



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY 2022-2023

GRADUATE HANDBOOK



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From the Graduate Chair

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the History Department at McMaster, I would like to extend a warm welcome to prospective, incoming, and returning graduate students. This handbook sets out the broad outlines of our graduate programs and provides information on how to make the most of what our department offers. The History Department is proud of our reputation for providing a rigorous graduate educational experience within a supportive environment. We have endeavoured to encourage excellence by limiting admittance to students with outstanding records, and by pushing those in the program to excel in their coursework and research projects. This emphasis on high academic achievement is matched by our commitment to individual mentoring, collegiality, and professional development. The faculty and staff view the Department's graduate students as our junior colleagues, and we value their teaching, research and social contributions to the life of the department. In the coming year, in addition to the regular course instruction and research supervision, we will again be offering departmental colloquia by international scholars, departmental faculty, and our own graduate students, as well as participating in the events of the Wilson Institute for Canadian History. We also hope that our graduate colleagues will again help us organize and participate in some of the many social activities that we have enjoyed in the past. I offer you my best wishes for a challenging and rewarding year as members of the Department. I have tried to make this Guidebook as clear as possible. If you have queries or concerns about clarity, please bring them to me.

Sincerely,



T. McDonald

Up to date information on the happenings in the department can be found on the Department's Website: <https://history.humanities.mcmaster.ca/>

Graduate Programs

The Department of History offers programs leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. Part-time M.A. and Ph.D. Studies are possible. The programs offered by the Department cover not only the standard geographic areas and chronological divisions of the western world, but also regions and themes outside of this framework. The full range of approaches to history, from political and economic through social and intellectual are represented. The Department supervises doctoral research in a variety of areas of specialization.

Thematic Breakdown of Faculty Interests

Faculty	Global Imperial, Diasporic, Migration	Race	Political, Legal, Rights	Diplomatic, Warfare, Violence	Business, Economic, Labour	social	Urban	Gender, Women, The Body	Environment, Science, Technology	Culture, Intellectual, Religious	Health, Medicine, Welfare	Visual & Material Culture	Modern*	Medieval, Early Modern
Armstrong										✓		✓		✓
Balcom	✓	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Cruikshank			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
De Barros	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	
Downey	✓	✓	✓			✓								
Egan	✓								✓		✓		✓	
Gauvreau		✓	✓							✓			✓	
Goutor			✓		✓	✓	✓						✓	
Heathorn	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Horn				✓	✓								✓	
Ibhawoh	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓			✓	
McDonald			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
McKay			✓		✓	✓				✓				
McQueen							✓			✓		✓	✓	
Savelli						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Song	✓		✓	✓						✓				✓
Streeter	✓			✓									✓	
Swett	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Van Horssen					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Waldron	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Weaver	✓		✓			✓	✓			✓			✓	

*post c. 1800

Geographic Breakdown of Faculty Interests

	The Americas*	Africa	Asia	British Empire	Canada	Europe
Armstrong						✓
Balcom	✓				✓	
Cruikshank	✓				✓	
De Barros	✓			✓		
Downey	✓				✓	
Egan	✓					✓
Gauvreau	✓			✓	✓	
Goutor	✓				✓	
Heathorn				✓		✓
Horn						✓
Ibhawoh	✓	✓		✓	✓	
McDonald			✓			✓
McKay					✓	
Savelli	✓				✓	✓
McQueen						✓
Song			✓			
Streeter	✓					
Swett						✓
Van Horssen						
Waldron	✓			✓	✓	
Weaver				✓	✓	

Area of Study and Interest

Animal History
Atlantic World
Empires and Decolonization
Environmental History
Gender History
Health and Medicine
Human Rights
Indigenous History
Settler Colonialism
Urban History
Visual and Material Culture

Sessional Dates 2022-2023

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

M.A. in History

The History Department offers work leading to a Master's degree. Admission to the program requires, subject to the general regulations of the School of Graduate Studies, an Honours B.A. in history or in history and another subject, with at least a B+ standing. Potential applicants with a B.A. Honours degree in a closely related discipline should consult with the Graduate Chair or the Chair of the Department.

General

The candidate should consult the Regulations for the Master of Arts Degree set forth in the *School of Graduate Studies Calendar*. The calendar is available on the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) website:

<https://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/content.php?catoid=25&navoid=4667>

It is particularly important that the candidate be aware of the regulations governing such matters as Full- time and Part-time Status, Leaves of Absence, and Thesis Supervision (Major Research Project). All graduate students, including part- time students, must complete the courses *SGS #101- Academic Research Integrity and Ethics* and *SGS #201- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Training* within the first month after their admission to graduate studies at McMaster.

