

## Champlain Society behind new Podcast Series on Canadian History

Witness to Yesterday/*Témoins d'hier*, the new podcast series produced by the Champlain Society, is hosted by Patrice Dutil and Greg Marchildon. Each episode presents an interview with authors who are shaping, or even reshaping, interpretations of Canadian history. Although they are not in history departments in the respective universities at Ryerson University and the University of Toronto, Dutil and Marchildon are seasoned historians who have made significant contributions to Canadian political, business and policy history for over thirty years. They began production of the podcasts in 2017 and have already interviewed a number of historians, the majority of whom are professional historians and members of the Canadian Historical Association.

As of now, nearly fifty podcasts have been recorded on numerous topics. They range from social and sexual history to political and business history with some revealing biographies and history textbooks thrown into the mix. The authors (to name but a few!) have included established historians such as Pierre Anctil, Jack Granatstein, Greg Kealey, Valerie Korinek, Maureen Lux, Ian McKay, and Arthur Ray as well as some of early and mid-career historians such as Christopher Dummit, Erika Dyck, Xavier Gélinas, Dennis Molinaro and Jane Nicholas. The topics are as varied as the authors and cover events, anniversaries, people, and changing understandings before and after Confederation.

Consistent with the mandate of the Champlain Society, *Witness to Yesterday/Témoins d'hier* also focuses on the rich documentary history of the country as interpreted by historians, scholars from other

disciplines, and professional writers. Ryerson University has provided significant in-kind resources by authorizing use of the studios at the Allan Slaight Radio Institute in the Ted Rogers Communications Centre on campus and the volunteer work of students in the Department of Radio & Television Arts. The Champlain Society also receives support for the podcasts from the Wilson Institute for Canadian History at McMaster University and the Hudson Bay Co. Historical Foundation.

When authors are willing and able, a few podcasts are produced in French under the title of *Témoins d'hier*.

Historians who have published a book recently and are interested in having it become better known to a large listening public are encouraged to contact Patrice Dutil ([pdutil@politics.ryerson.ca](mailto:pdutil@politics.ryerson.ca)) or Greg Marchildon ([greg.marchildon@utoronto.ca](mailto:greg.marchildon@utoronto.ca)). Interviews are conducted in person or by telephone, at the convenience of the authors. Each interview is approximately 30 minutes in length.

Witness to Yesterday podcasts are available on the Champlain Society website at: <https://champlainsociety.utpjournals.press/witness-to-yesterday> and <https://champlainsociety.utpjournals.press/temoins-dhier>

They are also disseminated through Apple itunes at: <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/podcast/witness-to-yesterday-champlain-society-podcast-on-canadian/id1305112714?mt=2>



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