

CALL FOR PAPERS

Engaging and Articulating ‘Race’: Historical Encounters with Race and Racialization

A Graduate Student Conference
Hosted by the Department of History
University of Victoria
Victoria, British Columbia
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Keynote Speaker: *Dr. Adele Perry, Associate Professor, University of Manitoba, Canada Research Chair in Western Canadian Social History*

It has become commonly understood that ‘race’ is socially constructed—its meaning in flux over time, space and place. Yet, scholars still grapple with the intricacies that make defining and fully understanding ‘race’ so elusive. This conference is intended to provide graduate students with an opportunity to present current work on historical processes of ‘race’, racialization, and ethnicity. We encourage submissions that challenge accepted definitions of what constitutes ‘race’ and how it operates through time and across geographic space. How have notions of ‘race’ been constructed, maintained, and dismantled through actual social interactions? In different times and places, how can ‘race’ and racialization be seen as operating relationally? How have particular social actors drawn upon existing notions of ‘race’ and reconfigured these to suit their immediate needs in relation to a particular social situation, or relationships with other social actors? To what extent and in what ways have people been trapped in or been able to escape the racial thinking of their moment? The History Department at the University of Victoria invites graduate students from any discipline to submit paper proposals that consider ‘race’ and racialization from an historical perspective. The intention of this conference is to promote historically grounded research at the graduate level from both Canadian and international perspectives on the topic of ‘race’ and racialization. First-time presenters and upper-level undergraduates are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Possible topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Race, racialization and the environment
- Historiography and race
- Discourses of race and racialization
- Agency, resistance, and race
- Intersections of race, gender, sexuality
- Intimacy and race
- Race, Empire and the state
- Works that challenge conventional understandings of what constitutes ‘race’
- Religion and race
- Race and racialization in a transnational context

Paper proposals no longer than 250 words should be submitted as an email attachment (preferably as a PDF document), along with the author’s CV to: raceconf@uvic.ca, with ‘Paper Submission’ in the subject line, by **March 31, 2010**. Responses will be sent out by mid-April.