Requirements

Candidates for the M.A. degree normally complete degree requirements in one calendar year of continuous work. Candidates must obtain at least a B- standing in all seminars. Only graduate seminars (courses numbered 700) may be counted for graduate credit. Failure on any course in the M.A. program will mean students will be asked to withdraw from the M.A. program.

Requirements for M.A. by Course Work

Students will complete six half courses, plus the Master's Research Paper (MRP)

- Five seminar courses from those offered by the Department in any given year. Master's candidates may choose one half course seminar from those offered by another Department, subject to approval of the History Department
- History 741 Historiography
- M.A. MRP (Master's Research Paper) History 797. Length of paper: approximately 30 pages of text (8,000 – 10,000 words), exclusive of footnotes and bibliography. The paper is due the day after the August long weekend.

Requirements for M.A. by Thesis

- Three half-course seminars from those offered by the Department in any given year. Master's candidates may choose one-half course seminar from those offered by another department subject to the History Department
- History 741 Historiography
- A thesis of 80-100 pages (25,000 words of text), exclusive of footnotes and bibliography under the supervision of a member of the department. To be submitted by early October.

Acceptance in the M.A. by thesis stream is not automatic with admission to the M.A. program. Students will require approval in writing from their prospective supervisor, submission of a formal thesis proposal and approval by the Graduate Chair by 1 February of the year that they enter the program. Students must secure a supervisor for the thesis before applying to the program.

Timeline

Work for fall term courses must be completed before the holiday break in December. Work for winter term and fall/winter term courses must be completed by the end of April. During the Spring/Summer term students will be required to complete the Major Research Project (MRP) of up to 30 pages (8000-10000 words exclusive of footnotes and bibliography). Establish an agreement on page limit with your supervisor. Students will develop the research project in the first two terms and will work on it in a concentrated fashion over the spring and summer terms. Students are encouraged to consult with potential supervisors as early as possible, by the end of fall term at the latest. In consultation with their supervisor, students will develop a plan of research appropriate to the time available for study and the required length of the MRP. MRP proposals are due to the Graduate Chair by 1 February.

The Graduate Committee will evaluate proposals on a pass/fail basis, returning unsuccessful proposals to the students for revision and resubmission by 1 March. Revised proposals are due by 15 March.

The summer months will be devoted to independent research toward the completion of the MRP, submitting drafts to your supervisor and seeking advice or answers to questions as necessary. **A draft of the entire MRP must be submitted to the supervisor by 1 July. The draft will be**

returned with comments and suggestions for revision to the student by the third week of July at the latest. The final MRP is due the first Tuesday after the long weekend in August (first week of August).

Completion time for the course work and MRP will be 12 months of full-time study. If the candidate fails to submit the MRP by the end of August, but intends to finish, he or she must re-register. If a candidate does not re-register and later wishes to be readmitted to the program in order to submit the MRP, the fees will be charged retroactively for one full year. Students wishing to be readmitted must petition the Graduate Chair of the Department of History.

Program and Course Selection

During the summer months prior to arriving, students will receive a form asking them to choose their program option and indicate their preferences for graduate courses. Confirmation of course selection will be sent out late in the summer. In most cases, students will be permitted to choose their courses freely from among those offered in any particular year. Graduate courses must have a minimum enrolment of four to run and are limited, in most cases, to a maximum of fifteen (core courses may be slightly larger). Graduate courses offered by the Department of History meet once a week during the fall and winter terms. Active participation in class discussion is expected in all our graduate courses. Written work varies according to whether a student is in the MA or Ph.D. stream. An examination may be scheduled at the end of the course.

Independent Studies: Reading courses listed in the calendar but not offered this year may be taken on an independent study basis. Students are responsible for obtaining the approval of the appropriate faculty member and the Graduate Chair and must do so before registering on Mosaic. Students may not take more than one course by independent study.

Courses Outside the Department: One half course in lieu of a graduate seminar may be taken by M.A. and Ph.D. candidates outside the Department, subject to approval of the instructor and the Graduate Chair.

