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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Adjunct Associate Professor, History, and Associate Member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Victoria, 1998 to present  
Instructor, History, Camosun College, Victoria, 1997-2016  
Visiting Assistant Professor and Instructor, History, University of Victoria, 1992-7 and 2003  
Sessional Instructor, History in Art, University of Victoria, 1998 and 1999  
Instructor, History, Malaspina University College, 1995  
Limited Term Professor, History, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., 1990-91  
Instructor, History, Douglas College, New Westminster, B.C., 1989-90  
Teaching Assistant, History, UBC, 1985 to 1989  
Teaching Master in Videotex, Loyalist College of Applied Arts and Technology, Belleville, Ontario, 1981-83

At these universities and colleges, I taught courses covering twenty distinct topics for undergraduates from first year to senior levels.

In addition, at the University of Victoria I supervised and coordinated graduate student teaching assistants for large sections of Canadian and 20th century world history courses.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS**

### **Books**

*Bucking Conservatism: Alternative Stories of Alberta in the 1960s and 1970s* (Athabasca University Press, 2021), co-edited collection; winner of the 2022 Alberta Book Publishing Award for Regional Book of the Year and shortlisted for the Trade Non-Fiction Book of the Year  
*All My Politics Are Poetry* (Yalla Press, Victoria, BC, 2019)  
Reviewed at <https://ormsbyreview.com/2020/06/19/842-lang-hannant-politics-are-poetry/>  
*Champagne and Meatballs: Adventures of a Canadian Communist* (Athabasca University Press, 2011) – editor, with introduction  
*The Politics of Passion: Norman Bethune's Writing and Art* (University of Toronto Press, 1998) – editor, with introduction  
• Winner of the Robert S. Kenny Prize in Left/Labour Studies, 1999

- Chinese language edition (Jinan City, China: Qi Lu Publishing House, 2005)
- French language edition (Montreal: Lux Éditeur, 2006)

*The Infernal Machine: Investigating the Loyalty of Canada's Citizens* (University of Toronto Press, 1995)

## Website Projects

**Research director** of “Death of a Diplomat: Herbert Norman and the Cold War,” a section of *The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History* website. “Death of a Diplomat” is a collection of 97,000 words of primary source documents, critical evaluations and contextual introductions plus 60 images about Canadian diplomat Herbert Norman’s suicide in 1957.

*The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History* website URL is:

<http://www.canadianmysteries.ca/indexen.html>

*The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History* is an instructional website aimed at university, college and high school students, and is used by educators in countries across the world to teach Canadian history and to explore historical methodology and evaluation techniques.

**Research director** of “Explosion on the Kettle Valley Line: The Death of Peter Verigin,” a section of *The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History* website. “Explosion on the Kettle Valley Line” is a collection of 120,000 words of primary source documents, critical evaluations and contextual introductions plus, plus 100 images.

## Films

Script co-writer and research director – *The Spirit Wrestlers: Canada and the Doukhobors*, feature-length documentary film on the Doukhobors, produced by Jim Hamm Productions; broadcast on History Television 31 July 2002

Researcher – *The Air We Breathe*, documentary film on smog, produced by Jim Hamm Productions; broadcast on CBC Newsworld, March 1996

## Journal, encyclopaedia and edited collection articles

“Red Yarns: Poetry by a Former Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) Activist,” *Left History* Vol. 24 No. 1 Spring/Summer 2021

“I’m Not Your Man: Norman Bethune and Women,” in Darrol Bryant, Margaret Loewen Reimer and Yan Li, eds. *Rediscovering Norman Bethune* (Waterloo, ON: Pandora Press, 2018)

“Access to Information and Historical Research: The Canadian Experience,” in Andrew Flinn and Harriet Jones, eds., *Freedom of Information: Open Access or Empty Archives?* (London: Routledge, 2009)

“Dr. Norman Bethune in China: 1938-9,” in Song Wan and Anthony P.C. Lim, eds., *Cardiothoracic Surgery in China: Past, Present and Future* (Hong Kong: Chinese University Press, 2007)

“Jean Watts,” in Bernard Cook, ed., *Women and War: A Historical Encyclopaedia from Antiquity to the Present* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2006)

