

## **“Place and Replace: A Joint Meeting of Western Canadian Studies and St John’s College Prairies Conference”**

All meetings to be held at St John’s College, University of Manitoba, unless otherwise noted

### **Draft programme, August 2010** *(This might change)*

*Thursday, 16 September 2010*

9-10am: coffee and registration, Quiet Room, St John’s College

10am-10:30: welcome and introduction, Cross Common Room, St John’s College

10:30am-12pm: *Session 1*

*Plenary 1: “From Time Immemorial”: First Nations Agriculture in Manitoba*

\*E. Leigh Syms, The Manitoba Museum: “Plant Cultivation Among First Nations in Manitoba Before the Fur Trade”

\*Sarah Carter, University of Alberta and Winona Wheeler, University of Athabasca: “When First Nations are Farmers/Settlers: Vexing Problems in the Fabrication of a White Settler West”

\*Bret Nickels, University of Manitoba: “A Field of Dreams: The Problems and Prospects for Contemporary First Nations Agriculture in Manitoba”

*Facilitator: Dennis White Bird, Manitoba Treaty Commission*

Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

12pm-1:30pm: Lunch and *meeting of WCH National Committee*

1:30-3pm: *Session 2*

*Panel A: Migration, Meaning, and Movement*

\*Joyce Chadya, University of Manitoba: “Home Away from Home: Zimbabwean diaspora’s experience of death in Canada”

\*Lutz Schowalter, University of Trier: “Reconfigurations of Canadian Space, Canadianization of Global Space? On the Virtualization of Geographies and Its Consequences”

\*Brian Froese, Canadian Mennonite University: “Errand to the North: Canadian Mennonites and American Evangelicals in the Twentieth Century Canadian West”

*Facilitator: Alexander Freund, History, University of Winnipeg*

Location: Cross Common Room, St John’s College

*Panel B: Places of Conflict, Trauma, and Discontent: Gender, Race, and Migration Histories of the Canadian West*

\*Shawna Ferris, University of Manitoba: “The Annual Women’s Memorial March: Commemoration, Conviviality, and De-colonization in Vancouver’s Downtown East Side”

\*Pernille Jakobsen, University of Calgary: “Murdoch v. Murdoch: in Situ”

\*Laura Ishiguro, University College London: “Settling Complaints: Discontent in Family Letters from Nineteenth Century British Columbia”

*Facilitator: Liz Millward, Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Manitoba*

Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul’s College

*Panel C: Women's Contested Place*

\*Elizabeth Jameson, University of Calgary: "Claims Across the Line"

\*Mary Murphy, Montana State University: "In Light of Gender: Geraldine Moodie's Photographs of the West"

\*Heather Stanley, University of Saskatchewan: "The best prophylaxis is a well-balanced sex life: Discourses of Married Sexuality during the Baby Boom (1946-1966)"

*Facilitator: Kate McPherson, History, York University*

Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

3pm-3:15pm: coffee break

3:15-4:45: *Session 3*

*Panel A: Place, Race, and Empire*

\*Robert Penner, Duke University: "Trans-Atlantic evangelical humanitarianism and Ojibwa nationalism in nineteenth-century Rupert's Land"

\*Erin Millions, University of Manitoba: "Constructing 'Britishness' in the Canadian West: The Education of Fur Trade Children in Rupert's Land, 1830-1860"

\*Angela Petersen, University of Alberta: "'Outside I like to rule': Sam Steele and Imperial Masculinity in Late-Nineteenth-Century Western Canada"

*Facilitator: Krista Walters, History, University of Toronto*

Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul's College

*Panel B: Placing and Replacing on the Screen and the Page*

\*Elspeth Tulloch, Université Laval: "Mapping Out the Cultural Presence of Francophones in the West through NFB Film Adaptations"

\*Pamela Johanson, Mount St. Vincent: "Place and replace in Selected Franco-Manitoban Poetry"

\*Gene Walz, University of Manitoba: "Selling the Place: Manitoba on Film from 1898 to 1939"

*Facilitator: Brenda Austin Smith, English, Film, and Theatre, University of Manitoba*

Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

*Panel C: Indigenous Peoples, Colonial Places, and the Politics of Memory and Recognition*

\*Robin Jarvis Brownlie, University of Manitoba, and Roewan Crowe, University of Winnipeg: "Stories of Resistance in Winnipeg's North End: An Oral History Pilot Project at Ndinawe"

\*Amanda Nettelbeck, University of Adelaide, and Russell Smandych, University of Manitoba: "Commemorating Foundation: a comparative study of regional historical memory"

\*Marlene Atleo, University of Manitoba, Education: "Re-envisioning, Re-claiming, and Re-naming: Aboriginal Education a requirement for Teacher Credentials in Manitoba"

*Facilitator: (Sherry Farrell Racette - TBC)*

Location: Cross Common Room, St John's College

6pm: dinner and Pub Night sponsored by University of Manitoba Press, *Lo Pub*, 330 Kennedy Street (at Ellice Avenue)

