



Sir John A. Macdonald in Historical Context

A Three Colloquium Series Presented by
the Canadian Institute for Historical Education

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DETAILS: This three colloquium series, presented by the **Canadian Institute for Historical Education**, will look at three different aspects of **the life and legacy of Canada's first prime minister**, featuring research and findings from some of Canada's most distinguished academic historians on both Macdonald's undoubted achievements and the more controversial aspects of his record. The accusations against Macdonald made by activists in the cause of pulling down statues and renaming schools are based more on ideology than evidence. The man about whom biographer Richard Gwyn said, "*had there been no Macdonald, there almost certainly would be today no Canada,*" deserves better than that. The purpose of our series is to examine the historical record fairly, putting evidence ahead of ideology. All three events are in **Elliott Hall at Christ Church (Deer Park), 1570 Yonge Street** in Midtown Toronto, are free of charge and open to everyone interested in learning more about Sir John A. Macdonald and his times.

“ Sir John A. Macdonald – the Man ”

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 at 7:00 PM (in person in Elliott Hall at 1570 Yonge St., and online)

With **Professor Patrice Dutil**, Professor of Politics and Public Administration, Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson), **Professor Duncan McDowall**, formerly of Carleton, now University Historian, Queen's University, and **Professor Barbara Messamore**, Professor of History, University of the Fraser Valley (joining online).

“ Sir John A. Macdonald on Indigenous Relations ”

Wednesday, October 25th, 2023 at 7:00 PM (in person in Elliott Hall at 1570 Yonge St., and online)

With **Professor Jim Miller**, History Professor Emeritus at the University of Saskatchewan and **Sean Conway**, former Ontario MPP, Minister and Adjunct Instructor at St. Michael's College, UofT and Queen's University.

“ ‘Presentism’ – Or is it ‘Generational Chauvinism’? ”

Thursday, November 9th, 2023 at 7:00 PM (in person in Elliott Hall at 1570 Yonge St., and online)

With **Professor Christopher Dummitt**, Professor of History at Trent University, **Professor David Wilson**, Professor of History at the University of Toronto and General Editor of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography, and **J. D. M. (James) Stewart**, author, historian and Toronto high school teacher.

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