

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS NOUVELLES DES DÉPARTEMENTS

University of British Columbia (Educational Studies). The Chair for the term 1994-1995 is Graham Kelsey. Jean Barman has been promoted professor as of 1 July 1994. The Canadian History of Education Association Founders' Prize for the best collection was awarded to Neil Sutherland, Jean Barman and Linda

Halefer for *History of Canadian Childhood and Youth: Bibliography* (1993). The Canadian Association for Studies in Education Prize for best article was awarded to Neil Sutherland for "When you listen to the winds of childhood, How much can you believe", published in

Curriculum Inquiry, vol. 22 (1992). Invited professor for 1994-1995 is Ellen Schrumpf, Telemark Community College, Norway. William Bruneau is on leave for 1994-1995.

CHA ANNUAL MEETING 1996 LEARNED SOCIETIES BROCK UNIVERSITY

CALL FOR PAPERS

Members of the Canadian Historical Association are encouraged to submit proposals for papers for the 1996 Learned at Brock University as early as possible and **no later than 15 September 1995**. Dates for the 1996 CHA Annual Meeting are 30 May to 3 June 1996 (inclusive).

Designated themes for the CHA Conference are:

1. Amerindian History
2. Transportation and Communication
3. Cultural Identity/Political Identity
4. Borderlands
5. Gender and Power

Papers on other topics will, of course, be most welcomed. The Social Science Federation of Canada has designated "Identity, Citizenship and Democracy" as the theme for the 1996 Learned.

The Program Committee strongly encourages scholars to make suggestions and submit proposals for complete sessions, and for panels or other presentations as well as for individual papers. It also encourages CHA sub-groups to sponsor and develop sessions and to suggest chairs and commentators.

Members may submit proposals to, or communicate with, any Program Committee member, but the final proposal must be in the hands of the Chairperson by **15 September 1995** to be considered by the Committee for final selection of the Program. All proposals must include a one page abstract and a one page *curriculum vitae*.

The members of the Committee are:

Wesley Turner (Chairman, Brock); Denise Angers (Université du Québec à Montréal); Alan Arthur (Brock); Jennifer Brown (University of Winnipeg); Albert Desbiens (Université du Québec à Montréal); Patricia Dirks (Brock); Richard Ellis (State University of New York, Buffalo); Nadia Fahmy-Eid (Université du Québec à Montréal); Kevin Gloin (Graduate Student Representative, University of Calgary); James Leith (Queen's); Jane McLeod (Brock); Peter Mitchell (York); John Sainsbury (Brock); John Weaver (McMaster).

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FUNDING FOR HUMANITIES CONTROVERSY OVER CUTBACK Humanists Rally to Protect SSHRC and Educational Funding

The **Canadian Federation for the Humanities** has traditionally concentrated its lobbying energies around a one-day "assault" on Parliament Hill, usually in October at the time of CFH's fall Board meeting. But that was then -- and times have changed! This past fall, the Federation felt it necessary to mount a major ongoing lobby that started with the traditional lobby day on October 20, but continued right through November, December and into January.

Our target was and is the upcoming federal budget -- specifically the worrying possibility that the Government will feel compelled to cut back its investment in the three research councils as well as the funds currently earmarked for educational spending in the provinces (Established Programs Financing).

A large and diverse group of humanists right across the country has rallied to let the Government know that cutting back on the country's investment in humanities research and education is not the way to deal with the deficit and debt problems.