting the British Family**

Chair/ Commentator: Will Tait, Carleton University

Building Blocks of the Nation: Family, Citizenship and British NGOs in Sub-Saharan Africa

Marie-Luise Ermisch, McGill University

Family Ties: Priscilla Buxton and the Fallen World

Elizabeth Elbourne, McGill University

Home Country or African Frontier? Social Welfare in a Settler Society, 1945-65

Deanne van Tol, Queen's University

**Turner Room**

**Panel 3 Victorian Ballads: From Sitting-Room Poetry to Working-Class Songs**

Chair/Commentator: Elisa Tersigni, University of Toronto

Mechanized Writing, Mechanized Speech: Embodying Voice in Child Ballad 243

Megan Harris, University of Toronto

Victorian Balladry and the Disparate Voices of Tennyson's *Ballads and Other Poems*:  
Representation or Reach?  
Adrienne Todd, University of Toronto

Facts in the Forest: Tracking Representations of Nature in Hogg's Ballads  
John Estabillo, University of Toronto

**Windsor Room**

**Panel 4        Alcohol, Deviants and New Drinking Patterns in Twentieth-Century  
                  Britain**

Chair/Commentator: Trevor O. Lloyd, University of Toronto

The Curious History of the Anglo-American Roadhouse  
David Gutzke, Missouri State University

'This wretched but pathetic batch': Manchester's Confirmed Drunkards 1901-1911  
Cynthia Balaskie, York University

"The Prospect Inn': Roadhouses and Charabancs, widening mobilities in interwar England  
John Law, University of Westminster

**12:00-1:30    Lunch**

**Session 2**

**Panels 5-8**

**1:45-3:15**

**Windsor**

**Panel 5        Should They Stay or Should They Go? Nineteenth-Century Emigration  
                  in Theory and Practice**

Chair/Commentator: Rebecca Bates, Berea College

'Liberated' Africans and Irish Orphans: Indentured Servitude, Assisted Emigration, and the  
Limits of Laissez-Faire, 1846-1853  
Phil Harling, University of Kentucky

Population, Potatoes, and the End of Empire? The Politics of Persuasion and the Edinburgh  
Review, 1802-1846  
Kirsty Montgomery, University of Chicago

State-Sponsored British Girls' Emigration to Canada, 1869-1895  
Nupur Chaudhuri, Texas Southern University

**Seymour**

**Panel 6        New Voices and Old Guards in British Politics, 1969-1989.**

Chair/Commentator: James Lothian, Binghamton University

'Reaganomics will lead to Thatcheritis': Policy transfer between the Reagan and Thatcher administrations

James Cooper, Westminster College, Missouri

Black British Feminist Press: Contested Belonging within the Emerging Neoliberal Empire, 1973-1988.

Rashida L. Harrison, Michigan State University, James Madison College

Crisis of 1970: the Student Movement and the Rise of the Conservative Party

Caroline Hoefflerle, Wingate University

'Votes at Eighteen': The 1969 Representation of the People Act

Catherine Ellis, Ryerson University

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#### **Panel 7 Gender, Communication and Control, 1550-1800**

Chair/Commentator: Hilda Smith, University of Cincinnati

'Language and Conversation in Eighteenth-Century Nationalism and Domesticity'

Michèle Cohen, Richmond American International University in London

She Hath Little But Her Clothes: Evidence of Clothing and Clothing as Evidence in Early Modern English Courts, 1550-1650

Jennifer McNabb, Western Illinois University

Speaking Spells and Strangling Witches: Gender, Speech, and Sexuality in Scotland's Witch Trials, 1563-1736

Sierra Dye, University of Guelph

### **Turner**

#### **Panel 8 Making and Unmaking Britain over the Centuries: Identities, Allegiances, and Fissures**

Chair/Commentator: David Wilson, University of Toronto

Britons or Imperial Subjects?: Perceptions of Southern Irish Loyalists

Leigh-Ann Coffey, Queen's University

The Question of Britain Today

Arthur Aughey, University of Ulster

Daniel Defoe, the Union, and the Dynamic of Britain Born

Sarah Warechen, McGill University

### **Session 3**

#### **Panels 9-12**

**3:30-5:00**

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**Panel 9 Graduate Students, Recent PhDs and Employment**

