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1. Studying at McMaster in Hamilton

The City

Fronted by the McMaster Medical Centre on Main Street West, McMaster University opens to the east on to the residential community of Westdale. On the north it is bounded by the water and marshland of Cootes Paradise, and the Royal Botanical Gardens. West campus is rolling and wooded, as it descends into a shallow ravine toward the banks of Spencer Creek.

Recreation opportunities are abundant, from cross-country trails and bikeways in nearby conservation areas to curling rinks and sailing on Lake Ontario. The university itself has a full range of athletic facilities, and the new David Braley Athletic Centre ranks among the best in Canada.

Hamilton is rightly proud of its reputation as Canada's "Steeltown;" it boasts excellent cultural facilities as well. The Hamilton Philharmonic, the Art Gallery of Hamilton, Players' Guild, Theatre Aquarius, Dundas Little Theatre, and first-rate opera at Hamilton Place—are some of the cultural attractions. Hamilton Place, Copps Coliseum, and the Convention Centre are frequent venues for events from the worlds of entertainment and sports. There is a first-run movie theatre within walking distance of campus, and the Art Gallery of Hamilton runs a regular film series downtown.

The University

In 1930, forty-three years after its original chartering in Toronto, McMaster University moved to Hamilton's west side. Since then it has grown into one of Canada's finest mid-sized universities, earning international recognition in many areas and attracting students from all over the world.

McMaster's Strengths

- Named Canada's Research University of the Year by Research InfoSource Inc. in November 2004.
- The "McMaster Model" – a student-centred, problem-based, interdisciplinary approach to learning has been adopted by universities around the world.

- A report by Research InfoSource Inc. ranked McMaster seventh among Canada's research intensive universities in terms of research income and third in terms of research intensity.
- McMaster is the only North American host site of a United Nations University.
- The Library is a member of the Canadian Association of Research Libraries.

2. The Department

The Department of History resides in the Faculty of Humanities. Its members represent a variety of periods and areas from ancient to modern, the United States to modern Asia, women's history to medieval Europe.

The department is fortunate to be able to assist graduate students whose research requires travel through the *Richard Fuller Memorial Funds* or *L.R. Wilson Graduate Travel Scholarships* and *Mildred Armstrong Trust Fund*. Currently a Fuller scholarship or Wilson scholarship provides up to \$5000 to support archival research by students who have completed their major fields.

While students share offices on the fourth floor of Chester New Hall and faculty are located on the sixth, there are many official and informal occasions for both serious and convivial encounters outside seminars and supervisory meetings. There is a Fall reception for all graduate students and faculty; monthly or more frequently there are papers and talks given in the sixth floor lounge by faculty and guest scholars. Annually, there is a colloquium especially for graduate students, on a timely topic with participation by faculty and distinguished scholars from elsewhere.

Less formal opportunities for contact occur when professors and students sometimes repair to The Phoenix or Faculty Club for refreshment and discussion. The latter facility is almost invariably visited after successful completion of oral exams and thesis defenses. Members of the staff are generally known to be warm and accessible, and over the years the department has prided itself in the personal interest it takes in its students. Response from graduates, with whom we endeavor to keep in touch with through a newsletter

<http://humanities.mcmaster.ca/~history/newsandevents/2006Newsletter.pdf>
and occasional reunions bear this out.

Softball and soccer leagues are a highlight of the summers for many graduate students, and the lack of recent winning seasons for history's team has done nothing to dampen the enthusiasm. There are even games between the faculty and graduate students.

3. Resources for Research

The University Library

Books

McMaster University Library's holdings currently total 2 million volumes. The collections of books, print journals and reference resources for students in History are housed in Mills Memorial Library. The Library currently holds almost 150,000 books whose subject is History, and purchases more than 1,400 new books annually to support the Department of History.

In addition to specific materials acquired for History, information resources acquired for the other Humanities departments will prove useful for History students. McMaster University Library's extensive holdings of reports, surveys, data and other publications of provincial, national and international governments and non-governmental organizations may also provide support for this programme.

Serials

The University Library subscribes to an array of print and electronic journals for the Department of History.

To expand access to journals, McMaster University Libraries participate in national and regional consortium licenses for access to full-text electronic journals, and register for campus-wide electronic access instead of print subscriptions whenever possible. Currently the McMaster community has access to over 59,000 electronic resources, including approximately 17,000 full-text electronic journals and more than 36,000 e-books. More than 900 e-journals and other electronic resources are related to History.

Major e-resources for conducting History research include:

Early Canadiana Online (formerly CIHM)

A digital library containing 2, 159,724 pages of primary source materials in Canadian History.

Eighteenth Century Collections Online

A comprehensive digital edition of The Eighteenth Century microfilm set, which has aimed to include every significant English-language title printed in the United Kingdom, along with thousands of important works from the Americas, between 1701 and 1800. It consists of books, pamphlets, broadsides, ephemera. When completed, the full collection will include nearly 150,000 titles and more than 33,000,000 pages of searchable material.

