



Dr. John Reid – Department of History & Atlantic Canada Studies Program

Dr. John Reid	General Interests	Teaching & Research Interests
Faculty & Position		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor of History 		
Education		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.A. (Honours), <i>Oxford University</i> • M.A., <i>Memorial University</i> • Ph.D., <i>University of New Brunswick</i> - <i>President's Award for Excellence in Research, Saint Mary's University, 1991</i> - <i>Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, 2004</i> 		
Biography		
<p><i>John Reid was born in Scotland and grew up in the north of England. After completing his Bachelor of Arts, he moved to Newfoundland to study at Memorial University. His M.A. thesis dealt with the seventeenth-century history of Maine. During doctoral studies at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, he extended this study to include a comparison with the history of Acadia and Nova Scotia. By the time he was awarded his Ph.D. in 1976, he had already taught for a year at U.N.B. in Saint John. A year at St. Thomas University followed, then eight years at Mount Allison University, before he moved to Saint Mary's in 1985. Since then, his teaching has been divided between the department of History and the interdisciplinary program in Atlantic Canada Studies.</i></p>	<p>Dr. Reid's main research interest is in the history of northeastern North America during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, focusing especially on Acadia/ Nova Scotia and northern New England. In the book that came out of his doctoral thesis, <i>Acadia, Maine, and New Scotland: Marginal Colonies in the Seventeenth Century</i>, he argued that the history of these three colonies showed the limitations of European power in north-eastern North America and the resilience of aboriginal societies. In subsequent studies, he has refined and extended this theme. Recent works such as <i>The "Conquest" of Acadia, 1710</i> (coauthored with five other historians) have contended that any explanation of processes and events in this era must take full account of aboriginal, colonial, and imperial influences. Only when these three dimensions are treated in a balanced way can the historian offer solid analytical insights.</p>	<p>As well as writing scholarly books and articles, Dr. Reid communicates the results of his research through teaching courses in the Department of History at Saint Mary's (in areas such as the history of Atlantic Canada, the early modern history of North America, and the relationship between history and biography) and through teaching in the area of the culture of Atlantic Canada in the interdisciplinary Atlantic Canada Studies program. He has supervised graduate theses in both History and Atlantic Canada Studies. He has also testified as an expert witness in a number of court cases involving aboriginal and treaty rights, including the Donald Marshall case.</p> <p>He has served on the Council of the Canadian Historical Association, and on the Editorial Board of the <i>Canadian Historical Review</i>. He has also participated in the editorial processes of the <i>Oxford Companion to Canadian History</i> and the <i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>, and is presently a member of the editorial boards of three Canadian history journals. At Saint Mary's, he is a former chair of the Senate Research Committee and a current member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.</p>



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