

Stokes Seminar Fall 2025

Department of History



The Larry D. Stokes Seminar takes place on Tuesdays, from 11:35 am to 12:55 pm in Room 1170 of the Marion McCain Arts & Social Sciences building. The Seminar will also be livestreamed over Teams. For the link, please email Hilary Doda at gradhist@dal.ca.

In the traditional Stokes format, presenters briefly introduce their current research. A paper will often be pre-circulated to faculty, students, and community members, who can then pose questions and make comments about the work. As well as being circulated electronically, printed copies of each paper will be available in the Department of History office during the same week as the Seminar.

Other formats are being trialed this year, and information about the format for each presentation is included in the listings below.

Questions about the Stokes Seminar can be directed to Lisa Binkley (lbinkley@dal.ca), Cassandra Luciuk (Luciuk@dal.ca) or Hilary Doda (gradhist@dal.ca).

Schedule

Tuesday, 7 October, 2025 — Norman Pereira (Dalhousie University) — *Michael Karpovich's Liberal Legacy: A "Grandson's" Encomium*. Traditional Stokes format, pre-circulated paper.

Tuesday, 28 October 2025 — Justin Roberts (Dalhousie University) — *Roads and Rebels: Mountains, Mobility and Infrastructure in Jamaica and Scotland, 1720-1746*. Traditional Stokes format, pre-circulated paper.

Tuesday, 4 November, 2025 — Cassandra Luciuk (Dalhousie University) — *Spies, Scandals, and Sabotage in Canada's Wartime Bureaucracy*. Lecture format: 30-45 minute talk, then open floor for discussion.

Tuesday, 2 December 2025 — Phil Zachernuk (Dalhousie University) — *The problem with "African" in Modern African Intellectual History: some reflections and a heuristic gambit*. Traditional Stokes format, pre-circulated paper.

This final Stokes of 2025 will also be a celebration of the career of Phil Zachernuk, on the occasion of his retirement.

