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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in History, University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra, Australia (2014).

Dissertation: "Raymond Collishaw, the Royal Air Force and the Western Desert Campaign, 1940-1941," 451 pp.

Supervisor: Dr Jeffrey Grey; Co-Supervisor Dr Eleanor Hancock;

Dissertation committee: Dr. John Buckley (University of Wolverhampton) and Dr. David Hall (King's College London)

Master of Arts in History, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON (1993)

Concentration: Canadian military, Canadian political, European 20th Century.

Thesis: "Close Air Support in Normandy: The Case of First US Army and IX Tactical Air Command: A Question of Doctrine, Training and Experience," 172 pp.

Supervisor: Terry Copp

Honours Bachelor of Arts, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON (1991)

Majors: History, Business; Minor: Geography

Thesis: "The Effectiveness of Tactical Air Power during the Normandy Campaign: The Evidence of Operational Research," 61 pp.

Supervisor: Terry Copp

External Research Funding

Air Force Heritage Fund (2017) – \$2,100

Air Force Heritage Fund (2014) – \$1,000

Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre (2012) – \$3,500

University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy (2011) – \$3,000

Canadian Forces Security and Defence Forum International and National Conference Fund (2004-2011) – \$12,200

Canadian Battle of Normandy Foundation Study Tour Scholarship (1995) – \$3,000

Mac McIntyre Research Award (1995) – \$500

Silver Dart Aviation History Award (1991) – \$500

Internal Research Funding

LCMSDS conference travel and research grants (1995-2013) – \$28,600

WLU Conference/Workshop Grant (2013) – \$4,300

Scholarship Awards

University International Postgraduate Award, University of New South Wales (3 years) (2010) – approx. \$120,000 (\$20,000 scholarship per year plus international tuition waiver)

Brick Robb Memorial Scholarship for Educational Research, Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (2010) – \$5,000

WLU Graduate Scholarship (1992) – \$4,000

Teaching Experience

Contract Academic Staff, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario

September 1994 to Present

- History 341 – Canadian Military History (3rd year one-term course – taught 7 times, 2001-2016 – average enrolment, 35 students)
- History 248 OC1 – The Second World War (2nd year one-term course – taught 11 times, 2009-present – average enrolment, 45 students)
- History 249 OC2 – Impact of the Second World War (2nd year one-term course – taught 10 times, 2009-present – average enrolment, 45 students)
- History 249 – Impact of the Second World War (2nd year one-term course – taught 2006 – 200 students)
- History 247 DE – History of World War II (2nd year two-term course – taught 23 times, 1994-2008 – average enrolment, 35 students)
- History 347A DE – Topics in Military History (Canadians and the Liberation of Europe during the Second World War) (3rd year one-term course taught 22 times, 1995-2008 – average enrolment, 25 students)

Sessional Faculty, Conestoga College, Kitchener, Ontario

January 2014 to December 2015

- LIBS1710 – Impact of Aviation on Canadian National Development (taught twice – average enrolment, 20 students)
- LIBS1160 – Essentials of Canadian History (taught 10 times – average enrolment, 30 students)

Sessional Faculty, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

Winter Term 2008

- History 106 – a one-term course on 20th century Canadian military history (120 students)

Winter Term 2003

- History 226 – a one-term course on Canada and the Second World War (150 students)

Battlefield Tour Leader

1-10 August 2010 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in Normandy, Dieppe and Vimy for 20 Canadian high school teachers run in association with the Juno Beach Centre.

2-11 August 2009 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in Normandy, Dieppe and Vimy for 25 Canadian high school teachers run in association with the Juno Beach Centre.

26 July-5 August 2008 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in Normandy, Dieppe and Vimy for 30 Canadian high school teachers run in association with the Juno Beach Centre.

29 July-7 August 2007 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in Normandy, Dieppe and Vimy for 35 Canadian high school teachers run in association with the Juno Beach Centre.

20 May-4 June 2007 – Cleghorn Battlefield Study Tour (WLU and Université de Montréal students) of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in France and Belgium (Ypres salient, Vimy, Beaumont-Hamel, Dieppe, Normandy, etc.)

14-17 February 2007 – Study Tour of Normandy Battlefields for the Command and Staff course at the Canadian Forces College, Toronto, ON.

