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- Stella's, The Buhler Centre
- Elements, Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex
- Riddell Hall Cafeteria, Centennial Hall Bldg.
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- Garbonzo's, AnX Building
- The University Club, Wesley Hall
- Dozens of restaurants near campus

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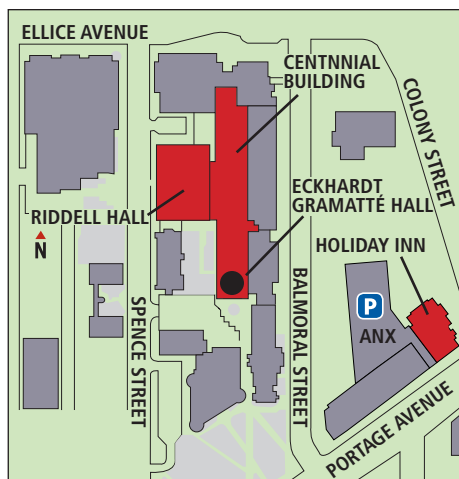
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2016 MENNONITE STUDIES CONFERENCE

# Mennonites, Land and the Environment

A GLOBAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 28-29, 2016



Environmental history is a unique way of viewing the past. It includes examining human activity on farmland, nature's effect on farm culture, 'environmental sins,' sustainable

environments, ancient ways, and innovations. This conference takes a global perspective, considering how a new agriculture of fossil fuels, herbicides, crop specialization, and state intervention has impacted old, organic-based, Mennonite farm communities around the world.

**Seven different communities; one faith trajectory.**



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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:30 — 8:40 AM

Welcome and Introduction

**ROYDEN LOEWEN**, Chair in Mennonite Studies

### 1 Friesland and Northern Europe A Land Tried and Transformed

8:40 — 10:25 AM

Chair: Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg

► **NINA SCHROEDER**, Queens University, *"Landscape and the Anabaptist-Mennonite Tradition in Art of the Dutch Golden Age"*

► **COR TROMPETTER**, Wolvlega, Netherlands, *"Mennonite Capital and the Transformation of Friesland and Overijssel, 1650-1850"*

► **MARTIN ENTZ**, University of Manitoba, *"Transplanted Dutch Ways in the West Prussian Delta 300 years Later"*

► **HANS PETER FAST**, Webmapper, Utrecht, *"The Doopsgezinde and their Farmers in 20th Century Friesland"*

10:25 — 10:55 AM Coffee

### 2 Iowa and the U.S. Midwest Land of 'Destiny' and Diversity

10:55 AM — 12:30 PM

Chair: Franklin Rempel, W. C. Miller Collegiate, Altona

► **STEVEN RESCHLY**, Truman University, *"Amish Agriculture in Iowa Since the 19th Century: Change and Changelessness"*

► **JOHN EICHER**, German Historical Institute, Washington, *"Stories of the Earth: The 1980s Farm Crisis in Washington County, Iowa"*

► **REBECCA HORNER SHENTON**, Cross Anchor, South Carolina, *"Agrarian Tradition vs. Modern Business: 'Debate' in the (Old) Mennonite Church"*

12:30 — 1:30 PM Lunch

### A PHOTOGRAPHIC MONTAGE

1:00 — 1:30 PM

'Seven Points on Earth', highlighting the seven regions considered in this conference, featured over the lunch hour in Eckhardt Gramatté Hall

### 3 Java A Land of Inter-religiosity

1:30 — 3:05 PM

Chair: Stephanie Phetsamay Stobbe, Menno Simons College

► **LAWRENCE YODER**, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, *"From Tunggul Wulung to Independence: The History of the 'Christian Village'"*

► **DANANG KRISTIAWAN**, GITJ Jepara, *"Suharto's Green Revolution and the Passing of Old Wisdom: The GITJ Farmers of Margorejo"*

► **PAULUS HARTONO**, GKMI Solo, *"Mennonite-Muslim Relations in Central Java and the Peace Instrument of Organic Farming"*

