



Friday, October 29, 11 a.m. (EST)

Location: Zoom – <https://concordia-ca.zoom.us/j/86068248574>

The History Department presents:

ACTIVIST HISTORY:

A PANEL DISCUSSION ON HISTORIANS, DECOLONIZATION, AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Canadian Historical Association recently issued a Canada Day Statement calling the country's history of violence against indigenous people "genocide." The statement also acknowledged that the reluctance of historians to use that term contributed to Canada's refusal to "come to grips with this country's history of colonization and dispossession." Most hailed the statement as an important step toward repair yet others denounced the association's foray into what they called "activist" & "revisionist" history.

This roundtable asks what critics mean by "activist" and "revisionist" history and how historians can engage with their critics. How might historians, as a profession, contribute to the work of decolonization and how might decolonization, in turn, expand and enhance the profession?

Speakers:

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Dr. Daniel Sims, Associate Professor, Department of First Nations Studies, University of North British Columbia

Dr. David Webster, Associate Professor, History & Global Studies, Bishop's University

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