

2023 CSCH Annual Meeting (York University)
May 30 - June 1

Day 1 — May 30
All sessions Ross Building – R N203

8:45 - 9:00 — Opening Remarks and Welcome

9:00 – 10:30 — Session 1: Reckonings and Re-imaginings

Chair: Todd Webb

Alan Hayes (Professor Emeritus, Wycliffe College)

“Settler Churches, the Doctrine of Discovery, and the Shifting of Blame”

William Acres (Huron University)

“Modernity, Faction, and Mission at the Grand River Reserve, 1869-1884”

Laureen Harder-Gissing (Conrad Grebel University College)

“Indigenous and Mennonite Encounters in Canada Since 1970: Reckoning and Re-imagining”

10:45 – 12:00 — Session 2: Roundtable – Roundtable on Independent Scholarship

Chair: Sandra Beardsall

Marilyn Whitely (Independent Scholar)

Betsy Anderson (Independent Scholar)

Bruce Douville (Algoma University)

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13:00 – 14:30 — Session 3: Twentieth-Century Challenges

Chair: Scott McLaren

Ann VanDerAa (Laurentian University)

“Sexuality and the United Church”

Bruce Douville (Algoma University)

“‘And so as a blasphemer’: Monty Python’s *Life of Brian* and the Last Case of Blasphemous Libel in Canada”

Robert Revington (Knox College)

“Popular Christian Polemic against the ‘Meek and Mild’ Jesus”

14:45 – 16:15 — Session 4: The Church, Politics, and the Colonial State

Chair: Melissa Davidson

Ashoor Yousif (Tyndale University)

“Religion and Politics: Churchmen’s Religious Engagements with Statesmen”

Clara A.B. Joseph (University of Calgary)

“European Excommunication and Indian Colonization: Thomas Christians in the Sixteenth Century”

Sandeep Sinha (Independent Scholar)

“Christianity, Missions, and the State: A Review of Colonial South Asia and Post-Colonial India”

16:30 – 17:30 — First Business Meeting

Day 2 — May 31
All sessions Accolade East – ACE 002

9:00 – 10:30 — Session 5: Migration, Transition, and Connection

Chair: Todd Webb

Allison Kach-Yawngghwe (Boston University)

“Dissenters and Friends: The 1898 Doukhobor Migration to Canada and the People That Made it Possible”

Lucille Marr (McGill University and Presbyterian College, Montreal)

“A Passion for Mission: Sisters Francis Davidson and Mary Davidson Yoder”

David Danner (Trinity College, Toronto)

“From Conversion to Cooperation: The Nathanael Institute 1939-1962”

10:45 – 12:15 — Session 6: War and Empire

Chair: Scott McLaren

Melissa Davidson (Directorate of History and Heritage)

“Pacifism or Disloyalty? — Reactions to the Threat of War at Chanak (October 1922)”

Adam Rudy (Independent Scholar)

“Providence, Prayer, and Remembrance in the Second World War: Wartime Spirituality in the Canadian Protestant Press”

Gordon Heath (McMaster Divinity College)

“The United Church of Canada and the End of Empire, 1945-1956”

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13:30 – 14:30 — Session 7: Black Evangelicalism and Race Consciousness

Chair: Melissa Davidson

Christian Clement-Schlimm (Wycliffe College)

“To ‘Sing the Song of Moses’: Missional Zeal and Evangelical Spirituality in the Narratives of Olaudah Equiano and John Marrant”

Dudley Brown (Assistant Editor, Centre for Post-Christendom Studies)

“Race Consciousness”

14:45 - 16:15 — Presidential Address

Todd Webb (Laurentian University)

19:00 - 21:00 — Banquet (Schulich Executive Dining Room)

Day 3 — June 1
Keynote Session in Accolate East – ACE 003
All other sessions Accolate East – ACE 002

9:00 - 10:15 — Accolate East – ACE 003

Joint Keynote with the Canadian Catholic Historical Association

Dr. Emma Anderson (University of Ottawa)

“A Double-Edged Sword: Excommunication and its Unanticipated Effects in Nineteenth Century Canada”

10:45 - 11:45 — Session 8: Capitalism and Social (In)Action

Chair: Scott McLaren

M.J. Perry (Knox College)

“Jesus and the Walk Out: Action (or Lack of Action) of Christian Churches during the 1919 General Strike of Amherst, Nova Scotia”

Che-Wen Cindy Lin (York University)

“Reckoning with the Spirit of Capitalism by Re-imagining the Protestant Ethic”

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13:00 – 14:30 — Session 9: New Research in Canadian Pentecostalism

Chair: Melissa Davidson

Peter Althouse (Oral Roberts University)

“Elizabeth Baxter’s Influence on Canadian Pentecostalism: A Network Analysis”

Linda M. Ambrose (Laurentian University)

“‘Are All Teachers?’: Women Educators in Canadian Pentecostalism”

Michael Wilkinson (Trinity Western University)

“The Global/Local Nexus of Canadian and World Pentecostalism”

14:45 – 16:00 — Second Business Meeting