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**EDUCATION****Doctor of Philosophy in History**

Queen's University, 2019

**Master of Arts in History**

Queen's University, 2014

**Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in History**

Crandall University, 2013

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**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS****Provincial Archives of New Brunswick**

*Private Sector Records*

Archivist, July 2024–

**St. Thomas University**

*Department of History*

Adjunct Research Professor, July 2024–

**University of New Brunswick**

*Department of Political Science*

Adjunct Professor, January 2026–

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**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

## MONOGRAPH

*The Racial Mosaic: A Pre-history of Canadian Multiculturalism*. McGill-Queen's University Press, 2021.

One of *Quill and Quire's* 2022 "Books of the Year"

Finalist, 2022 John W. Dafoe Book Prize, J.W. Dafoe Foundation

Finalist, 2022 Wilson Book Prize, L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History

## EDITED COLLECTION

(With David Veltman) *Biography Across the Digitized Globe: Essays in Honour of Hans Renders*. Brill, 2025.

## ARTICLES

- “Beyond Official Multiculturalism in Canada.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Migration Studies*, edited by Maddalena Marinari (Oxford University Press, 2026).
- “Through the Eyes of a Guard: Watson Kirkconnell and Great War Internment in Canada.” *Canadian Military History* 34, no. 1 (June 2025).
- “‘One of the Cultural Minorities’? Indigenous Peoples and the Creation of Official Multiculturalism.” *Canadian Historical Review* 106, no. 1 (March 2025): 57–82.
- “Whiteness in Canada: History, Archives, Historiography.” *Canadian Historical Review* 105, no. 1 (March 2024): 74–95.
- “Ethnicity to Equity? Official Multiculturalism and Racial Discrimination in Canada, 1971-79.” In “Review, Assessment, and Perspective on Fifty Years of Canadian Multiculturalism (1971-2021),” ed. Françoise Le Jeune and Laurence Cros. Special issue, *Études canadiennes/Canadian Studies* 95 (December 2023): 43–72.
- “‘Anglo-Canadian Futurities’: Watson Kirkconnell, Scientific Racism, and Cultural Pluralism in Interwar Canada.” *Settler Colonial Studies* 10, no. 2 (2020): 234–56.
- “*The Biographical Turn* and the Case for Historical Biography.” *History Compass* 16, no. 1 (January 2018).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- “The Multiculturalism of Reconciliation.” In *Reconciling Multiculturalism in Today’s Canada*, edited by Natalia Khanenko-Friesen and Sean Patterson. McGill-Queen’s University Press (forthcoming).
- “‘Chasing More Precise Details’: The Earliest Years of Official Multiculturalism in Canada.” In *Between Postwar and Present Day*, edited by Nancy Janovicek and Ben Bradley. McGill-Queen’s University Press (forthcoming).
- (With David Veltman.) “Turn Every Electronic Page? Biographers Confront the Digital Turn.” In *Biography Across the Digitized Globe: Essays in Honour of Hans Renders*, edited by David Veltman and Daniel R. Meister. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2025.
- “Biography Across Borders: Broadening Biography Studies.” In *Biography Across the Digitized Globe: Essays in Honour of Hans Renders*, edited by David Veltman and Daniel R. Meister. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2025.
- “Historical Biography in Canada: Historians, Publishers, and the Public.” In *Different Lives: Global Perspectives on Biography in Public Cultures and Societies*, edited by Hans Renders and David Veltman, 21–40. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2020.

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### ENTRIES IN REFERENCE WORKS

- “Kate Adele Foster (Pattullo).” *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* (forthcoming).
- “[The Barr Colonists](#).” *The Canadian Encyclopedia* (September 2023).
- “[IODE \(Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire\)](#).” *The Canadian Encyclopedia* (January 2023).
- “[John Murray Gibbon](#).” *The Canadian Encyclopedia* (October 2022).
- “[Robert England](#).” *The Canadian Encyclopedia* (October 2022).
- “[Thomas Watson Kirkconnell](#).” *The Canadian Encyclopedia* (October 2022).

### OTHER ARTICLES

- (With Daniel Panneton.) “[How Three Big Conspiracy Theories Took Root in Canada](#).” *The Walrus* (21 May 2024).
- “[The Barr/Britannia Colony](#).” *Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21* (January 2022).
- “Historicizing Multiculturalism.” In “[Multiculturalism @ 50 and the Promise of a Just Society](#),” edited by Will Kymlicka. Special issue, *Canadian Issues/Thèmes canadiens* (Fall/Winter 2021): 10–14.

