

Canadian Climate History workshop, 23-24 October 2008
The University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario

Thursday, 23 October

all events on UWO Main Campus

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- 12:00 – 12:30 Social Science Centre room 9434
 - Meet and greet

- 12:30 – 3:15 Social Science Centre room 9420
 - Welcome and introductions
Alan MacEachern (History, University of Western Ontario)

Liza Piper (History, University of Alberta)
 - Session 1: Climate history at the intersection of history & science
Scott St. George (Geological Survey of Canada)
Historical Climate Data from the Perspective of Physical Paleoclimatology

Tim Newfield (History, McGill University)
The Making of a Global Climatic Event: Written Evidence, Natural Proxies, and Scholarly Debate, 1980-2008

Katrina Moser (Geography, University of Western Ontario)
Using Historical Records of Climate Change in Paleoenvironmental Research

Katherine Anderson (Science & Society, York University)
Climate History and Science: Synergy or Lowest Common Denominator?

- 3:30 – 5:00 Middlesex College room 110
 - Public lecture
Brian Fagan (Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara)
*'And on that day the earth will be burned to ashes':
Looking at Ancient Climate Change*

- 5:00 – 6:00 Grad Club, Middlesex College room 019
 - Reception, hosted by UWO Environmental Health Initiative and the McConnell Family Foundation

- 6:00 – 8:00 Michael's Dining Room, Somerville House room 3340
 - Dinner, for all workshop participants

Friday, 24 October

all events at UWO's Windermere Manor - www.windermere Manor.com

- 8:30 – 9:45
 - Keynote address
Ricardo Garcia Herrera (Earth Physics, University of Complutense de Madrid)
Logbooks and Other Documentary Sources to Reconstruct Climate Variability in the Last 500 Years

- 10:00 – 11:45
 - Session 2: Records & repositories
Chris Kocot (Data Development Unit, Environment Canada)
Climate & Weather Records at Environment Canada

 - Martin Comeau (Winnipeg Archives), Leah Sanders (Library and Archives Canada), and Charlotte Woodley (Region of Waterloo Archives)
on the Association of Canadian Archivists' Climate Records and Information Special Interest Section (CRISIS)

- 11:45 – 1:00
 - Lunch

- 1:00 – 2:30
 - Session 3: Regions & climate history
George Colpitts (History, University of Calgary)
Reading the Climate in Hudson's Bay Company Records

 - Heather Tompkins (Library and Archives Canada)
Historical Climatology on the Southern Yukon Territory, 1842-1852

 - Victoria Slonosky (historical climatologist)
Two and a Half Centuries of Climate Variability from the St Lawrence Valley

- 2:45 – 4:00
 - Session 4: Ways of knowing past climates
Morley Thomas (retired senior meteorologist, Environment Canada)
Bibliographies: Climate Data & Meteorological History

 - Richard Anderson (Geography, York University)
Measuring and Mapping Toronto's Heat Island

 - Karen Pennesi (Anthropology, University of Western Ontario)
Archiving Indigenous Weather Knowledge: How & Why?

- 4:00 – 5:30
 - Climate history work in Canada: moving forward

- 6:00 –
 - Dinner at Windermere