

Place and Power: BC Studies Conference

University of British Columbia (Vancouver), 2-4 May 2025

Schedule

All concurrent sessions will be held in Allard Hall (1822 East Mall). Plenary events will be held in the Frederic Wood Theatre (6354 Crescent Road). A more detailed program, including specific room locations, will be shared with conference registrants.

- General wayfinding on the UBC Vancouver campus: [UBC Maps](#).
- Information about specific classrooms: [UBC Facilities, Learning Spaces](#). All rooms will have capacity to project slides or other visuals; find details on the ["Presenter FAQs and chair instructions"](#) page of the conference website.
- Locating all-gender and accessible washrooms on campus: [UBCV Inclusive Washrooms map](#).
- In addition to the conference schedule, we encourage delegates to visit the ["Additional Activities"](#) page of the website for information about events or activities outside of the formal programming.

Thursday 1 May 2025

Registration (Allard Hall) – 2:30-4:00pm

Name badges and other materials for registered delegates available for pick-up. Please complete the registration process online in advance.

Friday 2 May 2025

Registration and breakfast – 7:45-8:30am

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Concurrent sessions 1

1A. Friday 2 May, 8:30-10:00am

Building Capacity for Researching Place and Power: UBC Library's Basic Indigenous Reference Community of Practice

Karleen Delaurier-Lyle
Ursula Ellis
Talía Greene
Saeyong Kim
Alex Kuskowski

Chair: Alexandra Alisauskas

1B. Friday 2 May, 8:30-10:00am**Understanding British Columbia History in Broader Perspective**

Ted Binnema, “Such Are the Principles upon Which ... It Would Be My Duty to Instruct You to Act’: New Zealand and the History of British Columbia, 1846-1864”

Robin Fisher, “Harry Hawthorn, the New Zealand Connection and the Founding of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia”

Scott Stephen, “Esquimalt and its Latin American Connection: Linking British Concerns in Pacific Latin America to the Establishment of a Naval Base on Vancouver Island”

Jeffrey Severs, “Thomas Pynchon on San Juan Island: The BC Border in his Fiction”

Chair: TBD

1C. [No panel in this room during Session 1]

1D. Friday 2 May, 8:30-10:00am**Settler Colonial Knowing, Ignorance, and Erasure**

Cameron Gilbert, “Watchdogs of Colonialism: Settler Colonial Ideology and Thinking Beyond Settler Ignorance”

Hartej Gill, "Investigating Settler Colonial Entanglements" [virtual]

Steve Evans, “Land, education and the colonial imaginary: decolonial futures and the complexities and possibilities of land-based learning”

Chair: TBD

1E. Friday 2 May, 8:30-10:00am**Housing Rights, Justice, and Injustice**

Margot Young, “Charting Encampments: Rights and the Unhoused”

Jennifer Chutter, “Building Against the Grain: Strathcona’s Legacy of Community-Led Housing Development”

Tara Jankovic, “No-Fault Evictions and the Precarious Property of Home”

Rachel Stern, “‘We Didn’t Know What It Would Be Like to Live It’: Intersections of Extreme Heat, Aging, and Housing Injustice in Vancouver, B.C.”

Chair: TBD

1F. Friday 2 May, 8:30-10:00am**“They knew the contagion had overtaken them:” A Reevaluation of Smallpox in British Columbia History**

Keith Carlson, “Vaccine Enthusiasm and Vaccine Hesitancy in Coast Salish British Columbia, 1862-63”

John Lutz, “Dead Men Paddling: Smallpox in 1862-63”

Jacalyn Drummond, “Lessons Learned?: The Smallpox Royal Commission of 1892”

Chair: Wendy Wickwire

Nutrition break – 10:00-10:30am
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Refreshments provided with conference registration.

Concurrent sessions 2

2A. Friday 2 May, 10:30am-12:00pm**Atmospheric Registers of Political and Social Relations**

Sue Frohlick, “Okanagan Lake and Highway Sounds of Summer Tourism: Whiteness on the Surface”

Nassim Zand Dizari, “Surface Echoes: Negotiating Belonging through Sound and Memory in the Lives of Iranian Women Refugees in the Urban Spaces of Vancouver”

Alexandrine Boudreault-Fournier, “Building relationships at the surface: Tidal pools as interstitial spaces of encounter”

Chair: Sue Frohlick

2B. Friday 2 May, 10:30am-12:00pm**Crossing Borders to Understand Region: Place-based Teaching and Writing**

Natalie Baloy, “Crossing the Border in Regional Place-Based Research & Teaching”

Laura Moss, “Narrating Place: Here and Elsewhere”

Molly Pearce, “Twenty-first Century ‘Cascadian’ Anthologies and the Poetics of Bioregion”

Chair: TBD

2C. Friday 2 May, 10:30am-12:00pm**Mobilizing Bodies of Knowledge: Science, Spirituality, Ideology, Conspiracy**