Chair: Lia Paradis, Slippery Rock University

Carl Benn, Ryerson University  
Isaac Land, Indiana State University  
Patrick McDevitt, University of Buffalo, SUNY  
Jennifer McNabb, Western Illinois University  
Jennifer Mori, University of Toronto

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**Panel 10 Transcribing Tyndall: Scientific Correspondence and Victorian Culture**

Chair/Commentator: Bernard Lightman, York University, Director of the John Tyndall Correspondence Project

How to Communicate Science in Victorian Britain: The contrasting cases of Tyndall and Stokes

Melinda Baldwin, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

A Guide to the Letters: Transcribing, Analysing and Cataloguing John Tyndall's Correspondence

Efram Sera-Shriar, York University

A Short History of the John Tyndall Correspondence Project, Or, Lessons from the Collaborative Academic Front

James Elwick, York University

**Turner**

**Panel 11 From Package Tours to Prison Breaks: Ireland's transnational reach in the Twentieth Century**

Chair/Commentator: Gavin Foster, Concordia University

A Gay Old Holiday: Tourism and Homosexuality in Twentieth Century Ireland

Averill Earls, University of Buffalo

'That was hardly pleasurable': the construction of a politically motivated prisoner hierarchy in Northern Ireland and the United States, 1969-1982

Rachel A. Oppenheimer, Carnegie Mellon University

Symbolic Victory: The Impetus of the Catalpa Rescue

A. Rousseau-Pletcher, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford CANCELLED

**Seymour**

**Panel 12      Avoiding bankruptcy and imprisonment for debt in Restoration and eighteenth-century England**

Chair: Cathryn Spence, University of Guelph  
Commentator: John Smail,

'Selling protections against arrest': debt and the development of diplomatic immunity  
Karen Macfarlane, Trent University

Pawning the sheets and hanging the masters: debt, bankruptcy, and "shuffling dealings" in Restoration London  
Robin Hermann, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Bankruptcy, Bookselling, and Gentility in the Early Eighteenth Century  
Tamara L. Hunt, University of Southern Indiana

**5:30-7:30      MWCBS Reception and Plenary Address**

**Plenary Address:      "English Revolution Studies: The State of Play"**  
**Professor Ian Gentles, Glendon College, York University;**  
**Tyndale University College**

**Saturday, October 13, 2012**

**Session 4**  
**Panels 13-16**  
**8:30 - 10:00**

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**Panel 13      Chartered Privileges: The politics of trade and empire, 1688-1783**

Chair/Commentator: Robin Hermann, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

American Slavery, British Freedom: The Glorious Revolution, the Rhetoric of Liberty, and the Slave Trade  
Michael Goode, University of Illinois at Chicago

The State of His Majesty's Plantations: The Board of Trade's Report of 1721 and its Theory of Empire  
David T. Flaherty, University of Virginia

A Tale of Two Companies? Pirates, Politics, and the Public Sphere  
Steven Schrum, Washington University in St. Louis

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**Panel 14      Discovering Imperial Networks: Understanding British Administrative Authority within the British Empire**

Chair/Commentator: Rachel Constance, Walsh University

'The Great Breach Between Civilization and Barbarism': The Impact of Natal's African Population on the Development of Land and Labor Policies in a Mid-Nineteenth Century Colonial State

Jacob Ivey, University of West Virginia

Muslim Education in Nineteenth Century Bengal

Nilinjana Paul, University of West Virginia

On the Evolution of Social Development in the British Sudan: A Comparative Study of the Gezira and Zande Cotton-Growing Schemes

Joseph Snyder, University of West Virginia

### **Turner**

#### **Panel 15      The Effects of Twentieth-Century War on Young People**

Chair: Amy Milne-Smith, Wilfrid Laurier University

The Effects of the Second World War on Juvenile Delinquency in London, England

Amy Bell, Huron University College

The Archaeology of Postwar Childhood in Ealing's 'rubble comedies'

Beryl Pong, University of Cambridge

Youth, Love, and Trauma in Second World War London: Joan Wyndham's diary *Love Lessons 1939-41*