3:05 — 3:35 PM Coffee

### 4 Siberia and the Russian Empire A Land of Vision and Bitterness

3:35 — 5:30 PM

Chair: Rudy P. Friesen, Winnipeg

► **DAVID MOON**, University of York, England, *"Cultivating the Steppe: The Origins of Mennonite Farm Practices in the Russian Empire"*

► **HANS WERNER**, University of Winnipeg, *"Mennonite Farmers and Lenin's NEP on the Kulunda Steppe, Siberia"*

► **PETER EPP**, Baptist Brotherhood, Siberia, *"Childhood Recollections of Life on a Soviet Collective"*

► **AILEEN FRIESEN**, University of Winnipeg, *"Sowing Hatred or Prosperity: Agriculture and Believers in Post-World War II Siberia"*

## Featured Evening

7:30 PM

**An Anabaptist Theology of the Environment**

Greetings: Annette Trimbee, President, University of Winnipeg

Chair: Bill Blaikie, United Centre for Theological Studies

► **ELAINE ENNS**, Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries, *"The Stories the Land Holds: Mennonites, Trauma and Indigenous Justice"*

► **NATHANIEL INGLIS**, Bethany Theological Seminary, *"The Limits of Stewardship, the Hope of Community and an Anabaptist Land Ethic"*

► **GORDON ZERBE**, Canadian Mennonite University, *"Revisiting an Ecology According to the New Testament"*

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN FOYER**

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

### 5 Manitoba and Beyond Lands of Resettlement and Transition

**PART 1:** 8:30 — 9:35 AM

Chair: Stephen Heinrichs, MCC Canada

► **JOSEPH WIEBE**, University of Alberta, *"On the Mennonite-Métis Borderland in Manitoba"*

► **SUSIE FISHER**, University of Manitoba, *"(Trans)planting the West Reserve: Mennonites, Myth, and Narratives of Place"*

9:35 — 10:05 AM Coffee

**PART 2:** 10:05 — 11:45 AM

Chair: Kenton Lobe, CMU

► **STEVEN DUECK**, University of Manitoba, *"Agricultural Modernization, Mennonite Farmers and the Altona Echo"*

► **SIMON EVANS**, University of Calgary, *"Hutterites and Agriculture in Alberta: Past, Present and Future"*

► **DANIEL LEONARD**, University of Winnipeg, *"Manitoba's Voluntary Mennonite Peasant Farmers"*

11:45 AM — 12:45 PM Lunch

### A PHOTOGRAPHIC MONTAGE

12:15 — 12:45 PM

'Seven Points on Earth', second showing

### 6 Zimbabwe A Land of Hope and Struggle

12:45 — 2:20 PM

Chair: Daryl Climenhaga, Providence College

► **MUSSIE TESFAGIORGIS**, University of Winnipeg, *"Surveying Zimbabwe's Environmental History: Race, Politics and Religion"*

► **ELIAKIM SIBANDA**, University of Winnipeg, *"Voices from Matobo Hills vs. Word from BIC Missionaries: Competing Rural Cultures"*

► **BELINDA NCUBE**, Swiss Church Aid, *"Mothers, Soil and Substance: Stories of Endurance from Matobo Hills"*

2:20 — 2:50 PM Coffee

### 7 Bolivia and Its Neighbours A Land of Environmental Irony

2:50 — 4:00 PM

Chair: John J. Friesen, CMU

► **CAROLINA VARGAS**, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, *"Vulnerability and Agriculture among Mennonites in Quintana Roo"*

► **KERRY FAST**, Toronto, *"For the Love of Good Vegetables: The Changing Nature of Gardening in Riva Palacios"*

► **BEN NOBBS-THIESSEN**, Arizona State University, *"The Rise and Fall of the Steel Wheel: The Old Colony Farmers of Bolivia"*

### FILM SCREENING

4:00 — 5:00 PM

Chair: Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies

► **SEVEN POINTS ON EARTH:** A film in progress by Paul Plett, Ode Productions

► **COLLECTING THE VOICES:** A Short Reflection on the Conference, TBA