Brian Gobbett, “Among the Polyphyletic Woods: Popular Views of Evolutionary Anthropology and the Place of Indigenous Peoples in early twentieth-century British Columbia”

Stephanie Halmhofer, “Uncovering the City of Refuge on the Lost Land: An Archaeological Examination of a 1920s Conspiratorial Organization in Southern British Columbia”

Kayli Jamieson, “The Biopolitics of ‘Immunity’ and Long COVID in BC”

Mary Stuart, “The BC ‘Freedom’ Movement and the intersectionality of denial”

Chair: TBD

2D. Friday 2 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

Shared Stewardship: Piloting Distributed Archival Care with the Community Archives of the Wongs’ Benevolent Association

June Chow [virtual]

Claire Malek

Jana Grazley

Jeffrey Wong

Lily Liu

Cheuk Kit (Philip) Chung

Chair: Jennifer Douglas

2E. Friday 2 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

Property, Jurisdiction, and Indigenous Legal Orders: Contests Over Animals, Fish, and Water

Dorota Kupis, “Conflicting Spaces of Power and Property Rights: Gitksan and Wet’suwet’en Water and Fisheries”

Tara Joly, “Traplines under Indigenous Law: loss and renewal of Indigenous space in northern British Columbia”

Robert Clifford YELKATTE, “Transforming Property and Jurisdiction: Deer Eradication on WSÁNEĆ Lands”

Douglas Harris, “Deer Eradication, Ecological Restoration, and Local Government in a Propertied Landscape on Indigenous Lands”

Chair: TBD

2F. Friday 2 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

City Power / Black Resilience: Relations between the City and Vancouver's Black Communities

Handel Wright, "Historical Research on the Experiences of Black and African Diaspora Communities in Vancouver: Project Overview"

Abena Somiah, "Vancouver, (W)here are All the Black People? Black Activism on and the City's Implication in Representation of Blackness in Education, Recreation and Community Space"

Elizabeth Renato, "Understanding Black Women's Experiences with Law Enforcement"

Chinenye Eze, "From Erasure of Hogan's Alley to Rethinking Northeast False Creek: The City of Vancouver's Policies, by-laws and measures' Negative and Positive Effects on the Black Communities"

Chair: Handel Wright

Lunch break – 12:00-1:30pm

Concurrent sessions 3

3A. Friday 2 May, 1:30-3:00pm

Mapping Sounds, Reclaiming Silences: Soundscape and Landscape Change in Post-colonial Spaces

Barry Truax
Milena Droumeva
Kedrick James
Michele Koppes
Duncan McHugh
Siobhán Wittig McPhee

Chair: Piotr Wieczorek

3B. Friday 2 May, 1:30-3:00pm

Settler Farms, Agriculture, and Rural Society

Jack Little, "Section 1, Penelakut (Kuper) Island: Work, Race, Class, and Family on a Southern Gulf Island Farm, 1880-1905"

Jeremy Laity, "Foundations of Broken Glass: Unseen Labour of the Fraser Valley's Pioneer Homesteads"

Alessandro Tarsia, “The Colonial Tobacco Invasion and Terraforming of Semá:th Xó:tsa (Sumas Lake): Salish Segregation in the Wage Labour Economy in the Interwar Period: 1920s-1930s”

Chair: TBD

3C. Friday 2 May, 1:30-3:00pm
Music and Society

Emily Liang, “From Crisis to Curtain Call: Growth of Amateur Cantonese Opera Performance in Vancouver and Victoria in the 1930s”

Hedy Law, “After Rediscovering Cantonese Opera Postbills in Vancouver: Power, Middlemen, Alliances”

Annabelle Penney, “Rhythm of Resistance: The Life and Legacy of Canadian Jazz Legend Eleanor Collins”

Hannah Desharnais, “What Are You Looking At, Punk?: An Examination of Power and Defiance in the Vancouver Punk Scene in the 1970s”

Chair: TBD

3D. Friday 2 May, 1:30-3:00pm
***Łakwe Nukw Gans Wa* (Our Rivers Have Power): Wild Salmon Returns prompts dialogue between Kwakwaka'wakw Philosophy and Western Science**

Robert Joseph, (Kwan'kwanxwalegadzi) Hereditary Chief, Gwawa'enuxw [virtual]

Don Svanvik, (Homiskanis) Hereditary Chief, 'Namgis [virtual]

Victor Isaac, Elected Chief, 'Namgis

Gideon Mordecai

Jaime Grimm

Stephanie Peacock [virtual]

Chair: Laura Cranmer

3E. Friday 2 May, 1:30-3:00pm
The Politics of Wildfires

Adeniyi Asiyanbi, “The Politics of Shared Responsibility for Wildfire Protection in Whistler, British Columbia”

Onyx Sloan Morgan, “Tracing the Settler Colonial Legacies of Insurance: From Empire to Wildfires in British Columbia, Canada”

Gillian Der, "Fire Truck Nationalism: Performing Enduring Masculinities and a Remote Politics of Place in the 2023 Downton Lake Wildfire"

Chair: TBD

3F. Friday 2 May, 1:30-3:00pm

Spaces, Social Capital, Culture and Community Building: The Case of Filipinos in British Columbia

Leonora Angeles, "Metro Vancouver's Unequal Socio-Spatial Distribution of Cultural Spaces: Visualizing Racial-Class Inequities and Spaces for Transformative Change" (co-author: Chandima Silva).

