

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A MUSEUM UNCONFERENCE on APRIL 12, 2012

A mini-symposium where participants talk only 3 minutes less than presenters

The History Education Network/Histoire et éducation en réseau (THEN/HiER) and its partners Canadians and their Pasts and the Museum of Vancouver are holding an unconference on April 12, 2012 on "Museums as Sites of Historical Consciousness."

The History Education Network's fourth book project considers the role of museums as promoters of historical consciousness. Book contributors are given three minutes to present one key idea related to their respective chapters. The audience will be encouraged to respond to these 3-minute theses during group discussions. We want you to disagree, question and give us tough criticism – in other words, help us make the book better while taking part in stimulating debates with your peers!

Book contributors at the event:

- Susan Ashley, Postdoctoral Fellow, Trent University
- Jill Baird, Curator of Education, UBC Museum of Anthropology
- Jennifer Carter, Assistant Professor, Museum Studies, Université du Québec à Montréal
- Lon Dubinsky, Research Associate, Canadian Museums Association
- Naveen Girn, Vancouver-based Independent Curator
- Viviane Gosselin, Curator, Museum of Vancouver (THEN/HiER book co-editor)
- Marie-Claude Larouche, Assistant Professor, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
- Robert Janes, Museum Consultant and Editor, *Museum Management and Curatorship*
- Damara Jacob-Morris, Museum Educator, UBC Museum of Anthropology
- Simon Knell, Professor, Museum Studies, University of Leicester, UK
- Phaedra Livingstone, Assistant Professor, University of Oregon (THEN/HiER book co-editor)
- Lianne McTavish, Professor, Art & Design Department, University of Alberta
- Brenda Trofanenko, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Culture, Community and Education, Acadia University

The Unconference* will take place on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the Museum of Vancouver
1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver.

Time: 8:30 to 4:30 PM

Registration is FREE, and includes breakfast and lunch, BUT PLACES ARE LIMITED (WE WILL TAKE 40 PARTICIPANTS). **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2012.**

To do so, please email Viviane Gosselin at vgosselin@museumofvancouver.ca

* The Unconference program also includes an historical bus tour on the afternoon of April 11 with local historian John Atkin. If you are interested in this free tour, please contact Anne Marie Goodfellow at annemarie.goodfellow@ubc.ca by **March 15, 2012.**

Organizing Committee:

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