



# *(Re)* MAKING CONFEDERATION: *(Re)* IMAGINING CANADA

*November 21-22, 2014*

Delta Prince Edward & PEI Convention Center – Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island



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# WELCOME!

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The initial impetus for this conference was commemoration of the 1864 Charlottetown Conference, which is acknowledged as the first official step on the road to Confederation. However, this conference, the latest of a series on the teaching of Canadian history organized by the Association for Canadian Studies over the past decade or so, goes beyond commemoration, examining the relationship between commemoration, history, and history education. Like the previous conferences, this event brings together a wide range of stakeholders in history education, including historians, history education scholars, museum educators, archivists, representatives of public history organizations, history teachers, and policy-makers. However, a unique aspect of this event is the involvement of high school students. The Guardians of Confederation, a youth leadership conference, which runs concurrently, brings together students from Prince Edward Island high schools with students from each of the provinces and territories. Their task is to consider the historical making of Canadian Confederation and to emerge with a new vision for confederation. There are several opportunities for our attendees to take part in Guardian activities. The other special aspect of this event is the annual Symons lecture on the State of Canadian Confederation, to which our conference attendees are invited. Historical consciousness involves consideration of the past in order to inform both our understanding of the present and our decisions about the future. If ever there was an opportunity to raise our historical consciousness, this is it. *WELCOME!*

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CO-CHAIRS:*

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**Professor Sasha Mullally**, University of New Brunswick  
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**Professor Stéphane Lévesque**, University of Ottawa  
**David Keenlyside**, PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation  
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**Julie Perrone**, Association for Canadian Studies  
**James Ondrick**, Association for Canadian Studies

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**Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21**

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2014

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7:30 AM *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

9:00 AM *BALLROOM FOYER / CONFEDERATION BALLROOM*

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8:00 AM *Exhibitors*

7:00 PM *COLES ROOM*

- » Canada's History
  - » The Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada (SEVEC)
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  - » Veterans Affairs Canada
  - » The History Education Network
  - » The Library of Parliament
  - » Citizenship and Immigration Canada
  - » EF Educational Tours
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9:00 AM *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

9:30 AM *SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD ROOM*

- » *CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS: Professor Sharon Myers*, University of Prince Edward Island & **Professor Penney Clark**, University of British Columbia
  - » **Dr. Neb Kujundzic**, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Prince Edward Island
  - » **The Hon. Alan McIsaac**, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
  - » **Georges Arsenault**, Prince Edward Island Historian and Folklorist
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9:30 AM *Plenary Session*

10:30 AM *SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD ROOM*

- » **Dr. Peter Seixas**, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Department of Curriculum & Pedagogy, University of British Columbia, Founding Director of the Centre for the Study of Historical Consciousness  
*CELEBRATORY HERITAGE AND CRITICAL HISTORY: ARE THEY COMPATIBLE?*
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10:30 AM

11:45 AM *Breakout Sessions*

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1. *The Legend of Charlottetown, the Legacy of Confederation*

HENRY ROOM

- » *CHAIR*: **David McKenzie**, President, PEI 2014, Deputy Minister, Department of Tourism And Culture, Government of Prince Edward Island
  - » **Professor Ed MacDonald**, University of Prince Edward Island
  - » **Catherine Hennessey**, Author & Heritage Activist, PEI
  - » **Professor Peter E. Rider**, University of Ottawa
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2. *The Geography of Confederation: The Land and How It Factored into the Making of Canada*

BROWN ROOM

- » *CHAIR*: To be confirmed
  - » **Sylvain Decelles**, Selwyn House School, Montréal, Québec
  - » **Professor Alan MacEachern**, University of Western Ontario, *THE LARGE AND LOVELIER CANADA*
  - » **Professor Michael Fox**, Mount Allison University
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3. *Teaching (in) Diversity*

