

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Teaching History in Diverse Venues:
A Workshop Linking Historians and Educators
in Bettering History Education Practice

Thursday, November 4th, 2010
Airport Holiday Inn, Toronto

A partnership initiative of
the Association for Canadian Studies,
The History Education Network / Histoire et Éducation en Réseau (THEN/HiER),
and Active History

Description

This one-day workshop will bring together graduate students and faculty from History, Education, and related disciplines, together with practicing teachers and public history professionals, to discuss new directions in teaching history within diverse venues, including public school and university classrooms, museums and historic sites, and virtual locations. The event will include a morning plenary with guest speaker Christopher Dummitt, Assistant Professor of History at Trent University, and co-editor of the 2009 collection, *Contesting Clio's Craft: New Directions and Debates in Canadian History* ([read a review](#)). Professor Dummitt will speak on the topic of "After Inclusiveness: The Future of Canadian History," a provocative critique of the tendency towards ever-greater inclusiveness in the writing and teaching of Canadian history, and a call to widen the scope of debate in the discipline. Following the plenary, break-out discussion groups will draw from a series of pre-assigned readings to engage in a wider discussion about revisionism in history and ways of navigating such debates in teaching undergraduates and other audiences. An afternoon field trip to nearby Claireville Conservation Area will take these debates into the field to discuss practices in experiential education and their efficacy in engaging students in the study of history. Participants will reconvene for dinner at the hotel before the workshop concludes.

How to Apply

This workshop is open to graduate students, new scholars and faculty from History, Education, and related disciplines, as well as history teachers and museum and public history professionals. To apply, please send a 150-200 word rationale outlining your research interests or professional activities, and the ways you would benefit from participating in the workshop, to jennifer.bonnell@utoronto.ca. The deadline for applications is **Monday, October 4th**.

Funding is available to cover travel and accommodation expenses for participants outside the Toronto area. In addition to the workshop, participants will be automatically registered for the annual conference of the Association for Canadian Studies/Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association, scheduled to take place in the same location November 5th and 6th. This year's conference will focus on the theme, "Canada's Diverse Histories."