

Erika Dyck, PhD

- 2001-2005 PhD, History, McMaster University,
Dissertation: "Psychedelic Psychiatry: LSD and Post-World
War II Medical Experimentation" (Supervisor: David Wright)
Defended: August 29, 2005
- 1998-2000 MA, History, University of Saskatchewan.
Thesis: "From the Ivory Tower to the Supermarket':
Financing Canadian Universities in the 1960s" (Supervisor:
V.J. Korinek)
- 1993-1997 BA, History, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Scholarships and Fellowships

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Doctoral Scholarship,
Canadian Government, National competition, 2004/2005 (20,000)
- Associated Medical Services, Hannah Doctoral Fellowship in the History of
Medicine, National competition, 2004/2005 (17,700) (declined)
- Edna Elizabeth Ross Reeves Scholarship, McMaster University, Humanities
competition, 2003/2004 (2,500)
- Richard A. Rempel Graduate Scholarship in History, McMaster University,
History Department competition, 2003/2004 (500)
- Richard Fuller Memorial Scholarship, McMaster University, History Department
competition, 2002 - 2004 (5,000)
- Lil Hewton Research Bursary, Friends of the Centre for Addiction and Mental
Health Archives, National competition, 2004 (1,250)
- James Robertson Carruthers Memorial Award, McMaster University, Humanities
competition, 2002/2003 (2,500)
- C.B. Farrar Bursary, Friends of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Archives, National competition, 2002 (2,000)
- McMaster University Graduate Scholarship 2001/2002, 2002/2003, 2003/2004
(6,500)
- Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship, University of Saskatchewan, provincial
competition, 1999/2000 (10,000)
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Saskatchewan, History Department
competition, 1999/2000 (12,000)

Awards and Honours

- H. N. Segall Prize, awarded to the best graduate student paper at the annual general meeting of the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, June 2004 for "Plain Psychedelics: Radical Psychiatry in Small-town Saskatchewan, 1950-1970"
- Graduate Student Leadership, recognition by Graduate Students Association, School of Graduate Studies, McMaster University, 2004
- Nominated for Graduate Teaching Excellence, McMaster University, Award 2002
- Nominated for the Governor General's Gold Medal for best MA thesis in the Humanities Department, University of Saskatchewan, 2001

Publications

- "Hitting Highs at Rock Bottom: LSD Treatment for Alcoholism, 1950-1970," *Social History of Medicine*, [accepted]
- "Psychedelic Pioneers': Mental Health Research in Saskatchewan, 1945-1967," in J. Moran and D. Wright (eds) *Mental Health and Canadian Society: Historical Perspectives* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's Press, 2005) [in press]
- "LSD in historical perspective: wonder drug or social nightmare?" *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry* (2005) 50(7): 165-172
- Poster presentation, Wright, D., Moran, J., Gouglas, S., Simm, G., Savelli, M., Smith, C., Tan, J., Chupik, J., Dyck, E., "Admissions to the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, 1875-1902: Socio-Demographic and Medical Profiles", Annual Conference of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons - 'History of Medicine section', Ottawa, Sept. 26-8, 2002
- Book Review, D. Healy, *The Creation of Psychopharmacology* (2002) in *Medical History*, October 2003 47(4): 534-535
- Book Review, Sarah Tracy and Caroline Jean Acker (eds) *Altering American Consciousness: The History of Alcohol and Drug Use in the United States, 1800-2000* (Boston: University of Massachusetts Press, 2004) in *Social History of Alcohol and Drugs* [forthcoming]
- Macdonald, A.H. (Hon), (Senator) biographical entry, *Saskatchewan Politicians: Lives Past and Present* (Regina: Canadian Plains Research Centre, 2004): 156
- Documentary film credit, *Psychedelic Pioneers: The Story of LSD in Saskatchewan*, film production for Kahani Entertainment, forthcoming October 2005, historical consultant

