Program

All events, unless specified otherwise, take place in the **Resource Centre of the Canadian Museum of History**

Papers run 25 minutes, with time scheduled for individual and session questions

Papers marked with an (*) will be delivered via Zoom by distance-participants

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### Monday, July 11

9:00 Registration opens

10:00 Refreshments available

10:45-11 Land acknowledgement and Introductory remarks

*Gail de Vos*

*Ian Brodie*

*Theo Meder*

**11-12:15 Ottawa in Legend**

Chair: Elizabeth Tucker

*Gail de Vos*

“I’m a lumberjack and I’m ok”: Les Bûcheron in Folklore and Popular Culture

*John Bodner*

Unpicking the Ottawa ‘Trucker’ Protest: Conspiracy as Vernacular Political Theory

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12:15-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:15: Conspiracies and Hoaxes

Chair: Daniel Peretti

*Jeannie B. Thomas*

Reframing and Defanging Conspiracy Theories: Denver International Airport and its Invasive Narratives

*Alison Dundes Renteln*

Regulating Racial Hoaxes

*Jeffrey Victor*

The Social Dynamics of Conspiracy Rumors: from Satanic Panic to QAnon.

3:15-3:30 Nutrition Break

3:30-4:45 Disease

Chair: Mikel J. Koven

*James Deutsch*

Shots of Influenza Bring Shots at Dawn: A Pandemic Legend of the First World War
Gunnella Thorgeirsdottir
Apotropaic reactions to Covid-19 in Japan. Legends of demon wrestling monks, two headed birds and a whole family of anthropomorphic mere-creatures.

7:00 Banquet
Mill Street Brewery, 555 Wellington St., Ottawa (20-25 minute walk)

Tuesday, July 12

9-10:45 Ostension and Ostensive Practices
Chair: Daniel P. Compora

Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby
In the Middle of Nowhere Kentucky: Satanism and Murder in Somerset

Felicity Wood
(*) Sorcery, Spirits and Deadly Seductions: Oral Accounts of Wealth-Giving Magic in Present-Day South Africa

Betty Aquino
The New Halloween Sadist: The ISIS Sleeper Cell of Northern Virginia

10:45-11: Nutrition Break

11-12:15 Politics
Chair: John Bodner

Patricia A. Turner
Of Puppets and Puppeteers: Political Celebrities in Covid-19 Conspiracy Theories

Henrik Olinder
Who placed rumors in the front seat? Statements by politicians and authorities during crises

12:15-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:15: Legend in the Online Space
Chair: Greg Kelley

Patricia Sawin
(*) “Let’s yeet it into the sun!”: “Thanks, Marie Callender” Facebook Groups as Legend Time/Spaces

Kaitlyn L. Kinney
The Good Death Legend: Brittany Maynard and Thanatodotes in Death with Dignity

Theo Meder
Hitchhikers Vanishing and Pets Microwaved: Processing Contemporary Legends in the Dutch Folktale Database (www.verhalenbank.nl)
3:15-5:00 Explore the museum
Sign up for some behind the scenes tours led by Laura Sanchini, curator for Craft, Design, and Popular Culture, Canadian Museum of History

3:15-4:30 Executive meeting

Wednesday, July 13

9:00-10:45 Ghosts I: Places
Chair: Kristina Downs

*Daniel Peretti*
The Bronze Lady of Sleepy Hollow

*Petr Janeček*
(*) Prague ghostlore of the Belle Époque: Urban poltergeists between moral panic and vernacular spectacle

*Tiber F.M. Falzett*
“An creid thu a nis?” | “Now, do you believe?”: Expressing belief in the Supernatural Experience Legends from Eriskay, 1933, collected by Donald MacDonald (*Dòmhnall Éirisgeach, 1912-1989*) for The Irish Folklore Institute, Dublin

10:45-11: Nutrition Break

11-12:45 Ghosts II: Accounts
Chair: Kaitlyn L. Kinney

*Timothy H. Evans*
“A Pleasing Terror”: Legends, Scholarly Authority and the Folkloresque in the Ghost Stories of M. R. James

John E. Priegnitz II
Displaced Ghosts: An Examination of Ghost Stories Reported by Journalists

*Elizabeth Tucker*
Pandemic Ghost Legends: Bathroom Ghosts on College Campuses

1:15 Tour
The tour will be departing from the Four Points by Sheraton, the conference hotel adjacent to the Museum

Thursday, July 14

9-10:45 Popular Culture
Chair: Gunnella Thorgeirsdottir

*Daniel P. Compora*
Toss a coin…’ The Folkloric Origins of *The Witcher*

*Aurore Van de Winkel* (*The Recycling of a Contemporary Legend: the poisoned candy*
10:45 11: Nutrition Break

11-12:15 Military Connections
  Chair: David Clarke

Eda Kalmre
  (*) Men’s stories. Military legends in Estonian folklore

Christopher Ankersen
  (*) The Army is No Place for a Warrior: Legendary Representations in Professional Militaries

12:15-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:15: Legend and play

Greg Kelley
  The Last Word: The Prattling, Tattling Parrots of Contemporary Legend

Ian Brodie
  When is a joke? Insights from contemporary legend scholarship for

the study of stand-up comedy repertoire development

Lynne S. McNeill
  Vernacular Impact Assessment: The Rise of the Small World Collaboration Metric

  Chair: Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby

3:15-onwards: Explore the museums
  Remember that your passes are also good for the Canadian War Museum. Both museums are open until 7 today

Friday, July 15

9-10:45 Legendary Icons:

Kristina Downs
  Billy the Kid Probably Never Slept Here: Texas’s Not-Dead Outlaw Legends

Mare Kõiva
  (*) The Bag Boys. Narrative and History

David Clarke
  ‘Hands Off Our Robin Hood’: The figure of the outlaw hero as a contemporary legend

  Chair: Timothy H. Evans

10:45 11: Nutrition Break

11-1:00 AGM and Awards ceremony, closing remarks