### OP EDS

- “[In Praise of ‘the Multiculturalism Clause](#).” *Winnipeg Free Press* (18 April 2022).
- “Graduate Retention Key for Bilingualism.” *Telegraph Journal* (26 January 2019), A13.
- “Deconstructing the Tuition Rebate Argument.” *Telegraph Journal* (7 May 2015), A11.

### BLOGS AND NEWSLETTERS

- “Keeping the Peace...Out: UNB’s Centre for Conflict Studies in the 1980s.” *Intersections* 9, no. 1 (forthcoming June 2026).
- “[Canada’s Competing Definitions of Bilingualism](#).” *Active History* (28 May 2026).
- “[The Seven Deadly Sins of Archivists](#).” *In the Field: The ACA [Association of Canadian Archivists] Blog* (16 May 2026).
- “[The Complex Legacy of John Carr Munro](#).” *Active History* (9 April 2026).
- “[Soundbite Histories – Part II \(the Mea Culpa\)](#).” *Active History* (12 February 2026).
- “[The Spokesman: Gender and the Liberal Party in 1960s New Brunswick](#).” *Active History* (1 November 2024). Revised version published in *Silhouettes* (Spring 2025).
- “[Soundbite Histories](#).” *Active History* (4 December 2024).
- “[A Plea for Depth Over Dismissal](#).” *Active History* (4 June 2024).
- “[Who Killed the History of Canadian Multiculturalism?](#)” *Active History* (12 March 2024).
- “‘Know thy enemy and know yourself’: ChatGPT and the Historian.” *Intersections* 6, no. 2 (December 2023): 19.

“‘[Rather Absurd](#)’: Christian Nationalism and the Dominion of Canada.” *Active History* (7 September 2023). Reposted by the [NB Media Co-op](#) (14 September 2023).

“The Canadian Mosaic, Archival Silences, and an Indigenous Presence in Banff.” *The Cairn* (18 July 2020). Revised version published in [Active History](#) (18 August 2020).

#### BOOK REVIEWS

*No Place Like Home: Enemy Alien Internment in Canada during the Great War*, by Bohdan S. Kordan. *Canadian Military History* (forthcoming 2026).

*Research Handbook on Multiculturalism*, edited by Geoffrey Brahm Levey; and *Multiculturalism on the Mend? The Political Left and Ethnic Minorities in Liberal Democracies*, edited by Arjun Tremblay and Paul May. *Canadian Ethnic Studies* (forthcoming 2026).

*Multicultural Citizenship: Legacy and Critique*, edited by Jean-François Caron and François Boucher. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development* (forthcoming 2026).

*Decolonize Multiculturalism*, by Anthony C. Alessandrini. *Journal of Critical Race, Indigeneity, and Decolonization* 3, no. 1 (2025): 135–38.

*On the Other Hand: Canadian Multiculturalism and its Progressive Critics*, by Phil Ryan. *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 58, no. 4 (2025): 982–83.

*Biography: An Historiography*, by Melanie Nolan. *Australian Journal of Biography and History* 8 (2024): 227–31.

*Canadian Multiculturalism and the Far Right: Walter J. Bossy and the Origins of the ‘Third Force,’ 1930s–1970s*, by Bàrbara Molas. *Canadian Historical Review* 104, no. 3 (September 2023): 451–52.

*In the Public Good: Eugenics and Law in Ontario*, by C. Elizabeth Koester. *University of Toronto Quarterly* 92, no. 3 (August 2023): 348–49.

*People, Politics, and Purpose: Biography and Canadian Political History*, edited by Greg Donaghy and P. Whitney Lackenbauer. *American Review of Canadian Studies* 53, no. 2 (2023): 286–88.

*Identity and Industry: Making Media Multicultural in Canada*, by Mark Hayward. *Canadian Historical Review* 102, no. 4 (December 2021): 669–71.

*Sam Steele: A Biography*, by Rod MacLeod. *Canadian Historical Review* 101, no. 20 (June 2020): 307–09.

*Citizenship in Transnational Perspective: Australia, Canada, and New Zealand*, edited by Jatinder Mann. *Canadian Historical Review* 99, no. 2 (June 2018): 325–27.

#### PODCASTS

Interviewed by Sean Graham for an episode of “History Slam,” the podcast of Active History, <https://activehistory.ca/2022/02/historyslam202/> (4 February 2022).

