

Persona: Politics and Private Lives in 20th-Century Canada

Tuesday, November 8, 7 to 9 pm

Speaker: Author Allan Levine



William Lyon Mackenzie King has often been thought of as Canada's greatest prime minister and its most peculiar. He was insecure, craved flattery, and was prone to fantasy – especially about the Tory conspiracy against him. What would the modern media have made of King's eccentric personality? What kind of balancing act did politicians of the 1920s have to do in contrast to politicians today? Allan Levine is the author of *KING: William Lyon Mackenzie King: A Life Guided by the Hand of Destiny*, a biography based on 57 years of the personal diaries of Canada's longest serving prime minister. He will lead the discussion on the public versus private life of a politician – how these two faces have changed over the years due to our increasingly invasive media machine and how this balancing act differs for men and women.

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