Gabrielle Abando, "Space, Placemaking, Social Capital and the 'Cultural Value' of Immigrant Enclaves: The Case of Joyce-Collingwood Neighborhood in Vancouver, BC"

Angel Bella, "Pagkaing Pampamilya: Cultivating Embodied Intimacy Through Intergenerational Food-Making"

Chandima Silva, "Experiencing, Creating and Exchanging Culture on Settler-Colonial Multicultural Vancouver: Filipino Youth on Identity, Places, and Community in BC"

Chair: Leonora Angeles

Break – 3:00-3:15pm

Concurrent sessions 4

4A. Friday 2 May, 3:15-4:45pm

Power, Silences, and Representation in Museums and Archives

Stacey Gilkinson and Seungun Joanne Lee, "Addressing Archival Silences Through Community Collaboration: The Amplifying Voices Oral History Project"

Hannah Turner, "Records Stewardship in Museums: Colonial Legacies and the Work of Repair in a City Museum" (co-authors: Sharon Fortney and Christine Pennington).

Karen Duffek and Marcia Crosby, "To Be Seen, To Be Heard: A Counter-Archive Project"

Chair: TBD

4B. Friday 2 May, 3:15-4:45pm

Teaching and Learning Asian Canadian Studies in British Columbia

Christopher Lee
Benjamin Cheung

Alifa Bandali
 Allen Baylosis
 Desiree Valadares

Chair: Laura Ishiguro

4C. Friday 2 May, 3:15-4:45pm
Re-storying the Downtown Eastside: Highlighting Strengths-Based Health Research, Community Making, and Decolonial Wellness

Keavy McAbee, “Centring Strength, Rejecting Damage: Mapping Health Research in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside”

Aaron Bailey, “‘It seems obvious that some neighborhoods should be treated differently’: Historicizing Vancouver’s 1988 Liquor License Moratorium for the Downtown Eastside as dispossessory public health policy”

Yi Chien Jade Ho, “Preserving DTES Elder and Knowledge Keeper Life Stories: Urban Indigenous Renarration of Self-determination and Community Organizing”

Kalie Sieda, “Garden of Love, DTES: Lessons from co-creating a podcast with the V6A Community Garden”

Chair: Jeff Masuda

4D. Friday 2 May, 3:15-4:45pm
Region and Reordering British Columbian History

Barry Blatchford, “Reordering Nature: Settlers, Introduced Species, and Environmental Change in Haida Gwaii”

Max Hamon, “Imposing Order in Interior BC: a police-ways perspective”

Forrest Pass, “On the trail to Barkerville with Oscar and Ovila, or, How a Quebec publisher and an immigrant novelist marked BC’s 1958 Centennial” [virtual]

Chair: TBD

4E. Friday 2 May, 3:15-4:45pm
Indigenous Title, Then and Now: Colonial Law, Land Policy, and the Courts

Hamar Foster, “We Want British Justice: Law, Policy, and Aboriginal Title in British Columbia, 1871-1974”

Carole Blackburn, “Dilemmas of Expert Witnessing and Anthropological Evidence in The Nuchatlaht v. British Columbia”

Dylan Annandale, “Beyond Recognition: Revisiting Tsilhqot’in Nation v. British Columbia Outside the Legal Archive”

Chair: TBD

4F. Friday 2 May, 3:15-4:45pm

Hazard: Mitigating Risk in 20th Century British Columbia

Lydia Kinasewich, “A Pure Milk Crusade’: Regulating Disease in the British Columbia Dairy Industry, 1900-1929”

Megan J. Davies, “A Geography of Risk: Settler accidents and illness in the BC Peace River, 1910-40”

Letitia Johnson, “Unintended Health Outcomes of Japanese Canadian Internment in British Columbia, 1942-1949”

Peter de Montmollin, “Probable Peaks: Run-off Forecasting and Flood Warnings on the Fraser River, 1920s-60s”

Chair: John Belshaw

Evening plenary & reception

Plenary keynote

Friday 2 May, 5:15-7:00pm, Frederic Wood Theatre

Comments by Larry Grant, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm Elder, Adjunct Professor, UBC, Musqueam Nation Language Department Manager

Sarah Nickel (University of Alberta), “‘It’s something we’ve just got to begin to do ourselves’: Beginning the Indigenous Women’s Shelter Movement in Kanata’s West”

Reception

Friday 2 May, 7:00pm, Koerner’s Pub (no fee; light fare included with conference registration; cash bar)

Saturday 3 May 2025

Breakfast – 7:45-8:30am

Provided with conference registration.