Conference Paper Presentations

- Dec 2005 "Canadian Psychedelic Pioneers: LSD Experimentation and the Post-Second World War Pharmacological Revolution," invited speaker at Northern Ontario Medical School
- Nov 2005 "LSD does not expand the mind, the drug shrinks it.': Post-WWII LSD Experimentation and the Politics of Consciousness," History of Science Society, Minneapolis, MN
- Sept 2005 "Land of the Living Sky with Diamonds: Psychedelic Psychiatry in Saskatchewan, 1950-1970," Saskatchewan Centennial Conference, Regina, Saskatchewan
- Apr 2005 "Spaced-Out: LSD-inspired Institutionalisation in Post-World War II Saskatchewan" invited speaker at international symposium on Insanity and its Institutions, University of Limerick, Ireland
- Apr 2005 "Whose Revolution? LSD and Medical Authority," American Association for the History of Medicine, Birmingham, Alabama
- Oct 2004 "'Too Far Out': LSD and the Modern Psychiatric Hospital, 1950-1970," Society for the History of Technology, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Jun 2004 "'Plain Psychedelics': Radical Psychiatry in Small Town Saskatchewan, 1950-1970," Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- May 2004 "'Faith, Hope and Chemotherapy': LSD Treatment in Alcoholism," International Conference on Drugs and Alcohol in History, London, Ontario
- Apr 2004 "'Spaced-Out': LSD-inspired Transformations at Psychiatric Hospitals, 1950-1968," American Association for the History of Medicine, Madison, Wisconsin
- Mar 2004 "'Do I know that I am talking to you like a madman?' LSD, Historians and the Media," McMaster Annual History Colloquium, *The Future of the Canadian Past: Reflections on Canadian History in the 21st Century*, Hamilton, Ontario
- Feb 2004 "Ethics in the Use of Historical Medical Data", co-presented with David Wright at Bio-ethics Interest Group presentation, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

- Nov 2003 "‘The Grass is staring at me.’ LSD in Psychiatric Drug Trials, 1950-1970," History of Medicine seminar series, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- May 2003 "‘The Saskatchewan Plan’: LSD-inspired Transformations at Psychiatric Hospitals in Saskatchewan, 1950-1965," Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- May 2003 "‘Prairie Psychiatry Pioneers’: Mental Health Research in Saskatchewan," Canadian Historical Association, Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- May 2002 "Post-War Experimentation in Psychiatry: Saskatchewan’s Influence," Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, Congress of Social Sciences and Humanities, Toronto, Ontario
- May 2002 "Disorder and Deviance: Post-War Experimental Psychiatry in Saskatchewan, 1940-1970," Research in Progress Seminar, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, Ontario
- Apr 2002 "LSD Experimentation in the Post-Second World War Context: Constructing Deviance," Milton Plesur Graduate History Conference, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York
- Nov 2000 "‘From the Ivory Tower to the Supermarket’: Transitions in Financing Higher Education in Canada," Graduate Colloquium, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
- May 1998 "‘Canada Goes to Hollywood’: Canada's National Film Industry," Honours Colloquium, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, May 1998

Teaching

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| 2004/2005
Instructor | McMaster University, Health Studies 2D03
Course title: Mental Health (enrollment 250)
This is an interdisciplinary course that examines medical, historical, sociological, cultural, legal, and political perspectives on mental health in Canada.
Responsible for all aspects of course |
| 2003/2004
Tutorial Assistance | McMaster University, Health Studies 2D03
Mental Health

McMaster University, History 2T03
Introduction to Canadian History to 1885 |
| 2002/2003
Tutorial Assistance | McMaster University, Health Studies 2D03
Mental Health |

	McMaster University, History 3J03 American History in the 1960s
2001/2002 Tutorial Assistance	McMaster University, Health Studies 2D03 Mental Health McMaster University, History 3Y03 History of Health and Healthcare in Canada
1999/2000 Tutorial Assistance	University of Saskatchewan, History 258.3 History of the Canadian Prairies in the 20 th Century University of Saskatchewan, History 260.3 Canadian Women's History from 1919 to the present
1998/1999 Tutorial Assistance	University of Saskatchewan, History 151.3 Canadian History from the Pre-contact Period to 1867 University of Saskatchewan, History 152.3 Post-Confederation Canada

