



**Canadian Network for Economic History /  
Réseau Canadien D'Histoire Économique  
2008 Conference Program  
Friday, April 18 – Sunday, April 20  
Mont Blanc Room, Four Points Sheraton  
475 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec**

**Friday, April 18**

**Coffee**

**10:00 am – 10:15 am**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**10:15 am – 10:30 am**

**Labour Movements**

**10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

Chair: Patrick Coe (Carleton)

Byron Lew (Trent) and Bruce Cater (Trent)

"Farm Mechanization on an Otherwise 'Featureless Plain': Tractor Adoption on the Northern Great Plains and Immigration Policy of the 1920s"

Dhanoos Sutthiphisal (McGill)

"Location, Location, Location: Why Do Inventors Move?"

Alan Green (Queen's) and David Green (UBC)

"Immigration and Inequality in Canada in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century"

**Lunch**

**12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**

**Institutions**

**1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

Chair: Marc Law (UVM)

Cliff Bekar (Lewis and Clark) and Clyde Reed (SFU)

“Distributional Dynamics in a Stochastic Environment with Tradable Assets:  
Medieval English Land Markets”

Steve Nafziger (Williams)

“Democracy in Tsarist Russia? The Case of the Zemstvo”

**Break**

**2:30 pm – 2:45 pm**

**Inequality, Women and Wealth**

**2:45 pm – 4:15 pm**

Chair: Sonia Laszlo (McGill)

Marina Adshade (Dalhousie)

“Predicting Patterns of Early Twentieth Century Wage Inequality”

Livio DiMatteo (Lakehead)

“Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Women and Wealth in Ontario, 1870-1920”

Michael Pammer (Johannes Kepler)

“Inter-Regional and Intra-Regional Inequality in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Austria”

**Reception, McGill Arts Building, 853 Sherbrooke Street West**

**5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

## **Saturday, April 19**

**Breakfast / Coffee**  
**9:00 am – 9:30 am**

**Spanning the 20th Century**  
**9:30 am – 11:00 am**

Chair: Almos Tassonyi (Ontario Ministry of Finance)

David Clingingsmith (Case Western Reserve)  
"Bilingualism, Language Shift and Industrialization in Mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century India"

Ruth Dupré (H.E.C.)  
"Prohibition of Alcohol and Anglo-Saxon Culture: A Comparison of the U.S.,  
Canada, Australia, and New Zealand"

William Troost (UBC)  
"Peer to Peer: Lifetime Learning and the Evolution of the Gender Literacy Gap"

**Business Meeting**  
**11:00 am – 11:30 am**

**Lunch**  
**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**Student Session**  
**1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

Chair/Discussants: Michael Huberman (U de Montréal)  
Gillian Hamilton (U of T)

Claudia Rei (Boston U)  
"The Organization of Merchant Empires: Portugal, England and the Netherlands"

Gordon Holmes (McMaster)  
"Canada's International Accounts with Great Britain, the United States and the  
Rest of the World, 1868-1929: A Review of the Literature and New Estimates"

Herbert Emery (Calgary) and Jesse Matheson (Calgary)  
"Public Pensions and the Well-Being of Seniors in Canada: Comparing Means Tested and Universal Eligibility, 1921-1970"

Jason Dean (McGill)  
"The Economic Assimilation of Urban Immigrants in Canada during the Wheat Boom Era of 1896-1913"

**Break**  
**2:30 pm – 2:45 pm**

**Funding Government Debt**  
**2:45 pm – 4:15 pm**

Chair: Ann Carlos (University of Colorado – Boulder/University College Dublin)

Mark Dincecco (IMT Lucca Institute)  
"The Political Economy of Financial Good Housekeeping in Historical Perspective"

Mauricio Drelichman (UBC) and Hans-Joachim Voth (ICREA/UPF and CEPR)  
"Lending to the Borrower from Hell: Lender Coalitions and Incentive Compatibility in the Age of Phillip II"

Michael Bordo (Rutgers), Tamara Gomes (Bank of Canada) and Lawrence Schembri (Bank of Canada)  
"Canada and the IMF: Trailblazer or Prodigal Son?"

**Conference Dinner, Café des Beaux-Arts, Montreal Museum of Fine Art,  
1384 Sherbrooke Street West**  
**7:00 pm**

Keynote Speaker: Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (Caltech)  
"Centuries of Wealth, Enterprise and Capital Markets: A Few Claims and Many Tasks"

## **Sunday, April 20**

**Breakfast / Coffee**  
**8:30 am – 9:00 am**

**Trade and Factor Flows**  
**9:00 am – 10:00 am**

Chair: Richard Sicotte (UVM)

David Eltis (Emory), Frank Lewis (Queen's) and Kimberly McIntyre (Finance)  
"The Costs of Transporting Slaves to the Caribbean: 1680-1730"

David Jacks (SFU), Chris Meissner (UC Davis) and Dennis Novy (Warwick)  
"Trade Booms, Trade Busts and Trade Costs"

**Break**  
**10:00 am – 10:15 am**

**Physical Well-Being**  
**10:15 am – 11:45 am**

Chair: Angela Redish (UBC)

Louis Cain (Loyola/NWU) and Sok Chul Hong (Chicago)  
"Survival in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Cities: The Larger the City, the Smaller Your Chances"

Kris Inwood (Guelph), Les Oxley (Canterbury) and Evan Roberts (Victoria U)  
"Physical Well-Being in New Zealand since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century"

Alexander Moradi (Oxford – Nuffield)  
"Towards an Objective Account of Nutrition and Health in Colonial Kenya: A Study of Stature in African Army Recruits and Civilians, 1880-1980"

**Concluding Remarks**  
**11:45 am – 12:00 pm**