Session #1 (8:30 am - 10:00 am) - CCHA Keynote Address and Joint Session with the Canadian Historical Association (CHA) and Canadian Society of Church History (CSCH)

Welcome from CCHA President, Peter Baltutis, St. Mary’s University (Calgary) and Opening Prayer

Keynote Address: Dr. Luca Codignola-Bo, Saint Mary’s University (Halifax) and University of Notre Dame, “Rome and Early North America: A Transatlantic Relationship of Love and Hate, 1783-1830”

Moderator: Peter Baltutis, St. Mary’s University (Calgary)

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10:00 am - Coffee Break (15 minutes)

Session #2 (10:15 am - 11:45 am) – Catholicism in Atlantic Canada

Moderator: Peter Ludlow, Diocese of Antigonish


Edward MacDonald, University of Prince Edward Island, “A Song for Edward Whelan: Commemoration, Catholicism, and Classical Liberalism in the Afterlife of a Tragic Hero”

Rankin Sherling, Marion Military Institute (Alabama), “Atlantic Canada, St. FX, and the Gaelic Archipelago”
11:45 am – Lunch (90 minutes)

Session #3 (1:15 pm – 2:45 pm) – Women Religious in Latin America Since Vatican II

Moderator: Jacqueline Gresko, St. Mark’s College, University of British Columbia

Rosa Bruno-Jofré, Queen’s University, “Missionaries in Latin America in the Long 1960s: Encountering Social Change at a Time of Rapid Radicalization of the National Church”

Christine Gervais, University of Ottawa, “Beyond Development: Solidarity, Activism and Resistance among Ontario-based Women Religious Serving in Latin America”

Heidi MacDonald, University of Lethbridge, “Atlantic Canadian Women Religious’ Missions to Latin America”

2:45 pm - Coffee Break (15 minutes)

3:00 pm - CCHA Annual General Meeting (90 minutes)

5:00 pm - Eucharistic Liturgy for the Living and Deceased Members of the CCHA at Blessed Sacrament Parish (2049 Scarth Street, Regina)

6:30 pm - Conference Reception and Dinner at Memories Restaurant in Quality Inn (1717 Victoria Ave, Regina)
  • Presentation of the G. E. Clerk Award (to outstanding Canadian historians for their contributions to Catholic history) to Rosa Bruno-Jofré of Queen’s University

Thursday, May 31, 2018
Location for Day #2 (10:15 am – 5:00 pm): Education Building – ED 341

Session #4 (9:00 am – 10:30 am) – New Directions in Catholic Education and Spirituality

Moderator: Peter Baltutis, St. Mary’s University (Calgary)

Brett Fawcett, Newman Theological College (Edmonton), “Seeds of Civilization”: The Debate Over Publicly-Funded Catholic Schools in Canada and the Nature of Multiculturalism”

Katie M. Gemmell, University of British Columbia, “Integration is the battle cry:” Catholic Schooling for Indigenous Students in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, 1951 – 1965

Terence Fay, University of Toronto, “Bringing People Together: John Veltri and Guelph Retreat Renewal in the 1960s”
10:30 am - Coffee Break (15 minutes)

Session #5 (10:45 am – 12:15 pm) – Roundtable discussion of The Imperial Irish: Canada’s Irish Catholics Fight the Great War, 1914-1918 by Mark G. McGowan (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2017)

Moderator: Robert H. Dennis, University of Prince Edward Island

Panelist #1: Rankin Sherling, Marion Military Institute (Alabama)
Panelist #2: TBA
Panelist #3: TBA

Response: Mark G. McGowan, University of Toronto

12:15 am – Lunch (75 minutes)

Session #6 (1:30 pm – 3:00 pm) – Catholicism and the First Nations of Canada

Moderator: Veronica Stienburg, Archivist of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul, Kingston

Katelyn Arac, Queen’s University, “The Mohawk Saint: Reclaiming Kateri Tekakwitha”

Sheldon Krasowski, Athabasca University (Edmonton), “Constantine Scollen and Early Catholic Missionaries’ Critique of Treaties Six and Seven”

Jacqueline Gresko, St. Mark’s College, University of British Columbia, “Not Just Sara Riel: Researching Indigenous Sisters in Western and Northern Canada”

3:00 pm - Coffee Break (15 minutes)

Session #7 (3:15 – 4:45 pm) – Catholicism in Western Canada

Moderator: Margaret Sanche, Archivist of the Diocese of Saskatoon

Paul Paproski, St. Peter’s Abbey (Muenster, SK), “100 Years of Prophetic Journalism by the Benedictine Monks of St. Peter's Abbey”


Robert H. Dennis, University of Prince Edward Island, “Saskatchewan Catholics in the 1930s and 1940s”
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – President’s Reception for the CCHA

Any questions, please contact the President of the CCHA, Peter Baltutis, St. Mary’s University (Calgary) at peter.baltutis@stmu.ca