



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Neatby-Timlin Lecture Theatre, Arts Building

3:30-5:45

### Remember/Rebuild Saskatchewan Poster Display

Come view posters depicting the work of a joint initiative between scholars in Departments of History and Community Health and Epidemiology, on how we can learn from the Covid-19 pandemic. Visit the website for more details on our project. (forthcoming)



## Keynote

Jacob Steere-Williams

Associate Professor, College of Charleston

Chair: Eyllt Jones, University of Manitoba

### Pandemic Pasts, Endemic Futures: The Politics of Disease Categories



Late in 2021 popular media around the world began to recategorize Covid-19 as an 'endemic' disease. The refashioning of the deadliest and most devastating pandemic in recent history continues well into 2022. But what does 'endemic' mean, and why is it being used at this moment? Epidemiologists have struggled to form a consensus on the term, while in popular discourse endemic has come to mean benign and 'normal'. And yet, endemicy has long been an epidemiological concept used to categorize and explain the distribution of disease in populations. This paper interrogates the shifting historical dimensions of endemicy, showing how the term was yoked in the nineteenth century to colonial and later tropical medicine. Endemicy, I argue, has long been geopolitically wielded by western public health officials, which provides key historical context for how it is being used globally today.

*Reception for Conference Attendees at Erika's House, RSVP if not on the conference program*

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Emmanuel St Chad, Grad Commons  
1121 College Drive

**8:00 – Coffee, Juice, Fruit, & Pastries**

**8:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Erika Dyck, University of Saskatchewan**

### **8:40 – 10:20 Panel 1: *Surgery Across Disciplines and Borders***

**Chair: James Hanley, University of Winnipeg**

“I Did Not Repeat the Offense”: Pan-Americanism, Surgical Diplomacy, and the William Mayo-Franklin Martin Trip to South America, 1920

*Peter Kernahan, University of Minnesota*

"We just had to be like the men": Centering the experiences of female nurses, lab technicians, transplant co-ordinators and surgeons in South Africa, 1966-1994

*Simonne Horwitz, University of Saskatchewan*

Restoring Identities: The Importance of Facial Reconstructive Surgery in the Lives of First World War Soldiers

*Madison Herget-Schmidt, University of Manitoba/University of Winnipeg*

The Contagion of Cancer: The development and debates of infectious cancer etiology, and experimentation, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century

*Dimitry Zakharov, University of Saskatchewan*

**10:20- 10:40 Coffee Break**

### **10:40 – 11:55 Panel 2: *Caring Professions through the Ages***

**Chair: Geoffrey Hudson, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University**

Corruption in the British naval healthcare administration during the War of the Austrian Succession

*Matthew Neufeld, University of Saskatchewan*

Rereading the (Medical) Archive: Midwives and the Shaping of Health and Identity in the Nineteenth Century Iberian-Atlantic World

*Mary Kate Wolken, University of Minnesota*

What's Nursing Education got to do with it? An Examination of Hospital Standardization in Western Canada during British Columbia's Hospital Association Conferences from 1918-1931

*Helen Vandenberg, University of Saskatchewan*

**11:55 – 1:00 Lunch Selection of Sandwiches, Salads, Veggie Trays [GF, DF, Vegan options]**

**1:00 – 2:15 Panel 3: Colonial Conceptualization of “health”**

**Chair: Jennifer Gunn, University of Minnesota**

Accidental history and Manitoulin Island, circa 1830-1960: Indigenous and Settler Experience  
*Geoffrey L. Hudson and Darrel Manitowabi, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University*

Plant/People: Mapping oral histories of health and human/plant relations in the Twin Cities  
*Macey Flood and Emily Beck, University of Minnesota*

Nēhiyawak (PlainsCree) Health and Traditional Healing Practices in Northwest Saskatchewan, 1900-1980

*Christine Fiddler, University of Saskatchewan*

**2:15- 2:35 Coffee Break**

**2:35 – 3:50 Panel 4: Computers, Canola & Contamination:  
How Human Health interacts with Changing Technologies**

**Chair: Jim Clifford, University of Saskatchewan**

“From Patient Care to Datacare: A Postmortem”  
*Derick Stackpole, Roanoke, VA*

“‘How many Elliot Lakes do you need?’ The energy crisis and Saskatchewan uranium expansion”  
*Justin Fisher, University of Saskatchewan*

“Seeds of Control: Canola, Technology, and Health”  
*Patrick Lee, University of Saskatchewan*

**3:50 – 4:10 Coffee Break**

**4:10 – 5:25 Panel 5: Remembering Pandemics: Lessons and Pitfalls**

**Chair: Simonne Horwitz, University of Saskatchewan**

Anti-Vaccination Before Wakefield: Canadian Anti-Vaccination in the 1980s and 90s  
*Derek Cameron, University of Saskatchewan*

Bodies of Experience: Parallels and “Lessons Learned” in HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 Oral History Interviews  
*Adam Negri, University of Minnesota*

Panic and Panaceas: The influence of the Saskatchewan press during “Spanish Influenza”  
*Erin Matthews, University of Saskatchewan*

**6:30 Dinner at Prairie Sun Brewery**  
**650 Broadway Avenue**  
<https://www.prairiesun.ca/>

*We have a private room (loft) for our guests only, including our own bartender.*

*Dinner includes a taco bar, with gluten free and vegetarian options.*

*\*\*If you have additional food needs, please let Erika know asap.*

*Your first drink is on us, and the brewpub features local drinks (beer, cider, non-alcoholic, etc.) from around Saskatchewan and beyond.*

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**8:00 – Coffee, Tea, Juice, Fruit, & Pastries**

