

# *Women's History Scotland*

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## **1. Call for Papers**

### **The History of Education Society UK annual conference: Putting Education in its Place: Space, Place and Materialities in the History of Education**

Date: 4-6 December 2009

Venue: University of Sheffield

Abstract deadlines: 3 July, 4 September, 30 October

We welcome proposals for papers and presentations, ideally linked to the conference theme, that examine histories of knowledge spaces, places, landscapes and materials in relation to theories and practices of pedagogy and the relationships between people places and things in formal and informal educational settings. There will also be a postgraduate panel and papers are welcome that do not necessarily address the conference theme. The conference is organised in collaboration with the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge and the School of Architecture, University of Sheffield.

Proposals for papers (of around 250 words) and general expressions of interest to Dr Catherine Burke, Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge, 184 Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 8PQ, UK. email: cb552@cam.ac.uk. There are two submission dates for abstracts. Those abstracts accepted which were submitted by 3 July 2009 will be notified by 21 August 2009; those abstracts accepted which were submitted by 4 September 2009 will be notified by 30 October 2009. Please note that the last and final date for submission of abstracts is 30 October 2009. Online payments accepted at <http://www.historyofeducation.org.uk/>. Please note that a limited number of bursaries (of £300 each) are available to support unwaged conference delegates

### **Roots of nationhood conference**

Date: 28-29 November 2009

Venue: University of Glasgow

Abstract deadline: 31 July - 300 word abstracts are invited for 20-minute papers.

Please submit abstracts by email (as a Word document) to Dene Wright at: a.wright.3@research.gla.ac.uk or Nicki Hall at: n.hall.1@research.gla.ac.uk

Keynote Speaker: Ian Ralston, Professor of Later European Prehistory, University of Edinburgh

As Scotland celebrates the Homecoming in 2009, we can expect to see many claims made on Scotland's archaeology and history in support of discourses of national identity and distinctiveness. In the fifteen years since the Scottish Archaeological Forum (SAF) debated the subject of Archaeology and Nationalism, how have accounts of Scotland's past informed the ongoing political debate over devolution and independence? Does archaeology and history reveal the roots of nationhood, or are other themes of diversity, discontinuity and far-flung connections and allegiances just as compelling?

The conference hopes to address the following topics:

- How has Scotland's geography and landscapes defined its inhabitants and influenced social and political developments?
- How have the influences of Scotland's near neighbours (e.g. England, Wales, Ireland and Scandinavia) been interpreted by historians and archaeologists?
- What regional and local identities existed at different times in Scotland's past? How important is a 'sense of place' and 'home'?
- Scotland's history in the popular imagination is often associated with particular places linked to significant people/events. How do places come to assume an iconic status in national consciousness, and how do such identifications affect the way national heritage is articulated?
- Migration has defined many Scottish identities, from the Kingdom of Dalriada to the Highland Clearances. How have people drawn on remembered or mythologised origins to define themselves, and how does the imagined Scotland of the Scottish 'diaspora' compare with the reality?

Although this interdisciplinary, two-day conference will be of interest to scholars working within Scotland, we are also keen to explore these themes from the perspective of historians and archaeologists working outwith Scotland. We invite papers from all different historical periods.

SAF was set up in 1969 and its prime function is to organise conferences to further the study of archaeology in Scotland. The proceedings of all of these are available as published volumes – further details are available at our website: <http://www.scottisharchaeologicalforum.org.uk>

**Women's History Scotland: Postgraduate & Early Career Researcher Workshop: The Past is Myself: Women's Life Narratives and Women's History**

Date: Saturday 26 September 2009

Venue: Napier University, Edinburgh

Abstract deadline: 3 August - Please submit proposals of c.300 words for 20 minute papers, accompanied by a brief research bio and institutional affiliation, if any, to: [y.mcfadden.1@research.gla.ac.uk](mailto:y.mcfadden.1@research.gla.ac.uk)

For further details see our website: [www.womenshistoryscotland.org](http://www.womenshistoryscotland.org)

Characteristically, women's history has been innovative in applying a wide range of methodological techniques and theoretical positions to the uncovering of the past. In particular, the recovery or collection of women's narratives has been a way in which women's history has self-consciously created historical data for the future. This workshop will engage with work that has or is being done in the field of life narratives.

We invite papers from postgraduates and early career researchers working in this area. While the overall focus of WHS is historical, we welcome submissions from across the disciplines. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Women's life writing, such as autobiography, letters, memoirs and diaries
- Oral history and the uncovering of women's narratives. How does oral history as a practice lend itself to women's history? Positives and pitfalls?
- Issues of source availability in the uncovering of women's narratives. This might include issues of access, 'legitimacy', the creation and archiving of sources etc.
- Contextualising life narratives within dominant and marginal cultural discourses.
- What role can individual life narratives play in uncovering women's history more generally? Can one voice speak for a collective?
- How have women employed non-written means of narration; art work, tapestries, images, material culture etc?

## **2. Conferences**

### **Gender & Loss: Experiencing Widowhood in Britain and Europe c.1400-1900**

Date: 27 - 28 August, 2009

Venue: Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution  
Queen Square, Bath

For more information, see: <http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/schools/historical-and-cultural-studies/CEHGURE/cehgure-conference.htm>).

See attachment for programme and registration form

### **Crime and Policing in Scottish Society Conference**

Date: Saturday 26 September 2009

Venue: Stirling Management Centre, University of Stirling

This conference aims to generate discussion of many aspects of crime and policing in Scottish society, covering the period from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,

to assess how the field has developed in Scotland and the directions it might take in future.

Confirmed speakers: Elizabeth Ewan, Rab Houston, Anne-Marie Kilday, Bill Knox, Peter King, Alison Brown, Tim Siddons, Suki Haider, Louise Jackson, Angela Bartie, David Smale, Alan Wilson, Anne Marie Tindley and Stuart Mackenzie.

£5 registration fee to cover refreshments payable on the day. For more information and booking form contact Lillian Porch at L.H.Porch@open.ac.uk

See attachment for booking form

### **3. Publications**

#### **New edition of Susan Ferrier's *The Inheritance*.**

First published in 1824, *The Inheritance* is a novel which shows Ferrier's skills as a satirist and caricaturist in their best light and remains moreover one of the greatest examples of domestic fiction in the Scottish literary tradition. The new edition carries an introduction by Dr. Ronnie Young, University of Glasgow. Price £14.95. ISBN 1904999484. Copies can be ordered from all good high street and university bookshops or from [www.kennedyandboyd.co.uk](http://www.kennedyandboyd.co.uk)