


Once again, your department chairs have submitted their annual overview of comings and goings, awards and events. We present this information in the language(s) of choice of each institution, and we include almost every tidbit of information received. As readers will quickly note, some places have more news than others. Frequently this is tied to the size of a history department and other times it is tied to what has been identified as newsworthy by a particular chair. Regardless, we hope you will appreciate the incredible variety in the reports that follow and think about what you would like your institution to include next year.

Encore une fois, vos directeurs de département nous offrent une vue d'ensemble de leurs allées et venues, prix et activités. Nous publions les renseignements que les institutions nous ont données, et ce, dans la(es) langue(s) de leur choix et nous avons inclus toute l'information soumise, dans ses plus petits détails. Comme les lecteurs pourront le constater, certaines institutions ont plus de nouvelles que d'autres. Fréquemment, c'est une question de l'importance du département d'histoire ou bien de ce qui a été identifié comme étant digne d'intérêt par un directeur en particulier. Peu importe, nous espérons que vous apprécierez cette variété incroyable dans les rapports qui suivent et réfléchirez à ce que votre institution aimerait soumettre l'année prochaine.

*In alphabetical order | par ordre alphabétique*


 **UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA** **Ryan Dunch** is the Department of History and Classics Chair. There has been a decrease in the number of historians employed in the last twelve months. One new hire, Dr. Jairan Gahan (History and Religious Studies). Three promotions effective July 1, 2019: Dr. Shannon Stunden Bower, tenure and promotion to Associate Professor; Dr. Heather Coleman and Dr. Jaymie Heilman, promotion to full professor. Retired: Andrew Gow, Professor (on Dec 31, 2018); Jennifer Jay, Professor (on Jun 30, 2019); Susan Smith, Professor (on Aug 31, 2018). Deceased: Guy Thompson, Associate Professor (on May 10, 2019). Two new appointments in Indigenous history are expected this year.

Some annual endowed lectures and other talks will be hosted by the department in the coming year. The department is looking forward to helping host the Congress in Edmonton in 2021. Our faculty did not merit new awards for this year; but two that will be reportable next year.

 **Carleton UNIVERSITY** **James Miller** is the Department Chair. We are pleased to announce that Laura Madokoro and

Erica Fraser have joined the department, as associate professor and assistant professor, respectively. Susanne Klausen is taking up a Fellowship at the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Studies for the 2019-20 academic year, after which she will be taking up the Brill Professorship at Pennsylvania State University. This is an endowed chair in the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department. We are extremely proud of her work and wish her the best as she moves forward in her career! Bruce Elliot has retired and we wish him well as he spends more time with his father and continues to be a force in Canadian local history.

Chinnaiah Jangam has been promoted to Associate Professor. Daniel McNeil will be the first person to hold the Visiting Public Humanities Faculty Fellowship at the Jackman Humanities Institute at the University of Toronto in 2019-20. Pamela Walker won the Brilliancy in Reacting Prize, in partnership with Librarian and MA alumnae Martha Attridge-Buften, for their implementation of *Reacting to the Past* in their teaching. Contract Instructor and MA alumnus of the Department, Sam McCready, won a Teaching and Learning Services grant to develop his innovative teaching in Digital History. Danielle Kinsey won the Excellence in Blended and Online Teaching Award at Carleton for her exceptional impact on student learning in blended and online environments. SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow Katherine Rossy won the Alice Wilson Award of the Royal Society of Canada. Finally, Norman Hillmer has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society, a testament to his profound influence in Canadian history.

 **Concordia UNIVERSITY** **Matthew Penney** is the Department Chair. There has been a decrease in the number of historians employed in the last twelve months. 2019 saw the retirement of Professor Ronald Rudin, one of the Concordia Department of History's longest-serving members and a scholar who left an important mark on the historiography of Canada and Quebec as well as public history and memory. Ron is the author of many books, most recently *Kouchibouguac: Removal, Resistance, and Remembrance at a Canadian National Park and Remembering and Forgetting in Acadie*. Ron is also an acclaimed documentary filmmaker and has produced multi-media websites which attempt to bring historical research to a wider public.

In 2019, Erica Leher was promoted to the rank of professor. Erica's research focuses on cultures of memory in Poland and museology and the presentation of difficult history to the public. She is the author of *Jewish Poland Revisited: Heritage Tourism in Unquiet Places* and has curated numerous exhibitions including *Souvenir, Talisman, Toy* at the Seweryn Udziela Ethnographic Museum in Kraków, Poland.