Eighteenth Century Collection

The Eighteenth-Century collection, comprised of 35,000 books, pamphlets, journals, newspapers, maps, and other ephemera, is the strongest of its kind in Canada and one of the best in North America. At least 10,000 works are present dealing with political, social, economic and cultural history. A special strength is social reform and philanthropy. In addition, the collection has many items dealing with specific topics or incidents such as the Sacheverell controversy (1709–10), the Scottish Union of 1707 and the rebellions of 1715 and 1745, the South Sea Bubble (1729), and the American and French Revolutions.

Post–1800 Book Collections

The post–1800 book collections contain excellent research resources on the First and Second World Wars, the Spanish Civil War, the Communist party, temperance and Canadian pamphlets of the late nineteenth/early twentieth century. A major emphasis of the war collections concerns the pacifist experience in Britain during the twentieth century, although regimental histories, accounts of battles, government documents, and personal narratives are well represented.

The Bertrand Russell Archives

The Bertrand Russell archives is the prime research collection. Consisting of more than 250,000 original documents, the Russell papers span a hundred years of activity and involvement in social and political causes, from the failed political aspirations of Russell's father, Viscount Amberley, in the late 1860s to the protest movements of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the International War Crimes Tribunal on Vietnam in the 1960s. The Russell archives are supplemented by a collection of Russell's published work in book and periodical form, his own library of more than 3,500 volumes, a supporting library of secondary literature, and cognate papers.

Archives

The Library houses many archives relating to peace and war in the twentieth century. An attempt has been made to acquire many representative documents related to war and society: trench maps, letters from soldiers to loved ones and parents, diaries, scrapbooks, leaflets and propaganda posters, sheet music, and so on. Some larger archives have a British or international focus. These include the papers of Vera Brittain, Sir Norman Angell, Adrian Grant Duff, C.K. Ogden, Garvin-Waters-Woods, John Connell, and Peace Brigades International. Other archives on this theme are distinctly Canadian: the Canadian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Claire Culhane, the Canadian Peace Congress, the Combined Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Hans Sinn, Tools for Peace (Hamilton, Ont.), and the Toronto Association for Peace.

The Library actively acquires archives concerning Canadian social history in a number of specialized areas: student participation and activism (Canadian Youth Congress, Company of Young Canadian, National Federation of Canadian University Students, Ontario Union of Students); labour unions (locals of Canadian Union of Public Employees, Service Employees International Union, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, United Steelworkers of America); business and industry (Beatty Brothers Ltd., General Steel Wares Ltd., Westinghouse Canada); historians (W.J. Eccles, W.L. Morton); radical political organizations (Canadian Liberation Movement, League for Socialist Action, Revolutionary Workers League, Revolutionary Marxist Group, Quebec social and political groups); Hamilton history (Marjorie Freeman Campbell, Mabel Burkholder); women's studies (Vera Brittain, Claire Culhane, Dian Fossey, and Winifred Holtby); and other social organizations (Diocese of Niagara records of more than 100 parish churches, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation, Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Canadian Committee for World Refugee Year).

4. The Department's Faculty

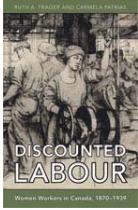
Canadian History



Ken Cruikshank

Ph.D. (York)

Ken Cruikshank is interested in urban environmental history, and more generally in the interaction of business, state and society in modern Canada. He is currently working with Nancy B. Bouchier on a research project that explores the interaction of social and environmental change in Hamilton Harbour from 1820-2001, results of which have been published in *Environmental History*, *Urban History Review*, *Labour/Le Travail* and *Sports History Review*. His other publications include *Close Ties: Railways, Government and the Board of Railway Commissioners, 1951-1933* and contributions to two collections of essays in Canadian business and economic history. After serving as a member of the *Canadian Historical Review* editorial advisory board (2001-03), he became co-editor of the journal. He has supervised doctoral dissertations on topics such as a Loyalist entrepreneur, nineteenth-century Ontario suburbs, automobile insurance in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and Canada's post-WW II China policy.



Ruth Frager
Ph.D. (York)

Ruth Frager's teaching and research focuses on women's history, the history of immigrant groups, and working-class history, emphasizing modern Canada. Her new book, co-authored with Carmela Patrias, is entitled *Discounted Labour: Women Workers in Canada, 1870-1939*. Her earlier book, *Sweatshop Strife: Class, Ethnicity, and Gender in the Jewish Labour Movement in Toronto, 1900-1939*, won an award from the Ontario Historical Society. She is now working on the human rights campaigns in Ontario in the aftermath of the Second World War. Her most recent articles are "Labour History and the Interlocking Hierarchies of Class, Ethnicity, and Gender: A Canadian Perspective," in the *International Review of Social History* and "This is Our Country, These Are Our Rights': Minorities and the Origins of Ontario's Human Rights Campaigns," co-authored with Carmela Patrias, in the *Canadian Historical Review*.