- 31 July-9 August 2006 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in Normandy, Dieppe and Vimy for 28 Canadian high school teachers run by the Juno Beach Centre.
- 17-29 October 2005 – Study Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in Belgium, Holland and Germany (Ypres, Boulogne, Scheldt, Arnhem, the Rhineland, Holland, etc.).
- 2-10 August 2005 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in Normandy, Dieppe and Vimy for 35 Canadian high school teachers run in association with the Juno Beach Centre.
- 13-14 February 2005 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in Normandy and Dieppe for the Command and Staff course at the Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Ontario.
- 22 July-2 August 2004 – Study Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in France (Vimy Ridge, Dieppe, D-Day Beaches, etc.).
- 14-15 February 2004 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in Normandy and Dieppe for the Command and Staff course at the Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Ontario.
- 26 August-8 September 2003 – Study Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in Belgium and Holland (Ypres salient, Scheldt Estuary, Arnhem, the Rhineland, etc.).
- 15 August-1 September 2002 – Study Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in France (Vimy Ridge, Dieppe, D-Day Beaches, etc.).
- 27 August-10 September 2001 – Study Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in Belgium and Holland (Ypres salient, Scheldt Estuary, Arnhem, the Rhineland, etc.).
- 2-21 October 2000 – Study Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in France (Vimy Ridge, Dieppe, D-Day Beaches, etc.).
- 18-25 March 2000 – Study Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields (Vimy, Dieppe, Normandy) for 1st Canadian Division Intelligence Company, CFB Kingston, ON.
- 4-6 February 2000 – Study Tour of Canadian Battlefields in the Scheldt Estuary, Belgium and the Netherlands for the Senior Officers course at the Canadian Forces College, Toronto, ON.
- 1-19 June 1999 – Study Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in France (Vimy Ridge, Dieppe, D-Day Beaches, etc.).

Professional Experience

Executive Director – Juno Beach Centre Association (JBCA) (January 2018 to July 2019)

- ❖ Responsible for the leadership and management of all aspects of JBCA in support of its mission and vision
- ❖ Growing and overseeing the planning and implementation of the JBCA's national programs and outreach initiatives
- ❖ Work with the Board and senior executive team to promote a culture of philanthropy across the organization
- ❖ Manage staff of six full-time employees
- ❖ Represented JBC/JBCA on national and international media outlets (CTV National News broadcast (live), Global News, Globe & Mail, Toronto Star, National Post, BBC, ITV, etc.)

Production Coordinator/Acquisitions Editor – Wilfrid Laurier University Press (Full time: June 2014 to December 2017; Casual: January 2018 to present)

- ❖ Manage editorial and book production for 35-40 new books, 10-15 reprints, and 4 journals per year
- ❖ Solicit and edit manuscripts in the fields of military history and life writing

- ❖ Commission and direct freelancers for interior design, formatting, and cover design
- ❖ Solicit printing estimates and oversee the printing of books and journals
- ❖ Design books, book covers, catalogues, and flyers in InDesign and Photoshop

Communications Director – Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies

Managing Editor – *Canadian Military History* (peer-reviewed quarterly academic journal)
(July 1992 to June 2014)

- ❖ Run day-to-day operations of Canada’s premier military history journal
- ❖ Solicit articles, liaise with authors, review articles, oversee peer review process, proof read and copy edit articles, mentor young authors
- ❖ Research and acquire photographs and other illustrations, create maps, and execute the design and layout of the journal
- ❖ Responsible for Centre’s publications program, annual military history conference, speakers’ series, and various other outreach programs
- ❖ Supervise small staff, volunteers and student employees
- ❖ Designed numerous books, journals, and other material using InDesign and Photoshop
- ❖ Speak frequently to audiences (20 to 200+ people): Academic conferences, 31; Public presentations, 35
- ❖ Regularly commentator on TV, radio and in newspapers (CTV, Rogers TV, AM570, *Globe & Mail*, *Waterloo Region Record*, Canadian Press, etc.)

Publications

Peer-reviewed Books

Flying to Victory: Raymond Collishaw and the Western Desert Campaign, 1940-1941 (Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 2017). [Selected for the 2019-2020 Royal Air Force Chief of the Air Staff’s Reading List: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/what-we-do/centre-for-air-and-space-power-studies/documents1/cas-reading-list-2019-20/>]

Peer-reviewed Books Edited

The Air Marshals: RCAF Chiefs of the Air Staff, 1938 to 1964 – Leadership in War and Peace, with Richard Mayne and William March (Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, forthcoming 2020).

