

THE DAVID ALEXANDER PRIZE

The David Alexander Prize is awarded annually for the best essay on the history of Atlantic Canada written in course by an undergraduate student in any university. The winner of the prize for 1995 was A. Geoff Pearcey, a student at Memorial University of Newfoundland, for his essay entitled "The Government and Economic Diversification in Late Nineteenth Century Newfoundland". The winner was selected by a panel of judges.

The David Alexander Prize will be awarded for the fifteenth time in 1996.

Conditions: Entries must be undergraduate essays between 1500 and 3500 words in length on some aspect of the history of Atlantic Canada, written in English or French. They may be research, interpretive or historiographical efforts. The author must be a part-time student or a full-time undergraduate student in a degree programme at an accredited university or college. The essay must have been written to meet the requirements of an undergraduate credit course during the 1995-96 academic year. Previous winners of the Prize may not compete.

Submission: Entries shall be submitted by course instructors no later than 31 May 1996. No instructor shall submit more than two entries. Essays must be typed neatly and should not bear the instructor's comments or a grade. Entries should be sent to The Secretary, *Acadiensis*, Campus House, University of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3.

Adjudication: Entries will be judged by a panel of three distinguished historians. The winner will be announced in the autumn of 1996. No runners-up or honorary mentions will be designated.

Prize: \$250.00

CALENDAR

12 - 13 April 1996: The Welfare State in Canada: Past, Present and Future. All aspects of Canada's social security system will be explored at the two-day conference, including the development of social welfare in Canada, the current debate and future prospects. Contact: Raymond Blake, Centre for Canadian Studies, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. E0A 3C0.
E-mail: rblake@mta.ca

3 - 5 May 1996: Boundaries. The conference will be on all aspects of **Boundaries** in the Canadian experience, including: geographical, political and regional boundaries; historical evolution of boundaries; intergovernmental and cross-border relations and heartland, hinterland and borderlands theory. Contact: Centre of Canadian Studies, 21 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD Scotland.

10 - 11 May 1996: Atlantic Canada Studies Conference, XI. Since its inception in 1974, it has established itself as the major conference for the presentation of original scholarship on the history of Atlantic Canada. In May 1996, for the first time in its history, the Atlantic Canada Studies Conference will be held at the Université de Moncton (Moncton campus). Contact: Jacques Paul Couturier and Nicole Lang, Université de Moncton, Edmundston campus, 165 Hebert Boulevard, Edmundston, N.B. E3V 2S8 or Phyllis E. LeBlanc, Département d'histoire/géographie, Université de Moncton, Moncton campus, Moncton, N.B. E1A 3E9

26 - 29 September 1996: Scotia and Nova Scotia: A multi-disciplinary conference examining transatlantic connections. The conference will seek to explore the variety of reciprocal influences between Scotland and Nova Scotia by inviting contributions in such diverse subject areas as literature, language, history, archaeology and sociology. Papers which examine the connections between Scottish and Nova Scotian experience are particularly encouraged. Sessions are already planned for papers relating to seventeenth-century colonization schemes, eighteenth and nineteenth century rural settlement, education, medicine, law, religion, labour, the military, commerce and industry, as well as the transatlantic dimensions of Highland and Lowland culture. For more information contact: Dr. Michael E. Vance, Department of History, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, N.S. B3H 3C3.
E-mail: mvance@shark.stmarys.ca

7 - 10 November 1996: Affordable Housing in Atlantic Canada: Technological and Social Issues. Anyone interested in housing in Atlantic Canada is encouraged to attend and participate, including, representatives of non-governmental agencies, representatives of the building trades, representatives from all levels of government and academics. Concerns currently under discussion in the region are: rental markets and rental quality; self-help/social housing; Aboriginal housing; housing renovation, maintenance and repair; construction practices and codes; class, gender and race as factors in accessibility of housing. Deadline for abstracts will be 30 March 1996. For more information contact: Elizabeth Beaton, Beaton Institute, University College of Cape Breton, Sydney, N.S. B1P 6L2.
E-mail: ebeaton@caper2.uccb.ns.ca

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