Concurrent sessions 5

5A. Saturday 3 May, 8:30-10:00am

Exploring How Arts-based Research Can Be Used to Disrupt Systems of Power

Kerry Marshall
 Naomi Maldonado-Rodriguez
 Kyra Philbert
 Anna Leonova
 Daniel Gallardo
 Calvin Fernandez

Chair: Kerry Marshall

5B. [No panel in this room during session 5]

5C. Saturday 3 May, 8:30-10:00am
Relationality, Settler Colonialism, and Multiculturalism

Caitlin Chong, "Diagnosing Affective Wounds, Prescribing Material Remedies: An Analysis of Asian-Indigenous Relationality and Space in Vancouver"

Fenn Stewart and Jastej Luddu, "Resource Extraction and Multiculturalism in Paldi, BC"

Christine Anonuevo and Gym Pangilinan, "Filipinx world-making with the Land, Water, and Air on unceded and ancestral First Nations territories in so-called British Columbia"

Chair: TBD

5D. Saturday 3 May, 8:30-10:00am
Coast to Coast: What Can Scholars of Atlantic Canada and the Pacific Northwest Learn from Each Other [hybrid]

Glenn Icton
 Lauren Beck [virtual]
 Heather Green
 Erin Spinney [virtual]
 Zachary Tingley
 Tom Peace

Chair: Colin Osmond

5E. Saturday 3 May, 8:30-10:00am
Impacts of Forestry and Backcountry Recreation on Lil'wat Nation (Indigenous) Foodways

Mark Slodki, "Life after the resource frontier: Historic and contemporary transformations of law, land, and livelihood in the forests of British Columbia"

Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi, "A predictive modeling and ecocultural study of pine mushrooms (*Tricholoma murrillianum*) with the Lílwat Nation in British Columbia, Canada"

Tonya Smith, "'Loved to Death': Conflicts between Indigenous food sovereignty, settler recreation, and ontologies of land in the governance of Lílwat tmicw"

Chair: Janette Bulkan

5F. Saturday 3 May, 8:30-10:00am

Youth Issues 1: Who Said the Kids are Alright? Youth Rescue, Correction, and Confinement in British Columbia, 1960s-2010

Tamara Myers and Georgia Twiss, "The Runaway Revolution and Child-Saving in 1960s-70s Vancouver"

Ben Bradley, "Separating the Men from the Boys: Youth Offenders and Wilderness Corrections in British Columbia, 1960s-1980s"

Taryn Hepburn, "The Ghosts of Child Saving: British Columbia's Youth Alternative Incarceration and the Remnants of Protestant Work Ethic and Tough Love Parenting"

Chair: Eryk Martin

Nutrition break – 10:00-10:30am

Refreshments provided with conference registration.

Concurrent sessions 6

6A. Saturday 3 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

A History of Asian Nurses in British Columbia

Lieza Phan, "The history of Chinese nurses in BC" (co-author: Lydia Wytenbroek).

Tamasha Hussein, "A history of South Asian nurses in BC" (co-author: Lydia Wytenbroek).

Yayan Ye, "From SARS to COVID-19: The experiences of Chinese Canadian Nurses" (co-author: Geertje Boschma).

Chair: Geertje Boschma

6B. Saturday 3 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

Sights and Sounds of Empire

Sean Carleton, “Sketchy Justification: Rev. Edward Cridge’s Writing and Drawing about the ‘Metlakatla Experiment’ and the Technologies of Legitimation in Colonial British Columbia”

Madeline Knickerbocker, “Chief Tsimilano ‘Sent a Photo to the Queen’: The Photographic Archive of the Royal Commission on Indian Affairs for the Province of British Columbia, 1913-16”

Rosanne Sia, “Noise and Empire at the Bamfield Cable Station”

Chair: Aaron Windel

6C. Saturday 3 May, 10:30am-12:00pm
Crisis, Contestation and Possibilities for Change in BC Forests

Zoë Yunker
 Sinead Earley
 Bruce Muir
 Julie Gordon
 Rosemary Collard

Chair: Michael Ekers

6D. Saturday 3 May, 10:30am-12:00pm
Histories of Art, Culture, and Performance

Mariane Bourcheix-Laporte, “Why did the institutionalized Canadian artist-run centre movement start in BC? Drafting a prehistory of BC artist-run centres”

Amanda Payne, “‘Crafts are Growing Up’: The Revival of the Canadian Arts and Crafts Movement and Challenges to Industrialization at Habitat 76’ in Vancouver, BC”