The Concordia Department of History, in partnership with the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling (COHDS) and

the First Peoples Studies program, is currently carrying out a search for a Tier-II Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Oral Tradition and Oral History.

This year, Professor Steven High received a number of major awards for his book *One Job Town: Work, Belonging and Betrayal in Northern Ontario*. It was awarded the Clio-Ontario Book Prize for the best book on Ontario history by the Canadian Historical Association and the Fred Landon Award for the best book in local and regional history from the Ontario Historical Society. Steven was also given a Certificate of Achievement & Lifetime Membership from the US-based Oral History Association at its 2018 annual conference at Concordia, which drew 850 scholars, the largest gathering of oral historians on record.

Also in the last year, Max Bergholz's multiple-award winning *Violence as a Generative Force: Identity, Nationalism, and Memory in a Balkan Community* picked up two additional prizes – the 2019 Laura Shannon Prize in Contemporary European Studies from the Nanovic Institute at the University of Notre Dame and the 2018 European Studies Book Award from the Council for European Studies.



**Sofie Lachapelle** became Department Chair in January 2019. This summer, the department welcomed

Kim Martin as our new faculty hire in digital humanities, and Stuart McCook became Interim Assistant Vice-President International Strategy and Partnerships. There were no retirements this year. Brittany Luby co-curated the exhibit *Konnon:Kwe* at the Guelph Civic Museum, which opened in March 2019. Five of our faculty authored or co-authored scholarly monographs (William Cormack, Stuart McCook, Kevin James, Linda Mahood, and Catherine Carstairs), Karen Racine co-edited the journals of James A. Brush, and Elizabeth Ewan worked on a revised and expanded edition of *The New Biographical Dictionary of Scottish Women*.

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**Niall Christie** is the Department Chair. There was no change in the number of faculty mem-

bers at the department in the last twelve months. Marjory Lang (modern, British) retired, and replaced by Dale Montgomery (modern, revolutions). Niall Christie's course release as Chair is being covered by Michael Fulton (medieval).



**Michael Carroll** is the Interim Chair, Department of Humanities. There has been a decrease of one in the number of historians

employed in the last twelve months, we hired a historian of modern Britain. Dr. Rob Falconer returns from a successful year on sabbatical and the Department is joined by our newest hire, Dr. Aidan Forth who earned his Ph.D. at Stanford University. Dr. Kelly Summers was awarded a Short-Term Residential Fellowship at the Newberry Library in Chicago; Dr. Sean Hannan was granted a research award by the North American Patristics Society to study medieval manuscripts at the Bodleian in Oxford; and Dr. Aidan Forth won the CHA Wallace K Ferguson Prize for his book *Barbed-Wire Imperialism*.



**Will Wilson** is the Department Chair. The number of historians employed in our department has decreased by one full-time faculty member owing to a retirement. Dr. David Torrance, associate professor of British History,

retired after a thirty-year career in the history department at Mount Allison University. Dr. Erin Spinney, who recently earned her Ph.D from the University of Saskatchewan, has joined the department on a one-year sessional appointment in Early Modern Atlantic World history. No other appointments are planned in the next twelve months.



**Katrina Srigley** is the Department Chair. We are pleased to congratulate Dr. Robin Gendron and Dr. Katrina Srigley on promotion to Full Professor and Dr. Kirsten Greer on receiving tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. We are pleased to share that Dr. Earl won a SSHRC IDG for her project, "Murder on the Beach: A Case Study of a single

Einsatzgruppen execution at Liepāja, Latvia in photographs, on film, and in testimony, 1941".

This year, the department celebrates several new and forthcoming publications: Dr. Srigley's latest book, *Beyond Women's Words*, edited with Drs. Stacey Zembrzycki and Franca Iacovetta, was awarded the 2019 Book Award by the American Oral History Association. There are three forthcoming books in the department, including Dr. Greer's book *Red Coats and Wild Birds: How Military Ornithologists and Migrant Birds Shaped Empire* with the University of North Carolina Press, Dr. Murtton's *Natural Environments: Survival from 20,000 Years Ago to the Present* with Oxford University Press, and Dr. Morrell and Dr. Abbenhuis's *The First Age of Industrial Globalization: an International History, 1815-1918* with Bloomsbury Publishing.

