



**ASSOCIATION FOR CANADIAN JEWISH STUDIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
CONGRESS FOR HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**University of Victoria  
June 3-4, 2013**

**MONDAY, JUNE 3** ROOM LOCATION: MCPHERSON LIBRARY 210

**8:30 – 10:00 AM: Annual General Meeting, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies**

**10:00 – 10:30 AM: Coffee break**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: ACJS session 1 | Issues in Canadian Holocaust Studies**

Zelda Abramson (Acadia University): Things aren't always what they appear to be: Stories of Women Holocaust Survivors Settling in Montreal

Jason Chalmers (University of Ottawa): Canada and the Expansion of Holocaust Memory: Three Cases

Chair: Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia)

**12:00 – 1:30 PM: Lunch break**

**1:30 – 3:30 PM: ACJS session 2 | From I-witness to Community Activist: Canadian Perspectives on the UVic I-witness Holocaust Field School**

Helga Thorson (UVic): The "I" in I-witnessing: Personal Commitment and Change

Charlotte Schallié (UVic): Embracing Challenges and Contradictions: The Field School in Action

Sarah Jane Kerr-Lapsley (UBC): Knowledge in Context: Post-Secondary Opportunities for Expanding Human Rights and Genocide Studies Curriculum in Canada

Amy Coté (UVic): Analyzing Stories: Second Generation Canadian Jewish Writers and the Holocaust

Jason Michaud (UVic): Preserving Stories: Community Engagement through the "Local Stories and Experiences of the Holocaust" Archival Project

**3:30 – 3:45 PM: Break**

**3:45 – 4:45 PM: ACJS session 3 | Canadian Jewish Identities**

Emily Lam (McGill University): From the Old World to the New: Distinctive Dimensions of Place and its Influence on Identity and the Authenticity of Klezmer Music in Early Twentieth-Century Jewish Montreal

Maxa Sawyer (York University): The Voices of Birthright Israel: Going Beyond the Jewish Homeland Narrative to Create a Realistic Relationship between the Jewish Canadian Diaspora and Israel

Chair: Randal Schnoor (York University)

**7:30 PM: ACJS evening program (free of charge and open to the general public)**

LOCATION: Congregation Emanu-El, Victoria (1461 Blanshard Street, corner of Pandora)

- Presentation of the Louis Rosenberg Distinguished Service Award to Prof. Ira Robinson, Concordia University
- How does Canada's Oldest Synagogue Fit into History? A Panel on Heritage, Identity, and Memory co-convened by Richard Menkis and Jordan-Stanger-Ross.
  - Harry Brechner (Rabbi, Congregation Emanuel): The place of the 150th Anniversary in the Spiritual Life of a Community
  - Zhongping Chen (University of Victoria): Victoria's Chinatown: A Gateway to the Past and Present of Chinese Canadians
  - Faith Jones (University of British Columbia): Jewish Identity and Memory: The Online Yizkor Book Project
  - Richard Menkis (University of British Columbia): Weaving Together Heritage, Identity, and Memory
- This panel is presented jointly by the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies, the Canadian Historical Association, and The City Talks.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4** ROOM LOCATION: MCPHERSON LIBRARY 210

**8:30 – 10:00 AM: Open Board Meeting, Association for Canadian Jewish Studies**

**10:00 – 10:30 AM: Coffee break**

**10:30-12:00 PM: ACJS session 4 | Canadian Jewish histories**

David S. Koffman (University of Toronto): Immigrant Jews and Indian Curiosities: Expansions in British Columbia, New Mexico and Nebraska

Ira Robinson (Concordia University): Finding a Rabbi for Quebec City: the Interplay Between an American Rabbinate and a Canadian Congregation

Peter Usher (Independent researcher): Jews and the Military in Canada

Chair: Faith Jones (University of British Columbia)

**12:00 – 1:30 PM: Lunch break**

**1:30 – 3:30 PM: ACJS session 5 | Roundtable: Problems of the Personal**

Andrea Eidinger (University of the Fraser Valley)

Jennifer Yuhasz (Jewish Museum and Archives of British Columbia)

Stephanie Tara Schwartz (Interactive Museum of Jewish Montreal)

Chair: David S. Koffman (University of Toronto)

*3:30 – 4:30 PM: Annual General Meeting, Canadian Society of Jewish Studies*

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