*Friday, 17 September 2010*

8:30-9am: coffee

9:00am-10:30am: *Session 4*

*Plenary 2: Writing and Rewriting Prairie Space*

\*Alison Calder, University of Manitoba: "The Importance of Place; or, Why We're Not Post-Prairie"

\*Garin Cycholl, University of Chicago: "Dakota is Everywhere': The Microgeographies of 'Here' in Thomas McGrath's *Letter to an Imaginary Friend*"

\*Claire Omhovere, Université Paul Valéry, Montpellier 3 (France): "Miriam Toews Topography of the Void in *A Complicated Kindness*"

*Facilitator: Niigomwedon James Sinclair, English, UBC*

Location: Cross Common Room, St John's College

10:30-10:45am: coffee

10:45am-12:15pm: *Session 5*

*Panel A: Alberta: Where do Working People Fit in a Meta-Narrative of One Party, One Class and One Ideology?*

\*Erik Strikwerda, Athabasca University: "War; Recession; Roar and Depression"

\*Alvin Finkel, Athabasca University: "The Baby Boomers Become the Workers, 1960-1980"

\*Jason Foster, Athabasca University: "The Klein Years: Where Were the Workers?"

\*Jennifer Kelly, University of Alberta: "Visible Minorities and Labour"

\*James Muir, University of Alberta: "War and Cold War, 1940-60"

*Facilitator: Winston Gereluk, Labour Studies, Athabasca University*

Location: Cross Common Room, St John's College

*Panel B: Christianity and Indiginiety in Transforming Worlds*

\*Amanda Fehr, University of Saskatchewan: "Christian Transformers: Continuity and Change in Aboriginal Spatial Places"

\*Jessica Buresi, University of Calgary: "The Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage: A 'Negotiated Landscape', a Journey of Healing and the Reassertion of Many Communities"

*Facilitator: Jonathan Clapperton, History, University of Saskatchewan*

Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul's College

*Panel C: Canadians and their Pasts: Studies Based on the National Survey*

\*Winona Wheeler (University of Saskatchewan), Mary Jane McCallum (University of Winnipeg) and Gerald Friesen (University of Manitoba) "Saskatchewan Aboriginal Perspectives on the Past: A Survey"

\*David Northrup, York University Institute of Social Research: "The Relevance of Place"

\*John Pollard, York University Institute of Social Research: "Conducting a National Survey"

*Facilitator: Ken Osborne, Education, University of Manitoba*

Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

12:15pm-1:30pm: lunch and book launch for Alvin Finkel, Sarah Carter, Peter Fortna, eds., *The West and Beyond: New Perspectives on an Imagined Region* (Edmonton: Athabasca University Press, 2010). Sponsored by Athabasca University Press, St John's College Faculty Lounge.

1:30pm-3pm: *Session 6*

*Panel A: Local Histories: Historical Places, Contested Spaces*

\*Sharon Reilly, Manitoba Museum: "The Victoria Park Debate"

\*R. Connie Wawruck-Hemmett, Independent Historian: "The Market Square Riot"

\*Peter Bush, independent researcher: "The Church Union of 1925 as a Crisis of Place and Re-place on the Canadian Prairies"

*Facilitator: Sharon Wall, History, University of Winnipeg*

Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

*Panel B: Imagining a New Civic Order: Locating Public Health Work in the Prairie West and Northern Quebec*

\*Kristin Burnett, Lakehead University: "The Root of all National Greatness: Domesticity, Health and State Health Care Workers in Southern Alberta First Nation Communities, 1890-1940"

\*Marion McKay, University of Manitoba: "Building for the Canada of Tomorrow: Public Health Nursing in Manitoba, 1915-1922"

\*Johanne Daigle, Université Laval: "Des infirmières aux confins du territoire du Québec: L'expérience de colonisation intérieure, 1932 – 1972"

*Facilitator: Chris Dooley, History, York University*

Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul's College

*Panel C: Aboriginal Resources, Aboriginal Resistance*

\*Peter Fortna, Metis Local 1935, and Tereasa Maillie, University of Calgary: "Some of the Indians get itchy to get back to their traplines: Understanding Metis Traditional Land Use and Occupancy in North-eastern Alberta"

\*Alan McCullough, Historical Consultant: "The Confrontations at the Rivière aux Ilet de Bois"

\*Tolly Bradford and Erika Dyck, University of Saskatchewan: "Peyote on the Prairies: Religion Scientists and Native-Newcomer Relations in 1950s Western Canada"

*Facilitator: Warren Cariou, English, University of Manitoba*

Location: Cross Common Room, St John's College

*Panel D: Icelandic People, Places, and Cultural Politics in Western Canada; Joint Session with Earthly and Cultural Metamorphosis, 7th Canada-Iceland Partnership Conference*

