

**FRIDAY 14 MAY**

**9:00 – 9:15 | Opening Remarks**

**9:15 – 10:15 | Plenary Address**

Gathering from the Farms: Rural Canada and the First World War  
**Jonathan Vance**

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**10:15 – 10:30 | Break**

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**10:30 – 12:00 | Session 1**

**Session 1A | The Royal Canadian Air Force in Transition, 1945-1950 | Chair: Randy Wakelam**

*Did Canada Finish the Second World War with a National Air Force?*

Richard Goette [Canadian Forces College]

*The Origin of North American Air Defence, 1945-1950*

Peter Rayls [Queen's University]

*Residual Obligation: The Royal Canadian Air Force and the Occupation of Germany, 1945-1947*

Bill March [Queen's University]

**Session 1B | Art as History | Chair: Tim Cook**

*Graphic History and Visualizing Canada's Military Past*

Matthew Barrett [Canadian War Museum]

*A View of War in Colour*

Sarah Hart [Carleton University]

*Hidden in Plain Sight: Some Unofficial Canadian Artworks of the First and Second World Wars*

Sarafina Pagnotta [Canadian War Museum]

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**12:00 – 12:45 | Lunch**

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**12:45 – 2:15 | Session 2**

**Session 2A | Doctrine and Operations | Chair: Craig Mantle**

*Is there a Canadian School of Operational Art?*

Rebecca Jensen [University of Calgary]

*Lessons Learned and Forgotten: Canadian Army Infantry Mechanization during and after the Second World War*

Peter Kasurak [Independent Scholar]

*Hazardous Experiments You Can Do at Home: The Impact of Strategic Invariants on the Canadian Naval and Mobile Force Debates, 1909-1912 and 1963-1968*

John Keess [Royal Military College of Canada]

**Session 2B | Second World War Commemoration and Memory | Chair: Geoffrey Hayes**

*Dum Vivimus Vivamus: The Lost Identity of the Owen Sound Collegiate and Vocational Institute Second World War Dead*

David Alexander [Billy Bishop Home and Museum]

*Tampering with History: The Controversy over Major-General C.M. Maltby's Despatch and the Battle of Hong Kong*

Brad St.Croix [University of Ottawa]

*Personal Memories vs Official Histories: The Senate Subcommittee Investigation into The Valour and the Horror*

Thomas Littlewood [University of Guelph]

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**2:15 – 2:30 | Break**

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**2:30 – 4:00 | Session 3**

**Session 3A | Fighting the Second World War | Chair: Alex Souchen**

*An Army of Never-Ending Strength*

Arthur Gullachsen [Royal Military College of Canada]

*Dorothy L. Sayers and William Lyon Mackenzie King: How a British Detective Novelist Inspired the Prime Minister of Canada before D-Day*

Robert Revington [University of Toronto]

*Chinese Canadian Secret Warriors in the Pacific, 1944-1946*

Chris Weicker [University of Victoria]

**Session 3B | Veterans and Memory: The Interwar Period | Chair: Lyndsay Rosenthal**

*“Lincs of Remembrance and Memories of Lincs”: Class, Camaraderie and Veterans of the First World War in North East England, 1919-1984*

Kyle Falcon [Western University]

*Defending the War Graves: Body-Snatching and Resistance to the Imperial War Graves Commission, 1918-1939*

Bryan McClure [Western University]

*Brigadier Milton Gregg, VC, MM: Restless and Destitute, 1919-1934: The Unwritten and Unwanted Chapter*

Joel Watson [University of New Brunswick]

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**SATURDAY 15 MAY**

**9:00 – 10:15 | Keynote Address: Jonathan Fennell**

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**10:15 – 10:30 | Break**

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**10:30 – 12:00 | Session 4**

**Session 4A | Canada's First World War | Chair: Serge Durflinger**

*French Canada's Participation in the Great War: A Study of Recruitment Posters*  
Emanuelle Cotton-Dumouchel [University of Ottawa]

*Northwood Hospital for Sick Sisters*  
Ariane Gauthier [University of Ottawa]

*Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: The Role and Impact of Smoke in the Hundred Days Campaign 1918*  
William Stewart [Independent Scholar]

**Session 4B | Life after VE Day | Chair: Graham Broad**

*A Sacred Mission: How Canada's Jewish Military Personnel Liberated the Death Camps and Rescued Holocaust Survivors in the Second World War*  
Ellin Bessner [Centennial College]

*"Much sooner 'live in rubble in England than some of the houses in Montreal'": British War Bride Marriages and the Housing Crisis in Ontario and Québec, 1944-1949*  
Chelsea Barranger [McMaster University]

*"Opportunities Unlimited": Western Counties Health and Rehabilitation Centre and the Rehabilitation of Canadian Second World War Veterans*  
Rosemary Giles [Western University]

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**12:45 – 2:15 | Session 5**

**Session 5A | Policy and Diplomacy | Chair: Kevin Spooner**

*Defence Scheme: Internal Trouble*

Tyler Wentzell [University of Toronto]

*The Back Channel: Mackenzie King, Franklin Roosevelt and their Informal Connection*

David Reed [University of Calgary]

*“No Objection”: Canadian Arms Exports to Asia, 1946-1958*

Joel Montagnes [University of Calgary]

**Session 5B | Tracing Memory through Time | Chair: Roger Sarty**

*From Here to There: The Journey of H.Z.C. Cockburn’s Victoria Cross, 1901-2021*

Craig Mantle [Royal Military College of Canada]

*From Thermopylae to Normandy: Why We Visit Battlefields*

Matthew Sears [University of New Brunswick]

*Rangers at War: The New Brunswick Rangers’ Second World War*

Matthew Douglass [University of New Brunswick]

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**2:30 – 4:00 | Session 6**

**Session 6A | War Production | Chair: Matthew Wiseman**

*Shoring up the Supply Lines: Operations of the Canadian Forestry Corps during 1917*

Cameron Bartlett [Independent Scholar]

*Canada’s Chemical Romance: Occupational Welfare, Health and Safety in First World War Explosive Factories*

Kyle Pritchard [Wilfrid Laurier University]

*Victory at All Costs: War Workers, Workplace Hazards and Environmental Contamination on Canada’s Industrial Front, 1939-1945*

Alex Souchen [Royal Military College of Canada]

**Session 6B | The Lost, the Unknown, but Not Forgotten Dead | Chair: Kandace Bogaert**

*Identifying Unknowns Using History Alone: The Canadian Casualty Identification Program's Identification of Graves Cases*

Renée Davis [Directorate of History and Heritage]

*The Finger in the Soup: Complications of the Identification of Human Skeletal Remains*

Sarah Lockyer [Directorate of History and Heritage]

*The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the Commemoration of Recently Identified War Dead*

Catherine Paterson [Commonwealth War Graves Commission]

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**4:00 – 4:15 | Break**

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**4:15 – 5:15 | Plenary Address**

Norman Bethune and the Bishop: The Spanish Civil War in the Streets of Montreal

**Terry Copp**

**5:15 – 5:30 | Closing Remarks**