Major Research Project (MRP)

The M.A. student, in consultation with a faculty supervisor, chooses and develops a focused primary-source based topic with a defined and accessible source base. Over the course of the winter term, M.A. students hone their research question and create an extensive bibliography of primary and secondary sources. M.A. students need to show in the paper familiarity with the relevant historiography associated with their chosen topic. The paper is approximately normally 30 pages (8,000 – 10,000 words) in length. All sources should be cited according to the conventions of the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Projects involving research participants (e.g. interviews, focus groups or surveys) must receive approval from the McMaster Research Ethics Board (<https://reo.mcmaster.ca/front-page>). It is important that students requiring ethics review begin consultation with the MREB in the fall, in order to complete the process before embarking on research.

A draft of the entire MRP must be submitted to the supervisor by 1 July. The draft will be returned with comments and suggestions for revision to the student by the third week of July at the latest. The final MRP is due the first Tuesday after the long weekend in August (first week of August).

Language Requirement

The department does not require M.A. students to demonstrate an ability to read a language other than English. However, students should be aware that Ph.D. programs in History do require students to demonstrate this ability.

Part-Time M.A. Program

Students may be admitted to the M.A. program on a part-time basis. The requirements for the part-time M.A. are the same as those for the full-time M.A., but the student completes them over a longer period of time, normally three years. The School of Graduate Studies permits a part-time student to take one and a half courses per year, this would constitute a serious burden for someone with a full-time job. *NB: Please note that the scheduling of graduate classes varies from year to year, and that they normally occur within the hours of 9:00am and 5:30pm*

Ph.D. in History

General

The Ph.D. program in History at McMaster normally entails four years of study. Ph.D. candidates should consult the general regulations for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree at McMaster in the School of Graduate Studies Calendar. The Calendar is available on the School of Graduate Studies website at

<https://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/content.php?catoid=37&navoid=7555>

It is particularly important that candidates be aware of the regulations governing such matters as Full-time and Part-time Status, Leaves of Absence, and Thesis Supervision. All graduate students, including part-time students, must complete the courses *SGS #101- Academic Research Integrity and Ethics* and *SGS #201 – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Training* within the first month after their admission to graduate studies at McMaster.

The Department supervises doctoral research in a variety of areas of specialization. Candidates must contact individual faculty for guidance on appropriate thesis topics.

Courses

When admission to Ph.D. work has been granted a candidate will, in consultation with their prospective supervisor and the Graduate Chair, select two Minor Fields and one Major Specialization. Minor Fields and Major Specialization will cover the principal literature in the areas of concentration.

Minor fields normally consist of two half-year 700-level graduate reading seminars in each of which a major historiographical essay(s) are written and in some cases an exam. The grade for a minor field will consist of the grades for the in-course requirements, the examination, and the historiographical essay, as indicated by the minor field supervisor/instructor. One minor field course will be taken in the fall term, the second in the winter term.

While some overlap may be deemed beneficial, the Minor Fields should not duplicate Major Specialization reading. All doctoral candidates must have a minimum of three, and usually four,

instructors supervising the combination of their Minor Fields and Major Specialization.

The minor field includes the reading for the course plus 50 per cent more reading. The guideline is no more than 10,000 pages of reading per minor course/field.

The Major Specialization, HIST 798, begins in September and takes the form of a reading course that will run normally until the following May. The reading for the course will be determined by the course instructor(s) to ensure appropriate breadth and depth of the reading list. As part of the reading course candidates will complete a significant historiographical paper or papers and in some cases an exam.

For the major field course the guideline has been 80-100 books or equivalent and no more than 30,000 pages.

Successful completion of 6 units of Minor-Field coursework and 6 units of Major Specialization coursework, fulfill the course requirements of the School of Graduate Studies for doctoral candidates. Satisfactory performance in doctoral Minor Field and Major Specialization courses is a minimum grade of B-. A single grade of F on any course in the Ph.D. program, or two B- grades, entails automatic withdrawal from the program.

Finally, all Ph.D. candidates will write a dissertation research proposal by the end of their first year in the Ph.D. program. Each candidate's proposal, of 15-30 pages in length (length determined in consultation with the supervisor) must be defended on a Pass/Fail basis by the candidate's Ph.D. committee no later than the second week of October. In addition to the courses above, this defense constitutes the required Ph.D. comprehensive process. In order to attain a passing mark, the dissertation proposal and its oral defense must satisfactorily demonstrate breadth of knowledge and the integration of key ideas and methods related to the student's thesis area. Successful defense of the dissertation proposal and successful completion of the coursework is required before a candidate may proceed in program.

