

VIMY at 100

28th Canadian Military History Colloquium

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 5 MAY 2017

8:00-8:50

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

8:50-9:00

**Senate &
Board
Chamber**

Opening Remarks

Roger Sarty, Wilfrid Laurier University

9:00-10:00

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Keynote Address

Vimy Ridge 1917: The German Perspective

Holger Herwig, Independent Researcher

10:00-10:15

COFFEE BREAK

10:15-11:45

Session 1

**Senate &
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1A | Commemorating the First World War

Chair: Tim Cook, Canadian War Museum

*"In Every City, Town, and Hamlet:" Commemorating
the Unveiling of the Vimy Memorial Across Canada*
Katrina Pasierbek [Wilfrid Laurier University]

Commemoration of Canadian Army War Dead
Catherine Paterson & Jerry Mayer [Commonwealth
War Graves Commission]

*First Among Equals: The Selection of Vimy as the
National First World War Memorial Site*
Bradley St. Croix [University of Ottawa]

**Paul Martin
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1B | Learning to Fight: The Evolution of Arms and Logistics in the First World War

Chair: Gary Sheffield, University of Wolverhampton

Over the Ridge and Beyond: The Evolution of Forward Transport in the BEF, 1917

Andrew Iarocci [Western University]

The Lessons of Vimy: CEF Field Animal Management, 1917-18

Andrew Scott McEwen [Parks Canada]

Material and Methods Somme 1916 and Drocourt-Quéant 1918: Critical Comparisons in Canadian Operations

Bill Stewart [Independent Researcher]

**11:45-12:30
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LUNCH

12:30-2:00

Session 2

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2A | In the thick of it: Faith, Diversion and ‘Learning the Trade’ in the Trenches

Chair: Peter Farrugia, Wilfrid Laurier University

The RFC and the Battle of Courcellette

Graham Broad [King’s University College, Western University]

'A splendid evening's entertainment: ' Sport, Leisure and Morale amongst the Canadians on the Western Front

Kyle Falcon [Wilfrid Laurier University]

Religion and the Great War: The Canadian Experience
Gordon Heath [McMaster Divinity College]

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2B | Naval and Amphibious Operations

Chair: Holger Herwig, Independent Researcher

Any Port of Call: An Initial Inquiry into the Harbor/Submarine Relationship in the American Submarine War

Robert Dienesch [Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society]

The Middelkerke Landing: First World War Amphibious Warfare post-Gallipoli
Alexander Maavara [University of Waterloo]

Divergent Justice: The differences between British and German Prize Courts and their rulings on shipping as World War I progressed

Joseph Zeller [Independent Researcher]

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2C | War and its Cultural Constructs

Chair: Mary Chaktsiris, Wilfrid Laurier University

The Imagined Mushroom Cloud: The Psychological Construction of Chemical Warfare

Kimberley Heath [Queen's University]

Shame and Reverence: A Critical Analysis of the Somalia Affair

Abdiasis Issa [Wilfrid Laurier University]

"I went. I tried it. I liked it. I stayed." Motivations of Citizen-Soldiers of the Algonquin Regiment, 1966 to 1991

Nicholas McGuire [Nipissing University]

2:00 – 2:15 COFFEE BREAK

2:15 – 3:45 Session 3

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3A | The First World War in the Air

Chair: Graham Broad, King's University College,
Western University

Eagles in the East: Canadian Pilots' Military Service beyond the Western Front during the First World War

Nic Clarke [Canadian War Museum]

Laying the Ground Work for Battle...from the Air: No. 16 Squadron and the Preparations for the Battle of Vimy Ridge

Erin Gregory [Canada Aviation and Space Museum]

Canadian Pilots in the First World War: Motivation and Training

Stephen Hodgson [University of Regina]

**Paul Martin
Centre**

**3B | Trouble in the Ranks: Social Perspectives on the
First World War**

Chair: Bill Stewart, Independent Researcher

*Conduct Unbecoming: Canadian Officers Dismissed
and Cashiered, 1915—1919*

Matthew Barrett [Queen's University]

*The Curse of Hippocrates: The Canadian Army Medical
Corps (CAMC), Problems, Tension and Conflict
amongst Medical Officers (MOs) in the context of the
First World War*

Jordan Chase [Western University]

*"War, Invasion or Insurrection, Real or Apprehended."
The War Measures Act and Canadian Internment
Policies during the First World War.*

Donald Eberle [Northwest State Community College]

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**3C | A Peaceful Transition? The Canadian Military at
the end of the Second World War**

Chair: Cindy Comacchio, Wilfrid Laurier University

*Wizards in White Coats: The Canadian Defence
Research Board, Science and Psychology in the Early
Cold War, 1947-1964*

Megan Fitzpatrick [Royal Military College of Canada]

*The Diplomacy of Disposal: The Fate of Surplus
Canadian Medical Supplies in Europe, 1944-1946*

Alex Souchen [Wilfrid Laurier University]

Fear and Fatigue: Canada's Cold War Military on Film
Matthew Wiseman [Wilfrid Laurier University]

3:45 - 5:15 Session 4

Arts C Wing 4A | Education, Myth and Vimy Today
2C17 Chair: Nic Clarke, Canadian War Museum

*A Nation Forged in Ambivalence: The Great War in the
Canadian Classroom 1918-1939*
Robert Cupido [Mount Allison University]

