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Dal History - A Robust Research Unit

Our Contribution To The Historical Discipline

Sustained research and scholarly publication are the cornerstones of the Department of History at Dalhousie University. Our faculty are counted among Canada’s leading research scholars, and it is this well-acknowledged research profile that has made our department an attractive destination for advanced graduate students and junior research scholars. We have in recent years successfully attracted Killam and SSHRC postdoctoral fellows to our department, while our rich research profile has also helped recruit some of Canada's leading young historians to Halifax.

Research in the historical discipline can be rich and varied, and Dalhousie history professors are especially active in terms of contribution: (re)discovery of new historical sources, editing and publishing of manuscript materials, re-evaluating and critiquing existing historical paradigms, introducing new methodologies and approaches to types of historical sources (literary, artistic, cultural, economic, demographic, etc.), as well as crafting new interpretations which realign, or even challenge, existing scholarly discourses and practices.

Our faculty has been singularly exceptional in recent years with respect to landing major external research grants as well as fellowships to conduct research at other institutions, libraries, and archives. Moreover, our professors are invited regularly to present their ongoing research and findings to international audiences in workshops, conferences, and seminars across Asia, Africa, and Europe. As a result, Dalhousie's History Department stands as the leading, research-based academic unit for historical studies in Atlantic Canada.

Learn more about our various ongoing research projects and published contributions to the field