The Comprehensive Examination Process

University regulations require that Ph.D. candidates take a Comprehensive Examination in order to demonstrate "breadth of knowledge and a maturity of approach to a wide range of topics within the disciplines." Ph.D. candidates in History satisfy this requirement by completing the courses (major and minor fields described above), writing their dissertation research proposal and defending that proposal by the second week of October. The coursework and thesis proposal together constitute the comprehensive process.

Language Requirement

Proficiency in a second language is a requirement for a PhD in History. PhD students in History must be able to read the languages required for their dissertation research and for participation in their professional historical community. For students studying Canadian history, those languages are typically French and English; an Indigenous language fulfills the requirement for a second language.

Graduate language exams are held annually in the last week of January. You must pass your language exam(s) by the January of your 2nd year. Please consult with your supervisor regarding what languages you need for your research. Student and supervisor are responsible for making sure that the exam is taken. The test can be taken more than once. The language test is a translation of a straightforward passage, typically relevant to the student's research, of about 500 words. Students have two hours to translate the text with the aid of a dictionary. While not expected to provide a word-for-word translation, students must demonstrate they have a full grasp of the passage including nuance. **Students doing a non-Canadian dissertation project will establish, in consultation with the supervisor, the required language proficiency to be demonstrated.** All students are strongly advised to consult with their prospective supervisors before beginning their programs for advice on training in the language(s) they require. **Some projects will require the student to demonstrate proficiency in more than one language beyond English.**

Additional Information

In certain cases, applicants with a B.A. (Honours) or the equivalent may be admitted directly to Ph.D. studies if their previous academic record shows sufficient promise, including at least an A average. Within one calendar year, the progress of students admitted to Ph.D. studies directly from a bachelor's degree will be reviewed by their supervisory committee and the Graduate Studies Committee. The Graduate Studies Committee will then recommend to the School of Graduate Studies one of the following:

- a. proceed with Ph.D. studies
- b. not proceed with Ph.D. studies but re-register as a Master's candidate
- c. withdraw from the University

The Ph.D. coursework required for candidates admitted directly with a B.A. (Honours) or the equivalent will be 15 units, comprising successful completion of two Minor Fields; completion of the Major Field; and successful completion of HISTORY 741 Historiography.

Supervisory Committee

The Ph.D. supervisory committee ordinarily consists of a supervisor and two other faculty members. No Ph.D. candidate will be offered admission to the program without a Ph.D. supervisor(s) in place before entry. Once admitted, in September of the entering year, a supervisory committee will be formed by the supervisor(s) in consultation with the candidate and the Graduate Chair. The supervisor and one reader must be full-time members of the Department of History; the other member of the committee may be from outside the Department in cases where the thesis topic warrants external advice. Exceptions are subject to approval by the supervisor(s) and the Graduate Chair.

Students and supervisors are expected to meet regularly to discuss the student's progress through the degree. The frequency of meetings should be negotiated between supervisors and students, and will vary, depending on the stage of the program. Meetings with other members of the supervisory committee should also take place as needed. The School of Graduate Studies requires

that a meeting take place between the student and the entire committee each year, ordinarily in October, to review the student's progress and the quality of supervision received, and to outline plans for the coming year. An electronic form initiated by the student outlines details of progress made, followed by the supervisor's report, goals for the coming year, and areas for improvement where appropriate.

Requests for a change of supervisor or for a change in the composition of the supervisory committee must be submitted to the Graduate Chair for approval. First, the student should consult either the thesis supervisor or the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee. Whoever receives this request should ensure that the proposed change is communicated to all members of the supervisory committee. The student should then proceed to make their request in writing to the Graduate Chair.

The Thesis

After the completion of the Comprehensive Process, the candidate will write a thesis normally of between 250 and 300 pages (not including bibliography). During this period the candidate is required to meet with their supervisory committee for official review once a year, ordinarily in October. This meeting is in addition to regular meetings with the supervisor and other committee members as necessary. No specific regulations about types of theses are set forth by the Department; hence, the thesis will be developed by the candidate in consultation with the supervisory committee.

Written portions of the thesis should be presented to the supervisory committee for comment and approval. Any substantive change in thesis topic must be agreed to by the supervisory committee and endorsed by the Graduate Studies Committee, which will also make arrangements for changes in the supervisory committee when necessary.

All other degree requirements must be completed before the thesis is submitted to the School of Graduate Studies.

The Thesis Oral Examination

The candidate will be required to defend the thesis at an oral examination specifically convened by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. See <https://gs.mcmaster.ca/current-students/completing-your-degree/doctoral-degree/> for information on the composition of the examining committee and a description of the procedure for the oral defense.