In September, the History Department was honoured to welcome Darrel McLeod to campus to speak about his award-winning book *Mamaskatch*. The event, which was opened in a good way

by Elder John Sawyer and Nipissing First Nation Councillor Jane Commanda, was attended by over 140 people, including 50 high school students. It was co-hosted with the Dean of Arts and Science and the Office of Indigenous Initiatives. In March 2020, we look forward to welcoming historian Dr. Geoffrey Hayes to campus for our annual Anne Clendinning Memorial Lecture.

Thanks to the hard work of our colleagues Drs. Hilary Earl and Steve Connor, the History Department launched two innovative programs this year, a direct entry Orientation to a Masters of History (OMAH) program and a certificate and minor in War, Atrocity and Genocide. Both programs capitalize on strengths within our department, while finding ways to make experiential learning a core aspect of the learning in our program. For more information please visit <https://www.nipissingu.ca/academics/faculty-arts-and-science/history>.



**Howard Hisdal**, CD, MA is the Department Chair. Dr. James Wood has been hired into a full-time continuing position. Prof. David Dendy has retired. Dr. Andrew Lindsay has been hired into part-time non-continuing position. Our Department Chair, Howard Hisdal, will be stepping down after two terms of three years each, following the example of George Washington, not Robert Mugabe. Dr. Chris Clarkson has volunteered to be the next Chair. Dr. Shao-kang Chu was invited back to the Chinese Culture University in Taipei to give another guest lecture. This is an honour. We hope to offer a better than half time non-continuing history professor position in the 2020-2021 academic year.



**Jeffrey Collins** is the Interim Department Chair. There has been an increase in the number of faculty members in the department in the last twelve months. Sandra denOtter and Awet Weldemichael were promoted to full professor; Lisa Pasolli, Scott Berthelette and Laila Haidarali were hired as Assistant Professors. Harold Mah (modern Europe) retired. We have two new postdocs: Max Hamon as the inaugural Buchanan postdoctoral fellow in Canadian History; and Hannah MacKechnie as the Marjorie McLean Oliver Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the History of Classical and/or Medieval Europe. Don Akenson was named as one of the inaugural class of Distinguished University Professors at Queen's; Nancy van Deusen was awarded a University prize for excellence in academic research.



**Antonio Cazorla-Sanchez** is the Department Chair. There has been a decrease of one in the

number of historians employed in the last twelve months, Dimity Anastakis moved to University of Toronto. Tim Cook was a visiting Scholar.



**Lyse Roy** est directrice du département. Le 30 mai 2019, Michel Hébert a été élu correspondant étranger à l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres en France, une reconnaissance de l'excellence de ses travaux et de son expertise dans le domaine de l'histoire des parlements et des assemblées représentatives.

Le 7 juin 2019, Yolande Cohen a reçu un doctorat honorifique de l'Université de Montréal pour souligner l'excellence de ses travaux dans le champ de l'histoire des femmes et du genre.

Le 13 juin 2019, Yves Gingras a été nommé Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Québec pour souligner l'excellence de ses travaux de recherche en histoire et sociologie des sciences et son grand talent de vulgarisateur des connaissances scientifiques.

En août 2019, Greg Robinson a reçu l'American Book Award pour la publication de l'ouvrage *John Okada : the Life and Rediscoverer Work of the Author of No-No Boy*, ouvrage qu'il a coédité avec Frank Abe et Floyd Cheung, paru aux University of Washington Press.

En septembre 2019, Christopher Goscha a été élu membre de la Société Royale du Canada, à la Division des lettres et des sciences humaines de l'Académie des arts, des lettres et des sciences humaines. Le professeur Goscha est reconnu pour ses travaux sur les guerres au Vietnam, les politiques américaines lors de la guerre froide en Asie et le processus de la décolonisation française en Asie et en Afrique du Nord.



**Julia Roberts** is the Department Chair. There has been an increase in the number of historians employed in the last twelve months. Dr. Christopher Taylor is a member of the department on a Definite Term contract of two years. He teaches in both

our first-year communications program, Arts First, and in the History Department. Dr. Katherine Bruce-Lockhart arrived July 1, as a new tenure-line Assistant Professor in Global History. She specializes in prisons and detainment. Dr. Geoffrey Hayes was awarded the C.P. Stacey Prize for 2018 by the Canadian Committee for the Study of the Second World War for *Crear's Lieutenants: Inventing the Canadian Junior Officer Corps, 1939-1945*. Dr. Ian Milligan won an Arts Excellence in Research Award, presented by UW's Faculty of Arts annually.



