

**The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies
at the University of Winnipeg**
in cooperation with Washington State University

Rupert's Land Colloquium 2000



**May 24–28, 2000
Vancouver, Washington
Heathman Lodge**

The Centre for Rupert's Land Studies facilitates research and publishing in the human history of the Hudson's Bay Company territories known from 1670 to 1870 as Rupert's Land and the Columbia District, promotes awareness of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives in Winnipeg, publishes The Rupert's Land Newsletter, and co-publishes a series of documentary volumes on aspects of Rupert's Land history in partnership with McGill-Queen's University Press.

For further information on our activities, publications and memberships, please contact the Centre at the address on the back of this program, or pick up our brochure at the Exhibits Table. We welcome your interest, and your participation in our Ninth Biennial Colloquium.

Numerous papers from past colloquia are available at nominal cost from the Centre. We invite presenters at this colloquium to deposit their papers with us, to be added to the list of papers distributed on demand.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:30-9 p.m. Registration and Welcoming Reception, Chinook Room (cash bar)

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Continental Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m. in the Chinook Room.

The Registration and Information Desk will be open at 8 a.m. in the Pre-Function area

The OPENING SESSION will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the Chinook Room.

Welcome: *Jennifer S.H. Brown*, Director, Centre for Rupert's Land Studies at the University of Winnipeg.

A Special Announcement: *Judith Hudson Beattie*, Keeper of the Hudson's Bay Company Archives

• PLENARY SESSION •

The Fur Trade Comes to the Columbia (Chair: *T. Schenck*, WSU)

9 a.m. Effects of the Fur Trade on the Pacific Northwest
Jim Hardee, The Fur Trade Research Center, Quincy, California

9:30 a.m. The North West Company's Adventure to the Columbia
Lloyd Keith, Shoreline Community College

Refreshment Break

THURSDAY, MAY 25 *continued*

- 10:30 a.m. "Well Pleased with the Country": Fur Trade Settlements in the Columbia Department, 1821-1849
Richard Mackie, University of British Columbia
- 11 a.m. The Settlement of the Oregon Boundary and its Impact on H.B.C. Operations in the Columbia Region
Richard Dobson, Calgary
- 11:30 a.m. "The Bonds of Blood": Race, Politics, and the Hudson's Bay Company during Oregon's 1847 Cayuse War
Mary C. Wright, University of Washington

Lunch (on your own)

• AFTERNOON SESSION •

Reflections on Metis Identity (Organizer: *Diane P. Payment*)

Discussant: *Jacqueline Peterson*, Washington State University

- 1 p.m. The Problematization of Metis Identity: Theoretical/Historical Questions and Personal Reflections
Sherry Farrell Racette, University of Manitoba
- 1:30 p.m. The Surnames of the Aboriginal Wives of the Metis and their Sense of Identity
Warren Sinclair, Directorate of History and Heritage, Ottawa
- 2 p.m. The Charles Ross Family and its Transborder Experience
Sylvia Van Kirk, University of Toronto
- 2:30 p.m. The Killing of Joseph Cardinal: The Northwest Rebellion, Ethnic Identities, and Treaty Bands in Northern Alberta
Heather Devine, University of Alberta

Refreshment Break

- 3:30 p.m. Francois Beaulieu II: The Origins of Metis in the Far Northwest
Chris Hanks, Hanks Heritage Consulting, Yellowknife, N.W.T.
- 4 p.m. Marie Fisher Gaudet (1841-1914): "The Providence of Fort Good Hope"
Diane P. Payment, Parks Canada, Winnipeg
- 4:30 p.m. "Worth One-and-a-Half Wives": Metis Women of Manitoba: Kokum's Granddaughters
Yvette Villeneuve-Ezell, Calaveras County Historical Society

Dinner (on your own)

- 7:30 p.m. Biennial General Meeting for all members of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies, Sacajawea Room

Continental Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m. in the Chinook Room.

• CONCURRENT SESSIONS •

SESSION A – Chinook Room

SESSION A1

Voyages of Discovery (Chair: *Bill Sloan*, Selkirk College)

- 8:30 a.m. **From a Hunting and Gathering Economy to Urbanization in the Canadian Okanagan**
Jean Webber, Okanagan Historial Society
- 9 a.m. **Rivers of Conjecture: The Hudson's Bay Company and the Exploration of the Far Northwest, 1823-1851**
James Rogers, University of Montana
- 9:30 a.m. **Lieutenant Aemilius Simpson's Survey: York Factory to Fort Vancouver, 1826**
William Barr, University of Calgary

Refreshment Break

SESSION A2

Forts (Chair: *Bill Swagerty*, University of Idaho)

- 10:30 a.m. **Mostly Amateur: A Visual Description of the HBC's Operations in the Far West**
Dick Wilson, University of Idaho
- 11 a.m. **Transportation in the Trade**
Ken Favrholt, Secwepemc Museum, Kamloops, B.C.
- Lunch (on your own)*
- 12:30 p.m. **Architectural Diversity and Demography in the Northern Fur Trade**
Michael R.A. Forsman, Archaeologist
- 1 p.m. **The Farming Outstations of Fort Nisqually**
Drew W. Crooks, Lacey Museum, Olympia, Washington
- 1:30 p.m. **The Two Masters of Fort Sanspareil: John Rowand, John Edward Harriott, and the HBC's Saskatchewan District, 1830-1854**
Scott P. Stephen, University of Manitoba

SESSION B – Cowlitz Room

SESSION B1

Documenting the Trade (Chair: *Lauria Mercier*, WSU)

- 8:30 a.m. **Fur Traders in Conversation**
Laura J. Murray, Queen's University
- 9 a.m. **Alcohol in the Trade: Isle a la Crosse, 1805-1823**
Ann Harper Fender, Gettysburg College
- 9:30 a.m. **The Effects of the 1847-48 Measles Epidemic on the Servants of the Hudson's Bay Company Working on the Pacific Slopes**
Bruce M. Watson, Vancouver Community College

Refreshment Break

SESSION B2

Fur Trade Connections (Chair: *Sue Armitage*, WSU)

- 10:30 a.m. **Mothers as Subjects in the "Undelivered Letters"**
Helen Büss, University of Calgary, and *Judith H. Beattie*, HBC Archives
- 11 a.m. **The Orkney Lad: The Story of Isabel Gunn**
Penny Wheelwright, Wheelwright Ink, Vancouver, B.C.