Michael Gauvreau
Ph.D. (Toronto)

Michael Gauvreau specializes in the social, cultural, intellectual and religious history of 19th and 20th Century Canada. His research interests have ranged widely over the encounter of the Protestant churches and modern scientific and social thinking between 1840 and 1950; explorations in the cultural history of postwar Canada; the religious origins of Quebec's Quiet Revolution; and the comparative place of English Canada and Quebec in the international history of secularization. The doctoral students that he has supervised have ranged widely over Canadian religious, intellectual, and cultural history from the late eighteenth century to the postwar period. His scholarly publications have garnered wide acclaim and scholarly recognition: *The Evangelical Century: College and Creed in English Canada from the Great Revival to the Great Depression* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 1991) received Honourable Mention for the Sir John A. Macdonald Prize of the Canadian Historical Association; *A Full-Orbed Christianity: The Protestant Churches and Social Welfare in Canada, 1900-1940* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 1996), co-authored with Nancy Christie, received the Harold Adams Innis Prize of the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada for the "best book in the social sciences in English published in 1996-97"; and his *The Catholic Origins of Quebec's Quiet Revolution, 1931-1970* (McGill-Queen's University Press,

2005) was awarded the Canadian Historical Association's Sir John A. Macdonald Prize in 2006 for the "best book published in Canadian History." He is currently researching an intellectual biography of Claude Ryan, a study of the intersection of Catholicism, liberalism, federalism, and nationalism in Quebec between 1950 and 1995.



H.V. Nelles (Wilson Professor of Canadian History)

H.V. Nelles is the L.R. Wilson Professor of Canadian History. He is the author or co-author of *The Philosophy of Railroads* (1972), *The Politics of Development* (1974), *The Revenge of the Methodist Bicycle Company* (1977), *Monopoly's Moment* (1986), *Southern Exposure* (1988), *The Art of Nation-Building* (University of Toronto Press, 1999) - which has been translated as *L'Histoire spectacle* (Boréal, Montreal, 2003) - and most recently *A Little History of Canada* (Oxford University Press, Toronto 2004). He is currently working on a collaborative research project with Christopher Armstrong and Matthew Evenden on an environmental history of the Bow River in Alberta, funded by the SSHRC. This year McGill-Queen's University Press will republish *The Politics of Development* with a new introduction on the 30th anniversary of its first appearance. For his scholarship he has been awarded the Newcomen Prize, the City of Toronto Book Award, a National Business Book Award, Le Prix Lionel Groulx and the Sir John A. Macdonald Prize of the Canadian Historical Association for the best book in Canadian History, once in 1986 for *Monopoly's Moment*, and again in 2000 for *The Art of Nation-Building*. In 1985 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. York University named him a Distinguished Research Professor in History in 2001. He was for many years the editor of the *Canadian Social History Series* at the University of Toronto Press, is a past editor of the *Canadian Historical Review*, and is currently a member of the editorial Board of the *Business History Review*.



John Weaver Ph.D. (Duke)

John Weaver received his B.A. from Queen's University in 1969. He studied at Duke University as a James B. Duke Commonwealth Scholar and completed his Ph.D. in 1973. A member of the Department since 1974, he was made an Associate Member of the Geography Department in 1988. In 1991 and 1993, he was a Visiting Research Fellow in the Research School of Social Sciences at Australian National University. He served as

chair of the History Department from 1988 to 1993, and Dean of Graduate Studies from 1994 to 1999. John's research interests have included urban government, housing and suburbanization, criminal justice and, most recently, land policy on nineteenth-century settlement frontiers. *The Great Land Rush and the Making of the Modern World, 1650-1900* received the Albion Award of the North American Conference on British Studies and the Ferguson Prize from the Canadian Historical Association. A French edition was published in 2006. A prior book, *Crimes Constables and Courts*, deals with the Ontario criminal justice system from early 1800s to the 1970s. With Michael Doucet, he wrote *Housing the North American City*(1991). From 1987 to 1993, he edited the *Urban History Review*. He and colleagues Will Coleman and Steve Streeter, all members at the Globalization Institute, are jointly editing a collection of essays on globalization and history. As well, he is working on a study of suicide from 1800 to 2000. He takes pride in the achievements of his graduate students who are making contributions to urban history, legal history, and the history of Ontario. A dozen of his Ph.D. students completed their degrees and several published related books.



Nancy Bouchier (Associate Member)

Ph.D. (Western Ontario)

Nancy Bouchier is interested in the historical and socio-cultural aspects of physical activity, exercise and health, recreation, and sport. Her current research focuses on the environment, policy, social class, gender and locality in the history of public recreation, physical activity, and health in Canada. With her colleague Ken Cruikshank, she is working on two book projects funded by SSHRC. The first has the working title, "Whose Harbour? Popular Culture, Recreation and Hamilton Harbour, 1816-1950." It examines the history of the environment, the state, and recreation on the Burlington Bay/Hamilton Harbour, a place that is an environmental "area of concern" according to the International Joint Commission. The second project, "Bring Back the Bay: People, Power and the Environment in an Urban Waterfront, 1957-2001," examines people's efforts to restore the bay's waters, as they and their governments work together to create a healthy, sustainable waterfront. She is the author of *For the Love of the Game*, which explores the complex issues of class and gender relations, community building, and sport reform. It identifies how local culture shapes the meanings of sport, and the tensions that exist when athletes and sports teams become important symbols for a community. This book was short-listed for the 2004 Harold Adams Innis Prize of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences for the best English-language book in the Social Sciences.