**8:30 – 9:45 Panel 6: *Eugenics, Social Hygiene, and Health Care***

**Chair: Delia Gavrus, University of Winnipeg**

District Nursing, Settler Health, and the Land: A Spatial Examination of the Alberta District Nursing Program over the Twentieth Century

*Emily Kalief, University of Guelph*

“Guardian of the Race”?: The Career and Activism of Emily Murphy in Historical Context

*Bethany Knowles, University of Saskatchewan*

Eugenics and the anti-syphilis campaigns in 1920s-1930s Transylvania, Romania

*Mirela David, University of Saskatchewan*

**9:45 – 10:05 Coffee Break**

**10:05 – 11:20 Panel 7: *Witchcraft, the Supernatural and Colonial Spaces of Control***

**Chair: Peter Kernahan, University of Minnesota**

Colonial Laws or Fears? Healing Insanity in Anti-Witchcraft Ghana, 1920-1940

*Richard Oware, University of Saskatchewan*

Re-examining Ancient Greek Understandings of Mental Health

*DJ Houle, Northern Ontario School of Medicine*

Health, Discipline, and Quarantines: Colonial Jail-Management in British India, 1869-1920

*Ipshita Nath, University of Saskatchewan*

**11:20 – 1:00 Lunchtime Talk**

**Chair: Erika Dyck, University of Saskatchewan**

“Minimum Measures of Adequacy and the Alleged Shortage of Physicians, 1910-1970”

*Jennifer Gunn, University of Minnesota*

**Lunch will be provided – Selection of Wraps, Soup, and Veggie Platters [GF, DF, Vegan options]**

**1:00 – 2:15 Panel 8: *Teaching Health History – to Canadians, to Teens, to the Public***

**Chair: Darrel Manitowabi, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University**

‘Healthy’ Constructions and Productions of Japanese Canadian Internment

*Letitia Johnson, University of Saskatchewan*

The ‘Teen Age’: Exploring the Inter-war Health Experiences of Children through their letters to the Western Producer

*Mike Chartier, University of Saskatchewan*

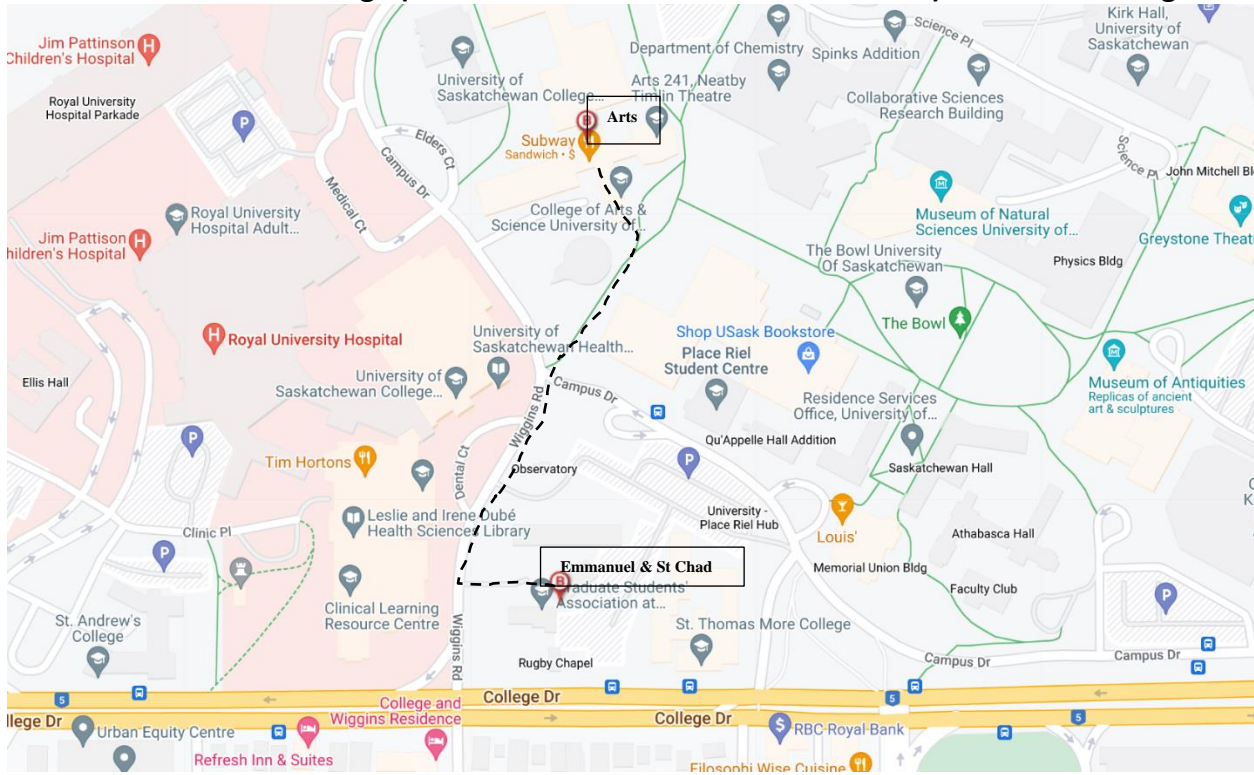
Planning a History of Medicine Exhibit in Northwestern Ontario (NWO)

*Emily Hunt, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University*

**2:15 Closing Remarks**

Campus Map: <https://maps.usask.ca/>

### Emmanuel & St Chad College (also called Graduate Student Commons) and Arts Building



### Walking from Park Town Hotel to Emmanuel & St Chad College ([click here for google maps](#))

