# Conference Programme

**Restoring Canada: Reconsidering Religion and Public Memory**, University of Ottawa
Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies
18–20 May 2017

## Day 1: Thursday 18 May, 2017

**8:30 A.M.**

Registration Doors Open & Welcome Coffee  
**Location:** Desmarais Building room (DMS) 12102

**9:00 A.M.**

Thursday Morning Plenary Session: Knowledge and Land  
**Location:** DMS 12102  
**Key Speakers:** Tracy Coates & Annie Smith St-Georges

**10:00 A.M.**

Coffee Break

**10:15 A.M.**

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<td><strong>11:00</strong> Susette Blackbird and W.W. McLaren: An Unexpected Love Story</td>
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<td>Jean-François Lozier, Ottawa University</td>
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Dinner (local restaurants listed in program)

6:30 P.M – 9 P.M

Decolonizing the Canon: An Evening of Poetry, Performance, and Painting

Featuring: Cris Derksen, George Elliott Clarke, and Kent Monkman
Moderator: Pamela Klassen, with National Gallery welcome from Marc Mayer
Location: National Gallery of Canada Auditorium

Day 2: Friday 19 May 2017

8:30 A.M.
Coffee

9:00 A.M.

Friday Morning Plenary Session: Restorying Islam and Judaism in Canada
Featuring: Zarqa Nawaz, Sheema Khan, Valérie Amiraux, & Shari Golberg
Moderator: Hillary Kaell
Location: Desmarais Building room 12102 (DMS 12102)

11:00 A.M.
Coffee Break

11:15 A.M.

Session 7: Biography and Futurity
Location: DMS 12120
Chair: Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

11:15 Assimilation
Ayesha S. Chaudhry, University of British Columbia

11:30 Afroturum, Religion and the North
Carol Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University

11:45 Re-Animating the Past: Chester Brown’s Louis Riel
Christina Pasqua, University of Toronto

Session 8: Objectifying Canada
Location: DMS 12110
Chair: Andrew Taylor, University of Ottawa

11:15 Women’s Groups, The Catholic Church, and a Patchwork Quilt
Lisa Binkley, Queen’s University

11:30 The reconciliation pole
Vanessa Udy, University of Victoria

11:45 Media Framing of Sikhs in the Canadian Public Sphere: Debates over turbans, kipans and being Sikh
Richard Mann, Carleton University
**12:30 P.M.**
Lunch Break (local restaurants listed in program)

**1:45 P.M.**

**Friday Afternoon Plenary Session: Museums, Religion & Public Memory**

- **Jon Johnson**, First Story Toronto • **Aviv Milgram**, Museum of Jewish Montreal • **Jean-François Léger**, Canadian Museum of History

**Respondent:** Joseph Weiss, Canadian Museum of History  
**Moderator:** Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto  
**Location:** Desmarais Building room 12102 (DMS 12102)

**3:30 P.M.**
Coffee break

**3:45 P.M.**

**Session 9: Utopian, Dystopian, Canadian**

- **Chair:** Solange Lefebvre, University of Montréal  
- **Location:** DMS 12120

- **3:45** The Canadian Way: Nationalist Myth and Indigenous-Settler Relationships  
  - **Sarah King**, Grand Valley State University
- **4:00** A Sense of Common Destiny: Imperial Oil’s moral imagination and the Dominion of Canada  
  - **Judith Ellen Brunton**, University of Toronto
- **4:15** The Eyes of Thomas King  
  - **Ken Derry**, University of Toronto
- **4:30** Visioning Utopia: First Nations Models of Governance for Transitioning From Late Capitalism to Post-Capitalism,  
  - **Cameron Montgomery**, University of Ottawa

**Session 10: Masculinity, Spirituality, and Confession**

- **Chair:** Danae A. Jacobson, University of Notre Dame  
- **Location:** DMS 12110

- **3:45** The Canadian Government’s Apology of 2008 and the Christian Confessional Tradition  
  - **Jane Barter**, University of Winnipeg
- **4:00** Rethinking Canadian Saints  
  - **Donald L. Boisvert**, Concordia University
- **4:15** Rescue the Parishing: Henry Budd—Constructive Transformer or Colonial Tool?  
  - **Keith Hyde**, University College of the North

**5:30 P.M.**
Reception with Food & Drink!  
**Location:** La Rotonde in Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa.

**7 P.M.–9 P.M.**

**The Future of Religion in Canada: Utopia or Dystopia?**  
**Featuring:** Margaret Atwood and Leah Kostamo  
**Moderator:** Emma Anderson

**Location:** Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa
Day 3: Saturday 20 May 2017

**9:00 A.M.**
Coffee

**9:30-11 A.M.**

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- **9:30** Diasporic Hindu Religiosities in Feminist Spaces  
  *Sailaja Krishnamurti*, Saint Mary’s University

- **9:40** Métis Nationhood: Thoughts on Diaspora, Spirituality, and Kinship  
  *Chantal Fiola*, University of Winnipeg

- **9:50** “Remember Who You Are”: Religion and Identity in Halfbreed and In Search of April Raintree  
  *Ken Derry*, University of Toronto

- **10:00** The Influence of Women on the Establishment of Socio-Cultural Institutions in the pre-Second World War Japanese Canadian Diaspora  
  *Cary Takagaki*, York University

- **10:10** The Many Faces of Buddhist Nuns in Canada  
  *Henry Shiu*, University of Toronto

- **10:20** Pakistani Muslims, Model Minorities, and the Politics of Diasporic Piety  
  *Nadia Hasan*, York University

**11-12:30 P.M.**

**Saturday Morning Plenary Session: Social Imaginaries of Quebec**

*Featuring:* **Jean-Philippe Warren & Solange Lefebvre**  
*Moderator:* **Hillary Kaell**  
*Location:* DMS 12102
12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Saturday Lunchtime Plenary Session: Documentary screening with Director Steve Martin
Location: DMS 12102
Lunch Provided

2:00 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.
Closing Conversation & Next Steps

2:15 P.M.
Activities in Ottawa:

• 2:30 – 3:30: Indigenous Ottawa Archaeology Open-Air Lecture at Nepean Point: Jean-Luc Pilon, Canadian Museum of History (registration details on-site)
• Lots to do around town!