Invited Lectures:

“Medicare: the Saskatchewan Experiment”, (McMaster University, History of Health and Healthcare)

“LSD, Psychosis, and Counterculture” (McMaster University, Mental Health)

“History of Psychiatry, 1914-1950” (McMaster University, Mental Health)

“Canadian Confederation” (McMaster University, Introduction to Canadian History to 1885)

“Feminism and the Women’s Movement” (McMaster University, American History in the 1960s)

“How to survive your first year at university,” (McNab High School, Hamilton, Ontario) guest speaker, June 2003

Academic Administrative Activities

- Member of advisory committee on *History of Madness Website*, SSHRC-funded project, principal investigator: Robert Menzies
- Reviewer and member of steering committee on international graduate students’ Joint Atlantic Seminar for History of Medicine
- Local arrangements committee, Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, University of Western Ontario, London 2005 meeting
- Founder and President, History Graduate Students’ Society, McMaster University, 2003-2004

- Advisory Board Member, Archives of Hamilton Health Services
- Communications consultant, International conference “Immunology at the Beside and the Bench,” University of Toronto, June 2004
- Moderator, History-English MA, First Annual Symposium, McMaster University, August 2004
- Research assistant on:
 - “Canada’s doctor shortage,” principal investigator: David Wright, McMaster University, 2003
 - “Racism and Imperialism in inter-war British Nursing”, and “Imperial Themes in the British and American Medical Press, 1898-1912,” principal investigator, Jim Alsop, McMaster University, 2002-3
 - “Towards an Historical Epidemiology of Mental Disorders in Canada,” CIHR-funded standard research project, principal investigator David Wright, McMaster University, 2001-3
 - “From Eugenics to the Genome,” Psychiatric Treatment in Canada in the 20th Century, principal investigator Larry Stewart, University of Saskatchewan, 1999-2000

Non-Academic Administrative and Organisational Experiences

- Chairperson, “Saskatchewan Renewal Commission,” (Saskatchewan provincial government), section: Information, Knowledge, and People in the Economy, 1999-2000. Required me to travel throughout the province, meet with residents, analyse correspondence, design and interpret a province-wide questionnaire and conduct historical research as head of 6-person committee. I presented the results as a series of policy papers to the provincial government with accompanying recommendations.
- Executive Assistant for Member of Parliament, 1997-1999. My primary responsibilities included liaising with individual constituents, community groups, media and government organizations concerning a variety of local initiatives, policy implementation, and discussing constructive solutions to challenges in the community.
- Newsletter editor for “Friends of the Archives” annual newsletter and membership coordinator for Museum of Mental Health Services (Toronto) Inc., 2000-2001
- Co-organizer for healthcare conferences including, “Looking Back, Looking Ahead: Psychiatry and Mental Illness in the 21st Century”, 2000. Involved identifying key speakers in a field and designing an engaging, well attended, publicised event.

Current Professional Membership and Qualifications

Canadian Historical Association (CHA)

Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM)

American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM)

Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM)

Society for the History of Technology (SHOT)

Friends of the Archives, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto

McMaster University, Research Ethics Board, current certificate holder for research involving human subjects and participant in ethics seminars

Current and Future Research Projects

Psychedelic Psychiatry: LSD in Canadian Medical Experimentation, 1950-1970

Psychedelic Psychiatry examines an extensive and influential set of clinical LSD experiments conducted in Saskatchewan in the 1950s and 1960s. It concentrates on the work of psychiatrists Humphry Osmond (who coined the term 'psychedelic') and Abram Hoffer (who was at one time considered for a Nobel Prize). Set in the context of Canadian psychiatry, I argue that psychedelic therapies developed in sharp contrast to the growing acceptance of prescription drugs in medicine. The dissertation examines LSD across several sub-themes, including: Canadian political and social history; Canadian psychiatry and mental health reforms; medical ethics, and moral panics.