Part-Time Ph.D. Studies

Ph.D. Studies require a major commitment in terms of time and energy. Therefore, the Department of History recommends that Ph.D. applicants plan to enroll as full-time students. The part-time Ph.D. option should be chosen only in exceptional circumstances. Since the Department can accept only a very limited number of part-time Ph.D. candidates at any one time, applicants will be required to provide a written explanation of the special circumstances that make it impracticable for them to pursue the degree on a full-time basis. *Also, please note that the scheduling of graduate classes varies from year to year, and that they normally occur within the*

hours of 9:30am and 5:30pm.

Withdraw in Good Standing or Medical Leave

A PhD student who is close to completion but needs more time to finish can withdraw from the program in good standing and re-enroll when ready to defend. If you are not registered at McMaster or working at McMaster withdrawal may affect your library and software access.

History Graduate Course Listing

700	Law, Human Rights and Empire
702	War and American Society Since 1898
705	Political Culture in Europe, 1900-1956
706	Culture and politics in Nineteenth-Century France
707	European International Relations, 1890-1956
717	Topics in Early Modern European History
720	Canadian Social History
721	Modern British History
723	Global Environmental History
725	Environmental History: Canada in International Perspective
728	American Foreign Relations
729	Twentieth Century Germany
741	Historiography
743	Topics in Soviet History
752	United States Women's and Gender History
754	Social and Environmental History of Modern America
755	History, Heritage and Memory: How the Past is Used in Modern Western Culture
756	The World Wars
757	The British Empire and Global Integration, 1815-1960
764	Global Power, Local Cultures: Comparative Colonialisms in Africa
765	Canadian Sport History
766	Imperialism and Medicine
767	War and Society in East Asian History
769	Historical Representations of Cities
770	Race and Gender in Colonial History
772	State and Civil Society in Canada 1948-2000
773	Christianity and the Secularization Problem in the Atlantic World, 1750-2000
774	Contemporary History
775	The Canadian Left in the Twentieth Century
776	History of Sexualities in the Western World, 1750 to the Present
777	Decolonizing Indigenous History
780	Historical Perspectives on Women and Biography
797	M.A. Project Course (Master's Research Paper)
798	Ph.D. Specialized Reading Course
779	History of Indigenous Manifestos
790	MA Independent Study Course

Graduate Funding

The Department attempts to provide all full time M.A. candidates with at least a one term (i.e.,

half) Teaching Assistantship. A number of scholarships of between \$1,500 to \$10,000 will be awarded by the Graduate Committee to incoming candidates.

Candidates accepted into the Ph.D. program are guaranteed support annually for four years. This amount will be made up of a scholarship awarded by the Department and a Teaching Assistantship. The 2022/2023 value of a full Teaching Assistantship as set in the CUPE contract is \$11,687; value of a half Teaching Assistantship is \$5,843.50. Part time candidates are not eligible for funding.

Major Scholarships

All eligible (up to 40 forty months full time doctoral study by 31 December of the year applying) full-time doctoral students are required to apply for SSHRCC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, value \$20,000 and SSHRC CGS, value \$35,000.) awards. Preparation of applications should begin early, as completed applications are to be submitted to the Department in October.

Grants for Research and Travel

MILDRED ARMSTRONG FUND: Offered to MA and Ph.D. students. A maximum of \$1,000 in any academic year to support presentation of papers at conferences, research travel to archives or purchase of research materials or attendance at conferences. Apply through the Department.

RICHARD FULLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS: For travel and other research related costs. All doctoral students who have completed their major field comprehensive examination may draw on this fund (maximum \$5,000). Preference is given to non-Canadianist candidates. Apply through the Department.

L.R. WILSON GRADUATE TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS: Currently offered for travel and other research related costs. All doctoral students who have completed their major field comprehensive examination in Canadian history may draw on this fund (maximum \$5,000). Apply through the Department.

Female students in History (and English) may apply for **EDNA ELIZABETH ROSS REEVES SCHOLARSHIPS** for research and travel costs (one to four scholarships awarded annually, value up to \$2,500).

FURTHER SOURCES OF TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND RESEARCH:

(See SGS Calendar: Fellowships, Scholarships, Bursaries & Other Awards)

GSA TRAVEL ASSISTANCE GRANTS (SGS Calendar 8.5.1): For research and conference presentations (\$500).

JAMES AND HELEN HARVEY TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP (SGS Calendar 8.5.2): For research

(\$1,000).

