Program

Refreshments will be served in the foyer outside the main lecture theatre, Murray Fraser Hall 2370.
Dinner on Monday night will be at Pulcinella Restaurant, at 1147 Kensington Cres. N.W. (directions are on the conference website). Pre-register through the conference website before July 10. Drinks will be available at 7, dinner at 7:30.
Our new Rare Books room on the main floor of the library is open from 8:30 to 4:00.

July 17

8:00 – 8:30 Coffee in foyer outside MFH 2370

Welcome remarks 8:30 – 9:00 (MFH 2370)

Session 1 9:00 – 10:30: Writing a History of Law in Canada
Chair: Lyndsay Campbell
1. Blake Brown, “‘A more disgraceful case it has seldom fallen to our lot to comment upon:’ Medical Malpractice in Nineteenth-Century New Brunswick”
3. Philip Girard, “Form and Substance in Canadian Constitutional History”

Break – refreshments in foyer outside MFH 2370, provided by St. Mary’s University Department of History

Session 2 10:45 – 12:15: Law’s Boundaries (MFH 2370)
Chair: Robert Hamilton
2. Brian Young, “Law, Religion, and Civil Society in 19th Century Quebec: The View from the Archbishop’s Palace”
4. Angela Fernandez and Christopher Shorey, “Legal Archaeology in Canada: Pierson v. Post and the Frederick Gerring”

Lunch provided by University of Calgary Faculty of Law in foyer outside MFH 2370
Session 3A 1:15 – 2:45: Changes in Private Law (MFH 2370)
Chair: Eric Reiter

Session 3B 1:15 – 2:45 – Crime, Space and Troubling People (MFH 3340)
Chair: Darren Pacione
3. Claire Gjertsen and Stefan Parker, “‘Passing the Wine’: Tracing the Struggle of the Calgary Italian Community to Legalize Homemade Wine Production”

Session 4A 2:45 – 4:15: Gender and the Household (MFH 2370)
Chair: Peter Gossage
1. Jean-Philippe Garneau, “Household Debts and the Coutume de Paris in Pre-Industrial Montreal (1795-1830): Gender, Capitalism and Legal Cultures”
2. Lori Chambers, “The Historical Development of Children’s Right to Protection from Harm in Canada”
3. Marie-Neige Laperrière, « Le point de vue des femmes, comme source historique pour comprendre le droit civil québécois. L’exemple de la capacité juridique de la femme mariée, 1913-1965 »

Session 4B 2:45 – 4:15: Legal Institutions and the Work of Interpretation (MFH 3340)
Chair: Mark Harding
2. Ian Holloway, “The Constitutional Significance of Judicial Biography – the Case of Lord Sinha”
3. Jeffrey L. McNairn, “‘Where Covert Guile and Artifice Abound’: To Know Insolvency and Fraud in Upper Canada, 1794-1843”

Break – refreshments in foyer outside MFH 2370
Session 5: 4:30 – 6:00: Indigenous Peoples and Regulation (MFH 2370)
Chair: Genevieve Painter
1. Jean-François Lozier, “The Missing and Murdered of 1669”
2. Nicole O’Byrne, “‘No other weapon except organization’: A Comparative Study of Métis-State Relations in Alberta and Saskatchewan (1930-1964)”
4. Jacqueline Briggs, “Towards a History of Legal Aid in Canada: An Introduction to the Department of Indian Affairs Legal Aid Program for Status Indians Accused of Murder, 1880 to 1970”

Pulcinella Restaurant, 7 pm drinks, 7:30 dinner

July 18

8:00 – 8:30 Coffee in foyer outside MFH 2370

Session 6A 8:30 – 10:00: Familles, droit et justice au Québec: Out of the Archives (MFH 2370)
Chair: Alexandra Havrylyshyn
1. Peter Gossage, « Familles, droit et justice au Québec, 1840-1920 : Aperçu d’un projet en cours
2. Donald Fyson, “Families and Felons: Convicts’ Relatives and the Penal Law in 19th-Century Quebec”
4. Eric H. Reiter, “Family Defamation in Quebec: The View from the Archives”

Session 6B 8:30 – 10:00: Legal Research (MFH 3340)
Chair: Lou Knafla

Break – refreshments in foyer outside MFH 2370
Session 7A 10:15 – 11:45 – Legal Profession (MFH 2370)
Chair: Wes Pue
2. Alexandra Havrylyshyn, “Practicing Law in a Lawyer-less Colony: The Curious Case of Jacques Nouette de la Poufellerie”
4. Serge Dauchy, “The Role of Justice and the Judiciary within the French Colonial Enterprise in North America in the 17th Century”

Session 7B 10:15 – 11:45 – Crime Stories (MFH 3340)
Chair: Jonathan Swainger
1. Darren Pacione, “Defending the Front de Libération du Québec: Self-Representation as Political Strategy in the Courtroom”
3. Carolyn Strange, “Narrating Murder: Discursive Strategies and Ethical Imperatives”

Lunch on your own. If you’re playing the Confederation Game after lunch, please collect your packages from James Muir.

Session 8A 12:45 – 2:15 – Writing Legal History (MFH 2370)
Chair: Sarah Pike
1. Michael Boudreau, “Atlantic Canadian Legal History: Past, Present, and Future Trends”
3. Andrew Buck, “‘Lost’ Case Law in Canada: Vancouver Island, 1849-1871: A Pilot Study”

Session 8B 12:45 – 1:30 – Confederation Game (MFH 4365 – Faculty conference room)
Conducted by James Muir
• The Confederation Game is a role-playing exercise that James Muir and Peter Carver use in their legal history course at the University of Alberta and that Lyndsay Campbell uses at the University of Calgary. Students negotiate Confederation and come to see Canadian federalism as the product of far more struggle than is commonly supposed.
Session 9 2:15 – 3:45 Low Law and the Drawing of Lines (MFH 2370)
Chair: Nathalie McKeen

Break – refreshments in foyer outside MFH 2370

Session 10 4:00 – 5:30 Indigenous Peoples and Settler Sovereignty (MFH 2370)
Chair: Jacqueline Briggs
1. Robert Hamilton, “‘This Land of Which You Wish to Make Yourself Now Absolute Master’: The Legal Historical Construction of Sovereignty and Empire in Canada’s Maritime Provinces”
2. David G. Bell, “Eighteenth-Century Maritime Treaties in Nineteenth-Century Memory”
3. Genevieve Painter, “‘Give us his name’: Speech, Temporality, and Dispossession in a 19th Century Settler Colony”
4. Sarah P. Pike, “Gilbert Malcolm Sproat, 1834-1913: A B.C. Indian Reserve Commissioner’s attempt to answer the ‘Indian Land Question’”

Closing remarks