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ONLINE CONGRESS ORIENTATION

All presenters must have their membership to CSCH up to date and have registered for congress (see links below). Only those registered with both will be granted admittance to the Congress and CSCH sessions.

Exhibitors (presses, editors) have complimentary access to our sessions.

On May 25, 2021, Congress will be opening up the Congress website along with organization portals/greeting tables, so attendees may orient themselves ahead of time. Please take the time to explore the site and familiarize yourself with the navigational guides and features.

Links:

Congress Website
<https://congress2021.ca>

CSCH Website
<https://csch-sche.ca>

June 1, 2021
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Mountain)

Session 1: 9:00-10:30 AM

Indigenous Experiences

Chair: Lauren Harder-Gissing (Conrad Grebel University College)

Presenters:

Terry M. Brown (Huron University College) and Jonathan S. Lofft (Trinity College, University of Toronto), “‘Inoculated with the ways of Anglicans’: Representing Indigenous Participation in the 1866 Electoral Synod of the Diocese of Toronto”

Evan J. Habkirk (University of British Columbia, Okanagan) “Displays of Militarism at the Mohawk Institute Residential School”

Alan L. Hayes (Wycliffe College, University of Toronto), “RCAP, the Churches, and the Overlooked Reality of Indigenous Christianities”

BREAK 10:30-11:00 AM

Session 2: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Colonialism and Missions

Chair: Brian Gobbett (Independent Scholar)

Presenters:

Clara A.B. Joseph (University of Calgary), “Baring the Roots of Multiculturalism: 16th Century Colonial India and the Church”

David Kim-Cragg (St. Matthew’s United Church), “Dreaming Beyond Divisions: Moon Chai Rin and the Global Mission Encounter with Colonialism, Racism and Migration in the 20th Century”

Lucille Marr (McGill University), “H. Frances Davidson: Spiritual Mother of the Zimbabwean Brethren in Christ”

LUNCH 12:30-1:30 PM

Session 3: 1:30-3:30 PM

The Black Baptist Experience in Canada, by Co-Editors, Heath, and Brown

Chair: Gordon Heath (McMaster Divinity College)

Presenters:

Dudley A. Brown (McMaster Divinity School), “The Underground Railroad and its Intersection with the Black Baptist Church”

Nina Reid-Maroney (Huron University College), “The Reverend William Troy and Abolitionist Print Culture in 19th Century Canada West”

Jennifer Cousineau (Parks Canada), “First Baptist Church in Amherstburg”

Jennifer Riley (Independent Scholar), “New Horizons Baptist Church: Faith, Leadership and Activism in the Face of Racism and Social Injustice”

BREAK 3:30-4:00 PM

Business Meeting 4:00-5:30 PM [non-Congress Zoom]

**June 2, 2021
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Mountain)**

Session 4: 9:00-10:30 AM

Media and Popular Culture

Chair: Bruce Douville (Algoma University)

Presenters:

Adam D. Rudy (McMaster Divinity College), “The New World Order: Visions of a True and Lasting Peace in the Canadian Protestant Press During the Second World War”

Brian Froese (Canadian Mennonite University), “Hellfire Preachers and Preaching Satan: Conservative Evangelicalism, Satanism, and the Infernal Haunting of American Popular Religion”

Robert Revington (Knox College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto), “The Church and 1989 Cinema: An Analysis of how the James Bond Film *Licence to Kill* and *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier* Tried to Address Televangelism without Offending the Faithful”

BREAK 10:30-11:00 AM

Session 5: 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Nineteenth Century Protestantism and British Political Culture

Chair:

Presenters:

Todd Webb (Laurentian University), "Creating a 'Federal Union of the Methodism of British North America': British Wesleyanism, Liberalism, and the Union of 1874"

Gordon Heath (McMaster Divinity College), "'This South African war does not affect all citizens in the [same] manner': French Protestants in Quebec during the South African War" (Co-Authored with Sid Sudiagal)

LUNCH 12:15-1:30

Session 6: 1:30-3:00 PM

International Speaker

"The Church of Saint Thomas Paine: Toward a Religious History of Secularism"

It is often observed that the United States is shaped by Christianity more than any other western nation. In exploring the relics of Thomas Paine, positivist rituals, secular funerals, humanist churches, and ethical societies, award winning historian, Dr. Leigh Eric Schmidt, shares with us from his most recent research to tell us of another long running influence in American religious history: Secularism. As the author of *Village Atheists: How America's Unbelievers Made Their Way in a Godly Nation* (Princeton, 2016), and earlier works on American mysticism, holiday consumerism, sensory religion, and rights activist and sexologist Ida Craddock, Leigh Schmidt turns his attention to how secularists imagined religion's humanistic future even as they disclaimed its fetishistic past.

Presenter:

Dr. Leigh Eric Schmidt is the Edward C. Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor in the Humanities at Washington University in St. Louis. He joined the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics in 2011.

Chair: Brian Froese (Canadian Mennonite University)

With support from the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences International Keynote Speaker Support Fund.

June 3, 2021
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Mountain)

Session 7: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Experiences of Women

Chair:

Presenters:

Keith Hyde (University College of the North), “‘Ripening for Death’—The Suffering and Succor of a Soul Minder’s Daughter: Mary Ann Budd [c. 1844—1856]”

Linda M. Ambrose (Laurentian University), “Follow in Her Footsteps? Pentecostal Rhetoric on Women in Ministry”

Shelby Martens (University of New Brunswick), “‘Love God, love one another, and love yourself’: Morality Training in Christian Girls’ Groups in Canada from 1960-1989”

BREAK 10:30-11:00 AM

Session 8: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Teaching Faith, Teaching Feminism: Shaping Approaches for Analysis of Gender in Religious History at Public University, Private University, and Seminary Environments

Panel Members:

Sandra Beardsall (St. Andrew’s College)

Lucille Marr (McGill University)

Robynne Rogers Healey (Trinity Western University)

LUNCH 12:30-1:30 PM

Session 9: 1:30-2:30 PM

President’s Address

Presenter:

Bruce Douville (Algoma University)

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