*Sculpting, Exhibiting, and Teaching Nationhood:
Canada's First World War Centenary*
Breanna Lester [Carleton University]

Stormtroops: Canada's Military Myth at Vimy Ridge
Desaree Rosskopf [Western University]

Paul Martin 4B | Digitally Mapping the First World War: A
Centre **Roundtable Discussion**
Chair: Trevor Ford, Wilfrid Laurier University

Rebecca Bartlett [Carleton University]
Gord Beck [McMaster University]
Jay Brodeur [McMaster University]
Geoffrey Hayes [University of Waterloo]
Trevor Ford [Wilfrid Laurier University]

5:15 - 6:00 Food and Drink available at Grad Pub *Veritas*

6:00 - 7:00
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BOOK LAUNCH & CASH BAR

Book Launch, UBC Press

Turning Point 1917: The British Empire at War, edited
by Douglas E. Delaney and Nikolas Gardner

Book Launch, University of Toronto Press

*One in a Thousand: The Life and Death of Captain
Eddie McKay, Royal Flying Corps* by Graham Broad

7:00
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BANQUET & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Douglas Haig Revisited

Gary Sheffield [University of Wolverhampton]

SATURDAY, 6 MAY 2017

9:00 - 10:00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Vimy at 100: Why We Still Care

Tim Cook, Canadian War Museum

10:00-10:15

COFFEE BREAK

10:15-11:45

Session 5

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5A | Winning the Ridge: Operations at Vimy

Chair: Andrew Iarocci, Western University

An Okanagan Regiment takes the Centre of Vimy Ridge

Howard Hisdal [Okanagan College]

The Battle of Vimy Ridge, 1917: Explaining Canadian Victory and German Defeat using Stephen Biddle's Military Power Model

Mike Lalonde [University of Waterloo] & Whitney Lackenbauer [St. Jerome's University]

A Terrible Burden: The Horses of Vimy and WWI

Amy Ratelle [University of Toronto]

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5B | Battles within Battles: Gender Relations and Conscription Debates at the Front

Chair: Roger Sarty, Wilfrid Laurier University

Fallen Sisters: Gender, Military Service, and Death in Canada's First World War

Sarah Glassford [Western University]

Talbot Mercer Papineau and the Question of Conscription

Geoffrey Hayes [University of Waterloo]

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12:30-2:00 Session 6

**Arts C Wing
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6A | Leadership & Combat Effectiveness

Chair: Robert Dienesch, Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society

Strengths and Weaknesses of the German ground forces in the last year of the war, 1944-1945

Arthur Gullachsen [Royal Military College of Canada]

The 27th Canadian Armoured Regiment and the Battle of Authie: A Case Study into Manning, Training, and Equipment Failures

Sean Summerfield [Bishop's University]

Victor Wentworth Odlum CB, CMG, and DSO: Soldier, Journalist, Entrepreneur, Diplomat

David Thompson, Wilfrid Laurier University

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6B | Remembering and Forgetting: Negotiating Grief, Indigeneity and Memory

Chair: Geoff Hayes, University of Waterloo

Brothers and Soldiers: Arnold and Clarence Westcott and the Battle of Canal du Nord, 17 September to 1 October, 1918

Cindy Comacchio [Wilfrid Laurier University]

The Lived Experience of First Nations Soldiers in the First World War

Evan Habkirk [Western University]

'Drawing no dividend from time's to-morrows:' Major Samuel Bothwell of the 1st CMR at Vimy Ridge
Peter Farrugia [Wilfrid Laurier University]

**Paul Martin
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6C | Digital History

Chair: Kandace Bogaert, Wilfrid Laurier University

*"Much More Rewarding than I Expected It to Be:"
Digital History, WordPress, and the Classroom*
Mary Chaktsiris [Wilfrid Laurier University]

*Anglo-Canadian Music of the First World War:
Developing an Online Research Platform*
Sara Karn [Wilfrid Laurier University]

*Vimy from a Distance: A Distant Reading of Canadian
Soldiers' Letters of the First World War*
Steve Marti [University of Delaware]

2:00 – 2:15

COFFEE BREAK

2:15 – 3:45

Session 7

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7A | Disease: The Invisible Bullet

Chair: Sarah Glassford, Western University

*Tents, Trains & the Red Triangles: the Spread of
the 1918 Influenza Pandemic at the Polish Army Camp
at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario*
Kandace Bogaert [Wilfrid Laurier University]

A Night with Venus, Death by 606: The Treatment of Syphilis in the C.E.F.

Lyndsay Rosenthal [Wilfrid Laurier University]

The Tuberculosis Epidemic among Indigenous Veterans of the Great War

Eric Story [Wilfrid Laurier University]

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7B | Death, Grief & Remembrance

Chair: Alex Souchen, Wilfrid Laurier University

“The ground is all covered with dead as far as you can see:” Grieving on the Western Front

Brittany Dunn [Wilfrid Laurier University]

Killing, Dying, and the Canadian Culture of Sacrificial Death

Owen Griffiths [Mount Allison University]

Never forgotten: The discovery and identification of the skeletal remains of a First World War Canadian soldier commemorated on the Vimy Memorial

Sarah Lockyer [Directorate of History and Heritage]

**3:45 – 4:30
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Plenary Address

Dieppe and the Historians: 75 Years On

Terry Copp, LCMSDS Director Emeritus

4:30 – 5:00

Closing Remarks