Ravenel Richardson, University of St. Andrews

Coming of Age in Wartime Britain: The War Diaries of Violet Clutton, 1914-1918

Bonnie White, St. Francis Xavier University

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#### **Panel 16      The Ongoing Apocalypse in late seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Britain**

Chair/Commentator: Isaac Land, Indiana State University

The Apocalypse and National Celebration

Warren Johnston, Algoma University

Jacob Boehme's influence in England from the late seventeenth to the beginning of the eighteenth century: Jane Lead and the Philadelphian Society

Ariel Hessayon, Goldsmiths College, University of London

The Great Elijah: the apocalyptic visions of William Freke in early 18th century England

Martin Greig, Ryerson University

### **Session 5**

**Panels 17-20**  
**10:15 - 11:45**

**Windsor**

**Panel 17      Teaching British History and Literature: New Questions and Methodologies**

Chair: Jason Kelly, Indiana University - Purdue University of Indiana

British History and the Movies: Help or Hindrance?  
John Leazer, Carthage College

Incorporating Race and Gender Into the British History Classroom  
Dr. Sarah Wiggins, Bridgewater State University

Rethinking the War Poets  
Christine Haskill, English Department, Western Michigan University

**Turner**

**Panel 18      Colonial Arrangements: Visual and Literary representations of spaces and people**

Chair/Commentator: Martin Wainwright, University of Akron

'Must the Karaka-trees be Hidden?': Katherine Mansfield, Virginia Woolf and the Indigenous  
Geoff Bil, University of British Columbia

After the Slaughter: Felice Beato and the Possibilities of Victorian War Photography  
Thomas Prasch, Washburn University

The Colonial Fabrication of Space in New South Wales:  
Floating Convicts and Barrier Islands  
Diane Woodin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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**Panel 19      Wives, Vagrants, and Prostitutes: varieties of Social Discipline in 17th- and 18th-century England and America**

Chair/Commentator: Elizabeth Ewan, University of Guelph

The Verins: Religion, Marriage and Liberty of Conscience in 17th Century New  
England  
Margaret M. Manchester, Providence College

The Warned and the Punished: Committing Vagrancy, Convoys, and Paternalistic Policing in  
Eighteenth-Century England  
Bill Olejniczak, College of Charleston



'for Lust or Gain': Greed and Prostitution in Eighteenth-Century England  
Jessica Steinberg, University of Ottawa

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**Panel 20      New Approaches to British Antislavery**

Chair/Commentator: James Sack, University of Illinois at Chicago

The Emergence of Antislavery: East India, the West Indies, and the Humanitarian Critique of Empire, 1783-1793

Matthew Wyman-McCarthy, McGill University

The Colony of Experiment: Amelioration in Trinidad 1812-1828

Caroline Spence, Harvard University

'Bound by the wrongs we have done in the past': English Catholics and the Anti-slavery Movement in Victorian Britain Reconsidered

Eric Tenbus, University of Central Missouri

**12:00 – 1:00    Luncheon, Business Meeting**

**1:00 - 2:15      Graduate Student Award(s) and Keynote Address**

**Keynote Address:      "The Rise and Fall of the Island Race"**  
**John Gillis, Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University**

**Session 6**

**Panels 21-24**

**2:30 – 4:00**

**Seymour**

**Panel 21      Towards a better understanding of the Scottish Diaspora in Canada**

Chair/Commentator: Graeme Morton, Director, Center of Scottish Studies, University of Guelph

Understanding Ethnic Identity in Late Nineteenth-Century Toronto: The Case of the Scots  
Andrew Hinson, University of Toronto

Cultural Memory in the Elora-Fergus Corridor, 1832-1934.

James Edward Jensen, University of Guelph

19th and early 20th century Scottish migration to Canada and New Zealand: demographic comparisons.

