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OUR PASTS**  
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## Underhill Graduate Colloquium

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The **Underhill Graduate Student Colloquium** is one of the longest running history graduate conferences in Canada. March 15-17, 2018, the Department of History, Carleton University, will be hosting the 24th Annual Colloquium.

This year's theme, "**Storying our Pasts: Historical Narratives and Representations,**" highlights historical output and means of storytelling. We hope to draw on different methodologies in a self-reflexive dialogue about how historians present and share their research. Themes and topics to consider:

- Performing the past
- Fictional narratives
- Film and TV Shows
- Historical Fiction, Literature
- Video Games
- Activist Histories, Activism in History
- Advertising and History
- Oral histories
- Memory Studies
- Heritage
- Local, Provincial, National Narratives
- Commemoration
- Mapping and governmentality
- Museums, Curation
- History Education
- Contested History, Reconciliation

In essence, this year's colloquium is interested in the ways in which history is presented to an audience. From academic research, to theatrical performance, Indigenous storytelling, and everything in between, narratives are at the heart of history. Academics endeavour to craft different kinds of stories in their work regardless of topic, field, or theoretical framework although it is not always apparent. This colloquium aims to highlight the important relationship between crafting stories and writing history. **Submissions related to the theme are encouraged; however, we welcome submissions on any topic related to history.** The Underhill Graduate Student Colloquium strives to be an interdisciplinary forum where scholars from different fields can come together and share their scholarship.

We are pleased to announce that this year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Son from Northwestern University, Illinois. Dr. Son's research combines theatre, history, and cultural criticism as a multi-disciplinary approach to her work on the performance of Korean comfort women in the Japanese military. Her discussions of reconciliation and redress also add to the role historical narratives have in current affairs. Dr. Son will be giving a presentation on the evening of Friday March 16, 2018.

This year's luncheon address will be given by Louise Profeit-Leblanc and will focus on the storytelling traditions of the Indigenous peoples of Canada. Ms. Profeit-Leblanc is an internationally renowned storyteller and artist from the Nacho Nyak Dun First Nation in the Yukon territory. For over 35 years she has traveled the globe sharing stories and discussing their importance to the world in which we live. Recently, she has worked to illuminate the ways in which stories can help the reconciliation process in Canada. Ms. Profeit-Leblanc's luncheon address will take place in the afternoon of Thursday March 15, 2018.

In order to be considered, submissions must include a proposal of no more than 300 words, along with a brief biographical statement. We welcome submissions and presentations in either official language. **Please send your submission to [underhill.colloquium@gmail.com](mailto:underhill.colloquium@gmail.com) no later than January 21, 2018.** Students whose proposals are accepted should prepare a 15-20 minute presentation. The student-chaired graduate panels will take place on Thursday, March 15, and Friday March 16, 2018. Dr. Son will be leading a workshop on Saturday, March 17, which you are all invited to attend.

The Underhill Colloquium is an invaluable conference experience for students, providing a collegial environment in which to present their original research and build academic contacts. Our dynamic graduate students and supportive faculty will be glad to welcome you, and to share their exciting research in the field of history.

Sincerely,

**Andrew Narraway and Kira Smith**

Co-Chairs of the 24th Underhill Graduate Student Colloquium

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