Sic Itur Ad Astra: Canadian Aerospace Power Studies, vol.6: *Historical Dimensions of the Royal Canadian Air Force*, with William March (Trenton, ON: Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre, 2017).

Canada and the Second World War: Essays in Honour of Terry Copp with Geoffrey Hayes & Matt Symes (Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2012).

Vimy Ridge: A Canadian Reassessment with Geoffrey Hayes & Andrew Iarocci (Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, March 2007).

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters

“Defending the Normandy Bridgehead: The Battles for Putot-en-Bessin, 7-9 June 1944,” contained in Geoffrey Hayes, Mike Bechthold and Matt Symes, eds. *Canada and the Second World War: Essays in Honour of Terry Copp* (Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press (2012)).

“A Question of Success: American Tactical Air Doctrine and Practice in North Africa, 1942-1943,” contained in Jeremy Black, ed. *The Second World War, Volume II The German War 1943-1945* (Hampshire, UK: Ashgate Publishing Limited, May 2007).

- “‘The Development of an Unbeatable Combination’: US Close Air Support in Normandy,” contained in Jeremy Black, ed. *The Second World War, Volume II The German War 1943-1945* (Hampshire, UK: Ashgate Publishing Limited, May 2007).
- “In the Shadow of Vimy Ridge: The Canadian Corps in April and May 1917,” contained in Geoffrey Hayes, Andrew Iarocci & Mike Bechthold, eds, *Vimy Ridge: A Canadian Reassessment* (Waterloo, ON: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, March 2007).

Peer-reviewed Articles

- “Spitfires, Typhoons, and Mustangs: RCAF Fighters in Normandy,” *Royal Canadian Air Force Journal* 8, no. 2 (Spring 2019), 48-67. <http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2019/mdn-dnd/D12-16-8-2-eng.pdf>
- “Raymond Collishaw,” Biographical entry in *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, June 2019. <<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/raymond-collishaw>>
- “Bloody April Revisited: The Royal Flying Corps at the Battle of Arras, 1917,” *British Journal of Military History* 4, no. 2 (2018), 50-69. <<http://bjmh.org.uk/index.php/bjmh/article/view/212>>
- “‘Deeply regret to inform you’: War and Loss in the Trapp Family,” *Canada’s First World War: A Centennial Series on ActiveHistory.ca* (June 2016), <<http://activehistory.ca/2016/06/deeply-regret-to-inform-you-war-and-loss-in-the-trapp-family/>>
- “Canada [military history] from WW1 to the Present,” *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, 2014.
- “Culture and National Character on the Great War Battlefield: The Experience of the Australian, British and Canadian Armies during the Battle of Arras, 1917,” *War & Society* 32, no.2 (August 2013).
- “A Stepping Stone to Success: Operation Battleaxe (June 1941) and the Development of the British Tactical Air Doctrine,” *Journal of Military & Strategic Studies* 14, no.1 (Fall 2011).
- “Lost in Normandy: The Odyssey of Worthington Force, 9 August 1944,” *Canadian Military History* 19, no.2 (Spring 2010), pp.5-24.
- “Frank R. MacMackin – Brave Young Warrior,” *Canadian Army Journal*, Volume 10, Number Winter 2008, pp.96-100.
- “Applied History: 1944 Normandy Campaign Battlefield Tours and Staff Rides,” *Canadian Military History*, Spring 2006, Volume 15, Number 2, pp.5-22.
- “‘One of the greatest moments in my life’: Lessons Learned on the Canadian Battle of Normandy Foundation Study Tour,” *Defence Studies* (UK), 5, no. 1 (Mar 2005), pp.27-36.
- “A Question of Success: American Tactical Air Doctrine and Practice in North Africa, 1942-1943,” *Journal of Military History*, July 2004, pp.821-851.
- “‘The Development of an Unbeatable Combination’: US Close Air Support in Normandy,” *Canadian Military History*, Winter 1999, Volume 8, Number 1, pp.7-20.
- “Air Support in the Breskens Pocket: The Case of First Canadian Army and 84 Group RAF,” *Canadian Military History*, Autumn 1994, Volume 3, Number 2, pp.53-62.
- “Tactical Air Power, Its Effectiveness during the Normandy Campaign: The Evidence of Operational Research.” *CAHS: The Journal of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society*, Part 1, Spring 1993, pp.12-21 and Part 2, Summer 1993, pp.54-59, 68.