Interviewed by Greg Marchildon for an episode of “Witness to Yesterday,” the podcast of the Champlain Society, <https://champlainsociety.utpjournals.press/podcast/wty/the-pre-history-of-multiculturalism-in-canada> (19 November 2021).

## INTERVIEWS

Appeared on [Blue Sky with Leisha Grebinski](#) (CBC Radio, 13 June 2024).

Interviewed by Grace Marshall for her MA Major Research Paper, “[Visible Minorities in the Canadian Mosaic? Investigating the Conflation of Race and Culture in Federal Employment Equity Policy](#)” (SciencesPo, April 2023).

Interviewed by Andréanne Joly for the article, “[Après cinquante ans, le multiculturalisme canadien a toujours ses limites](#),” *L’Eau Vive* (1 October 2021).

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## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship (SSHRC), 2022–24 (\$140,000)

Grant, Awards to Scholarly Publication Program, Federation HSS & SSHRC, 2021 (\$8,000)

Lillian Agnes Jones Fellowship, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, 2019–20 (\$6,000)

Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship (SSHRC), 2016–19 (\$105,000)

Graduate Student Scholarship, International Council for Canadian Studies, 2017 (\$4,000)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2015–16 (\$15,000)

Timothy C.S. Frank Research Travel Grant, Queen’s University, 2015–2016 (\$3,000)

Arthur & Evelyn Lower Fellowship, Queen’s University, 2015–2016 (\$5,000)

Franklin and Helene Bracken Fellowship, Queen’s University, 2014 (\$10,000)

Centre for Baptist and Anabaptist Studies Travel Grant, Acadia University, 2014 (\$800)

Women’s Canadian Historical Society (Toronto) Award, Queen’s University, 2013 (\$2,500)

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## RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**University of New Brunswick** (Fredericton, NB)

*Department of Political Science*

Contract Academic Instructor, Sept.–Dec. 2024; Sept.–Dec. 2025

POLS 3251, “Canadian Federalism”

POLS 3215, “Issues in Canadian Public Policy”

**University of New Brunswick** (Fredericton, NB)

*Department of Political Science*

Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, July 2022–24

**University of New Brunswick** (Saint John, NB)*Department of History and Politics*

Contract Academic Instructor, Sept. 2021–April 2022

POLS 3231, “Representation and Recognition in Canadian Politics”

POLS 2201, “Issues in Canadian Politics” (hybrid)

**Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21** (Halifax, NS)*Exhibitions, Research, and Collections*

Researcher (Contract), Feb.-Sept. 2021

**Queen’s University** (Kingston, ON)

Contract Academic Instructor, Sept. 2019–April 2020

LIBS 300, “The Liberal Arts in the Contemporary World” (online)

**Queen’s University** (Kingston, ON)

Teaching Fellow, September 2017–April 2019

HIST 458, “Social History of Modern Canada”

HIST 124, “Canada in the World”

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**TEACHING DEVELOPMENT AND AWARDS**

Diploma in University Teaching (recipient), University of New Brunswick, January 2023

W.J. Barnes Teaching Excellence Award (nominee), Queen’s University, 2019

Department of History Teaching Award (nominee), Queen’s University, 2018

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**PANELS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC LECTURES****Academic Presentations**

“Archives and the Evolution of Architectural Records.” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Architecture in Canada, Annual Meeting, Saint John, NB (29 May 2026).

“‘Getting it all together’: Ukrainian Canadian (Student) Activists, 1970s–90s.” Paper presented at “The ‘There’ Here: How Diasporas Shaped Canada – Avie Bennett Historica Canada Conference,” York University (18–19 September 2025).

“The ‘New SUSK’: Ukrainian Canadian Students Lobby for Multiculturalism, 1968–71.” Paper presented at the Canadian Historical Association, Annual Meeting, McGill University (17–19 June 2024).

“Life and Times? The Challenge of Biographical Periodization for Longer Historical Studies.” Paper presented (virtually) at the International Auto/Biography Association’s [XII World Conference](#), University of Turku (Finland), 16 June 2022.

“A Vertical, Racial, *and* Religious Mosaic? The Role of Religion in Early Cultural Pluralism.” Paper presented at the [Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting](#) (virtual), 16 May 2022.

“Multiculturalism as/and/or Reconciliation?” Paper presented at the “[Reconciling Multiculturalism in Today’s Canada](#)” international symposium, University of Alberta (virtual), 26 November 2021.

