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- Stella's, The Buhler Centre
- Elements, Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex
- Riddell Hall Cafeteria, Centennial Hall Bldg.
- Starbucks, AnX Building
- Garbonzo's, AnX Building
- The University Club, Wesley Hall
- Dozens of restaurants near campus

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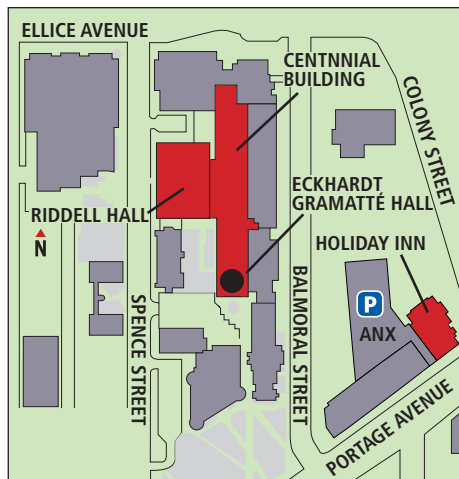
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OCTOBER 28-29, 2016



Environmental history is a unique way of viewing the past. It includes examining human activity on farmland, nature's effect on farm culture, 'environmental sins,' sustainable environments, ancient ways, and innovations. This conference takes a global perspective, considering how a new agriculture of fossil fuels, herbicides, crop specialization, and state intervention has impacted old, organic-based, Mennonite farm communities around the world.



Seven different communities; one faith trajectory.



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30 — 8:40 AM

Welcome and Introduction

ROYDEN LOEWEN, Chair in Mennonite Studies

1 Friesland and Northern Europe A Land Tried and Transformed

8:40 — 10:25 AM

Chair: Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg

► **NINA SCHROEDER**, Queens University, "Landscape and the Anabaptist-Mennonite Tradition in Art of the Dutch Golden Age"

► **COR TROMPETTER**, Wolvaga, Netherlands, "Mennonite Capital and the Transformation of Friesland and Overijssel, 1650-1850"

► **MARTIN ENTZ**, University of Manitoba, "Transplanted Dutch Ways in the West Prussian Delta 300 years Later"

► **HANS PETER FAST**, Webmapper, Utrecht, "The Doopsgezinde and their Farmers in 20th Century Friesland"

10:25 — 10:55 AM Coffee

2 Iowa and the U.S. Midwest Land of 'Destiny' and Diversity

10:55 AM — 12:30 PM

Chair: David Rempel Smucker, Akron PA

► **STEVEN RESCHLY**, Truman University, "Amish Agriculture in Iowa Since the 19th Century: Change and Changelessness"

► **JOHN EICHER**, German Historical Institute, Washington, "Stories of the Earth: The 1980s Farm Crisis in Washington County, Iowa"

► **REBECCA HORNER SHENTON**, Fuller Theological Seminary, South Carolina, "Agrarian Tradition vs. Modern Business: 'Debate' in the (Old) Mennonite Church"

12:30 — 1:30 PM Lunch

A PHOTOGRAPHIC MONTAGE

1:00 — 1:30 PM

Produced by Susie Fisher

'Seven Points on Earth', highlighting the seven regions considered in this conference, featured over the lunch hour in Eckhardt Gramatté Hall

3 Java A Land of Inter-religiosity

1:30 — 3:05 PM

Chair: Stephanie Phetsamay Stobbe, Menno Simons College

► **LAWRENCE YODER**, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, "From Tunggul Wulung to Independence: The History of the 'Christian Village'"

► **DANANG KRISTIAWAN**, GITJ Jepara, "Suharto's Green Revolution and the Passing of Old Wisdom: The GITJ Farmers of Margorejo"

► **PAULUS HARTONO**, GKMI Solo, "Mennonite-Muslim Relations in Central Java and the Peace Instrument of Organic Farming"

3:05 — 3:35 PM Coffee

4 Siberia and the Russian Empire A Land of Vision and Bitterness

3:35 — 5:30 PM

Chair: Rudy P. Friesen, Winnipeg

► **DAVID MOON**, University of York, England, "Cultivating the Steppe: The Origins of Mennonite Farm Practices in the Russian Empire"

► **HANS WERNER**, University of Winnipeg, "Mennonite Farmers and Lenin's NEP on the Kulunda Steppe, Siberia"

► **PETER EPP**, Baptist Brotherhood, Siberia, "Childhood Recollections of Life on a Soviet Collective"

► **AILEEN FRIESEN**, University of Winnipeg, "Sowing Hatred or Prosperity: Agriculture and Believers in Post-World War II Siberia"

Featured Evening

7:30 PM

An Anabaptist Theology of the Environment

Welcome: Annette Trimbee, President, University of Winnipeg

Chair: Royden Loewen, University of Winnipeg

► **ELAINE ENNS**, Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries, "The Stories the Land Holds: Mennonites, Trauma and Indigenous Justice"

► **NATHANAEL INGLIS**, Bethany Theological Seminary, "The Limits of Stewardship, the Hope of Community and an Anabaptist Land Ethic"

► **GORDON ZERBE**, Canadian Mennonite University, "Revisiting an Ecology According to the New Testament"

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN FOYER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

5 Manitoba and Beyond Lands of Resettlement and Transition

PART 1: 8:30 — 9:35 AM

Chair: Stephen Heinrichs, MCC Canada

► **JOSEPH WIEBE**, University of Alberta, "On the Mennonite-Métis Borderland in Manitoba"

► **SUSIE FISHER**, University of Manitoba, "(Trans)planting the West Reserve: Mennonites, Myth, and Narratives of Place"

9:35 — 10:05 AM Coffee

PART 2: 10:05 — 11:45 AM

Chair: Hans Werner, University of Winnipeg

► **SIMON EVANS**, University of Calgary, "Hutterites and Agriculture in Alberta: Past, Present and Future"

► **DANIEL LEONARD**, University of Winnipeg, "Manitoba's Voluntary Mennonite Peasant Farmers"

11:45 AM — 12:45 PM Lunch

A PHOTOGRAPHIC MONTAGE

12:15 — 12:45 PM

'Seven Points on Earth', second showing

6 Zimbabwe A Land of Hope and Struggle

12:45 — 2:20 PM

Chair: Joyce Chadya, University of Manitoba

► **MUSSI TESFAGIORGIS**, University of Winnipeg, "Surveying Zimbabwe's Environmental History: Race, Politics and Religion"

► **ELIAKIM SIBANDA**, University of Winnipeg, "Voices from Matobo Hills vs. Word from BIC Missionaries: Competing Rural Cultures"

► **BELINDA NCUBE**, Swiss Church Aid, "Mothers, Soil and Substance: Stories of Endurance from Matobo Hills"

2:20 — 2:50 PM Coffee

7 Bolivia and Its Neighbours A Land of Environmental Irony

2:50 — 4:00 PM

Chair: John J. Friesen, Canadian Mennonite University

► **CAROLINA VARGAS**, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, "Vulnerability and Agriculture among Mennonites in Quintana Roo"

► **KERRY FAST**, Toronto, "For the Love of Good Vegetables: The Changing Nature of Gardening in Riva Palacios"

► **BEN NOBBS-THIESEN**, Arizona State University, "The Rise and Fall of the Steel Wheel: The Old Colony Farmers of Bolivia"

FILM SCREENING

4:00 — 5:00 PM

Chair: Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies

► **SEVEN POINTS ON EARTH**: A film in progress by Paul Plett, Ode Productions

► **COLLECTING THE VOICES**: A Short Reflection on the Conference, TBA