General interest articles

- “D-Day Memories: First-Hand Accounts from Those Who Were There,” *Canada’s History*, June-July 2019, 28-34.
- “Eyes in the Sky: Aerial Reconnaissance and D-Day,” *Canada’s History*, June-July 2019, 35-37.

"Dieppe Reconsidered," *Dorchester Review* 8, no. 2 (Autumn/Winter 2018), 38-41.

LCMSDS Commissioned Journals Edited (peer-reviewed)

Canadian Military History, 73 issues published (1992 – 1 issue; 1993-1997 – twice a year; 1998-present – quarterly); page count: 120-160 pages 1992-1997; 80-96 pages 1998-2014.

LCMSDS Commissioned Books

The Canadian Battlefields of Northern France: Dieppe and the Channel Ports, with Terry Copp, LCMSDS Press, 2011.

The Canadian Battlefields of Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany, with Terry Copp, LCMSDS Press, 2011.

The Canadian Battlefields in Normandy, with Terry Copp, 3rd ed., LCMSDS, 2008.

The Canadian Battlefields of Northwest Europe, 1944-1945, with Terry Copp, LCMSDS, 2005.

The Canadian Battlefields in Normandy, with Terry Copp, 2nd ed., LCMSDS, 2004.

LCMSDS Commissioned Blogs

"LCMSDS Air Photo Collection – A Look at Westkapelle,"

<<http://canadianmilitaryhistory.ca/lcmsds-air-photo-collection-a-look-at-westkapelle-by-mike-bechthold/>>, October 2012.

"LCMSDS Air Photo Collection – A Look at Quesnay," <<http://canadianmilitaryhistory.ca/lcmsds-air-photo-collection-a-look-at-quesnay-by-mike-bechthold/>>, September 2012.

"LCMSDS Air Photo Collection – A Look at Dieppe," <<http://canadianmilitaryhistory.ca/lcmsds-air-photo-collection-a-look-at-dieppe-by-mike-bechthold/>>, August 2012.

"LCMSDS Air Photo Collection – A Look at Pegasus Bridge,"

<<http://canadianmilitaryhistory.ca/bechthold-pegasus-bridge/>>, June 2012.

"Worthington Force from the Air," <<http://canadianmilitaryhistory.ca/worthington-force-from-the-air-by-michael-bechthold/>>, September 2010.

Book Reviews

The Mediterranean Air War: Airpower and Allied Victory in World War II by Robert Ehlers in Michigan War Studies Review, forthcoming 2019.

The North African Air Campaign: U.S. Army Air Forces from El Alamein to Salerno by Christopher M. Rein in *Journal of Military History*, forthcoming 2019.

(peer reviewed) *Tragedy at Dieppe: Operation Jubilee, August 19, 1942* by Mark Zuehlke on canadianmilitaryhistory.ca, August 2013.

Strategy for Victory: The Development of British Tactical Air Power, 1919-1943 by David Ian Hall in *Journal of Military History* 74, no.2 (April 2010), pp.620-1.

Building for Victory: World War II in China, Burma and India and the 1875th Engineer Aviation Battalion by W.C. King in *Western Pennsylvania History*, Winter 2006.

Eighth Army: The Triumphant Desert Army That Held the Axis at Bay, 1939-1945 by Robin Neillands in *The Journal of Military History*, July 2005.

Review essay: "Wave of Juno Beach Books rolls in," *Kitchener-Waterloo Record*, 5 June 2004.

(Includes reviews of: Ted Barris, *Juno: Canadians at D-Day June 6, 1944* (Toronto: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2004), Hugh Brewster, *On Juno Beach: Canada's D-Day Heroes* (Markham: Scholastic Canada Ltd, 2004), Lance Goddard, *D-Day Juno Beach: Canada's 24 Hours of Destiny* (Toronto: Dundurn, 2004) Mark Zuehlke, *Juno Beach: Canada's D-Day Victory: June 6, 1944* (Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 2004).

