

26-27 May 2023



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CANADIAN  
MILITARY  
HISTORY  
COLLOQUIUM

Program

# FRIDAY, 26 MAY 2023

8:00-8:45 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

8:50-9:00 Opening Remarks  
Senate &  
Board  
Chamber

9:00-10:00 C. P. Stacey Plenary Address

Senate &  
Board  
Chamber *Painting the Living and the Dead: Mary Riter Hamilton's  
Empathetic Battlefield Art*  
Irene Gammel, Toronto Metropolitan University

10:00-10:15 COFFEE BREAK

10:15-11:45 Session 1

Senate &  
Board  
Chamber **1A | Innovative Approaches to Soldier Experience**  
Chair: Irene Gammel, Toronto Metropolitan University

*Dreaming About the Great War: Daydreams, Nightmares  
and Visions*  
Kyle Falcon [Independent Scholar]

*"You would have thought we were soldiers too":  
Conceptualizing Combatant Experiences of Canadian  
Gunners on the Western Front, 1914 - 1918*  
Hazel Scott-Pankratz [Western University]

*"Not living through it again, but simply recalling  
memories": Talk Therapy with Lieutenant/Nursing Sister  
Louise Patterson and Captain William Dey*  
Delaney Beck [Gregg Centre, University of New  
Brunswick]

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**1B | Pivot to the Postwar World**

Chair: Eric Story, Wilfrid Laurier University

*In at the Kill: Canada's Pivot to the Pacific War, 1944-45*

Michael Pass [University of Ottawa]

*Canada's "Particular conception of NATO" and its effect  
on Canadian civil-military relations, 1949-70*

Peter Kasurak [Queen's University]

*The Silent History of Veterans Transition*

Joel Watson [Gregg Centre, University of New  
Brunswick]

**11:45-12:30 LUNCH**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

**12:30-2:00 Session 2**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

**2A | Education of an Air Force: Developing Officers for  
the R.C.A.F.**

Chair: Howard Coombs, Royal Military College of Canada

*An Anatomy of Leadership: The Contrasting Cases of Billy  
Bishop and Raymond Collishaw*

Mike Bechthold [RCAF History and Heritage Section]

*Getting Off the Ground: Early Attempts at Establishing  
Air Power Education in the RCAF, 1924-1959*

Randall Wakelam [Royal Military College of Canada]

*RCAF Education Past and Present: A Comparative  
Retrospective*

Richard Goette [Canadian Forces College]

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**2B | Re-Assessing Mobilization and its Impact**  
Chair: Kyle Falcon

*Reconsidering the Discredited Militia Myth: Canadian-mobilized Regiments and the Fight for the Upper St. Lawrence*

Robert Smol [University of New Brunswick]

*The PPCLI University Companies: A Statistical Profile, 1915-1918*

Craig Leslie Mantle [Canadian Forces]

*The Canadian Expeditionary Forces Demography Project: Macro and Micro Updates*

Jonathan Vance [Western University]

Meredith Legace [Wilfrid Laurier University]

**2:00-2:15**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**2:15-3:45**

**Session 3**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

**3A | Military Service, Citizenship and Political Culture in Atlantic Canada**

Chair: Roger Sarty, Wilfrid Laurier University

*From Drill Halls to Slit Trenches: Non-Permanent Active Militia Volunteers in Canada's 3rd Infantry Brigade, 1943-1945*

Mackenzie Smith [Gregg Centre, University of New Brunswick]

Lee Windsor [Gregg Centre, University of New Brunswick]

*The Complexity of Occupation: 3 Canadian Infantry Brigade Behind the Front in Sicily and Italy*  
Cindy Brown [Gregg Centre, University of New Brunswick]

*Defending a White Man's Nation: Black Maritimers in 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry Brigade*  
Katelyn Stieva [Gregg Centre, University of New Brunswick]

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**3B | Troop Training in the World Wars**

Chair: Jonathan Vance, Western University

*Technically Drawing: Canadian Technical Sketches and Military Landscape Drawings of the World Wars*  
Sarafina Pagnotta [Carleton University]

*The Vernon Military Camp and the Imperial Training Archipelago*  
Megan Hamilton [King's College London / Imperial War Museum]

**3:45-4:45**

**Session 4**

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**4A | Photographic Examinations**

Chair: Katherine Rossy, Royal Military College of Canada

*Munitions Dumping in Georgian Bay: A Photographic History*  
Alex Souchen [University of Guelph]

*'United Nations Forces in Korea': Canada's Commonwealth Contributions and the Korean War*  
Sarah Hart [Carleton University]

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**4B | Examining Cold War Artifacts**

