

## MEETINGS/RÉUNIONS

**CHEA/ACHE Conference:** The 1998 biennial conference of the **Canadian History of Education Association/Association canadienne d'histoire de l'Éducation** will be held in Vancouver Oct. 15-18. The theme of the conference is "Social, Professional and Methodological Tensions in the History of Education".

At the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Ottawa, 28-30 May 1998: **The Association for Canadian and Quebec Literatures (ACQL/ALCQ)** will organize its 1998 Annual Conference around the theme of "Revisiting Cultural Nationalism(s) in Quebec and Canada". For information on joining ACQL/ALCQ, contact David Hallett, English Dept., Carleton, [dhallett@ccs.carleton.ca](mailto:dhallett@ccs.carleton.ca). Joint sessions will be organized with the Association of Professors of French of Canadian Universities and Colleges (APFUCC): "A Challenge to Method" and the Canadian Comparative Literature Association: "Multilingualism and Literature: Authors, Texts, Audiences".

Congrès des sciences humaines et sociales, Université d'Ottawa, 28-30 mai 1998. **L'association des littératures canadienne et québécoise (ALCQ/ACQL)** organisera son colloque annuel autour du thème suivant: Retour sur les nationalismes culturels au Québec et au Canada. Des séances communes auront lieu avec l'Association des professeurs de français des universités et collèges canadiens (APFUCC). Un seul et même texte: un défi à la méthode; et avec l'Association canadienne de littérature comparée (ACLQ-CCLA): Plurilinguisme et littérature: auteurs, textes, publics.

The **Library History Interest Group** will be presenting a program at the annual conference of the Canadian Library Association in Victoria, B.C., June 17-21, 1998. Particular attention will be given to Canadian topics. For further information, please contact Peter F. McNally, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, McGill University, 3459 McTavish St., Montreal, QC H3A 1Y1.

The **Library of the University of South Africa** is organizing an international conference on new perspectives on the South African War, to take place in Pretoria, South Africa, 3-5 August, 1998. The conference will look at papers offering new insights into the social and cultural history of the war, including the themes of gender, colour, environment, religion, etc.

The **Queen's University Project on Religion and Politics in Canada and the USA** is holding a conference, "**Rethinking Church, State and Modernity: Canada Between Europe and the USA**", that will explore significant changes in contemporary Canadian religious life. Each of the categories - "church", "state", and "modernity"- will be debated in the light of recent theories

and evidence, in comparison with the European and American experience. Speakers include Gregory Baum, Danièle Hervieu-Léger and David Martin. Funded with a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, the conference will be held May 14-16, 1998, at the Donald Gordon Centre, Queen's University. For more information contact Eric Piché, Dept. of Sociology, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, K7L 3N6. Tel. (613) 545-2164 or e-mail, [3ep2@qulink.queensu.ca](mailto:3ep2@qulink.queensu.ca)

The 1998 **Rupert's Land Colloquium** will be held in Winnipeg, June 5-7, and at Norway House, Manitoba, June 8-10. For those attending the colloquium in Winnipeg, a bus trip and two-day stay in Norway House (the old Hudson Bay Trading Company trading centre) is being arranged. A major theme of the 1998 Colloquium will be religious encounters with particular attention to comparative studies and to work that assists us to grasp multiple perspectives on four centuries of interaction between Natives and newcomers in northern North America. For further information and updates on the 1998 Colloquium, visit our website, <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academic/ic/rupert>.

The **Seminar in Gender and History** at Harbour Centre Series will bring together scholars working in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia who share interests in issues of gender. We hope to facilitate interdisciplinary discussion in an informal setting. Sessions will be held on Friday afternoons at Harbour Centre (usually at 4:30) in downtown Vancouver. The session will consist of a paper presentation followed by a discussion.

Le **Séminaire d'été sur la francophonie canadienne** aura lieu du 2 au 22 août 1998. Le Regroupement des universités de la francophonie hors Québec, en collaboration avec l'Université Laval, offre un séminaire annuel sur la francophonie canadienne. Ce séminaire s'adresse à la clientèle étudiante des 3<sup>e</sup> et 4<sup>e</sup> années de baccalauréat ou à la maîtrise, qui s'intéresse au développement des communautés francophones du Canada. Il est offert chaque été dans une des institutions du Regroupement. Il mène à l'obtention de six crédits universitaires. Des bourses sont disponibles. Pour recevoir un formulaire de demande d'admission, veuillez vous adresser par courriel à Yves Frenette, [yfrenette@venus.yorku.ca](mailto:yfrenette@venus.yorku.ca). Pour de plus amples renseignements, consulter le site WEB du Regroupement [www.umoncton.ancien/rufhq](http://www.umoncton.ancien/rufhq).