Conduct Unbecoming: The Story of the Murder of Canadian Prisoners of War by Howard Margolian in *Canadian Defence Quarterly*, Summer 1998.

Operation Friction 1990-1991: The Canadian Forces in the Persian Gulf by Jean Morin and Richard Gimblett in *Canadian Defence Quarterly*, Summer 1997.

All the Fine Young Eagles: In the Cockpit with Canada's World War II Fighter Pilots by David Bashow in *Canadian Defence Quarterly*, Spring 1997.

The Guns of Victory: A Soldier's Eye View, Belgium, Holland and Germany, 1944-45 by George G. Blackburn in *Canadian Defence Quarterly*, December 1996.

A Narrative of War: From the Beaches of Sicily to the Hitler Line with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada by Robert L. McDougall in *Canadian Defence Quarterly*, Fall 1996.

The D-Day Encyclopedia, edited by D.G. Chandler and J.L. Collins, Jr. in *Canadian Military History*, Spring 1994, Volume 2, Number 2.

Typhoon and Tempest at War: The Canadian Story by Hugh A. Halliday in *Canadian Military History*, Spring 1994, Volume 2, Number 2.

Newspaper Articles

"Saving D-Day: The stand of the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade helped seal a historic victory 60 years ago," *Waterloo Region Record*, 17 July 2009, p.A9.

"Looking back on battle for Vimy Ridge" (with Geoff Hayes and Andrew Iarocci), *The Record* (Kitchener), 9 April 2007

Kitchener-Waterloo Record Community Editorial Board:

- "Remember our troops who contribute to world's safety," 31 December 2003
- "To retain Remembrance Day, youth must be involved," 5 November 2003
- "So many soldiers made so many sacrifices," 14 July 2003
- "Grandpa was an ordinary guy doing his duty," 21 May 2003
- "A degree has real value: it opens the doors," 24 March 2003
- "Military history comes to life on battlefield tours," 12 February 2003

Editorial: "Remembrance and War," *Kitchener-Waterloo Record*, 31 October 2002.

Presentations

Academic Conference Papers

"A Global Endeavour: The Royal Canadian Air Force in the Second World War," Paper presented to the 3rd Annual Military History Symposium: Canada's Second World War: Combined Arms in Victory, Royal Canadian Military Institute Toronto, ON, 9 November 2019.

"Air Power in the Battle of the Scheldt, Oct–Nov 1944," Paper presented to the symposium "Slag om de Schelde - 1944," Woendrecht Air Base, Netherlands, 30 October 2019.

"Air Support in Normandy: The strange case of Worthington Force," Paper presented to the Normandy 75: An International Conference, Portsmouth, UK, 22-25 July 2019.

"The RCAF and the Normandy Campaign," Panellist on the special plenary session "Canada and the Campaign to Liberate Europe, 1940-1945," at Normandy 75: An International Conference, Portsmouth, UK, 22-25 July 2019.

"The RAF and Normandy," Panellist on the special plenary session "The Air War for Normandy and the Liberation of Europe," at Normandy 75: An International Conference, Portsmouth, UK, 22-25 July 2019.

"The Somme 1916 to Amiens 1918: The Royal Flying Corps and the Evolution of the Air Campaign, Paper presented to the Conference of the Society for Military History, Louisville, KY, 5-8 April 2018.