Richard Harris (Associate Member)
Ph.D. (Queens)

Richard Harris, professor and associate director of the School of Geography & Geology, is interested in how the built environment has reflected and shaped our lives, with particular reference to dwellings and residential environments. He studies housing, Canadian and U.S. cities in the 20th centuries and historical urban development in British colonies. His most recent books include *Creeping Conformity How Canada became Suburban, 1900-1960*, and *Unplanned Suburbs. Toronto's American Tragedy, 1900-1950*. He is currently working on a book about the early post-war suburbs of Canada, the United States and Australia. Related research by his current graduate students concern the history of the National Building Code in Canada, the way the choice of housing relates to other consumer goods, a comparative history of urban renewal in Hamilton, Ontario, and Buffalo, NY, and the history of housing cooperatives in Canada.

Africa and Asia



Virginia Aksan
Ph.D. (Toronto)

Virginia H. Aksan, Chair of History, 1999-2006, specializes in eighteenth and early nineteenth century Ottoman history, and teaches courses in Islamic, Middle Eastern and most recently Mediterranean history. At the graduate level, she offers "War and Society in the early Modern World," and "European-Muslim Encounters in the Pre-Modern World," the latter as part of the McMaster MA in Globalization. She is an Associate Member of the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at the University of Toronto. Her publications include a study of an influential *Ottoman reformer: An Ottoman Statesman in War and Peace: Ahmed Resmi Efendi, 1700-1783*, Brill, 1995, reflecting her interest in the Ottoman intellectual milieu and cross-cultural contacts and influences; *Ottomans and Europeans: Contacts and Conflicts*, Isis Press, 2004, a collection of fourteen articles, and *Ottoman Wars, 1700-1870: an Empire Beseiged*, Pearson-Longman 2007. Aksan has served on McMaster's Senate, University Planning Committee and the Board of Governors; she has been Secretary and President of the Turkish Studies Association of North America, and a Board Member of the Middle East Studies Association of North America.



David Barrett

Ph.D. (London)

David Barrett's area of research is Republican China, with particular focus on the Nationalist (Guomindang) government and the Anti-Japan War. He also has a strong teaching interest in the People's Republic of China, especially the Maoist period. He co-edited (with Larry N. Shyu) and contributed to *Chinese Collaboration with Japan, 1932-1945: The Limits of Accommodation* (Stanford, 2001); and co-edited (with Larry N. Shyu) and contributed to *China in the Anti-Japan War, 1937-1945: Politics, Culture, and Society* (Peter Lang, 2001). His review article, "English Language Scholarship on the Wang Jingwei Regime," was published in *Minguo Yanjiu: Republican Studies*, no. 8 (University of Nanjing, China). He has completed a translation, with introduction and notes, of Vasilii Chuikov, *Mission to China: Memoirs of a Soviet Military Adviser to Chiang Kaishek* (EastBridge, 2005). Dr. Barrett was president of the Historical Society for Twentieth Century China (HSTCC), 2000-02. From 1998 through 2003 he served as the department's graduate chair.



Bonny Ibhawoh

Ph.D. (Dalhousie)

Bonny Ibhawoh teaches African History and Global History. His research interests are contemporary Africa, comparative human rights and international development studies. His articles on human rights and African studies have appeared in the *Human Rights Quarterly*, *The Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, *Human Rights Dialogue*, *Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies* and *Africa—The Journal of the International African Institute*. His recent book, *Imperialism and Human Rights* (State University of New York Press Human Rights Series, 2006), examines the development of the human rights movement and its humanist antecedents within the context of nineteenth century European imperialism. It explores how European imperialism and the initiatives and responses of colonized peoples have shaped the history of the contemporary human rights corpus. His current project funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada is titled: *Native Palavers, Imperial Justice: African Appeals before the British Privy Council 1860-1960*.

Atlantic World and the Americas



Karen Balcom

Ph.D. Rutgers

Karen Balcom holds a Ph.D. in Modern U.S. History and Women's History from Rutgers University (2002) and teaches in both the History Department and the Women's Studies Programme. She is an adjunct member of the School of Social Work. She is at work on a monograph entitled, *The Traffic in Babies: Cross Border Adoption, Baby Selling and the Development of Child Welfare Systems in the United States and Canada, 1930-1970*. This work uses illicit cross-border adoptions as case study in the ability (or inability) of social workers, bureaucrats and politicians to collaborate across the boundaries separating provincial, state and national welfare systems. Her new research project focuses on the interplay between the domestic and the transnational in the regulation of transnational adoption to the United States in the period 1945-1975. Dr. Balcom also has research interests in the development and application of feminist pedagogy, and in the life of Canadian social reformer Charlotte Whitton. Dr. Balcom supervises graduate students working in U.S. history, women's history, the history of social movements, and the history of social and health policy.