Fiana Kawane, “Embodying Pacific Littorals: Roy Kiyooka’s ArtsCanada Afloat and Other Works” [virtual]

Natalie Hajduk, “Drawing Connections: Place and the Power of Representation in the Don Wallace Editorial Cartoon Collection”

Chair: TBD

6E. Saturday 3 May, 10:30am-12:00pm
Indigenous Justice, Resurgence, and Futures

Lori Barkley, “The Longest Peaceful Indigenous Occupation in Canada: Asserting an Autonomous Sinixt Identity in British Columbia”

Andrea Hilland, “Ethics in an Unethical Legal System”

Niiyokamigaabaw Deondre Smiles, “Geographic Indigenous Futures of British Columbia”

Dallas Hunt, “Reconciliation as Endless Process: The Limits of State-Derived Reconciliatory Politics and the Possibility of Indigenous Redress”

Chair: TBD

6F. Saturday 3 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

Youth Issues 2: Hip to be Square? Christianity and Youth Outreach in Vancouver, 1960s-80s

Linda Mahood, “Y- Get it On!: The Shift to Youth-for-Youth Programs at the Vancouver Y in the 1970s”

Linda Ambrose, “Ask the Chaplain: Bernice Gerard on the Vancouver Campuses and Radio Air Waves”

Tina Block, “Christianity, Drug Hysteria, and the ‘Youth Problem’ in Vancouver, 1960s-1970s”

Chair: Katharine Rollwagen

Break – 12:00-12:15pm

Lunch & plenary session

Box lunch provided for people who register for the conference by 15 April.

Plenary roundtable: Climate Justice in British Columbia

12:15-1:30pm, Frederic Wood Theatre

Rita Wong (Emily Carr University of Art + Design)

Daniel Sims (University of Northern British Columbia)

Mohammed Rafi Arefin (University of British Columbia)

Moderator: Am Johal

Break – 1:30-1:45pm

Concurrent sessions 7

7A. Saturday 3 May, 1:45-3:15pm

Affect, Emotions, and Memories in Migrant-Settler Storytelling and Placemaking

Ayaka Yoshimizu, "Swallow that settler guilt and move on'... but what do we do with the bad feelings sitting in our bodies?"

Ranbir K Banwait, "At the Edges, But Within –"

Kirsten Emiko McAllister, "Settlers' Stories of 'the Land' in the Context of Indigenous Land Protectors and Climate Change"

Tom Letcher-Nicholls, "Learning What it Means to be Here: Honouring Responsibility and Obligation to Place in Ecocriticism"

Chair: Yi Chen Jade Ho

7B. Saturday 3 May, 1:45-3:15pm
Place, Land, Colonialism, and Indigenous Territories

Colin Osmond, "The Texada Scandal: Power, Place, and the Colonial Invasion of Tla'amin Territory in the late 19th Century"

Travis Freeland, "The historical geography and archaeology of settler-colonialism at Kitselas Canyon"

Walter Homewood, "The power to respond to local and global impacts at lək'wəŋən cultural and ecological heritage sites"

Emily Moore, "Art Beyond Borders: The Taant'a kwáan Tlingit and their Neighbors"

Chair: TBD

7C. Saturday 3 May, 1:45-3:15pm
Research, Engagement, and Knowledge Mobilization - New Methods and Problems for Our Times

Robert Muckle, "Archaeology of Contemporary Times in British Columbia"

Katherine Cheng and Michelle Stack, "Who Decides What Is Accessible: Power and Community Engagement in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside"

Amanda Wager, Laura Cranmer, Virginia Robertson, Ann Woodward, and Daisy Elliott, "Hidden Histories: Shining Light on the Nanaimo Indian Hospital Through Language Reawakening" (co-author: Keavy McAbee).

Chair: TBD

7D. Saturday 3 May, 1:45-3:15pm

**What we learned about the importance of trust during the Lil'wat Medicine Shed:
Cultural Re-Connection Classroom**

Koskas Dan
Swúwa Martin Nelson
Kwikws Eliza Peters

Chair: Janette Bulkan

**7E. Saturday 3 May, 1:45-3:15pm
Class and Race at Work: Studies of Labour in BC**

Jane Komori, "'Close relations': The coerced labor of Asian Canadian logging companies"

Ariel Becherer, "Vancouver's Temple of Labour 1912-1920: When Class-Based Organizing Had a Home"

Amie McLean, "Roadways to Racism: Spatializing White Supremacy in the BC-Based Long Haul Trucking Industry"

Tianzhu Nie, "Globalization, Labour, and Power: Organizing in British Columbia's Gig Work and Agrifood Sectors"

Chair: TBD

**7F. Saturday 3 May, 1:45-3:15pm
Lifestyles of Vancouver**

John Belshaw, "Wheelmen Don't Eat Quiche: Vancouver's Early Elites And Their Cycling Clubs"