- “‘My god, are they sending women?’: Three Canadian women in the Spanish Civil War,” *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*, 2004
- “Norman Bethune in Spain,” *The Volunteer: Journal of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade*, Vol. XXIV No. 3, September 2002
- “Five Propositions on Canadian History in Film,” in “CHR Forum: ‘Canadian History in Film,’” *Canadian Historical Review*, Vol. 82 No. 2, June 2001
- “What’s in My File? Reflections of a ‘Security Threat,’” in Gary Kinsman, Dieter K. Buse and Mercedes Steedman, eds., *Whose National Security?* (Toronto: Between the Lines, 2000)
- Ramsay Cook and Larry Hannant, “Exchange: Herbert Norman in History,” *National History*, Vol. 1 No. 4, Summer 2000
- “Canadian History in Film,” *Canadian Historical Review*, Vol. 78 No. 4, December 1997
- “Access to the Inside: An Assessment of ‘Canada’s Security Service: An Outline History,’” *Intelligence and National Security*, Vol. 8 No. 3, July 1993; also reprinted in Wesley Wark, ed., *Intelligence: Past, Present Future?* (London: Cass, 1994)
- “Inter-war Security Screening in Canada, the United States and Britain,” *Intelligence and National Security*, Vol. 6 No. 4, October 1991
- “Using the Privacy Act as a research tool,” *Labour/Le Travail* 24, Fall 1989
- “The Calgary working class and the Social Credit movement in Alberta, 1932-1935,” *Labour/Le Travail* 16, Fall 1985

### Magazine and newspaper articles and reviews

- “A war on knowledge,” *The British Columbia Review*, 17 December 2024,  
<https://thebcreview.ca/2024/12/17/2391-hannant-wind/>
- “Capturing ‘Lebanon’s enduring nightmare,’” *The British Columbia Review*, 18 July 2024,  
<https://thebcreview.ca/2024/07/18/2234-hannant-thomson/>
- “An inconvenient tale of Ukraine,” *The British Columbia Review*, 25 July 2023,  
<https://thebcreview.ca/2023/07/25/1868-hannant-derrickson/>
- “ChatGPT and me,” *The British Columbia Review*, 14 April 2023,  
<https://thebcreview.ca/2023/04/14/1773-hannant-chatgpt/>
- “Scuttling Solidarity, 1983,” *The British Columbia Review*, 2 May 2022,  
<https://thebcreview.ca/2022/05/02/1452-hannant-spaner-solidarity/>
- “Letter from Victoria – Truckers convoy,” *The British Columbia Review*, 22 March 2022,  
<https://thebcreview.ca/2022/03/22/1419-hannant-victoria-letter/>
- “China’s human rights orthodoxies,” *The Ormsby Review*, 22 October 2021,  
<https://ormsbyreview.com/2021/10/22/1257-chinas-human-rights-orthodoxies/>
- “Tracking the Komagata Maru,” *The Ormsby Review* 10 December 2019,  
<https://ormsbyreview.com/2019/12/10/685-hannant-on-chattopadhyay-komagata-maru/>
- “Murder by Milkshake,” *The Ormsby Review*, 5 December 2018,  
<https://ormsbyreview.com/2018/12/05/415-murder-by-milkshake/>
- “True crime tale recalls naïve Vancouver,” *BC Booklook*, 6 November 2018,  
<https://bcbooklook.com/2018/11/06/415-murder-by-milkshake/>
- “Clandestine Mountie Bounty,” *The Ormsby Review*, 10 October 2018,  
<https://ormsbyreview.com/2018/10/10/381-clandestine-mountie-bounty/>