Juanita De Barros

Ph.D. (York)

Juanita De Barros teaches Atlantic, Caribbean, and African diasporic history. Her research focuses on the post-emancipation Caribbean, particularly urban history, popular protest, and the history of health and health workers. She has published a monograph (*Order and Place in a Colonial City: Patterns of Struggle and Resistance in Georgetown, British Guiana, 1889-1924*, McGill-Queens UP, 2002) as well as numerous book chapters and articles in *The Journal of Caribbean History*, *Slavery and Abolition*, *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth Studies*, and *The Journal of British Studies*. She has also co-edited a special issue of *Caribbean Quarterly* that focuses on the history of public health in the Caribbean (*Colonialism and Health in the Tropics*) and a collection of essays on recent Caribbean historiography (*Beyond Fragmentation: Perspectives on Caribbean History*, 2006, Marcus Weiner Publishers). Her current research project (funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada) explores the role of African-descended health workers in constructing and

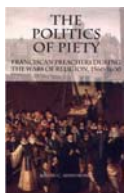
implementing public health and social welfare policies in the nineteenth and twentieth-century Caribbean. She is currently vice-president of the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies.



Stephen Streeter
Ph.D. (Connecticut)

Steve Streeter specializes in the history of U.S. foreign relations and teaches courses on the United States, Latin America, and Vietnam. He is the author of *Managing the counterrevolution: The United States and Guatemala, 1954-1961* (2000) and is working on a second manuscript that will explore the Alliance for Progress years in Guatemala. His bibliography on inter-American relations during the interwar period will appear in the second edition of the SHAFR Guide to American Foreign Relations since 1600 (ABC-CLIO, 2003). Dr. Streeter is a member of the Institute on Globalization and a co-investigator in the MCRI Globalization Project headed by Professor Will Coleman of the McMaster Political Science Department. Dr. Streeter has recently begun two new research projects. One examines the impact of U.S. development assistance programs in Vietnam during the 1960s. The second project will assess the role of the United States in the 1973 overthrow of Chilean president Salvadore Allende.

Medieval and Early Modern Europe



Megan Armstrong
Ph.D.

Megan Armstrong is a specialist on Early Modern Europe who has a particular interest in religion and political culture. She has published articles in the journals *French Historical Studies* and in *I Quaderni Storici*, and is the author of the monograph *The Politics of Piety: Franciscan Preachers and the French Wars of Religion, 1560-1600* (Rochester, 2004). Armstrong is currently working on a new book project tentatively entitled *De-Centring the Reformation: Franciscans and Catholic Expansionism, 1500-1700*. This new project uses Franciscan missions in France, Palestine, Guatemala and New France to understand Catholic resiliency in the age of the German Reformation.



Bernice Kaczynski

Ph.D. (Yale)

Bernice M. Kaczynski is Professor of Medieval History. Her research interests lie in the intellectual culture of the early Middle Ages, especially in the world of the Carolingian monasteries. She is author of *Greek in the Carolingian Age: The St. Gall Manuscripts*, as well as numerous other publications on manuscripts, language, and literacy. She is now working on the role of the Fathers of the Church in early medieval centuries, and on the processes by which monastic scholars contributed to the formation of a patristic canon. In addition, she is interested in medieval Latin and Greek and in the transmission of texts. Dr. Kaczynski was a founding Associate Editor of *The Journal of Medieval Latin* and is currently the *Journal's* Review Editor (<http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/jmedlat/>). She was a founding member of *the Journal of Medieval Latin Publications Series* and serves on its editorial board. She is a member of the Graduate Faculty of the Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto.

Twentieth Century Europe



Martin Horn

Ph.D. (Toronto)

Martin Horn is a specialist in twentieth century international relations, particularly the period from 1914-1945. His interests include international finance, diplomacy, and military history. He is the author of *Britain, France and the Financing of the First World War* (2002), as well as articles and reviews in various scholarly journals. Presently he is engaged on two projects: a book on the American bank J.P. Morgan & Co. in the 1930s and an exploration of American business and occupied France from 1940-1945.



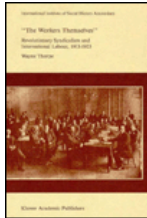
Tracy McDonald
Ph.D. (Toronto)

Tracy McDonald is a specialist in Russian and Soviet History. Her areas of interest include social and cultural history, micro-history, film and agrarian studies. She is currently working on a manuscript on peasant-state relations in Riazan province, Russia 1921-1930 and on two documentary film projects, one on the attempt to spread film across the province of Riazan after the Second World War, and one on the KnAM theatre of Komsomolsk-na-Amure in the Russian Far East. She co-edited (with Lynne Viola, Sergei Zhuravlev and Andrei Mel'nik) a volume of documents on collectivization entitled *Riazanskaia derevnia v 1929-1930 gg.: khronika golovokruzheniia (The Riazan Countryside, 1929-1930: A Chronicle of Spinning Heads)*, in 1998. Articles on peasant rebellion and on banditry in Riazan have appeared in the *Journal of Social History* and *Canadian-American Slavic Studies* as well as the edited volume, *Contending with Stalinism: Soviet Power and Popular Resistance in the 1930s*.



