

# **BACK TO THE FUTURE: PRODUCTIVE REMEMBERING IN CHANGING TIMES**

**October 22-24, 2008, McGill University**

## **Wednesday October 22**

Venue: Room 129, Education Faculty, 3700 McTavish Street

**5:00-5:30 Workshop package, including program and papers, available for pick up**

**5:30 Workshop Opening**

**Welcome and opening remarks**

Elizabeth Wood (Associate Dean, Faculty of Education, McGill)

Paul Yachnin (Director of the Making Publics project and English Department Chair, McGill)

**Public lecture**

Susannah Radstone: *Getting over trauma: New paradigms in memory research*

**Wine and cheese reception**

**Photographic exhibition: *Bringing the future forward: What can a girl do with a camera? A photographic tribute to the memory of Jackie Kirk.***

## **Thursday October 23**

Venue: Room MS 42, Street level, McLennan Library Building, 3459 McTavish Street

**8:15 Continental breakfast**

**8:30-9:00 Introduction: Teresa Strong-Wilson**

**9:00-11:00 Working Session 1: Childhood**

**Chair: Martha Langford**

Elizabeth Goodenough: *Landscaping the present*

Jacqueline Reid-Walsh: *18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century children's inscriptions on their books as instances of artifactual memory*

Margaret Mackey: *Readers remember: Text, residue and periphery*

Sandra Chang-Kredl: *Childhood texts, psychoanalysis and the fluid messy time warp*

Maria Korpijaakko: *Real or reinforced memory: Sifting through time to find what's mine*

Lisa Taylor: *Narrative mapping alter(ed) childhoods as palimpsestal learning*

**Discussant: Sandra Weber**

**11:00-11:15 BREAK**

**11:15-1:15 Working Session 2: Place & Space**

**Chair: Maija Harju**

Cynthia Chambers & Narcisse Blood: *“When I first woke up”: Productive remembering in Blackfoot and Inuinnaït*

Mike Corbett: *Remembering French in English: the Borg speak*

Tony Kelly: *The bildungsroman Bakhtinian excavations in East Coast fiction: The case of the Mean Boy*

Michele Tanaka: *Formative touchstones: Changing perspectives through an indigenous teacher education experience*

Susann Allnutt: *Making place: Photography and memory*

Ingrid Johnston: *Re-memoring colonial spaces of apartheid and the holocaust through imaginative fiction*

**Discussant: Margaret Mackey**

**1:15-2:15 LUNCH** (Venue: Room MS 24, Street level, McLennan Library Building, 3459 McTavish Street)

**2:15-3:15 What’s Method got to do with it? Methods for Memory (working groups)**

Kathleen Pithouse and Pontso Moorosi

**3:15-3:30 BREAK** (coffee, tea, and juice will be available)

**3:30-5:15 Working Session 3: Embodiment**

**Chair: Maria Korpijaakko**

Relebohile Moletsane: *Exploring the evolution of my personal, political and intellectual project of teaching sexuality in education*

George Carani: *Seeing a question – A way to remember*

Mathabo Khau: *Memory self and taboo subjects: When memories can break your heart*

Ran Tao: *Boundaries blurred: The past mobilized to give meaning to the present and to envisage the future in relation to sexual identity construction among Chinese youth*

Sandra Weber: *Dressing Memory*

**Discussant: Susannah Radstone**

**7:00 Dinner at Robin des Bois Restaurant** (4653 boul. Saint-Laurent, Montréal, QC, H2T 1R2, tel: 514.288.1010) [35 MINUTE WALK FROM DELTA HOTEL OR TAKE A TAXI]

## **Friday October 24**

Venue: Room MS 42, Street level, McLennan Library Building, 3459 McTavish Street

### **8:30 Continental breakfast**

### **9:00-10:30 Working Session 4: Generations**

**Chair: Erica Lehrer**

Martha Langford: *Collective memories and persistent primitivisms: Notes of caution on the photographic vernacular*

Charlotte Hussey: *Glossing fairy: Remembering and ever becoming*

Peter Cohen: *Haitians and Dominico-Haitians in the Dominican Republic: Stateless individuals and nostalgia*

Maija Harju: *"I remember when I was your age: Productive remembering, crossover literature and the politics of intergenerational relationships*

**Discussant: Alan McCully**

### **10:30-10:45 BREAK**

### **10:45-12:30 Working Session 5: Legacies of Political Conflict**

**Chair: Mike Corbett**

Myriam Gervais and Eliane Ubalijoro: *Productive remembering of social action and change: Girls and women's rights experienced in post-genocide Rwanda*

Ursula Kelly: *My back pages: Three Guineas, melancholia and the implication of women in war*

Farouk Mitha: *Remembrance of things Muslim: Burdens of memory and hope in the writings of 3 contemporary Muslim reformers*

Erica Lehrer: *Please respond: Provoking difficult encounters in post-holocaust Poland*

Alan McCully: *Can secondary History teaching make a contribution to the processes of 'truth recovery' and reconciliation in a society emerging from conflict?*

**Discussant: Cynthia Chambers**

### **12:30-1:00 Forward to the Future: Productive Remembering and Social Action... and Next Steps**

Claudia Mitchell and Pontso Moorosi

**1:00-2:00 LUNCH** (Venue: Room MS 24, Street level, McLennan Library Building, 3459 McTavish Street)