

# Effective use of social media for associations

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# Today's agenda

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- Platforms used
- Measuring and adjusting
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- The #congressh experience

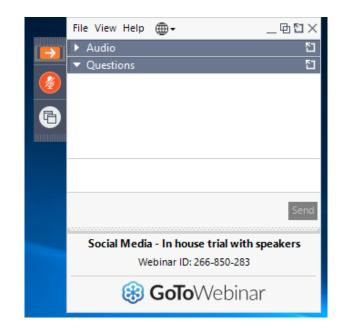


# Housekeeping

- Use your chat box to ask questions anytime
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- Go to ideas-idees.ca/webinars for troubleshooting
- We will post slides after today's event
- We will post the webinar video next week







## Today's speakers

#### Nicola Katz

Communications Manager Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (also moderating today)



#### Michel Duquet Executive Director Canadian Historical Association





## Federation social media strategy

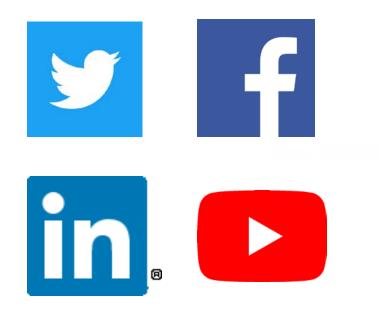
Key benefits:

- Audience platform preferences
- Static dynamic information consumption
- Value of control over timing
- Language preferences
- Implications of anti-spam legislation (CASL)
- Use of ad buys
- Internal resources and capacity





## Federation's active platforms



#### Customized by audience:

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- Objectives
- Frequency
- Language





## Tracking, measuring, adjusting

#### **Metrics**

- Ad hoc metrics check-ins
- Monthly and quarterly reporting
- Areas for improvements, tweaks

#### Amplification

- Event-specific partnerships
- Stakeholders year-round
- Influencer relationships

#### **Scheduling & other tools**

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- Hootsuite
- Lists
- Social 'listening'

#### Insiders

- Staff training
- Access to corporate accounts
- Support on specific initiatives





## Preparing a Federation campaign

- Establish messaging
- Select visuals
- Build handle/hashtag lists
- Consider all channels

- Prepare links and images
- Schedule tweets
- Live & (re) tweet
- Plan post-event promotion





## The #congressh experience

### **Planning for success**

- Consistent messaging
- Handle/hashtag lists
- Bulk scheduling
- Mini-campaigns
- Robust blog plan
- Influencer strategy

- Hired tweeters
- Hired bloggers
- Conversational retweeting
- Ad buys
- Media amplification
- Measurement and analytics



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## The #congressh experience

### Mitigating risk

- Hashtag vigilance
- Issue monitoring
- Crisis communications
- Cyber pirates

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## Closing thought



Infographic courtesy of socialmediaonlineclasses.com





## Who is CHA?

Canadian Historical Association



Société historique du Canada

- National, bilingual, not-for profit organization devoted to the scholarly study of communication of history
- With 1,000 members, it is the largest of its kind in the country
- CHA office staff

Founded in 1922





# CHA social media strategy

Canadian Historical Association



Société historique du Canada The CHA embraced social media in 2012 to:

- Increase awareness of what the CHA does in and beyond academia
- Retain existing members and acquire new ones
- Release time-sensitive information to our members and the public at large







## CHA's web presence:

- This is our primary source for news linked to Twitter and Facebook
- The activity in this account is especially heavy around Congress



• Out with the old, in with the new





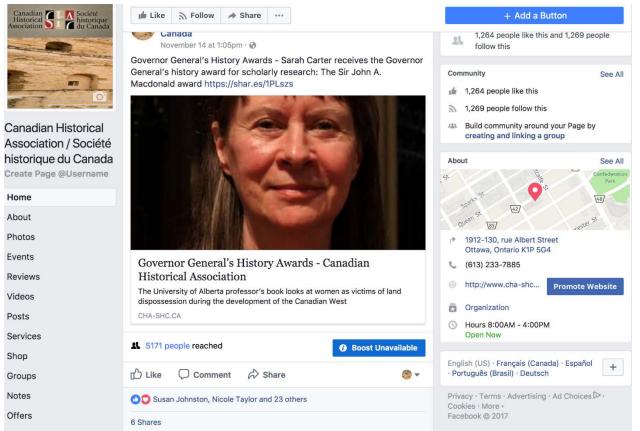
# CHA tracking, measuring, adjusting

- The CHA makes use of social media analytics to keep track of what works and what is less productive
- A quick look at the number of people reached on Facebook for example: Usefulness of a history degree - 9600
  Prizes - 6700
  Job offer – 6500
- Storify has been used by some members to capture and report our hashtag's results and/or showcase everything that happened during the CHA Annual Meeting, for example
- We have archived some of these "stories"





## **CHA tracking - Facebook**





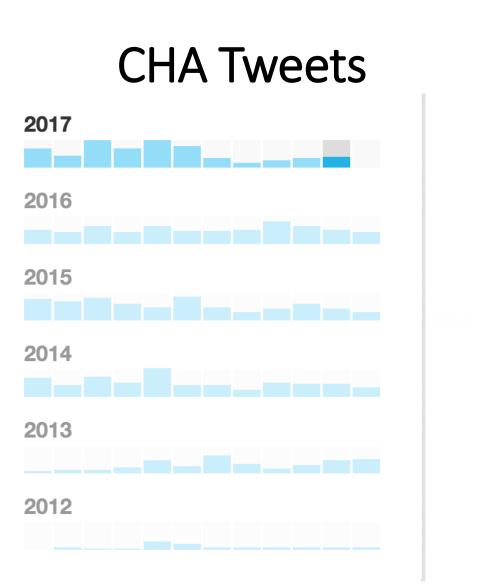
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# Preparing a CHA campaign

- Prepare messages ahead of time
  - Prize competitions
  - CFP for the annual CHA conference
  - CHA membership campaign
- Repetition and multitude of messages sent using different means
  - One message is not enough
  - Emails, blogs, listservs
- Target specific audiences
  - Headers of the tweets, Facebook messages crucial





• The more we familiarize people with our annual meeting, the better the attendance





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#### Lessons from the CHA Congress experience

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**A Beginner's Guide to the CHA Annual Meeting** By Andrea Eidinger





• Participants are encouraged to go on social media to share their experience









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 Two graduate students are designated to tweet – in French and in English during three days of the CHA conference

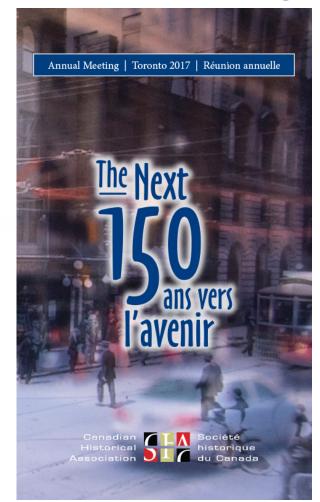




The program app is an integral part of our social media toolkit













• Doing things in a timely manner, works!

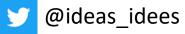




# Q & A

#### Nicola Katz





#### Michel Duquet







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# Thank you



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