“The Pre-history of Canadian Multiculturalism, 1920s–1940s.” Paper presented at the “Multiculturalism @50: Diversity, Inclusion, and Eliminating Racism” conference (virtual), [Metropolis Canada’s 4th Annual Forum on Measuring Identities](#), 6–8 October 2021.

“‘The Better Eugenic Types’: Scientific Racism and the Histories of Immigration and Multiculturalism in Canada.” Paper presented at the “[Canadian Legacies of Eugenics](#)” symposium, University of Saskatchewan (virtual), 15 June 2021.

“‘Chasing More Precise Details’: Canadian Multiculturalism in the 1970s.” Paper presented at “[Between Postwar and Present Day: Canada 1970-2000](#)” conference, University of Guelph (virtual), 6–8 May 2021.

“The Writing of Historical Biography in a Multicultural Canada.” Paper presented at the “[Different Lives: Global Perspectives on Biography in Public Cultures and Societies](#)” conference, University of Groningen (the Netherlands), 19–21 September 2018.

“A Question of Parentage: Watson Kirkconnell and Canadian Multiculturalism.” Paper presented at the Canadian Historical Association, [Annual Meeting](#), University of Regina, 27–31 May 2018.

### **Public Lectures**

“Eugenic Roots? Scientific Racism and Canadian Multiculturalism.” Presented under the auspices of CRASH, Saint Mary’s University, 2 April 2024.

“‘The End of Multiculturalism’? A History of the Present.” Invited lecture, Centre for Canadian Studies, Mount Allison University, 29 January 2024.

“[A ‘red tile in the Canadian mosaic’? Indigenous Peoples and J.M. Gibbon’s Cultural Pluralism](#).” Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies (virtual), 21 April 2022.

Public Lecture: “The Origins of Multiculturalism and the Case of Watson Kirkconnell.” Part of the [Constructing Our Identities/My Ontario – A Vision Over Time](#) Speakers Series, Brockville, ON (Fulford Place Museum), 1 March 2017.

## Panel Participation

Chair, “Roundtable: Why Write Biography? Connecting Historical Lives with Historical Processes.” Canadian Historical Association, Annual Meeting, University of Prince Edward Island, 1–3 June 2026.

Chair, “Bodies as Selves and Others: Fatness and Fitness in the 19th Century.” Canadian Historical Association, Annual Meeting, University of Prince Edward Island, 1–3 June 2026.

Panellist, “Language Politics Roundtable.” Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Mount Allison University, 27–29 September 2024.

Chair, “Migration and Boundaries, Identities and Culture.” Canadian Historical Association, Annual Meeting, McGill University, 17–19 June 2024.

Panellist, “Key Takeaways and Confronting Eugenics in Immigration Moving Forward.” Part of “A Century of Eugenics on Our Borders: Centennial of the Johnson-Reed Act/US Border Patrol” symposium (virtual), University of College London, 27–28 May 2024.

Chair, “Eugenics Histories and Presents in Immigration and the Johnson-Reed Act.” Part of “A Century of Eugenics on Our Borders: Centennial of the Johnson-Reed Act/US Border Patrol” symposium (virtual), University of College London, 27–28 May 2024.

Panellist, Roundtable on the Writing of Biography. “[Different Lives: Global Perspectives on Biography in Public Cultures and Societies](#)” conference, University of Groningen (the Netherlands), 19–21 September 2018.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### ADMINISTRATIVE

#### Canadian Historical Association

English-Language Secretary, CHA Executive (2025– )

Member, Program Committee (Annual Meeting, 2026)

Member, Program Committee (Annual Meeting, 2022)

#### Canada Region Anti-Eugenics Scholarship Hub (CRASH)

Coordinator, Atlantic Region (2021–24)

Founding Member (2021– )

#### H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online

Co-Founding Editor, H-Biography (2021–24)

Book Review Editor, H-Biography (2021–25)

#### National Archival Appraisal Board

Secretary-Treasurer and Member-at-Large (2025– )

**EDITORIAL**

Canadian Historical Association  
English-language Editor, *Intersections* (2025– )

**Peer Review (Article MS)**

*Canadian Historical Review*  
*Canadian Journal of Political Science*  
*Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*

**Peer Review (Book MS)**

Brill Publishers  
CIUS Press (n=2)  
University of Toronto Press

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

PNA: Practising NAAB Appraiser, National Archival Appraisal Board (NAAB) (2025– )

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, Canadian Historical Association (2015– )

Member, Canadian Studies Network (2016– )

Member, Council of Archives of New Brunswick (2024– )