YATES SCHOLARSHIP FUND (SGS Calendar 8.5.6): For research and conference presentations (unspecified amount).

Specific History Awards:

THE RICHARD FULLER MEMORIAL AWARDS To be awarded to in-course Ph.D. candidates on the basis of their performance. Two may be awarded by the School of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the Chair of the Department of History. (\$1,500)

THE EDITH M. WIGHTMAN TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP Awarded by the School of Graduate Studies on nomination from the Departments of Classics and History to help support travel costs associated with thesis research or sponsored archaeological projects in Europe and the Mediterranean. (\$1,000)

E.M. WIGHTMAN ESSAY PRIZE Awarded to an M.A. Student in History who submits an essay “which is judged best to display a combination of imagination and originality with a comprehensive and accurate command of relevant scholarship”. (\$100)

H.W. MCCREADY GRADUATE PRIZE IN HISTORY Awarded annually to a worthy M.A. graduate on the recommendation of the Department of History. (\$500)

THE JAMES ROBERTSON CARRUTHERS MEMORIAL AWARD Available to students in the Faculty of Humanities. Preference to be given to students in the Department of History. (\$1,250)

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THE EZIO CAPPADOCIA GRADUATE PRIZE IN HISTORY Honours excellence in graduate course work in European History. Awarded annually to an M.A. graduate on the recommendation of the Chair of the Department of History. (\$260)

THE BUCHANAN’S BOUNTY TRUST BOOK PRIZE Awarded annually to one or more graduate students in English or History programs at McMaster. (\$500)

THE RICHARD A. REMPEL AWARD IN HISTORY To be awarded annually by the School of Graduate Studies to a currently registered MA or Ph.D. student upon the recommendation of the Department of History. (\$500)

THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS (HAMILTON BRANCH) SCHOLARSHIP Established in 2004 by the United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada (Hamilton Branch) to support research in Canadian History. The award to be made by the School of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the Department of History to a graduate student conducting archival research in Canadian History for the period 1750 to 1850.

Graduate Activities

Thursday Colloquium Series

The department strives to promote intellectual exchange between faculty and students. Departmental members, graduate students, and invited visitors speak at the regular Thursday Afternoon series, which is open to the university committee to attend. It is required that all Ph.D. students will present at some point in their program a paper based on their research.

Annual Graduate Colloquium

The department presents an annual Graduate Studies Colloquium, which is organized around a broad topic directed towards a wider audience.

History Graduate Students' Society (HGSS)

Departmental students established the History Graduate Students' Society in 2003 to foster professional academic development by and for students and to provide a collegial scholarly environment. All McMaster University history graduate students are invited to participate in any or all activities and to present ideas that will help the HGSS serve the professional and social needs of history graduate students.

Professionalization Committee

Department and student reps organize a series of professional and development sessions throughout the year.

Seminars

<https://history.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/phd-history/> (scroll down)

Graduate Calendar

<https://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/>

Policies and Regulations

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/>

**Thesis Completion
Guidelines for
Preparation:**

M.A. -

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/current-students/completing-your-degree/masters-thesis/>

Ph.D. -

<https://gs.mcmaster.ca/current-students/completing-your-degree/doctors-degree/>

Academic Integrity Policy

<https://secretariat.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/Academic-Integrity-Policy-1-1.pdf>

Accessibility

<https://accessibility.mcmaster.ca/>

Collective Agreement for TA/RA in lieu of TA

<https://shared.uoit.ca/shared/department/hr/documents/TA-RA%20First%20Agreement%20Final%20Version.pdf>

Leaves of Absence

<https://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/content.php?catoid=37&navoid=7553>

Petition for Special Consideration

https://gs.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2020/02/petition_-_october_2018_revised.pdf

Incomplete/Failing Grade

https://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/content.php?catoid=20&navoid=3572#2.6.4_Failing_Grades_and_Incomplete_Grades

Student Code of Conduct

https://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/Students-AcademicStudies/Code_of_Student_Rights_and_Responsibilities.pdf

Student Appeals Process

<https://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/Students-AcademicStudies/StudentAppeal.pdf>

Copyright Policy

https://milo.mcmaster.ca/faqs/copyright_mac

Discrimination, Harassment & Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response Policy

<https://www.mcmaster.ca/respectfulcommunity/policy-procedures.html>

Research Integrity Policy

https://mdprogram.mcmaster.ca/docs/default-source/general-resources-page/student-mistreatment/research_integrity_policy.pdf?sfvrsn=4

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