Rebecca Lenihan, University of Guelph

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**Panel 22      Gendering the Empire: How Female Servants, Slave-Owners, Investors and Entrepreneurs Shaped Britain's Imperial Marketplace**

Chair: Christine Walker, University of Michigan  
Commentator: Audience

Numbers Become Her: How Anglo-Jamaican Women Financed the First British Empire, 1720-1770

Christine Walker, University of Michigan

'So much for their owne goode': Early Modern Women and Indentured Servitude  
Anna Suranyi, Endicott College

Feathering their Nests: The Economic Interests of British Women in India: 1660-1800  
Joan Gaughan, University of Michigan

The Role of West African Women in Shaping Imperial Markets  
Bianca Murillo, Willamette University

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#### **Panel 23 Victorian Metropolis: London as a Liberal Milieu**

Chair/Commentator: Jonathan Schneer, Georgia Institute of Technology

Music in the Park: From Filling Space to Crowd Control in Late-Victorian London  
Matthew K. McKean, Carleton University

'A Mighty Underground Undertaking:' Controlling the Spaces of the London Underground, 1863 - 1918.

Danielle Dodson, University of Kentucky

John Stuart Mill's Metropolitan Identity  
Bruce Kinzer, Kenyon College

### **Turner**

#### **Panel 24 In Plain Sight: Overlooked Narratives of the Great War**

Chair/Commentator: Jennine Hurl-Eamon, Trent University

The Great War and Sexual Trauma: Evidence from Lived Experience  
Lisa Z. Sigel, DePaul University

Conflict through an Occult Lens: Occult Responses to the Great War  
Alison Butler, Memorial University of Newfoundland

There is Nothing Like the Truth: Soldiers' Representations of the Great War, 1914-1915  
Theresa Crocker, University of Kentucky

### **Session 7**

#### **Panels 25-28**

**4:15 - 5:45**

**Windsor**

**Panel 25      Panel in Honour of Nick Rogers - Military Matters in 18th Century Britain**

Chair. Donna Andrew, Professor Emerita, University of Guelph

Commentator: Nick Rogers, York University

"Screened from the Just Resentment of the People': The Politics of Naval Justice in Mid-Eighteenth Century England

Stephen Moore, Independent Scholar

Adding Women to the History of the Manning of the Eighteenth-Century British Army

Jennine Hurl-Eamonn, Trent University.

Facing Past and Future Empires: Joshua Reynolds's Portraits of Augustus

Keppel

Daniel O'Quinn, University of Guelph

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**Panel 26      Metropolitan Agendas and Imperial Identities**

Commentator/Chair: Ellen Boucher, Amherst College

'That Completely Fanciful Monster': The British and American Pro-Settler Lobbies and the Foreign Missions of Katanga and Rhodesia

Josiah Brownell, Pratt Institute

'Lifting the veil on Imperialist Intrigue' – The Stanleyville Hostages: Anglo-American intervention in the Congo, 1964.

Alanna O'Malley, European University Institute, Florence

Internal Concerns and External Reassurance, The Search for Canadian Identity and the Royal Tour of 1939

Heather Metcalfe, Independent Researcher

Postcolonialism, Programming, and Paving the Empire Road

Darrell Newton, Salisbury University

**Turner**

**Panel 27      Reputation and Sexuality**

Chair/Commentator: Johanna Rickman, Gainesville State College

The Ordeal of Gilbert Kirlew

Dean Pavlakis, Canisius College

"Protecting the Innocent? Procuring in the Irish Free State"

Morgan Denton, SUNY at Buffalo

“Between the Scandals: 1822 to 1870 and the Reporting of Sex Between Men in London”  
Charles Upchurch, Florida State University

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**Panel 28 Colonial Legal Cultures: Establishing and Contesting Colonial Authority through Law**

Chair/ Commentator: Ritu Birla, University of Toronto

Judging Community and Custom: Universalism and customary law in the British Empire  
Sandra den Otter, Queens University

Decolonizing International Law: Asia and Empire in the Thought of Radhabinod Pal  
Mithi Mukherjee, University of Colorado at Boulder

Owning religion: Bishop Wilson and debates over church property in colonial India  
Nandini Chatterjee, University of Plymouth

**Sunday, October 14, 2012**

**Session 8**

**Panels 29 - 32**

**9:00-10:30**

**Windsor**

**Panel 29 Turning Professional: Docs, Profs, Techies, and the emergence of some learned professions**

Chair/Commentator: Jessica Clark, McGill University

Perceptions of Surgeons and Surgery in 17th Century English Literature  
Samantha Sandassie, Queen's University

Professionalization of British Academic Life 1825-1860: An Anglo-American Prospective  
Richard Mikulski, University at Buffalo (SUNY)

