

CALL FOR PAPERS

Mennonites, Melancholy and Mental Health: A History Conference

Winnipeg, Friday-Saturday, October 8-9, 2010

Hosted by: The Chair in Mennonite Studies

Location: University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA

Like all social groups, the Mennonites have experienced health issues in their history and

- suffered from mental illness and been marginalized because of it;
- stigmatized mental illness;
- faced the gravest consequences of mental illness, including suicide;
- worked as mental health nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, etc.;
- built mental health facilities;
- worked to integrate people living with mental illness into their communities;
- been clients, consumers and survivors of psychiatric services;
- theologized on melancholy and sadness;
- deconstructed medical authority and “madness”; and
- engaged in creative ways to seek healing.

“Mennonites, Melancholy and Mental Health,” the seventh Divergent Voices of Canadian Mennonites (DVCM) history conference, invites proposals for scholarly papers on the history of mental illness, mental health stigmatization, and mental health practices among Mennonites in Canada and other parts of the world.

Deadline for conference paper submissions: February 1, 2010. Please send a 200-word proposal for a conference paper in a Word file to the conference organizer: Royden Loewen, Chair in Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg <r.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca>

Proposals should include a clear statement of the central theme or argument and a 100-word biography. Provide your name, academic affiliation (if applicable), and contact email address.

A selection of the conference papers will be published in *Journal of Mennonite Studies*, 2011.

Further details will be available early in 2010:

Visit : <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academic/as/mennstudies>

Organizing Committee:

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