\*Laurie Bertram, University of Toronto: "Topographies of pastry and edible ethnicities: Vínarterta and popular Icelandic-Canadian identity"

\*Ryan Eyford, University of Manitoba: "Broken Townships: The Pattern of Land-taking in the Icelandic Reserve, 1875-1883"

\*Ágústa Edwald, "From Iceland to New Iceland: The archaeology of 19th century emigration"

*Facilitator: Birna Bjarnadóttir, Icelandic Studies, University of Manitoba*

Location: Icelandic Reading Room, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

3pm-3:15: coffee

3:15-4:45: *Session 7*

*Panel A: Places of Politics: the Twentieth-Century*

\*Jared Wesley, University of Manitoba: "Defining Prairie Politics: (Counter) Cultures in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba"

\*Heidi MacDonald, University of Lethbridge: "Placing the Economic Crisis: How 1930s British Columbia Youth Diarists Connected Location and Time"

\*Robert A.J. McDonald, UBC: "Populism and the Clash of Modernities: Thinking Beyond the Prairies"

*Facilitator: James Naylor, History, Brandon University*

Location: Cross Common Room, St John's College

*Panel B: Place, Conservation and Culture*

\*Jonathan Clapperton, University of Saskatchewan: "Who opposes parks after all: Sliammon First Nation, BC Parks, and Settler Conservation"

\*Sterling Evans, University of Oklahoma: "Badlands and Bones: Towards a Conservation and Social History of Dinosaur Provincial Park, Alberta"

*Facilitator: Jean Friesen, History, University of Manitoba*

Location: Archives & Special Collections, Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 3rd Floor

*Panel C: Places of Consumption, Material Culture and Resources*

\*Ruth Sandwell, University of Toronto: "Household Power in Western Canada: A Social History of Fossil Fuels and Hydro-Electricity in Western Canadian Homes, 1900-1950"

\*Glenn Icteton, University of Calgary: "Buying Local: Changes in Athapaskan Material Culture and the Commodification of Wildlife in the Northern Yukon, 1860-1910"

\*Nancy Janovicek, University of Calgary: "I gave up the struggle for theoretical freedom and began to live freely: Back-to-the-landers, Coalition building, and the Slocan Valley Resource Society, 1973-1979"

*Facilitator: Esvyllt Jones, History, University of Manitoba*

Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul's College

6pm: dinner and 8pm: reading

*Saturday, 18 September 2010*

8:30-9am: coffee

9am-10:30: *Session 8*

*Plenary 3: Migrant Cultures and the Train in Western Canada*

\*Lisa Chilton, University of Prince Edward Island: "Preventing the Loss of Imported Labour: Trains, Migrants, and the Development of the Canadian West, 1896-1932"

\*Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg: "Transcultural Space and Multi-linear Time: Travel Narratives of Canadian Low German Mennonite Emigrants, 1922 and 1948"

\*Alison R. Marshall, Brandon University: "The Train and Notions of Prairie Chineseness: Dwellings and Crossings as builders, washers, cooks and gentry, 1911 to 1949"

*Facilitator: Gerald Friesen, History, University of Manitoba*

Location: Robert Schultz Lecture Theatre, St John's College

10:30-10:45: coffee

10:45-12:15pm: *Session 9*

*Panel A: Senses of Place*

\*Bev Sandalack, University of Calgary: "Prairie Towns: A Continuity of Process and Form"

\*Ann Davis, University of Calgary: "Museums and Sense of Place"

\*Mel Prewitt, University of Iowa: "Rural Education in the American West"

*Facilitator: Leah Morton, History, University of Manitoba*

Location: Hanley Hall, St Paul's College

*Panel B: Literatures of Place*

\*Julia Petry, University of Trier: "In these cold arenas: Life and Death in poems of Three Female Prairie Writers"

\*Lindy Ledohowski, St. Jerome's University in the University of Waterloo: "Little Ukraine on the Prairie: The Role of Prairie Place and Space in Ukrainian Canadian Literature on English"

\*Emma LaRocque, University of Manitoba: "'For the Love of Place' - Selected Metis Writings"

*Facilitator: Dennis Cooley, English, University of Manitoba*

Location: Robert Schultz Lecture Theatre, St John's College

*Panel C: Transformative Ethnohistories: Describing and Inscribing Sto:lo Expressions of Identity and Meaning of Place through Narrative and Language*

\*Margaret Robbins, University of Victoria: "Centre from Which Underground Passages Radiate: Understanding Mystical Tunnels in a Sto:lo Spiritual Geography"

\*Stephanie Danyluk, University of Victoria: "Weaving Ties of Kinship and Place: Naming as a Literal and Metaphorical Anchors to Place"

\*Liam Haggerty, University of Saskatchewan: "Wealth of Cultures: Sto:lo and Xwelitem Systems of Sharing in British Columbia's Fraser River Valley"

*Facilitator: TBA*

Location: Cross Common Room, St John's College

12:15-1:15pm: lunch and farewell