The **Social Science History Association** is holding its annual convention in November 19-23, 1998, in Chicago at Palmer House. See website for further information, at <http://www.swosu.edu/~nadels/>.

The 1998 **SHARP** conference (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing) is to be held in July at the Downtown Centre of Simon Fraser University. Contact: Clarence Karr, Department of History, Malaspina University College, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5S5. Tel. (250) 753-3245; FAX (250) 741-267; e-mail KARR@MALA.BC.CA

Le département d'histoire de l'Université Laval continue de souligner ses 50 années d'existence: le 50<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la fondation de l'Institut d'histoire de Laval et le 25<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du département d'histoire qui résultait d'une intégration des programmes d'histoire de l'art, d'ethnologie et d'archéologie, auxquels se sont ajoutés les programmes d'archivistique et de muséologie. Comme annoncé précédemment, le département a

tenu cet automne des soirées conférences qui ont été des occasions de retrouvailles. C'est lors d'une de ces soirées, réunissant 170 personnes, que l'on a inauguré le Laboratoire des sciences historiques. Au mois de mars prochain, une exposition intitulée pour le moment «L'histoire dans l'histoire» aura lieu à l'université afin de rappeler les moments fondateurs du départements d'histoire, les stratégies de formation adoptées et soulignera la place du passé dans la société.

The **University of Victoria's** Dept. of History, in cooperation with six other departments, will host an interdisciplinary conference entitled "Making History, Constructing Race: Situating "Race" in Time, Space and Theory". Date: October 23-25, 1998. Keynote speaker: Prof. Ann Laura Stoler. Other information to be announced.

## BEYOND THE ACADEMY: HISTORIANS IN PUBLIC VIEW

### The Fraser River War, Dan Marshall, and the NFB

Graduate student Dan Marshall has been working with the National Film Board of Canada to create two films, a one-hour long film to be aired on the History Channel, perhaps as early as this fall, and a second, half-hour educational version of the same. The films explore the incident known as the "Fraser River War" of 1858, which is a large component of Dan Marshall's ongoing doctoral dissertation at the University of British Columbia. The work is being undertaken by Eva Wunderman who won a Leo Award recently for best director for her work entitled "The Legacy of Truk Lagoon," an underwater archaeology documentary that explored the remains of the Japanese fleet that had been bombed by the Americans during the Second World War. The show was aired on the A&E network.

The films will explore the three worlds that came into collision during the Fraser River Gold Rush: that of the First Nations; of the British (Colony of Vancouver Island and the Hudson Bay Company); and of the Americans, and their interactions during this pivotal year. The films will emphasize that the Native peoples not only participated in the gold discoveries, but actively mined the resource and attempted to defend forcefully their lucrative claims to the land through full-scale resistance. Tragically, genocidal attitudes typical of the California mining frontier were exported to British Columbia and manifested themselves in the Fraser River War of 1858. This conflict effectively broke the back of full-scale Native resistance and precipitated the formation of Indian reserves in mainland British Columbia (in particular, the Nlaka'pamux or Thompson people, and the Sto'lo nation).

In the absence of fully constituted British sovereignty, American miners took the law into their own hands, formed miners' militias, and threatened war, but ultimately concluded a number of treaties of peace with First Nations people. Marching along the Fraser Canyon, the militia, known as the Pike Guards, held a final grand council of war at present-day Lytton where a final peace was concluded with Chief Spintlum. American Captain H.M. Snyder declared that he had entered into peace with approximately 2,000 Native peoples on behalf of the white miners who had earlier elected him to the post at Yale. The point to be emphasized is that this was an American force concluding treaties of peace and making war on British, not to say Native, soil. The bone of contention was and still is quite straightforward: a mass invasion of a foreign mining population that appropriated Aboriginal land and gold through use of armed force.

Filming will begin later in the spring/summer. Many of the elements of this work can be found in Dan Marshall's article, 'Rickard Revisited: Native "Participation" in the Gold Discoveries of British Columbia', in *Native Studies Review*, 11:1 (1997): 91-108. Also in this issue see Marshall, "Introduction: The Fraser River War", p. 139, which is a preface to "Document One: H.M. Snyder, letter to James Douglas, Fraser River, Fort Yale, 28th August 1858", pp. 140-145. This is a fully-transcribed letter which outlines the troop movements and peace-making process of Captain Snyder and his 10-day military-style campaign.

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