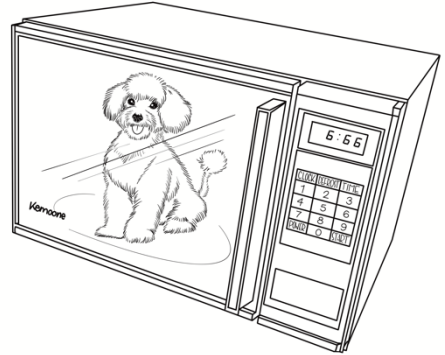


# Program

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



## 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

12:15-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3:15: Conspiracies and Hoaxes

Chair: Daniel Peretti

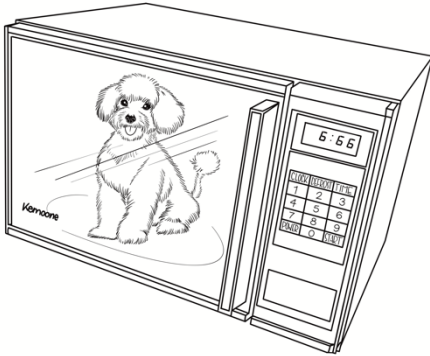
*Jeannie B. Thomas*  
Reframing and Defanging  
Conspiracy Theories: Denver  
International Airport and its  
Invasive Narratives  
*Alison Dundes Renteln*  
Regulating Racial Hoaxes  
*Jeffrey Victor*  
The Social Dynamics of Conspiracy  
Rumors: from Satanic Panic to  
QAnon.

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 Èirisgeach*, 1912-1989) for The Irish Folklore Institute, Dublin

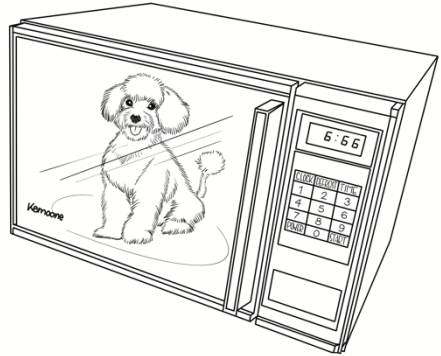
### 10:45 11: Nutrition Break

### 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

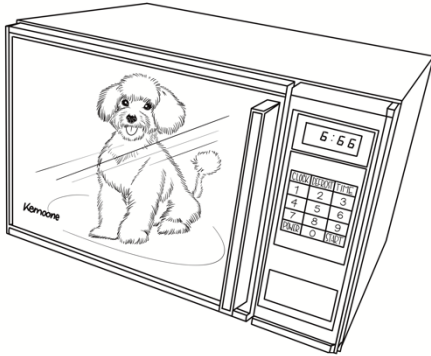
Chair: Gunnella Thorgeirsdottir

*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



*Mikel J Koven*

Walpurgisnacht: Folklore & Popular Culture

10:45 II: 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 II: Nutrition Break

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