

GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

In 2003-4 the CHA has been highly active in promoting the interests of graduate students in history. The register of dissertations continues to provide a venue for promoting students' work in progress, and the Graduate Student Committee website provides extensive information for students, from scholarship and program information to the results of a national survey and information on travel grants. At this year's Congress the CHA is funding a panel on those interested in pursuing a career in academia, with panelists providing tips and guidance on the requirements and process for hiring in academia, with dinner provided by the CHA and sponsoring history departments. A lobbying effort to reduce photocopying fees for graduate students at the National Archives is underway, with negotiations into the use of alternatives such as digital cameras, scanners and self-service copying at the archives. The CHA is further participating in the Federation's Task Force on New Scholars in drafting a booklet to provide

guidance for graduate students and new scholars, as well as departments, on how to deal with the unique needs of new scholars. In addition, the CHA is working with the Federation to organize a social event for all the graduate students at this year's Congress. As always, the Graduate Student Committee listserv and website (www.cha-shc.ca/gsc-ced) are excellent resources for graduate students and are continually updated.

This year the CHA has student representatives in 26 universities across Canada. They are predominantly responsible for maintaining communication between the society and graduate students, as well as gathering information and promoting CHA services. For more information on these initiatives or if you would be interested in being a student representative in a department that is not currently represented, contact Dominique Clément at liberty@mun.ca.

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