Pamela Swett
Ph.D. (Brown)

Pamela Swett received her undergraduate training at Bryn Mawr College and did her graduate work at Brown University. Her dissertation received the university's Joukowsky Family Dissertation Award for distinguished thesis in the Social Sciences in 1999. She has received research grants from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. She is the author of *Neighbors and Enemies: The Culture of Radicalism in Berlin, 1929-1933* and co-editor of *Selling Modernity: Advertising in Twentieth Century Germany*. Her current research focuses on commercial advertising in Nazi Germany. Her teaching interests lie in 20th century German and European cultural and gender history.



Wayne Thorpe
Ph.D. (British Columbia)

Wayne Thorpe specializes in political culture, ideologies, and social movements in 20th century Europe. His articles have appeared in a dozen journals. He is the author of *"The Workers Themselves": Revolutionary Syndicalism and International Labour* and co-editor (with Marcel van der Linden) of *Revolutionary Syndicalism: An International Perspective*. His work on ideologies and social movements has been translated into German, French, Spanish, and Japanese. In 1994 he was appointed Research Fellow of the International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam. Current interests include a comparative study of antiwar workers' movements in Europe, 1914-1918. In 1999, the School of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Students' Association honoured him "for an outstanding demonstration of supervisory skills and a commitment to academic mentoring." In 2000, he received the President's Award of Excellence in Graduate Supervision.

Great Britain



James Alsop
Ph.D. Phil (Cambridge) FRHS

James Alsop is a specialist in Tudor and Stuart political and socio-economic history. He has published his findings in *The English Historical Review*, *The Historical Journal*, *Past and Present*, *The Journal of British Studies* and other prominent scholarly journals, and is co-author of *English Seamen and Trader in Guinea, 1553-1565* (1992). He has recently completed *British Espionage, Propaganda and Political Intrigue During the War of the Spanish Succession*. Current research includes a book on English taxation, 1540-1620. Since joining the Department in 1984, Dr. Alsop has supervised two Ph.D. and three M.A. theses with notable success: all the theses have led to publications; one of the former secured the student the C.H.A. Theses Prize for 1992 and has been published as a monograph by the U.S. academic press. In 2006, he was one of the two professors who won the President's Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision.



Stephen Heathorn

Ph.D. (Toronto)

Stephen Heathorn is a specialist in modern British history, with an interest in questions of social identity (class, ethnic, gender, national), the historical construction of memory, and the politics of commemoration. He has published a book on these themes, *For Home, Country and Race: Constructing Gender, Class and Englishness in the Elementary School, 1880-1914* (Toronto, 2000), and articles in the *Journal of British Studies*, *The Historical Journal*, *Victorian Studies*, *Canadian Journal of History*, *The Historian*, *Rural History*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *National Identities*, *Canadian Review of the Study of Nationalism*, *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, *Left History*, *Paradigm: Journal of the Textbook Colloquium*, and the *Journal of Canadian Historical Association*. He has contributed to a number of edited collections, including *Children and War: A Historical Anthology*, and *Nations and Nationalism: An Encyclopedia*. He is book review editor for H-Albion and serves on the editorial board of the international journal *National Identities* and is in the process of editing a number of volumes of Bertrand Russell's *Collected Papers*. His current research is on the way in which British martial figures were commemorated, and how public memory was shaped, over the course of the 20th Century.

Greece and Rome



Evan Haley

Ph.D. (Columbia)

Holding a joint appointment in the departments of History and Classics, Dr. Haley teaches Roman studies and has a special interest in Roman social and economic history. He has published on Roman trade and traders during the imperial period, blending archaeological analysis and methods with traditional text-based ancient history. In 1993, he identified a palace in Cordoba, Spain of the Roman emperor Maximianus Herculus. The results have been published in *Zeitschrift fur Papyrologie und Epigraphik*. His teaching encompasses the full range of Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman History.

Science & Technology and Medicine



Michael Egan

Ph.D. (Washington State)

Michael Egan offers courses in the histories of science and technology. His research focuses on the intersections between science, technology, and the environment, and investigates the manner in which science and technology mediate our understandings of the physical environment and, indeed, how the physical environment shapes our developments in science and technology. He is currently working on a book-length world history of mercury pollution, tentatively titled "The Alchemy of Nature: A Global History of Mercury in the Environment since World War II." He is also pottering slowly at a critical synthesis at the crossroads between environmental history and the history of science. "Defining Nature: An Environmental History of the Mind," explores Sir Isaac Newton's and Charles Darwin's influences on our contemporary perceptions of nature and the tensions between the mechanistic and evolutionary world views. Dr. Egan has also written extensively on American environmentalism. His book, "Barry Commoner and The Science of Survival: The Remaking of American Environmentalism", will be published by MIT Press in early 2007. In addition, has published several articles on the biologist Barry Commoner and his place in American environmental history. Dr. Egan is also co-editing (with Jeff Crane) two collections of original essays examining the history of American environmentalism.