J.H. GREY ROOM

- » *CHAIR*: **Professor Tim Stanley**, University of Ottawa
  - » **Steven Schwinghamer**, Canadian Museum of Immigration at PIER 21
  - » **Yves Durocher**, AEFO, Ontario
  - » **Professor Brenda Trofanenko**, Acadia University
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4. *The Library of Parliament Teachers Institute & the Saskatchewan Social Science Teachers Institute: Experiences and Opportunities*

CHANDLER ROOM

- » **Brent Toles**, Saskatchewan Ministry of Education
  - » **Renee Asselin & Gillian Prendergast**, The Library of Parliament
  - » **Robert Jardine**, President, Social Studies Saskatchewan
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11:45 AM  
12:15 PM

*Lunch*  
SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD ROOM

A quick box lunch provided in order to give delegates time to attend the Symons lecture at the Confederation Centre for the Arts

**SPECIAL SESSION SYMONS LECTURE AT THE CONFEDERATION CENTRE FOR THE ARTS  
HOMBURG THEATRE (12:30 PM - 1:45 PM)**

The Symons Medal and Lecture on the State of Canadian Confederation provides a national platform for a distinguished Canadian to discuss the current state and future prospects of Confederation.

Note that your ticket is required for admission

Keynote Speaker: **Stephen Lewis**

2:15 PM  
3:30 PM

*Breakout Sessions*

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5. *Atlantic Canada in the National Consciousness*

HENRY ROOM

- » CHAIR: **Professor Sasha Mullaly**, University of New Brunswick
  - » **Professor Emeritis Margaret Conrad**, University of New Brunswick
  - » **Professor Chantal Richard**, University of New Brunswick
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6. *Scholarly Solitudes: How to Bring Anglophone and Francophone History Scholars and Teachers to Work Together*

J.H. GREY ROOM

- » CHAIR: **Professor Stéphane Lévesque**, University of Ottawa
  - » **Professor Dominique Clément**, University of Alberta
  - » **Professor Jean-Philippe Warren**, Concordia University, *CANADIAN STUDIES IN A GLOBAL ERA: CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITIES*
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7. *Project-Based Learning - Creative Ways to Engage Students*

BROWN ROOM

- » CHAIR: **Bethany Doiron & Christine Thibaudier-Ness**, PEI Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- » **Mark Perry**, Kennebecasis Valley High School, New Brunswick, Finalist - 2013 Governor General's History Award for Excellence In Teaching
- » **Anne Boerger**, Faculte Saint-Jean, University of Alberta, *USING FAMILY HISTORY TO ENGAGE STUDENTS: JUST ANECDOTES OR POWERFUL PEDAGOGICAL TOOL?*

- » **Jennifer Janzen**, University of Winnipeg Collegiate, Finalist - 2013 Governor General's History Award for Excellence In Teaching
  - » **Robert Flosman**, Waterdown District High School, Ontario, hosting The Dutch Resistance And Propaganda Museum from New York City, Finalist - 2013 Governor General's History Award For Excellence In Teaching
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## 8. *De-Constructing Cabinets of Curiosity: (Re) Imagining Community History Museums*

*Session to be held at the Confederation Center for the Arts (Upper East Art Gallery) – You must sign up for this session in advance at the conference registration desk.*

In this workshop participants will be actively involved in experiencing, re-examining, and re-constructing a museum exhibition. Methods such as historic space mapping and material history analysis will be explored as teaching tools that enable hands-on learning. Participants will have an opportunity to experience the Canadian Textile Museum exhibition *Dreamland: Textiles and the Canadian Landscapes*, exhibited in the Confederation Centre for the Arts. In so doing, they will examine the artifact collection, reflect upon the narratives they encounter, and re-consider how history museum exhibits could be adapted for their own classroom use. The practical knowledge and skills gained from this workshop will be beneficial for those interested in project-based learning, problem-based learning, and historical thinking in museums.