Chair: Kevin Spooner, Wilfrid Laurier University

*"No information was given concerning the origin of this torpedo": A Soviet Torpedo at the Canadian War Museum*

Jeff Noakes [Canadian War Museum]

*Nuclear Preparedness and Cold War Infrastructure: A Case Study in Waterloo Region*

Sara Matthews [Wilfrid Laurier University]

Charlotte Woodley [Region of Waterloo]

6:00-7:00

**Book Launch and Cash bar**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

*Educating Air Forces: Global Perspectives on Airpower Learning*

Edited by Randall Wakelam, David Varey and Emanuele Sica

7:00

**BANQUET & KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

*Alliances in the Mirror are Closer Than They Appear*

Dean Oliver, Canadian War Museum

# SATURDAY, 27 MAY 2023

**8:30-9:00**      **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

**9:00-10:30**      **Session 5**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

**5A | Comics Go to War**

Chair: Matthew Barrett, LCSC

*“A Few Words of Appreciation From Some of the Canadian Boys in Flanders”:* Bud Fisher and Mutt and Jeff in the Great War

Don Eberle [Independent Scholar]

*The Socio-Cultural Significance of Canada’s War Time Comic Books (1941-46) and Their Depiction of the Canadian Military*

Ivan Kocmarek [Independent Scholar]

*“Bea Alerte and Justin Case Say”:* Gender and Early Canadian Cold War Civil Defence

Maggie McKoen [York University]

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**5B | Libya, NATO and the Canadian Armed Forces:  
History in the Making**

Chair: Mike Bechthold, RCAF History and Heritage Section

*Operation MOBILE: A Government Historian’s Perspective*

Richard Oliver Mayne [RCAF History and Heritage Section]

*Lieutenant-General Charles Bouchard and the Operational Command of UNIFIED PROTECTOR*  
Craig Leslie Mantle [Canadian Forces]

*The RCAF and Targeting during Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR*  
Richard Goette [Canadian Forces College]

**10:30-10:45 COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45-12:15 Session 6**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

**6A | The First World War from Home Front to Battle Front**

Chair: Renée Davis, Directorate of History and Heritage

*A Clear and Present Danger: Canada's Supply, Inspection and Conservation of Munitions in the First World War*

Kyle Pritchard [Wilfrid Laurier University]

*Grand Theft Auto: Motor Vehicle Culture, Corruption and Crime in the Canadian Army Service Corps, 1914-19*

Andrew Iarocci [Western University / Royal Military College of Canada]

*Canada's Most Decisive Victory: An Analysis of Canada's Role in the Hundred Days Offensive – 8 August 1918 – 11 November 1918*

Ryan Goldsworthy [Royal Canadian Military Institute]



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**6B | The Impact of the Second World War on  
People and Organizations**

Chair: Craig Leslie Mantle, Canadian Forces College

*Fighting a War and Living at Peace: Captain Ian  
Hodson in Sicily and Beyond*

Howard Coombs [Royal Military College of Canada]

*Strategic Prophet or Soldierly Scholar? R. J.  
Sutherland, Canadian Strategic Theory and the Role  
of Biography in Strategic History*

John Keess [Royal Military College of Canada]

*From SHAEF to UNRRA: Humanitarian Practice and  
Policy in Allied-Occupied Germany (1945-49)*

Katherine Rossy [Royal Military College of Canada]

**12:15-1:00**

**LUNCH**

**1:00-2:30**

**Session 7**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

**7A | A Century of Memorialization**

Chair: Cindy Brown, Gregg Centre, University of New  
Brunswick

*"A Cairn and a Cross": War Memorialization in  
France During the Great War by the Canadian Corps*

Bradley Shoebottom [University of New Brunswick]

*"The Population of France Forgot Nothing": France  
and the Inauguration of the Canadian Vimy  
Memorial, 1914-36*

Martin Laberge [Université du Québec en  
Outaouais]

*Unknown But Not Forgotten: The History and Challenges of Canadian Casualty Identification*  
Renée Davis [Directorate of History and Heritage]

**Paul Martin  
Centre**

**7B | Different Sources, Different Stories**

Chair: Kyle Pritchard, Wilfrid Laurier University

*Planes, Pickaxes and Buses: The Medical Misadventures of Two Future Prime Ministers*  
Robert Smol [University of New Brunswick]

*In the Online Trenches: Digital Canadian Military History*  
Brad St.Croix [Independent Scholar]

**2:30-2:45**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**2:45-3:45**

**CLOSING PLENARY**

**Senate &  
Board  
Chamber**

*Strategic Conflict, Operational Uncertainty: The Italian Campaign Eighty Years On*  
Terry Copp, Wilfrid Laurier University

**3:45-4:00**

**CLOSING REMARKS**