- "The Royal Flying Corps in 1917: The Genesis of a Modern Air Force," Paper presented to the First Annual Royal Canadian Military Institute Military History Symposium: The Centenary of the Great War – A Canadian Perspective, Toronto, ON, 13 October 2017.
- "Vimy and the Battle of Arras: The Evolution of the Air Campaign," Paper presented to VIMY: From Both Sides of the Ridge, University of Calgary, AB, 20-22 April 2017.
- "'Never More Must the Ground Troops Expect ... to Be Protected Against the Air by Aircraft': Churchill's 1941 Intervention in the British Army/RAF Tactical Air Power Debate," Paper presented to the Society for Military History Conference, Ottawa, ON, 15-17 April 2016.
- "Trench Strafing, Tactical Bombing and Isolating the Battlefield: Raymond Collishaw, the Royal Air Force, and the Battle of Amiens, August 1918," Paper presented to The Great War's Shadow: New Perspectives on the First World War, Lake Louise, AB, 25-28 Sept 2014.
- "Raymond Collishaw and the Development of Tactical Air Power during the Western Desert Campaign," Paper presented to the 24th Military History Colloquium, 2-5 May 2013.
- "Counter-Insurgency, the Royal Air Force and Iraq, 1923," Paper presented to the Conference of the Society for Military History, New Orleans, LA, 15-17 March 2013.
- "Raymond Collishaw and the Development of Naval Aviation in the 1930s," Paper presented to the 2012 Vancouver Military Studies Conference, 13-14 April 2012, Vancouver, BC.
- "A 'significant misapplication' of tactical air power?: US Ninth Air Force and the capture of Cherbourg, 22-30 June 1944," Paper presented to the Conference of the Society for Military History, Lisle, IL, 9-12 June 2011.
- "Lost in Normandy: The Epic Tragedy of Worthington Force," Paper presented to the 21th Military History Colloquium, WLU, Waterloo, ON, 29 Apr-1 May 2010.
- "A Stepping Stone to Success: Operation Battleaxe (June 1941) and the Development of British Tactical Air Doctrine" Paper presented to Seventy Years On: New Perspectives on the Second World War, Calgary and Lake Louise, AB, 31 August-2 September 2009.
- "'A brilliant success': The Canadian capture of Fresnoy, 3 May 1917," Paper presented to the 20th Military History Colloquium, Western University, London, ON, 30 Apr-2 May 2009.
- "Culture and National Character on the Great War Battlefield: The experience of the Australian, British and Canadian Armies during the Battle of Arras, 1917," Paper presented to the Conference of the Society for Military History, Murfreesboro, TN, 2-5 April 2009.
- "The Battle of Putot," Paper presented to 19th Military History Colloquium" 1-3 May 2008, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.
- "In the Shadow of Vimy Ridge," Paper presented to the Tri-University History Conference, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, 18 November 2006.
- "The Battle of the Arleux Loop, 28 April 1917," Paper presented to the 17th Military History Colloquium, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, 5-6 May 2006.
- "The Development of Tactical Air Support Doctrine in the Second World War: Raymond Collishaw and the early battles in the Western Desert, 1940-1941," Military History Symposium, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, 17-18 March 2005.
- "Defending the Normandy Bridgehead: Canadian Army Professionalism in Defeating 12th SS Counterattacks, 7-10 June, 1944," Paper presented to the Conference of the Society for Military History, The Citadel, Charleston, SC, 24-27 February 2005.
- "Lessons Learned on the Normandy battlefields: The Experience of the Canadian Battlefields Foundation Student Study Tours." Paper presented at The Normandy Campaign 60 Years On: An International Conference, History & Governance Research Institute, University of Wolverhampton, UK, 1-3 July 2004.

- “Defending the Bridgehead: The Experience of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in Normandy: 7-10 June 1944,” Paper presented at the 15th Military History Colloquium, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON, 7-8 May 2004.
- “Put out to pasture: The Second World War Career of Air Vice-Marshal Raymond Collishaw,” Paper presented to the Canadian Historical Association Conference, Dalhousie University, Halifax, May 2003
- “‘One of the greatest moments in my life’: Lessons Learned on the Canadian Battle of Normandy Foundation Study Tour,” Paper presented to the Conference of the Society for Military History, University of Calgary, May 2001.
- “Raymond Collishaw in the Western Desert, 1940-1941,” Paper presented to the 36th Annual Canadian Aviation Historical Conference/5th Air Force Historical Conference, CFB Borden, Ontario, June 1999.
- “‘Torch’ to ‘Overlord’: The Evolution of American Tactical Air Doctrine”. Paper presented to the Conference of the Society for Military History, Penn State, April 1999.
- “‘An Unbeatable Combination’: The Evolution of American Tactical Air Power in Normandy.” Paper presented to LCMSDS Conference on Military History, WLU, May 1994.
- “Air Support in Operation Switchback,” Paper presented to LCMSDS Conference on Military History, Wilfrid Laurier University, December 1991.

