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### CHA member Natalie Zemon Davis wins the prestigious Holberg Prize

Natalie Zemon Davis, a renowned scholar of late medieval and early modern history, has won the Holberg International Memorial Prize, worth \$785,000 US, for outstanding scholarly work in the arts and humanities, social sciences, law or theology.

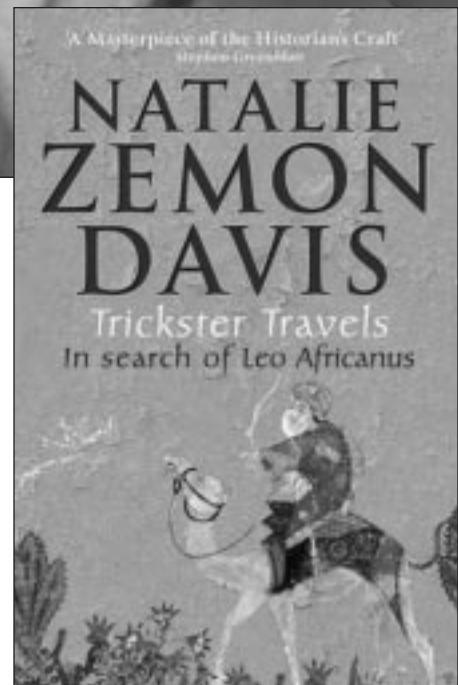
The Holberg Prize Academic Committee said in a statement: "Natalie Zemon Davis is one of the most creative historians writing today, an intellectual who is not hostage to any particular school of thought or politics. Her writing is richly textured, multi-faceted and meticulously documented. She shows how particular events can be narrated and analyzed so as to reveal deeper historical tendencies and underlying patterns of thought and action. Her work brings gender to the fore, while insisting that the relationship between men and women is always embedded in the cultural discourses and social organizations specific to their time. Davis' imaginative approach to history, coupled with intensive archival research, makes the past come alive; her fundamental method is to pursue a dialogue between the past and the present. The uniqueness of her work lies in connecting early modern Europe with new areas of comparative history, exploring cultural, geographical and religious interchange."

Natalie Zemon Davis is well known for her books such as *The Return of Martin Guerre*, *Fiction in the Archives: Pardon Tales and Their Tellers in Sixteenth-Century France* and *Trickster Travels: A Sixteenth-Century Muslim Between Worlds*. The last of which is on the shortlisted books for the 2010 François-Xavier Garneau Medal.

Professor Davis will participate in the roundtable, Theatre, History, Storytelling / Théâtre, histoire et l'art de conter and facilitate the session, Narrating Slavery and Emancipation: Stories of the Enslaved in Nova Scotia and Jamaica, 1780-1805 / Narrer l'esclavage et l'émancipation : Histoires des asservis en Nouvelle-Écosse et en Jamaïque, 1780-1805 at this year's conference at Concordia.

The Holberg Prize, which was established by the Norwegian Parliament in 2003, is awarded annually by the Board of the Ludvig Holberg Memorial Fund. Both prizes are for scholarly work in the academic fields of the arts and humanities, social sciences, law and theology.

Sources: Holberg Prize Website; University of Toronto, Canadian Historical Association



## Marjorie Howard Futcher Digital Photo Collection Launched

The Osler Library of the History of Medicine and the McGill University Library are pleased to announce the launch of the online **Marjorie Howard Futcher Photo Collection** <http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/futcher>. This is a series of close to one thousand images arranged in two albums dating from 1890 to 1910 by Marjorie Howard Futcher (1882-1969), daughter of the former Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Osler's mentor R. Palmer Howard. The site contains a number of photographs of medical people, including Sir William Osler (1849-1919), Dean of McGill Medicine Francis Shepherd (1851-1929), and even Dr. John McCrae (1872-1918), later famous for his poem *In Flanders Fields*. It also illustrates the social life of a young, well-connected Montreal woman during the period, including school days in England and Germany, and vacations in the lower St Lawrence area of Metis-sur-Mer, England, Scotland, Paris and Italy. The site provides an insight into the intersection of the worlds of elite medicine and wealth.

Viewers can virtually flip through the photo albums, replicating the experience of examining the originals and also seeing each picture in its larger context.

The original albums were donated to the Osler Library by Mrs Futcher's son, Dr Palmer Howard Futcher of Baltimore, in 1998. We are grateful to the McGill Faculty of Medicine Class of 1978, whose generous class gift helped make this possible, and to those who contributed to this project.

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