

Kingston Historical Society

Established 1893

2024 Programme (subject to change)

Wednesday, January 17th: Professor Gordon Dueck of the Queen's history department will talk about his research into the cultural history of the Black community in Kingston under the title "**Barbers in Blackface? African-Canadian Musicians in Fin-de-Siecle Kingston.**"

Sunday, February 18th @ 2:00 pm in the Memorial Hall of City Hall: In conjunction with the Frontenac Heritage Foundation, the Society will celebrate Family Day/Heritage Month in Ontario with a lecture by architectural historian Dr. Jennifer McKendry. Her talk will showcase her latest book *Architects Working in the Kingston Region 1920-2000*. Books will be available for purchase and a high tea will be served.

Wednesday, March 20th: Kingston railway historian Eric Gagnon will talk on his extensive railway research under the title "**Two Miles, Two Tracks, Two Railways, To Obscurity.**" Eric's most recent books - *Smoke on the Waterfront* and *Stories on the Waterfront* - have focused on the railway's impact on Kingston's economy, especially the Hanley Spur which connected our waterfront to the Grand Trunk/CN main line.

Wednesday, April 17th: Queen's doctoral student Margaret Ross will talk about her research into the problem of "vice" in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Kingston and the City's attempt to control its sex trade. She will draw on her article "**Your Town is Rotten': Prostitution, Profit and the Governing of Vice in Kingston, Ontario, 1860-1920s,**" recently published in the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*.

Wednesday, May 15th: Military historian and first Deputy-Director of History and Heritage at the Department of National Defence Ian Macpherson McCulloch will talk on his 2022 book **John Bradstreet's Raid 1758**. The raid, which saw French-held Fort Frontenac fall to Bradstreet's troops, proved a pivotal point in the so-called French and Indian War in supplying the British-American army with effective tactics later used in the war along the Niagara and St. Lawrence fronts.

Thursday, June 6th: The Society will host the annual commemoration of Sir John A. Macdonald at his graveside in Cataraqui Cemetery. Details to be announced on the Society website nearer the date.

Wednesday, September 18th: Kingston lawyer and historian of Ontario's widespread, community-rooted nineteenth-century brewing industry Alan McLeod will discuss **Brewing and Beer in Eastern Upper Canada 1790s to 1840s** and its role as precursor of today's bustling craft brewing industry.

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