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**Timothy Lewis** is the Department Chair. Dr. Keith Smith retired in June 2019. Dr. Whitney Wood (Tier Two Canada Research Chair) joined the VIU History Department in July 2019. VIU History was delighted to welcome Dr. Whitney Wood to our department this

summer in her capacity as a Tier Two Canada Research Chair specializing in the historical dimensions of women's health. Over the next five years, Dr. Wood will focus on the history of women's pain from girlhood through to old age, with the ultimate aim being to improve women's encounters with the Canadian health-care system.

In the summer of 2018, VIU History became the North American editorial base for the internationally renowned journal *Gender & History*. As part of that work, the VIU editorial team – Dr. Cheryl Krasnick Warsh, Dr. Katharine Rollwagen and Dr. Cathryn Spence will be hosting a *Gender & History* special issue conference on May 22nd, 2020 centred on the theme: "Health, Healing and Caring. The conference Call for Papers is aimed at scholars studying any country or region, and any temporal period, including the classical, medieval, early modern, modern, and contemporary periods.

This Special Issue will explore the gendered history of healing and caring from the perspective of the sick and suffering, and various types of healers and caregivers. It seeks to showcase research that reflects upon the gendered dynamics of palliative care and the formation of diverse communities and economies of health and healing. We recognize that historical reckonings of health and bodily knowledge in many locales have been dominated by sources maintained in state, colonial, and missionary archives, and by notions of medicine shaped in white settler institutions. In an effort to destabilize these reckonings and to uncover marginalized forms of knowledge and practice, we encourage research informed by diverse methodologies and an imaginative approach to source material."

Under the direction of Dr. Stephen Davies, VIU History continues to be home to the nationally celebrated Canadian Letters and Images Project, which remains the largest online archive of the Canadian war experience, and is now receiving upwards of a million hits per year. Dr. Davies will also be hosting a one-day symposium on May 30th, 2020, featuring special guest Dr. Tim Cook. The event is entitled "The Canadian War Letters and the Digital Humanities: Open Access for Research.

**John Lutz** is the Department Chair. There has been an increase in the number of faculty members in the department in the last twelve months. Dr. Patrick Lozar was appointed to Assistant Professor in the area of Indigenous History. Emeritus professor



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John Money passed away. Lansdowne Visiting lecturer Johann Neem (Western Washington U), speaking about his new book *What's the Point of College? Seeking Purpose in The Age of Reform*. Dr. Jordan Stanger-Ross received the Humanities Award for Research Excellence, 2019; Dr. Rachel Cleves was elected to the Royal Society of Canada, College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists, 2019; Dr. Georgia Sitara won the Gilian Sherwin Award for Teaching Excellence, 2019.



**Darren Mulloy** is the Department Chair. There has been a decrease of one faculty member at the department in the last twelve months. Professor emeritus Michael Sibalis passed away this year. There were no new hirings.



**Thabit A.J. Abdullah** is the Department Chair. There has been a decrease in the number of historians employed in the last twelve months. There was no new hiring, we had two promotions: Maragret Schotte, Assoc. Prof. & Jennifer Bonnell, Assoc. Prof. Retirements: Tom Cohen & Libby Cohen. Sabbaticals: David Koffman, Ben Kelly, Josh Fogel, Deborah Neill. Anticipated appointment: CRC in Indigenous History. Visiting Scholars: Marçal de Menezes Parades (Brazil) & Alejandro Sinner (U Vic.)

Jonathan Edmondson was elected Fellow, Royal Society of Canada and received a diploma as a Corresponding Member of the German Archeological Institute. Joan Judge is a Visiting scholar at Kyoto University, Michael Kater as well as Carl Ehrlich received a Canadian Jewish Literary Award. Gelberto Fernandes, Carolyn Podruchny, Alan Corbiere & Anong Beam were awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation. Rachel Koompans is a Visiting Fellow at the British Academy in the UK.

Upcoming events include:

- Calypso Carnival and Steelband Conference, September 2019.
- Making Stories in the Early Modern World, A Conference in Honour of Elizabeth & Tom Cohen, November 2019.
- Traces of the Animal Past, November, 2019.
- Annual New Frontiers Graduate History Conference, February 2020.
- We will be glad to contribute undergraduate and graduate alumni profiles for the CHA website.