Lunch (on your own)

- 12:30 p.m. **Father John Nobili, S.J.: Mission to New Caledonia, 1845-1848**
Marie Wilson, University of Victoria
- 1 p.m. **The Henry Ashley Company**
Kerry Oman, Southern Methodist University

• **TRIP TO FORT VANCOUVER** •

The first bus will leave promptly at 2:15 p.m. It will return to pick up the rest of the participants at 2:45 p.m.

Refreshments will be served at the fort.

The first return bus will leave the fort at 4:15 p.m. It will make a second run at 5 p.m.

• **BANQUET** •

6 p.m. **Ballroom**

6-6:30 p.m. **Cash Bar**

Guest Speaker: *Ed Edmo*, Shoshone-Bannock
"Celilo Falls: A Place, A Memory"

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Continental Breakfast will be served in the Chinook Room beginning at 7:15 a.m.

• PLENARY SESSION •

Native People and the Trade (Chair: *Orlan Svingen, WSU*)

- 8 a.m. **The Fur Trader and the Indians: Relationships between the Hudson's Bay Company and Native People as Revealed in Archibald McDonald's Journals and Letters**
Jean Murray Cole, Trent University
- 8:30 a.m. **SMOKE: Native and Trade Tobacco in the Intermountain West**
Jack Nisbet, Spokane
- 9 a.m. **Spiritual Protection: Cree Clothing from Animal-Persons to Christian Persons**
Cath Oberholtzer, Trent University
- 9:30 a.m. **Boundary Markers, Cultural Divisions and Economic Landscapes**
Roberta Robin Dods, Okanagan University College
- 10 a.m. **Biscotasing: Headwaters of Sagamok Anishnawbek Territory**
Victor P. Lytwyn and Peter Owl, Sagamok Anishnawbek

The organized sessions end at 11 a.m. this morning. Lunch is included in the French Prairie Tour.

• FRENCH PRAIRIE TRIP •

Those who have registered for the trip will meet in front of the Heathman Lodge at 11:15 a.m. The bus will leave promptly. Our first stop will be the Pavilion at Champoeg Park where a delightful picnic lunch awaits us. Our hostess for this part of the trip is *Melinda Jette*, descendant of one of the first families of French Prairie. After our tour of French Prairie we will go to Oregon City to visit the McLoughlin House and the Clackamas County Museum for a wine and cheese reception. Coeur d'Alene author *Janet Campbell Hale* will be our featured speaker for this part of the trip. Return to the Heathman Lodge by 6 p.m.

A Special Evening Event . . .

• CREE STORYTELLER FROM HUDSON BAY •

This evening at 7:30 p.m. *Mushkegowak* (Swampy Cree) elder and storyteller *Louis Bird* will share some of his traditional stories with us. Location: Mezzanine of Lobby, around the fireplace.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Breakfast on your own

• **HISTORICAL JOURNEY TO THE MOUTH OF THE COLUMBIA** •

The bus will leave promptly this morning at 8 a.m. from the Heathman Lodge.

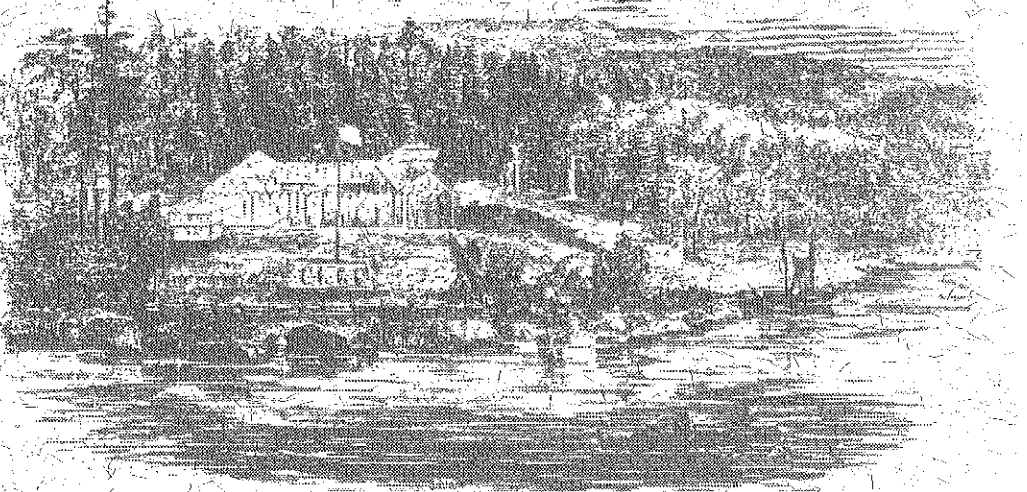
Highlights . . .

Cape Disappointment with the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

Fort Clatsop: Picnic and visit to the fort where the Corps of Discovery passed the winter of 1805-1806.

Astoria: Stop at the site of **Fort Astoria** and visit to the **Columbia River Maritime Museum** with its special exhibit on the fur trade.

Return to the Heathman Lodge by 6 p.m.



*Fort Astoria, in Franchere's Narrative of a Voyage to the Northwest Coast.
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