

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

Chair: Kevin Spooner

10:15 – 10:30 | Break

10:30 – 12:00 | Session 1

Session 1A | The Royal Canadian Air Force in Transition, 1945-1950 | Chair: Randy Wakelam, Royal Military College of Canada

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, Canadian War Museum

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: Unofficial Canadian Artworks of the First and Second World Wars

Sarafina Pagnotta [Carleton University]

12:00 – 12:45 | Lunch

12:45 – 2:15 | Session 2

Session 2A | Doctrine and Operations | Chair: Craig Mantle, Royal Military College of Canada

Is there a Canadian School of Operational Art?

Rebecca Jensen [Canadian Forces College]

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

Peter Kasurak [Centre for International and Defence Policy, Queen's University]

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, University of Waterloo

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

David Alexander [Independent Scholar]

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]

"Crazy House History": The Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs and The Valour and the Horror

Thomas Littlewood [University of Guelph]

2:15 – 2:30 | Break

2:30 – 4:00 | Session 3

Session 3A | Fighting the Second World War | Chair: Alex Souchen, Royal Military College of Canada

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, University of Ottawa

"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]

SATURDAY 15 MAY

9:00 – 10:15 | Keynote Address

Combat and Social Change in the Second World War: The Canadian Army in Commonwealth Perspective

Jonathan Fennell

Chair: Roger Sarty

10:15 – 10:30 | Break

10:30 – 12:00 | Session 4

Session 4A | Canada's First World War | Chair: Serge Durlinger, University of Ottawa

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, King's University College at Western University

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]

12:00 – 12:45 | Lunch

12:45 – 2:15 | Session 5

Session 5A | Policy and Diplomacy | Chair: Kevin Spooner, Wilfrid Laurier University

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, Wilfrid Laurier University

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 [Independent Scholar]

2:15 – 2:30 | Break

2:30 – 4:00 | Session 6

Session 6A | War Production | Chair: Matthew Wiseman, St. Jerome’s University

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, Wilfrid Laurier University

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]

4:00 – 4:15 | Break

4:15 – 5:15 | Plenary Address

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

Terry Copp

Chair: Geoffrey Hayes

5:15 – 5:30 | Closing Remarks