Matthieu Caron, "City in Motion, City in Touch"

Shamylla van der Hall-Rose, "China Creek Concrete"

David Rossiter, "Investing in Nature: Making Vancouver's Mountains in the Early 20th Century"

Chair: Ben Bradley

Break – 3:15-3:30pm

Concurrent sessions 8

8A. Saturday 3 May, 3:30-5:00pm

Power of, Within, and Against Educational Institutions

Jedidiah Anderson, “Higher education, place, and power in northern BC”

Sharanjit Kaur Sandhra, “Reclaiming Power in the Margins as Praxis: Sikh Women in Academia”

John Paul Catungal, “Ate/Kuya: Queer(ing) Kinship and Filipinx Canadian Educational Organizing in Vancouver Canada”

Chair: TBD

8B. Saturday 3 May, 3:30-5:00pm

A Multidisciplinary Conversation around Place and Relationships

Christine Schreyer

Emily Comeau

John Lyon

Tamis Cochrane

Daisy Rosenblum

Chair: Christine Schreyer

8C. Saturday 3 May, 3:30-5:00pm

Public History and Identity in Postwar British Columbia

Rebecca Campbell, “Women’s ‘Amateur’ History Making in British Columbia”

Adrian Wawrejko, “‘Tourism as Statecraft’: Government Intervention and Local Engagement in Interior British Columbia, 1945-1980”

Megan Yaskow, “Wilderness to Wonderland: Prince George’s Anxious Ambition and the 1958 British Columbian Centennial”

Chair: Ben Bradley

8D. Saturday 3 May, 3:30-5:00pm

Asian (Canadian) People and Stories Across Generations and Borders

Yuko Shibata, “Power of Narrative: Five Ethnographic Sketches from Japanese Canadian (Nikkei) Women”

Bing Yan, “‘No wonder we are discriminated against’: Transnational experiences of ‘Suzhi’ and racism in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside” [virtual]

Hana Hasegawa, "Connections to the history of Japanese Canadian Internment: Voices of postwar Japanese Canadians"

Millie Creighton, "Travelling by Choice: Empowering Former Internees while Educating Against Injustices through Tourism to British Columbian Places of Japanese Canadian Internment" [virtual]

Chair: TBD

8E. Saturday 3 May, 3:30-5:00pm

What is Old is New Again: Enduring Forest Struggles on Vancouver Island

Kyla Piccin, "Securing the Woods: An Analysis of Carceral Power at Ada'itsx/Fairy Creek"

Cliff Atleo, "Aporias of Solidarity: Learning from Ada'itsx/Fairy Creek"

Michael Ekers, "The Imbroglia of Title on (Not-So) Private Forest Land"

Chair: Rosemary Collard

8F. Saturday 3 May, 3:30-5:00pm

Indigenous Voices and Stories from Colonial Archives

Jamey Jespersen, "Re-Storying Trans Indigenous Contact on the Northwest Coast (1774-1890)"

Jesse Robertson, "Everything which came on shore was theirs': Indian Agents, Shipwrecks, and the Politics of Lifesaving on Vancouver Island, 1860-1890"

Robert Walls, "'I ask 'British' fair play for the chief': Indigenous People's Letters to Newspapers in British Columbia Before 1947"

Chair: TBD

Evening at the Museum

Museum of Anthropology after hours

Museum open for delegates only 5:30-7:00; curator-led tours available 5:30-6:30

Sunday 4 May 2025

Breakfast – 7:45-8:30am

Provided with conference registration.

Concurrent sessions 9

9A. Sunday 4 May, 8:30-10:00am

International, Refugee, and Immigrant Student Experiences

Liam Ruel, “‘I do not believe they could understand the struggle’: Exploring the Experiences of 2SLGBTQIA+ International Students at Post-Secondary Schools in BC”

Belle Chabot, “Racial Intolerance in Kelowna: An Ethnographic Study of Indian Students’ Experiences”

Jasmeen Kaur, “Navigating Online Hate: The Experiences of Indian International students in Lower Mainland, BC, Canada”

Leila Avdic, “Decolonizing Education to Support Our Refugee Students”

Chair: TBD

9B. Sunday 4 May, 8:30-10:00am

To Develop Southern Vancouver Island or Not: Rails and Mills

Slade Brown, “Duncan’s Crossing Station Location and the Mythology of Robert Dunsmuir and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway”

Frank Leonard, “Terminal Manqué: The Creation and Decline of the Canadian Northern Pacific / Canadian National Railways Yard in Victoria, 1909-1927”

Ben Dippel, “Herb Doman, Friend of Two Premiers, and Sawmilling near Duncan”

