We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq People.

The Dalhousie Graduate History Society is pleased to present the 19th Annual History Across the Disciplines Conference:

Contested Space: Navigating Perspectives of Place, Personhood and the Past

Friday, March 31st - Saturday, April 1st, 2017

Conference Location:
Kenneth C. Rowe Management Building
6100 University Avenue
Dalhousie University
Unceded Mi’kmaq Territory

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Friday, March 31st: Welcome & Keynote (Rowe 1014)

5:30pm - Registration Begins

6:00pm - 8:00pm: Conference Opening and Keynote

Diana Lewis - “Canada 150: An Indigenous Perspective”

8:00pm: Meet and Greet

Join us for light snacks and beverages at the Dalhousie University Club

Saturday, April 1st: Conference Panels (Rowe 1007)

9:30-10:30 - 20th Century Military and Diplomatic History

Moderator: Dr. John Bingham

Breanna Denton - “Cold Warriors, Colonizers, and the Contemporary: Determining the Causal Dynamic in the Shaping of Modern Society”

Vlad Malska - “Canadian and American Aviation, 1910-1930”

Liam Caswell - “Rising the Sun: British Political and Public Support for Japanese Hegemony in Korea and Manchuria During the Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905”

Deborah George - “Dr. Cluny MacPherson: Reflections on the Life of a Newfoundland Physician and Soldier”

10:45-11:45 - Religion, Politics, and Society in Early Modern England

Moderator: Dr. Krista Kesselring

Cynthia Panneton - “Origins and Interpretations of Prophecy: the first years of George Fox’s prophethood 1647-1656”

Andrew J. Sedge - “The Image of the Prostitute in Commonwealth England, 1649-1660”

Eric Franklin - “A Perfect Union: The Accession of James VI to the English Throne and Early Modern English National Consciousness”
12:00-1:00 - North American Settler Societies

12:00-1:00. Moderator: Dr. Shirley Tillotson


Alex Martinborough - “The Bill of Union and Early Expressions of Settler Nationalism in Upper Canada, 1822-1828”

Aaron Clarke - “Joseph Galloway’s America: An Abandoned American Precursor of Canadian Independence”

1:00-2:00 - Lunch

2:00-3:00 - Colonialism and Decolonization

Moderator: Dr. Ajay Parasram

Saambavi Mano - “The Politics of Motherhood: Examining the Use of Strategic Essentialism by the Madres de Plaza de Mayo”

Sanober Umar - “Mapping the Borders of Communal Identity and Citizenship in Post-Colonial India”

Mike Smith - “Scripture and Slavery in Seventeenth Century Barbados”

3:00-4:00 - Identity and History

Moderator: Dr. Barbara Pearce

Rose Clancey - “Sketching Myself In: One Trans Grad Student’s Attempt to Find Herself in History”


Kirby Ross - “Women and the War at Home: Pictou County and the New Woman Worker of Shipbuilding”
4:15-5:15 - Education and Social Movements in Nova Scotia

Moderator: Dr. Justin Roberts

Stefanie Slaunwhite - “The Intricacies of Integration: The Case of Graham Creighton High School”

Holly Ritchie - “The Stubborn Scots: An examination of how the Scottish Presbyterian Secession Church used education as a tool against Anglican dominance in Nova Scotia, 1789-1848”

Heather-Ann Caldwell - New Left Student Movements at Dalhousie University

5:30-6:30 - Early Modern Space, Identity, and Material Culture

Moderator: Dr. Colin Mitchell

Rae Stauffer - “Early Modern Edinburgh: Identifying the Spatial and Social Relationships in the ‘Guid Toun’”

Samantha Summers - “Otherness and Outremer: Transient Identities, New Worldviews, and Cartography in the Crusades”

Ben Cable - “Palace Life and Material Culture in Early Modern Parma and Placenza”

6:30-8:30 - Dinner and Conference Closing

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