

IN MEMORIAM / DÉCÈS

Robert S. Gordon passed away in December 1995. He had been a member of the CHA since 1956 and served as treasurer from 1957 to 1978.

Werner O. Kuprath died in 1996. He had been a member of the CHA since 1987.

On 10 October 1995, the historical profession in Canada lost one of its best known young scholars, *Philip Graeme Lawson*, 1949-1995. Next to his family, Philip's greatest love was history. As an academic, his career was short, but illustrious. He contributed greatly to making the British section of the Department of History and Classics at the University of Alberta one of the best in the country. Born in Morecambe, Philip Lawson spent most of his early life in a village called Laneshawbridge in Lancashire, England. Although an excellent soccer player, he chose to run away from a possible professional "football" career and instead, decided to go to Manchester University. As an undergraduate, Philip's real passion for history began to develop. After his first degree, he took a two year break from university and tried social work. The pull of Clío was too great, however, and he returned to Manchester University to do his master's degree with Frank O'Gorman. He then went on to Aberystwyth, Wales, to complete a Ph.D. under Peter Thomas. With two young daughters, Philip and his wife, Eileen, arrived in Halifax where Philip took up a Killam post-doctoral fellowship. In 1983 the family moved west to the University of Alberta where Philip had been awarded a MacTaggart Fellowship. The last few years were some of the most exciting in Philip's career. Never dropping his interest in politics and empire, he had most recently added the study of culture to his work in eighteenth-century Britain. His books on *George Grenville*, *The Imperial Challenge*, *The East India Company* and his most recent monograph, *The Atlantic Empire*, reflect the various paths his research and writing took throughout his career. He was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. At the time of his death, Philip was concerned about the effects of empire on Britain, and especially the impact of empire on British culture in Hanovarian times as seen through the "empire of tea". In this regard, he was far more sensitive to ritual and ceremony and their pictorial representations than in his earlier work, but his vision of Imperial history remained constant because of his generous view of both sides of the imperial coin—that of the colonised and coloniser and their effects on each other. As an academic, Philip pursued knowledge relentlessly. He believed a scholar's duty was to teach, publish and play an active role in the community. Universities, he often argued, made their reputations through the work of their faculty members. In this regard, Philip helped to make our university known world-wide as an institution of prominence. His peers here and elsewhere respected and consulted him. He opened otherwise closed doors for his students at institutions well beyond our city, and attracted many distinguished scholars to our university. His long list of books, articles and reviews is a legacy which many will find difficult to surpass in their much longer careers. Dr. Philip Lawson was a valued colleague who will be sadly missed.

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George A. Rawlyk, a highly respected historian and committee teacher at Queen's University, died suddenly in late November 1995 from complications following a car accident. Born in Thorold, Ontario in 1935, George Rawlyk attended McMaster University and then went on to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. He completed his doctorate at the University of Rochester and briefly taught at Mount Allison University and at Dalhousie before joining the Queen's History Department. Rawlyk's move to Upper Canada did not diminish his interest in the history of eastern Canada. Much of his early work centred on the various economic, social, intellectual and political interconnections between the Maritimes and New England, particularly in the colonial period. Increasingly, however, he began to concentrate his prodigious energies and skills on the religious history of the region, and particularly on the life and work of Henry Alline. And in the last 10 years of his life, he became one of Canada's senior scholars exploring and interpreting religious revivalism and the international connections of evangelicalism. All together, he wrote or edited over 30 books, including *A People Highly Favoured of God* (1972, with Gordon Stewart), *Ravished By the Spirit* (1984), *Wrapped Up in God: A Study of Several Canadian Revivals and Revivalists* (1988), *The Canadian Protestant Experience, 1760-1990* (1990), *The Canada Fire, Radical Evangelicalism in British North America, 1775-1812* (1994) and *Amazing grace: Evangelicalism in Australia, Britain, Canada and the United States* (1994, with Mark Noll). At his death he was completing a book length analysis of the Angus Reid - Maclean's 1993 survey on the state of religion in contemporary Canada, *Is Jesus Your Personal Saviour?*, which will be released in the spring; and the collection of articles which emerged from his celebrated 1995 conference, *Aspects of the Canadian Evangelical Experience* will be released later in the year. In recognition of his outstanding work, a little more than a month before he died, George Rawlyk was awarded an honorary doctorate by Mount Allison University. George Rawlyk's commitment to researching and writing about the religious history of the country did not deflect his attention from what he considered the "real" work of the University - teaching. Rawlyk took undergraduate lectures seriously; he delighted in his seminars; and he was proud of his students' accomplishments. During his thirty years at Queen's, he supervised over 30 doctoral students and better than 75 Master theses. To those of us who were his students, colleagues and/or friends, it is George Rawlyk's commitment to the classroom, his loyalty, his support and his energy that will be most remembered. Others will remember the support and advice they received from George Rawlyk in his role as editor of the McGill-Queen's Studies in History of Religion Series, which now numbers 19 titles. And many in Kingston will remember his work to help others through the First Baptist Church. George Rawlyk, a devout Christian, an accomplished scholar and a caring teacher and friend, will be greatly missed.

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