- “A little revolution, please,” *BC Booklook*, 26 May 2018,  
<https://bcbooklook.com/2018/05/26/a-little-revolution-please/>
- “I’m not your man: Bethune and women,” *BC Booklook*, 28 February 2018,  
<https://bcbooklook.com/2018/02/28/33822/#more-33822>
- “The First of Many: Franco’s 1939 victory in the Spanish Civil War saw half a million refugees head north to France,” *History Today*, January 2017
- “A Quaker in the Spanish Civil War,” *The Ormsby Review*, 2 December 2016,  
<https://ormsbyreview.com/2018/09/19/34476-2/>
- “Why a 100-year-old pact is still hated in the Mideast,” *Globe and Mail*, 9 May 2016
- “Europe’s Last Battle,” *History Today*, July 2015
- “The Komagata Maru Incident,” *History Today*, November 2014
- “The Sons of Freedom Doukhobors’ Great Trek of 1962,” *Canada’s History*, February-March 2013
- “Bethune controversy requires perspective,” *Victoria Times-Colonist*, 22 July 2012
- “He survived fire, dynamite and depredation to achieve peace among the Doukhobors; Obituary of J.J. Verigin Sr.,” *Globe and Mail*, 26 November 2008
- “Pierre Berton and the scholars,” *Victoria Times-Colonist*, 5 December 2004
- “The death of Peter V. Verigin,” *The Beaver: Exploring Canada’s History*, October-November 2004
- Plus more than thirty-five other articles and reviews in scholarly journals, magazines and newspapers.

### Poetry

- “Autopsy of the year 1937,” *Our Times*, 2012 (September/October/November 2012)

## PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND HISTORICAL EVENTS

More than fifty presentations at academic conferences and public events in Canada, Britain, Germany, China and the United States, including, most recently:

- 9 March 2025, “Jean Ewen in China, 1938-9,” Canada-China Friendship Association, Toronto
- 3 October 2024 – “The Mystery is Still with Us”: RCMP Security Service surveillance of CPC(M-L) leader Hardial Bains in 1975, Canadian Intelligence History at the Crossroads, National War Museum, Ottawa
- 20 September 2024 – “A revolutionary in spite of herself: Jean Ewen in China, 1938-9,” Other People’s Wars: Canadians as Foreign Fighters from the US Civil War to the Present, York University
- 30 October 2019 – “Norman Bethune and the dynamics of social change,” International Symposium to Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of Dr. Norman Bethune’s Death, Montreal
- 28 October 2019 – “The ‘last word’ on Norman Bethune,” presentation at the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, Ottawa

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

Alberta Book Publishing Award for Regional Book of the Year, 2022, and shortlisted for the Trade Non-Fiction Book of the Year for *Bucking Conservatism*

Pierre Berton Prize, 2008, for popularizing Canadian History awarded by Canada's National History Society for *The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History* website (my contribution was two of the 12 mysteries in the site)

Co-winner, MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching) Classics Award, 2008, for *The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History* website

Heritage Canada grants for history-based pedagogical website development, 2007-8 and 2005-6, to add "Death of Diplomat: Herbert Norman and Cold War" and "Explosion on the Kettle Valley Line: The Death of Peter Verigin" to *The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History* website

Canada Council Grant for Professional Writers, 2004, for a study of the death of Doukhobor leader Peter V. Verigin

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Standard Research Grant, 2001-4, for "Policing Terrorism in Canada: Sons of Freedom Doukhobors and the Canadian State, 1920-1980"

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Departmental Examiner, Eryk Martin, University of Victoria, MA in History, 2008

Coordinator and member of the organizing committee, "The Unknown Einstein: Reassessing the 20th Century's Most Famous Scientist," Conference at the University of Victoria and Camosun College, March 18-19, 2005

Member, Publications Committee, Canadian Committee on Labour History, 2003-present

External Examiner, Ben Mahoney, University of Lethbridge, MA in Native American Studies, 2001

External Examiner, Carole Paula Thornton, University of Victoria, MA in History, 1998

Manuscript assessor for University of Toronto Press, University of British Columbia Press and McGill-Queen's University Press, 2001-present

Departmental Examiner, Michelle McBride, University of Victoria, BA Honours, History, 1993

Reader for *American Review of Canadian Studies*, *Histoire sociale/Social History*, *Canadian Historical Review*, *BC Studies*, *Labour/Le Travail*, *Journal of Canadian Studies*, *National History*, Between the Lines Press and *Left History* books and articles being considered for publication.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE (recent only)

Treasurer and director, Yalla Media Society, independent publisher, 2019-present

Continuing Studies presentations, University of Victoria, 2006-2009 and 2018

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of British Columbia, 1993

M.A., History, University of Waterloo, 1981

B.A., History, University of Calgary, 1973