Gendering Technocracy: Labor Shortages and the Development of the Early British Computing Industry, 1944-1970  
Marie Hicks, Illinois Institute of Technology

**Turner**

**Panel 30 Kinship, Community, and Gender in Premodern Britain**

Commentator/Chair: Dr. Derek Neal, Nipissing University

Conflict and Community Between Neighbours in Late-Medieval London  
Alexandra Logue, University of Toronto

Hominibus et Amicus Suis: Evidence of Masculine Homosociality in Scottish Charters Caitlin Taylor Holton, University of Guelph

Discerned to Pay: Debt Litigation and Gender in Early Modern Scotland  
Cathryn R. Spence, University of Guelph

**Seymour**

**Panel 31      The Politics of Imperial Management and Economics in the Long Nineteenth Century**

Chair/ Commentator: David Leeson, Laurentian University

Canada and the politics of imperial reform, 1774-1840  
Heather Welland, Wake Forest University

'If we had tried long ago to do in Ireland what we have done in India . . .': The empire and India in the Liberal Unionist case against Irish home rule  
Wesley Ferris, Brock University

'Why should we give a preference to such people?': Irish politics and the imperial aspects of tariff reform, 1902-12  
Edmund Rogers, University of Toronto

**Stevenson**

**Panel 32      Radical Dissenters: Godwin, Cobbett, Darwin**

Chair/Commentator: Stewart Weaver, University of Rochester

'The science of politics': Dissenting Science and Godwin's  
*Political Justice* (1793)  
Elizabeth Bernath, University of Toronto

An Intersection between Zoology and Philosophy of Mind: Darwin's Dialogic Response to Hume's 'Of the Reason of Animals'  
Kuan-yen Liu, University of California, Santa Barbara

'Jews', 'Judaized Christians', and the 'System': William Cobbett's Critique of Financial Capitalism and British Politics, 1806-1835  
Alan H. Singer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Session 9**

**Panels 33-36**

**10:45 - 12:15**

**Turner**

**Panel 33      The Neo-Hegelian Self and Education**

Chair/Commentator: Lucan Jay Gregory, Ryerson University

John Watson, *The Canadian Self and Education*  
Elizabeth Trott, Ryerson University

*The Neo- Hegelian Self: T. H. Green , Edward Caird, T.H. Bradley*  
Luke Bowman, Ryerson University

*Synthesizing the British Legacy: Northrop Frye*  
James Cunningham, Ryerson University

**Windsor**

**Panel 34 Imperial Resettlement, or Imperial Ruin- Assisted Settlement Schemes  
in the Empire in the Nineteenth Century**

Chair/Commentator: Lia Paradis, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

*"Highland Warriors, or Scottish Coolies? The Hebridean Colonies in Western Canada, 1882-1888*

Timothy S. Forest, University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash

*Britons, Boers and the 1820 South African Emigration Scheme*  
Nicole Mares, King's College

*'Like a Spell Upon Them': Building the Foundation for Assisted-Emigration Philanthropy in East London, 1857-1882*

Liz Scott, University of Saskatchewan

**Stevenson**

**Panel 35 Fever and the Politics of Contagion in the Eighteenth Century**

Chair/Commentator: Tristanne Connolly, University of Waterloo

*Plague in Eighteenth-Century London?: Jail Fever, Panic and the Plebeian Body*  
Kevin Siena, Trent University

*Fevered Networks: Immunology and Nationhood in the Republic of Medicine*  
Kristobal Silva, Columbia University

*Charles Brockden Brown's Transatlantic 'Theater of Pestilence'*  
Kelly McGuire, Trent University

**Seymour**

**Panel 36 Contested Liberties in 17th-C Political Thought**

Chair/Commentator: Charles Upchurch, Florida State University

*Diplomatic Immunity and Theories of Sovereignty in Seventeenth-Century England: the writings of Richard Zouche*

Kelly De Luca, Algoma University

'Those wise restraints that make men free': The Varieties of Liberty in the Early Modern  
Anglo-Atlantic World  
David Chan Smith, Wilfred Laurier University

Britain's Ideas of Europe amid Union and War: 1697-1715  
Gerard Siarny, University of Chicago

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