- » **Cynthia Wallace–Casey**, University of New Brunswick
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3:30 PM

*Health Break*

3:45 PM

COLES ROOM

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3:45 PM

5:00 PM

*Breakout Sessions*

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## 9. *The PEI Social Studies Teachers' Association*

HENRY ROOM

- » Challenge and Change: Social Studies Education on Prince Edward Island
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## 10. *Teaching In/About Acadie*

BROWN ROOM

- » *CHAIR:* **Jeanne–Mance Cormier**, Université de Moncton
  - » **Professor Phyllis Leblanc**, Université de Moncton
  - » **Professor Carlo Lavoie**, University of Prince Edward Island, Acadian Studies Program
  - » **Maurice Basque**, Université de Moncton
  - » **Professor Christina Keepie**, Western Washington University, *THE WORLD ACADIAN CONGRESS 2014... NOW WHAT?*
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## 11. *Evaluating Historical Thinking*

JOHNSON ROOM

- » *CHAIR: Professor Peter Seixas*, University of British Columbia
  - » **Rachel Collishaw**, Glebe Collegiate, Ottawa, Ontario, Winner of the 2013 Governor General's History Award for Excellence In Teaching
  - » **Professor Catherin Duquette**, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC)
  - » **Raphael Gani**, University of Ottawa, *EVALUATING, CONFRONTING AND OPTIMIZING LAY REPRESENTATION OF THE PAST NARRATED BY FUTURE HISTORY TEACHERS. FIELD NOTES FROM THREE PILOT STUDIES*
  - » **Professeure Aïcha Benimmas**, Université de Moncton, *L'HISTOIRE ET LA PENSÉE HISTORIQUE À L'ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE: QUELLES CONCEPTIONS CHEZ LES ENSEIGNANTS D'HISTOIRE À L'ÉCOLE NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK?*
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5:00 PM

*Reception*

7:00 PM

COLES ROOM

- » **Clifford J. Lee**, Mayor of Charlottetown, *WELCOME TO CHARLOTTETOWN*
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9:00 AM  
10:30 AM

12. *Sir John A.: Myths and Realities*

JOHNSON ROOM

- » *CHAIR: Anthony Wilson–Smith*, President, Historica Canada
  - » **Professor Tim Stanley**, University of Ottawa
  - » **Alastair Sweeny**, Publisher, Historian & Author
  - » **Randy Boswell**, Journalist, Carleton University
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13. *Engaging Technology, Engaging Students*

BROWN ROOM

- » *CHAIR: Professor Penney Clark*, University of British Columbia
  - » **Professor Vivek Venkatesh**, Concordia University
  - » **Professor Stéphane Lévesque**, University of Ottawa, *MEASURING LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGY*
  - » **Dave Cormier**, University of Prince Edward Island
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14. *Learning and Teaching About Rights in Canada*

CHANDLER ROOM

- » *CHAIR: Professor Dominique Clément*, University of Alberta
  - » **Professor Adele Perry**, University of Manitoba
  - » **Tom Hilton**, PEI Human Rights Commission, *HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION IN THE CLASSROOM*
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15. *Guardians Project*

HENRY ROOM

Final preparations to the afternoon debate - Session open only to Guardians participants

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10:30 AM  
11:00 AM

*Health Break*

COLES ROOM

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11:00 AM  
12:30 PM

*Breakout Sessions*

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16. *Historical Frictions: The Place of the Arts in the Teaching of History*

CHANDLER ROOM

- » *CHAIR: Professor Stéphane Lévesque*, University of Ottawa
  - » **Professor Penney Clark**, University of British Columbia, Director, THEN/HIER
  - » **Professor Alan Sears**, University of New Brunswick
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## 17. *Life in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Canada*

BROWN ROOM

- » *CHAIR*: **Dr. David Keenlyside**, Executive Director, PEI Museum And Heritage Foundation
  - » **Professor Peter Gossage**, Concordia University
  - » **Professor Lisa Chilton**, University of Prince Edward Island
  - » **Professor James Moran**, University of Prince Edward Island
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## 18. *Planning 2017 – Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup>: What Should We Mark, Celebrate, Acknowledge?*

