

**CNEH 2009  
Conference Program**

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Global Classroom, Pier 21**

**The mighty Pound  
12:30 pm - 2:45 pm**

Chair: Barry Lesser (Dalhousie University)

Angela Redish (University of British Columbia) and Warren Weber (Minneapolis Federal Reserve) "Denomination Structure and Debasement in Early Modern England."

Catherine R. Schenk (University of Glasgow) "The Retirement of Sterling as a Reserve Currency after 1945: Lessons for the US Dollar?"

Fabio Braggion (CentER & Tilburg University), Narly Dwarkasing (Tilburg University) and Lyndon Moore (University of Montreal) "Mergers and Acquisitions in British Banking: Forty Years of Evidence from 1885 until 1925?"

**Break  
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm**

**Globalization and its discontents  
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm**

Chair: Talan Iscan (Dalhousie University)

David Jacks (Simon Fraser University), William Hynes (Wadham College) and Kevin O'Rourke (Trinity College, Dublin) "Commodity Market Disintegration in the Interwar Period"

Kris Mitchener (Santa Clara University) and Se Yan (Guanghua School of Management, Peking University) "Globalization, Trade & Wages: What Does History tell us about China?"

**Keynote Address, Joel Mokyr (Northwestern University)  
"Culture, Growth, and Cliometrics"  
5:45pm - 6:45 pm  
Exhibition Hall, Pier 21**

**Reception to follow on the World War II Deck**

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**  
**Dalhousie University, Room 1011 Rowe Building**

**Breakfast / Coffee**

**8:30 am - 9:00 am**

**Going slow to go fast**

**9:00 am - 10:30 am**

Chair: Herb Emery (University of Calgary)

Kris Inwood (University of Guelph) and Ian Keay (Queen's University) "Industrial Development despite Parochial Technology: A Case Study from Late Nineteenth Century Canada"

Livio Di Matteo (Lakehead University) "Reconciling Macro and Micro Evidence on Economic Growth in the Post Confederation Era."

**Break**

**10:30 am - 10:45 am**

**There's more than fur to it**

**10:45 am - 12:15 am**

Chair: Almos Tassonyi (Ministry of Finance)

Tony Ward (Brock University) "Prairie Indian Development, 1880-1910"

Marvin McInnis (Queen's University) "The declination of Canada's export cheese and bacon industries."

**Business meeting**

**12:15 pm - 12:30 pm**

**Lunch**

**12:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**Land Mass, Body Mass**

**2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

Chair: Melvin Cross (Dalhousie University)

James Fenske (Yale) "Does land-abundance explain African Development?"

John Cranfield (University of Guelph) and Kris Inwood (University of Guelph) "Long-Run Changes in the Body Mass Index of Canadians"

**Break**

**3:30 pm - 3:45 pm**

**Oyez, oyez, oyez!**

**3:45 pm - 5:15 pm**

Chair: Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel (Dalhousie University)

Anirban Mukherjee (University of British Columbia) "Sue Thy Neighbour: Transition of Credit Institutions in Early Modern England"

Ann Carlos (University of Colorado) "The Development of Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights in Early Modern England"

**Conference Dinner, Halifax Citadel**

**Tour of Halifax Citadel 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Drinks and Mezza 7:00 pm**

**Dinner 8:00 pm**

**Sunday, October 4th**

**Dalhousie University, Room 1011 Rowe Building**

**Breakfast / Coffee**

**9:00 am - 9:30 am**

**Conference challenge: the first person to identify the connection between these two papers will receive a free Digby scallop.**

**9:30 am - 11:00 am**

Chair: Gilbert Gardner (Regis University)

Robert Louis Gillezeau (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) "Did the war on poverty cause race riots?"

Xavier Duran (Northwestern University) "Was the First Transcontinental Railroad Expected to be Profitable? Evidence from Entrepreneurial Expectations and an Empirical Entry Decision Model"

**Break**

**11:00 am - 11:15 am**

**Things of the past: employment and wages**

**11:15 am - 12:45 am**

Chair: Mauricio Drelichman (University of British Columbia)

Woong Lee (University of Regina) "Decline in the Quit Rate in the 1920s: Slack Labor Demand vs. Changes in Employment Relation, Revisited"

Patrick Coe (Carleton University) and Herb Emery (University of Calgary) "Downward nominal wage rigidity: evidence from Canada, 1900-1950."

**Concluding Remarks**

**11:45 am - 12:00 pm**