Chair: Madison Heslop

9C. Sunday 4 May, 8:30-10:00am

Reflections on the History and Future of Wildlife in British Columbia

Jennifer Bonnell, “Stewards of Splendour: Reflections on Writing a History of Wildlife and People in British Columbia”

Mateen Hessami, “Indigenizing the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation”

Adam Ford, “The moose in the room: Canada’s most politically important species in the coming century”

Chair: Jason Colby

9D. Sunday 4 May, 8:30-10:00am

Places and People of Power in Secwepemcúl’ecw (Secwepemc land)

Kenneth Favrholt and Koleka Casimir, “The Form of Power and Place in Secwepemcúl’ecw, 1850-1950” [hybrid]

Ethan Pincott, “Place names in Tk’emlupsúlecw”

Ted Gottfriedson, “Secwepemcéske – Secwépemc Personal Names and Naming in the Face of Colonization” (co-author Marianne Ignace)

Marianne Ignace, “X7ensq̓t: ‘The Sky and Land will Turn on You’ - Secwépemc Powers on the Land and Impacts of Environmental Dispossession”

Chair: Marianne Ignace

9E. Sunday 4 May, 8:30-10:00am
Translating Place: Medieval and Early Modern BC

Patricia Badir
 Siân Echard
 Z. N. Dylan Jackson
 Noëlle Phillips
 Scott Russell
 Robert Rouse

Chair: David Coley

9F. Sunday 4 May, 8:30-10:00am
Speculation, Imagination, & Vancouver on the Move

Alina Debyser, “Speculating Sulphur: The Historical Origins and Geographical Reach of Vancouver’s Yellow Stockpiles”

Joshua Bransford, “Transit-Oriented Accumulation by Dispossession: New Urban Enclosure in Vancouver’s ‘Broadway Plan’”

Roxane Grégoire, “Fragmented Desire - A Journey in Entropic Collaborations”

Chair: TBD

Nutrition break – 10:00-10:30am
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Refreshments provided with conference registration.

Concurrent sessions 10

10A. Sunday 4 May, 10:30am-12:00pm
Community and Energy in Northern BC

Tamara Krawchenko and Sarah Korn, “Northern perspectives in context: community energy needs and regional response” (co-authors: Sinead Earley, Kara Shaw, and Khalil Ur Rahman Ghaznawi)

Jonathan Boron, "Settler-colonialism, power, and transformation of place: A historical analysis of the Peace River region"

Greg Halseth, Sean Markey, and Laura Murphy, "Lessons from unevenness: how northern BC's energy history informs the transition to a new future"

Emma Gryg, "Policy paradigms and policy regimes: governing northern communities and ecologies in the energy transition era"

Chair: Sinead Earley

**10B. Sunday 4 May, 10:30am-12:00pm
Communities and the Second World War**

Letian Wang, "A Strip of Water: The Relationship between the Chinese Community in Vancouver's Chinatown and the Japanese Community on Powell Street 1931-1942"

Scott Sheffield and Melissa Wing, "Girding for War: Small Town BC and the Transition to War, 1939-40"

Dan Keyes, "Broadcasting the Kelowna Regatta 1939-1944: Settler Fantasies of Place and Power Overcoming Hitler"

Chair: TBD

**10C. Sunday 4 May, 10:30am-12:00pm
Movements in Resistance: Methodologies to Transgress Symbolic and Material
Violences of White Settler-Colonial Histories in and Beyond BC**

Rina Garcia Chua, "Fragmenting the BC Archives: Agency and Power in In/Visible Narratives of Asian Im/Migrants"

Anita Girvan, "E-race-sures & Reclamations: De-familiarizing BC through a digital mapping and site-visit project"

Nikhita Obeegadoo, "An archipelagic approach to memorial sites: From the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site to the Komagata Maru memorial"

Chair: Rina Garcia Chua

**10D. Sunday 4 May, 10:30am-12:00pm
Pedagogy and Anti-racist/Anti-colonial Education**

Aneet Kahlon, "An Anti-Colonial Analysis of a K-12 School District's Racial Equity Policy in BC"

Victor Brar, “Sins of the Father: Exploring Shame as an Ethical Pedagogy to Advance British Columbia’s K–12 Settler Students Towards Reconciliation”

Safeera Jaffer, “Situated Learning Encounters: Racialized Students’ Experiences in Institutional Systems of Power in British Columbia”

Chair: TBD

10E. Sunday 4 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

The Name Matters: Rethinking Place, Power, and the Legacy of Israel Wood Powell

ʔagəm Eileen Francis

Tlesla Evan Adams

Peg Campbell

Chair: Sean Carleton

10F. Sunday 4 May, 10:30am-12:00pm

Plants and People, Landscapes and Ecosystems

Maddi Tolmie, “Examining Garry Oak Ecosystems as Indigenous Archaeological Landscapes”

Sara Jacobs, “Willful Plants: Settler Relations and Vegetal Entanglements”