J.H. GREY ROOM

- » *CHAIR*: **James Ondrick**, Association For Canadian Studies
  - » **Anthony Wilson–Smith**, President, Historica Canada
  - » **David McKenzie**, President, PEI 2014, Deputy Minister, Department of Tourism And Culture, Government of Prince Edward Island
  - » **Joel Ralph**, Director of Programs, Canada’s History
  - » **Deborah Morrison**, Executive Director, Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada (SEVEC)  
**Bill MacDonald & Bill Innes**, The Canadian Narrative Project
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## 19. *Guardians Project*

HENRY ROOM

Preparatory session for afternoon debate at Province House - For Guardians delegates only

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## 20. *Engaging Diverse Canadian Communities using NFB Educational Tools & Content*

JOHNSON ROOM

This National Film Board of Canada (NFB) media literacy session will introduce educators to documentary titles and educational materials aimed at facilitating discussions surrounding histories of Canadian identities across diverse communities. In an effort to encourage digital literacies within classrooms, the NFB’s education department has recently launched its educational screening room, [CAMPUS](#), featuring over 3,000 on-demand, classroom-ready films, pedagogical evaluations of NFB films and a wide variety of online learning tools, available in both English and French. We will demonstrate how CAMPUS has been used by educators across Canada. This session will be framed as a viewing and working session, encouraging participant discussion and feedback.

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12:30 PM

*Lunch*

1:45 PM

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD ROOM

- » **Yves Desjardins–Siciliano**, President and CEO, Via Rail Canada  
*CELEBRATING OUR BICENTENNIAL AND MARKING OUR HISTORY WITH VIA RAIL*
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1:45 PM

3:15 PM

## Breakout Sessions

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### 21. *What's New at the Canadian Museum of History?*

HENRY ROOM

This session will include an overview of the Museum's educational product renewal 2014-2017 and how it fits into the renewed focus on Canadian history. Highlights of the 1867 exhibition and programming as well as highlights of the development of the new Canadian History Hall, the Virtual Museum of Canada, and the History Museums Network will be featured. The session will also include an opportunity for your comments and feedback on the national educational outreach tools of the museum

- » **Maureen Ward & Catherine O'Sullivan**, The Canadian Museum of History
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### 22. *Students' Representations of Canadian History*

BROWN ROOM

- » *CHAIR*: **Professor Ed Macdonald**, University of PEI
  - » **Professor Jocelyn Létourneau**, Université Laval
  - » **Professor Stéphane Lévesque**, University of Ottawa
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### 23. *History and Citizenship*

JOHNSON ROOM

- » **Professor Christian Laville**, Université Laval, *HISTORY AND CITIZENSHIP: AN OLD COUPLE THAT ADAPTS*
  - » **Professor Marc-André Ethier**, Université de Montréal
  - » **Professor Alan Sears**, University of New Brunswick
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### 24. *Making Canada, Forgotten Canadians*

CHANDLER ROOM

- » *CHAIR*: **Professor Adele Perry**, University of Manitoba
  - » **Connie Wyatt Anderson**, Oscar Lathlin Collegiate, Opaskayek Cree Nation, Manitoba, Recipient of the 2014 Governor general's History Award for Excellence in Teaching, *CANADA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL: REVISITING CONFEDERATION*
  - » **Professor Afua Cooper**, James R. Johnson Chair In Black Canadian Studies, Dalhousie University
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### 25. *Guardians Project*

"History in the Making: Young Canadians Re-Imagine Canada" – Guardians debate to take place at Confederation House

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3:15 PM

*Health Break*

3:45 PM

COLES ROOM

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3:45 PM

5:00 PM

*Breakout Sessions*

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26. *Planning the 2015 Edition of the National History Conference:  
What Should Be On the Agenda*

JOHNSON ROOM

- » CHAIR: **James Ondrick**, Association For Canadian Studies
  - » Group discussion – open to all delegates
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