

Permanently Under Construction: Canadian Nation Building and Immigration

Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks

University of Toronto

October 12-13, 2017

Organizing Committee:

Nelson Wiseman, Director, Canadian Studies Program, and Professor, Dept. of Political Science

Audrey Macklin, Professor and Chair in Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law

Smaro Kamboureli, Professor, Avie Bennett Chair in Canadian Literature, Department of English

John Marshall, Vice-Principal, University College and Associate Professor, Department for the Study of Religion

Theme:

Canada pursues immigration as part of a continuing nation-building project. This interdisciplinary conference probes legal, artistic, and historical dimensions of the Canadian immigrant experience. Showcasing the expertise of scholars at the University of Toronto and elsewhere, the conference will foster future networks and collaborations across disciplines by bringing together the perspectives of lawyers, artists, social scientists, and historians to address the constraints, opportunities, and challenges of being an immigrant society.

Thursday, October 12:

1-1:30 PM Registration

1:30-1:45PM Greetings

Donald Ainslie, Principal, University College

Nelson Wiseman, Director, Canadian Studies Program

1:45-2:45 PM

Keynote Opening Address: Rawi Hage (novelist)

2:45 – 3:15 PM

Coffee Break

3:15-4:45 PM

Indigeneity and Immigration

Chair: Audrey Macklin

Damien Lee (Indigenous Studies/University of Saskatchewan)

Edward Chamberlin (English/University of Toronto)

Heidi Bohaker (History/University of Toronto)

Dinner for conference speakers (est.: 18)

Friday, October 13:

9-10:30 AM

Perspectives on Refugee Resettlement

Chair: Nelson Wiseman

1. Stephanie Stobbe (Conflict Resolution Studies/University of Winnipeg)
2. Emily Gilbert (Geography/University of Toronto)
3. Arif Virani (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship)

10:30-11:00 AM

Coffee Break

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Integration and Conflict

Chair: Anna Korteweg

1. Rupaleem Bhuyan (Social Work/University of Toronto)
2. Patricia Landolt (Sociology/University of Toronto)
3. Phil Triadafilopoulos (Political Science/University of Toronto))

12:30-1:30 PM

Buffet Lunch

1:30-2:30 PM

Reading and a Talk

Larissa Lai (Creative Writing/University of Calgary)

2:30-3:00 PM

Coffee Break

3:30-5:00 PM

Challenges and Future Directions

1. Rinaldo Walcott (Social Justice Education/Ontario Institute for Studies in Education)

2. Joseph Carens (Political Science/University of Toronto)
3. Sandra Bucerius (Sociology/University of Alberta)

5:00-6:30 PM

Reception