Invited Lectures

- “Vimy Ridge: The Battle in Myth and Reality,” invited keynote presentation at the Vimy Ridge Symposium, Guelph Museums, Guelph, ON, 8 April 2017.
- “Operation Jubilee: Disaster at Dieppe – 19 August 1942,” invited to lecture to History 226: Canada and the Second World War at St. Jerome’s University, Waterloo, ON, 8 Oct 2014.
- “Saving D-Day: The Royal Winnipeg Rifles in Normandy,” Keynote address, 9th Windsor Military Studies Conference, Windsor, ON, 7 February 2014.
- “Canada’s Army: Social, Political and Technological Paradigms,” presentation to the Joint Command and Staff Programme, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, ON, 24 April 2013.
- “Worthington Force in Normandy: The Destruction of the Battlegroup,” Keynote address at the 1st Vancouver Military Studies Conference, Vancouver, BC, 15-16 April 2011
- “Tactical Air Power in Normandy: A Decisive Weapon?,” Paper presented to the 2011 Air-Land Integration Workshop, Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre, Trenton, Ontario, 8-9 March 2011.
- “Air Power Clears the Way: Normandy 1944,” Paper presented to 4th Windsor Military Studies Conference” 16-17 January 2009, Major Fred Tilston VC Armoury, Windsor, Ontario.
- “Planning for the Normandy Campaign at the Operational Level,” presentation to the Command and Staff Course at Canadian Forces College, Toronto, ON, 25 January 2007.
- “Canadian Operations after Vimy: The Battles for Arleux and Fresnoy, April-May 1917,” Paper presented to “From Courcellette to Kandahar: The Canadian Army 1916-2006, An Historical Symposium,” 20-21 October 2006, Laurier Brantford, Brantford, Ontario.
- “Operation Jubilee: Disaster at Dieppe,” Lecture at the University of Waterloo as part of the LCMSDS Speakers’ Series, 16 February 2005.
- “The Normandy Campaign at the Operational Level,” presentation to the Command and Staff Course at Canadian Forces College, Toronto, ON, 8 February 2005.
- “Canadian Operations in the Scheldt Estuary, October-November 1944,” Lecture at the University of Waterloo as part of the LCMSDS Speakers’ Series, 18 November 2004.

- “The Myths of the Normandy Campaign,” presentation to the Command and Staff Course at Canadian Forces College, Toronto, ON, 9 February 2004.
- “Raymond Collishaw and Operation Compass, December 1940-January 1941,” Lecture at the University of Waterloo as part of the LCMSDS Speakers’ Series, 10 December 2003
- “Battle Over Memory: The Valour and the Horror, the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Strategic Bombing Campaign Over Germany” Lecture at the University of Waterloo, 27 Feb 2002.
- “Canada and the Battle of the Scheldt: A Strategic Overview,” presentation to the Senior Command and Staff Course, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Canada, February 2000.

Online Webinars

- “Air Power in Normandy [Livestream],” ww2tv.com, recorded 29 June 2020.
<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qBq2Lp0s0Hk>>.
- “The Canadian 7th Brigade in Normandy, 7-10 June 1944 [Livestream],” ww2tv.com, recorded 8 June 2020. <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGdTnifIRp8#action=share>>.
- “D-Day June 6th Livestream – The Royal Winnipeg Rifles on D-Day,” ww2tv.com, recorded 6 June 2020 <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYHY5clcamk>> [starts at 6:13:15].
- “The Algonquin Regiment and Worthington Force in Normandy,” online lecture for HIST 3005 at Nipissing University, 18 May 2020.
- VE Day 75 – A Commemorative Webinar, organized by Defining Moments Canada.
<<https://vimeo.com/415240897>>.

Online Blogs

- “Worthington Force: Death of a Battlegroup,” Project ‘44, 6 August 2019,
<<https://www.project44.ca/intelblog/2019/8/6/worthington-force-from-the-air>>.