David Wright

D.Phil. (Oxford)

David Wright is the Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine, a joint appointment between the Department of History and the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurosciences. He teaches modern British history, the history of psychiatry and the social history of health & medicine. He has published widely on the history of psychiatry, including *Mental Disability in Victorian England* (Oxford University Press, in press); (with Roy Porter), *The Confinement of the Insane: International Perspectives, 1800-1965* (Cambridge University Press, in press); (with Peter Bartlett) *Outside the Walls of the Asylum: The History of Care in the Community, 1750-2000* (Athlone, 1999); and (with Anne Digby) *From Idiocy to Mental Deficiency: Historical Perspectives on People with Learning Disabilities* (Routledge, 1996). He is currently writing a book on the confinement of the insane in nineteenth-century England.

4. Major Fields of Study

Major Doctoral Fields

Canadian History

British History 1485-1832/British History 1688-2000

Twentieth Century European History

War and Society

Gender History

History of Health and Medicine

1. Canadian History

The Department has a longstanding commitment to the study of Canadian history, which recently has been enhanced by the creation of the L.R. Wilson Centre and Professorship in Canadian History. Students interested in Canadian history are introduced to the major themes and central historiographical debates in the field, with a particular focus on the period after 1791. At the same time, they work with one or two of our Canadian specialists to develop a dissertation topic. We have a strong core of faculty in this field, who bring very different perspectives and approaches to the history of Canada.

Nancy B. Bouchier (social, sports medicine, environment)

Ken Cruikshank (political economy, business and society, urban, environment)

Ruth Frager (social, labour, gender, human rights)

Michael Gauvreau (social, intellectual, religion, culture)

Richard Harris (urban, historical geography)

H.V. Nelles (political economy, heritage, environment)

John C. Weaver (urban, crime, suicide, comparative settlement frontiers, globalization)

David Wright (health and medicine)

2. British History 1485-1832, 1688-2000

British history remains one of the department's traditional and distinctive strengths. Students in British history have won major awards for their work, and gone on to very successful careers. Students select one of the two periods listed above, and explore the social, intellectual, religious, and political features of Britain in that era, with particular attention to historical approaches, methods, and sources. At the same time, they work with

a supervisory committee to develop a dissertation topic, and can rely on supervision from accomplished and experienced faculty with expertise in different periods, and distinctive approaches to the subject.

James D. Alsop (Tudor-Stuart, government)

Juanita DeBarros (Atlantic world, Caribbean, empire and colonialism, slavery)

Stephen Heathorn (modern Britain, culture, memory)

John Sainsbury, Brock University (18th-century Britain, political, cultural)

David Wright (modern Britain, health and medicine)

3. Twentieth-Century European History

The Department has a particular strength in modern European History, and takes an approach that embraces the history of the European community of nations between ca. 1880 and 1957, with particular reference to Germany, France, Russia and Great Britain. The transnational approach is central at both the minor field and major field level of study, as students in the Twentieth-Century European History program may take one of their Minor Fields in Twentieth-Century European history as well.

Martin Horn (international relations, international finance)

Tracy McDonald (Soviet, gender, film)

Pamela Swett (modern Germany, culture, urban)

Wayne Thorpe (ideologies, labour movement)

4. War and Society

A significant proportion of the Department's faculty have research expertise in issues related to war and society, and can supervise a wide range of topics in the field. Students in this field have the opportunity to explore general approaches to the study of war and society in early modern or modern history. At the same time, they will develop expertise in -- and complete a dissertation that focuses on -- a particular nation or region, and an individual theme or topic.

Virginia Aksan (Ottoman Empire, Islam, military)

James D. Alsop (Tudor-Stuart Britain, war and society, war and medicine)

David Barrett (China in the republican period)

Stephen Heathorn (modern Britain, culture, memory)

Martin Horn (Twentieth-century Europe, international relations, wartime finance)

Bonny Ibhawoh (Africa, human rights)

Stephen Streever (United States, Latin America, Vietnam, international relations, counterrevolution)

Pamela Swett (modern Germany, society and culture)

Wayne Thorpe (twentieth-century Europe, ideologies, labour movement)

5. Gender History

Gender history is an emerging strength in the department, and one of our newest doctoral fields. Students who select this field will acquire an understanding of the theoretical and methodological issues involved in conducting research in gender history, and be exposed to the kind of work that has been undertaken in this area. They will also work with a supervisory committee to become expert in a specific period, and place, and develop a specific dissertation.

James D. Alsop (Tudor-Stuart Britain, war and society)

Megan Armstrong (early modern Europe, religion, reformation)

Karen Balcom (modern United States, social, family, social welfare)

Ruth Frager (Canada, labour, human rights)

Michael Gauvreau (Canada, family, religion, intellectual, culture)

Stephen Heathorn (modern Britain, culture, memory)

Bonny Ibhawoh (Africa, human rights)

Bernice Kaczynski (medieval Europe, monastic)

Tracy McDonald (Soviet Union, rural society, film)

David Wright (modern Britain, health and medicine)

6. History of Health and Medicine (to be approved by OCGS)

McMaster University has long been identified with its innovative medical school. The History of Health and Medicine is supported by a special unit within the university, and the Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine. Department faculty have particular expertise in such areas as environmental health, mental health, public health, and the medical profession. Students will be asked to think deeply about the central historiographical debates and developments in the history of medicine, with particular attention to race, class, gender, geography, and temporal periods. At the same time, they will work with faculty members to develop and complete a dissertation that focuses on a particular place, time and topic.

