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Book launch and signing

The West and Beyond: New Perspectives on an Imagined Region

edited by Alvin Finkel, Sarah Carter, and Peter Fortna

The West & Beyond editors Alvin Finkel, Sarah Carter, and Peter Fortna launch their new collection of essays on the Canadian West, showcasing the work of historians who offer new ways to understand the West. The book is based on papers from “The West and Beyond: Historians Past, Present and Future” conference in 2008.

Friday, September 17

Noon

St. John’s College Faculty Lounge

Books available for purchase.

About the book

The West and Beyond explores the state of Western Canadian history, showcasing the research interests of a new generation of scholars while charting new directions for the future and stimulating further interrogation of our past. This dynamic collection encourages dialogue among generations of historians of the West, and among practitioners of diverse approaches to the past.

About the editors

Alvin Finkel has taught Canadian history at Athabasca University since 1978. His main areas of research and teaching are the history of social policy, labour history, and Western Canadian history. Best known for his co-authorship with Margaret Conrad of the two-volume *History of the Canadian Peoples*, his other publications include *The Social Credit Phenomenon in Alberta* and *Our Lives: Canada After 1945*. His latest book is *Social Policy and Practice in Canada: A History*.

Sarah Carter is Professor and Henry Marshall Tory Chair in both the Department of History and Classics and the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta. Recent books include *The Importance of Being Monogamous: Marriage and Nation Building in Western Canada* and *Montana Women Homesteaders: A Field of One’s Own*.

Peter Fortna is a historical and traditional land use consultant in the Fort McMurray area. His research interests include Aboriginal history, traditional environmental knowledge, and public history. He was also the co-organizer for “The West and Beyond: Historians Past, Present and Future” conference, on which *The West and Beyond* is based.