

History of Women's Social & Political Activism in the Canadian West

Friday 28 October 2016

Registration 2:00-3:00 Telus Centre Foyer

Session 1 From Home and Abroad: Revisiting the Challenge of Women's Suffrage in Canada

(public session)

3:00 – 4:30 150 Telus Centre

Chair: Sarah Carter

Joan Sangster, Trent University

Canadian Suffrage at the Crossroads of International Suffrage Movements

Carol A. Reader, University of Windsor

Revisiting The Roots of Women's Temperance And Suffrage: South-Western Ontario 1830-1880

Nanci Langford, Athabasca University

Use Your Brains and Begin at the Right End: Alberta Women and the Vote

Conference Opening & Evening Panel

5:00pm 150 Telus Centre

Co- chairs: Sarah Carter and Nanci Langford

Panel: Preserving Alberta Women's History

Debbie Beaver, Lan Chan, Nanci Langford, Amy Samson, Cora Voyageur

Reception to follow

Saturday 29 October 2016

Registration 8:30 – 9:00 Main floor foyer Edmonton Clinic Health Academy

Session 2 First Nations and Metis Women's Activism in Saskatchewan and Alberta

9:00 -10:30 1-182 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy

Chair: Sarah Carter

Corinne George, Burns Lake, British Columbia

Imagine... if... we loved one other...' Grassroots Activism of Aboriginal Women in Edmonton, 1951-1985

Allyson Stevenson, University of Saskatchewan

There was never an idle moment after that:" Indian Women's Political Activism in Saskatchewan, 1971-1980

Cheryl Troupe, University of Saskatchewan

"We were one family": Saskatoon Métis Women's Social and Political Activism, 1930-1980

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Break 10:30 – 11:00

Session 3 Women's Commitment on the Left

11:00 – 12:30 1-182 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy

Chair: Pat Prestwich

Rhonda Hinthier, Brandon University

Firmly on the Left: 'Ethnic Hall' Socialist Women's Activism and State Responses, 1919-1945

Esyllt Jones, University of Manitoba

Radical Physicians and the CCF: Mindel Cherniack Sheps from Winnipeg to Regina, 1936-1946

Veronica Strong-Boag, University of British Columbia

Moving to the Left: Laura Marshall Jamieson (1882-1964), BC suffragist, juvenile court judge, and CCF MLA

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30

Session 4 1:30 – 3:00

A: Alberta Women Organizing to Address Labour Issues

1-182 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy

Chair: Claire Thomson

Antonella Cortese, Comitato Promotore della lingua Italiana, Edmonton, Alberta; and Trude Aberdeen, Truong Lac Hong Vietnamese Heritage Language School, Edmonton, Alberta

Multiculturalism, activism, and the women of the Alberta Ethnic Language Teachers' Association (AELTA)

Laurel Halladay, Athabasca University

Women and the Crowsnest Pass Miners' Strike of 1932

Cynthia Loch-Drake, York University

Pentecostalism and the Unionism and Politics of Meatpacking Seamstress Ethel Wilson in Postwar Alberta: An Exploration

B: Women's Influence on Farming Communities of the Canadian Prairies

1-190 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy

Chair: Rhonda Hinthier

Anne Dance, Memorial University

The Oracle of Wheat Goes Abroad: E. Cora Hind's Agrarian Diplomacy and Advocacy, 1935-1937

Laura Larsen, University of Saskatchewan

'A splendid field before us': Violet McNaughton's Activism within the Saskatchewan Agrarian Community, 1913-1927

Katherine M.J. McKenna, University of Western Ontario

E. Cora Hind's Advocacy of Women as Agricultural Producers

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3:00- 3:30 **Coffee Break**

3:30 – 5:30 **Performance of “Fighting Days”**
by University of Alberta Drama Department
location tba

Sunday 30 October 2016

Registration 8:30 **Main foyer Edmonton Clinic Health Academy**

Breakfast 8:30 – 9:30 **1-190 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy**

Session 5 Complicating Reproductive Rights Activism
9:30 – 11:00 **1-182 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy**

Chair: Karissa Patton

Erika Dyck, University of Saskatchewan
Teenagers and the Abortion Debates in the 1970s: An Era of Choice or Double Standards?

Shannon Stettner, University of Waterloo
What was more progressive?” The Abortion Caravan and the Negotiation of Activist Identities

Carol Williams and Shannon Ingram, University of Lethbridge
Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Reproductive and Fetal Rights Activism in Southern Alberta

Break 11:00 – 11:30 am **Coffee Break**

Session 6 11:30 – 1:00

A. Social and Political Activism by Saskatchewan Farm Women
1-182 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy

Chair: Alvin Finkel

Faith Johnston, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Dorise Neilsen's politicization and activism 1934-1945

Georgina M. Taylor, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Violet McNaughton and the Establishment of The Western Producer

Nettie Wiebe, Delisle, Saskatchewan
Agrarian Feminism in Our Own Time and Place

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B. War, Peace and Justice

1-190 Edmonton Clinic Health Academy

Chair: Carolee Pollock

Michelle Brandsma, University of Saskatchewan

An Honored Place: A Farm Woman's Experience of the Western Canadian Home Front During the Great War

Susan Smith, University of Alberta

Women Against Suffield: Peace Activists in Alberta

Melanie Methot, University of Alberta

A different brand of activism: The life of Alice Jane Jamieson.