James D. Alsop (Tudor-Stuart, war and society, war and medicine)

Nancy B. Bouchier (Canada, social, sports medicine, environment)

Ken Cruikshank (Canada, United States, urban, environmental health, public health)

Juanita DeBarros (Atlantic world, Caribbean, urban, public health, colonial medicine, medical profession)

Michael Egan (science and technology, environmental health, United States)

Bernice Kaczynski (medieval Europe, monastic)

John C. Weaver (Canada, British empire, settlement frontiers, mental health, suicide)

David Wright (modern Britain, mental health, medical profession)

The Department has a number other areas of shared interest not defined as major fields, including religion and society, environmental history, urban history, Africa and the diaspora, human rights, and the history of everyday life.

6. Graduate Students in History at Mac

Doctoral Dissertations in Progress

- **William Campbell**, Land and Diplomacy on the Fringes of Empire: Indians, Agents, Speculators, and the 1768 Treaty of Fort Stanwix
- **Jessa Chupik**, The Institutional Confinement of 'idiot' Children in Twentieth-Century Canada: The Case of the Orillia Asylum, 1900-1935
- **Bradley Coates**, "How German are the Germans?" Sudetan Germans and the Nazi Regime, 1918-1946
- **Shawn Day**, Drink in a Dry Climate: Selling Alcohol in Ontario Bars and Hotels in the Late Nineteenth Century
- **Karen Dearlove**, Gender, Politics and Policy: Interwar American Perceptions of European International Relations
- **Carrie Dickenson**, No Place Like Home: Canada and the Response to the Transient Youth Phenomenon 1960-1980
- **Wesley Ferris**, The Liberal Unionist Party and Late Victorian and Edwardian Politics
- **Kevin Flatt**, The Fate of the Evangelical Ethics in Mainline Protestantism and Secularization in English Canada Since 1940
- **Ryan George**, Canada: Culture and Economy: Ethics and History
- **Angela Graham**, 'Lucky Sagacious Prime Minister': Canada's China Policy, 1949-1970
- **Michele Haapamaki**, Challenges from the Margins: Expert Authority and Critics of Air Raid Precautions, 1920-1939
- **Gordon Holmes**, The Staples Thesis and the Road Not Taken
- **Laurie Jacklin**, Race and Medicine in the British Empire

- **Brandi Lucier**, Working Class Identity, Seniority and Discrimination on the Line in Windsor, Ontario's Automotive Industry, 1937-1984
- **John McKerrow**, America's Friendly Occupations of Newfoundland and Australia
- **Harish Mehta**, Nixon and the Vietnam War Years
- **Jason Miller**, Divided We Stand: Mine, Mill, Steelworkers, the Catholic Church and Canadian Labour in Sudbury, Ontario, 1942-1969
- **John Rankin**, British and African Conceptions of Health in Equatorial West Africa, 1800-1850
- **Margaret Rockwell**, When Aesthetics Trumped Community: Urban Renewal Projects in Hamilton, Ontario and Buffalo, New York
- **Brett Tillotson**, "Divided They Fell: The Problems of Britain's Counter-Insurgency Campaign in Aden, 1963-1967
- **Bonnie White**, Public Opinion, Private Opinion: Devon in the First World War, 1914-1918
- **Neil White**, Corporate Hegemony and Community: The Company Town in International Context

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- **Anthony John Doyle**, Loyalism, Patronage and Enterprise: The Servos Family in British North America, 1726-1942
- **Mauro Marsella**, Evaluating European Fascism: The View From Fascist Italy
- **Tabitha Marshall**, The Health of the British Soldier in America, 1775-1783
- **Heather Nelson**, Insuring the Devil's Wagon: Automobile Insurance and Industry-Government Relations in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, 1929-1971

Ph.D.'s Awarded November 2005

- **Wendy Churchill**, 'Female Complaints': The Medical Diagnosis and Treatment of British Women, circa 1590-1740
- **Erika Dyck**, Psychedelic Psychiatry: LSD and Post-World War II Medical Experimentation in Canada

- **Mairéad Pratschke**, Irish Cultural Nationalism and Gael Linn's Amharc Eireann Series, 1956-1964

Ph.D.'s Awarded June 2005

- **Rhonda Hinthner**, 'Sincerest Revolutionary Greetings': Progressive Ukrainians in Canada, 1918-1991
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Ph.D.'s Awarded November 2004

- **Gregory Stott**, Suburban Dilemmas: The Development and Amalgamation of Ontario Suburban Municipalities, 1853-1897
- **Michelle Vosburgh**, Agents of Progress: The Role of Crown Land Agents and Surveyors in the Distribution of Crown Lands in Upper Canada, 1837-1870