Emma Carey, “Who are you?: Embodied sensory engagements with ‘invasive’ plant species in the Okanagan”

Chair: TBD

Lunch break – 12:00-1:30pm

Concurrent sessions 11

11A. Sunday 4 May, 1:30-3:00pm

Understanding Precarity in BC: Research and Praxis

Gloria Lin

Katie Gravestock

Alice Murage

Anushay Malik

Vince Prince

Alicia Massie

Chair: Christina Lee

11B. Sunday 4 May, 1:30-3:00pm

Energy, Mining, Infrastructure, and Capitalism on Indigenous Lands and Waters

Felix Giroux, "Empowering Indigenous communities through clean energy: The development of green hydrogen highway in the Pacific Northwest"

Darcey Evans, "Settler Colonialism at Sea: Fish, Seabeds, and Oceans in the Making of 'Blue' British Columbia"

Nick Gottlieb, "Pipeline colonialism: understanding the political economy of BC's nascent LNG industry through the lens of continental imperialism"

Jessica Dempsey, "Does regulation delay mines? A timeline and economic benefit audit of British Columbia mines"

Chair: TBD

11C. Sunday 4 May, 1:30-3:00pm

Crime, Threat, Reputation, and the Law

Devin Eeg, "On Fair Play and Free Speech: Political Defamation in Early British Columbia"

Marika Lopez, "Welcome to the (Facebook) Neighbourhood: Exploring How Community Residents Use Facebook Groups to Address Crime"

Chris Madsen, "Riding with Angels: Mounties and Gypsy Wheelers in White Rock, British Columbia"

Borna Zargarian, "The Call is Coming from Inside the House: Stranger Danger and Children's Marginalization in Late Twentieth-Century British Columbia"

Chair: TBD

11D. Sunday 4 May, 1:30-3:00pm

Organizers' session: Tributes to Jean Barman, Mentor and Scholar Extraordinaire [hybrid]

Jan Hare
Jeannie Morgan
Deanna Reder
Marlene Atleo
Richard Atleo
Adele Perry

Paige Raibmon
 Renisa Mawani
 John Belshaw
 Margery Fee
 Sean Carleton

Chair: Paige Raibmon

11E. Sunday 4 May, 1:30-3:00pm
Mere Images of Truth – Photographs as Powerful Historical and Visual Testaments

Catherine Clement
 Kelly McCormick
 Imogene Lim
 Melissa Lee

Chair: Melissa Lee

11F. Sunday 4 May, 1:30-3:00pm
Counter-engagement practices in Treaty 8 territories – The need for new consultation regimes in a post-Yahey context

Shona Nelson
 Jen MacCracken
 Giuseppe Amatulli
 Sara Rowe

Chair: Giuseppe Amatulli

Break – 3:00-3:15pm

Concurrent sessions 12

12A. [No panel in this room during Session 12]

12B. Sunday 4 May, 3:15-4:45pm
Mission, Hospital, Housing, Gallery: Perspectives on the Built Environment, Colonialism, and Indigenous Peoples

Donald Luxton, “Building the Christian Village: Missionary and Indigenous Entanglements on the Pacific Northwest Coast, 1858-1888”

Nathanael Lauster, Alexandra Flynn, Jennifer Nguyen, and Jens von Bergmann, “First Nations Developments in BC and the ongoing reorganization of property and sovereignty”

Irwin Oostindie, “Redressing the Commons of the Pioneers”

Avin Alimohammadi, “Principles of Belonging: Exploring the structures of British Columbia’s Healthcare Architecture shadowing the Indigenous Experience”

Chair: TBD

12C. [No panel in this room during Session 12]

12D. Sunday 4 May, 3:15-4:45pm
History Activism in British Columbia

Ajay Bhardwaj
 Sadhu Binning
 Sukhwant Hundal

Chair: Ranbir Johal

12E. Sunday 4 May, 3:15-4:45pm
Infrastructures of Power: Indigenous Authority, Ecological Relationships and Transforming Jurisdiction

Sarah Morales and Estair Van Wagner, “Returning to Indigenous Landscape Infrastructures: Hul’qumi’num Legal Obligations to Cedar”

Murray Ball, “Leading with Indigenous Principles: Ecological Watershed Governance in British Columbia, Canada”

Kara Shaw, “Relationships over Infrastructure: Recognizing Indigenous Leadership in BC’s Energy Transition”

Deborah Curran, “Reconciliation’s Power: Reforming the Infrastructure of Jurisdiction”

Chair: Jessica Dempsey

12F. Sunday 4 May, 3:15-4:45pm
Human Rights Education in BC: Contentions and Challenges, Possibilities and Perseverance in BC Universities

Eduardo Azmitia Pardo
 Hasrat Grewal Gill
 Nicholas Hrynyk
 Alex Phillips

Chair: Jennifer Shaw