Non-Academic Talks

- “Remembrance Day 2019: Meaning and Memory,” Talk to the Kitchener-Conestoga Rotary Club, 8 November 2019.
- “Defending the Bridgehead: The 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 7-10 June 1944,” A talk given to the Juno75 Canadian Armed Forces Contingent, Trouville-sur-Mer, France, 4 June 2019.
- “Canada and the Second World War,” A talk/discussion with the writer, director, and cast of “You’ll Get Used To It! ... The War Show: A Nostalgic Musical Celebration,” a Drayton Entertainment production, Cambridge, ON, 16 May 2019.
- ““These companies had to storm their positions cold’: Canada and D-Day,” D-Day+75: A Symposium and Dinner Commemorating the D-Day Landings, The Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, ON, 15 May 2019.
- “Canada and D-Day,” A talk given to the Burlington Teen Tour Band and supporters, Burlington, ON, 6 May 2019.
- “Flying to Victory: Raymond Collishaw and his many wars,” Military History Lecture series, LCMSDS, Waterloo, ON, 22 November 2017.
- “Bloody April: The Air Battle Over Vimy and Arras in 1917,” Public talk for the Guelph Civic Museums Military Lecture Series, Guelph, ON, 16 November 2017.
- “Canada and Vimy at 100,” Talk to the Kitchener-Conestoga Rotary Club, 10 November 2017.
- “Nanaimo to Amiens to Bengazi: The Wars of Raymond Collishaw, Canadian Air Ace,” Book launch at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, ON, 25 October 2017.

"Trench Strafing, Tactical Bombing and Isolating the Battlefield: The Battle of Amiens and the Royal Air Force, August 1918," Public talk for the Guelph Civic Museum Lecture Series, Waterloo, ON, 20 November 2014.

"Canada and Vimy Ridge: An Iconic Battle," Public talk at the Guelph Civic Museum on the 97th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, 9 April 2014.

"Saving D-Day: The Royal Winnipeg Rifles in Normandy," Public talk for the LCMSDS Fall Speakers Series, Waterloo, ON, 6 November 2013.

"Raymond Collishaw and the Development of British Carrier Aviation in the 1930s," 3rd Annual Kingsmill Lecture, Guelph Civic Museums Lecture Series, Guelph, ON, 18 April 2013.

"The Terror Bombing of Germany: A Legitimate Target or War Crime?," Public talk for the Kitchener Public Library Lecture Series, Kitchener, ON, 27 March 2013.

"Trench Strafing, Tactical Bombing and Isolating the Battlefield: The Battle of Amiens and the Royal Air Force, August 1918," Public talk for the LCMSDS Winter Speakers Series, Waterloo, ON, 16 January 2013.

"An overlooked Canadian victory: the battle for Hill 70, August 1917," Public talk for the Guelph Civic Museums Lecture Series, Guelph, ON, 19 January 2012.

"Canada and Vimy Ridge: Battle and Memory," Public talk at the Kitchener Public Library, Kitchener, ON, 9 November 2011.

"Valour in Battle: Canada's Victoria Cross Recipients," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 3 November 2011

"C3 (Command, Control and Communications) in Normandy: August 1944," Paper presented to the 6th Windsor Military Studies Conference, Windsor, ON, 4-5 February 2011.

"Canadian Tank Battles in Normandy," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, 4 Nov 2010.

"Operation Totalize, August 1944," Lecture to the Laurier Association for Lifelong Learning class on Canada and the Second World War, Waterloo, ON, 12 May 2010.

"Breakthrough in Normandy: The Fateful Destruction of Worthington Force," Waterloo Region Military Studies Conference, Cambridge, ON, 24 April 2010.

"Canadian Operations in Normandy, 7-10 June 1944," Lecture to the Laurier Association for Lifelong Learning on Canada and the Second World War, Waterloo, ON, 21 April 2010.

"'A brilliant success': The Canadian Capture of Fresnoy, 3 May 1917," Public talk for the Guelph Civic Museums Lecture Series, Guelph, ON, 25 March 2010.

"The Canadian Corps after Vimy: Fresnoy, 1917," Niagara's Military Past and Present, 6-7 November 2009.

"Air Power and the Normandy Campaign, 1944," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 5 November 2009.

"Saving D-Day: The Stand of 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade, 7-10 June 1944," LCMSDS Summer Speakers Series 2009, Waterloo, ON, 10 June 2009.

"Learning from Vimy: The Canadian Corps at Arleux & Fresnoy," Toronto Military Studies Conference, Toronto, ON, 18-19 September 2009.

"Operation Jubilee," Lecture to History 226, University of Waterloo, 26 February 2009.

"Dieppe: A Prelude to D-Day?," Guelph Civic Museum Lecture Series, 15 January 2009.

"The Military History of Waterloo Country: A presentation in support of the Waterloo Veterans Community Centre Museum," 404 Wing RCAF, Waterloo, ON, 23 November 2008.

"Arthur Currie's Greatest Victory: The Battle for Hill 70, August 1917," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 6 November 2008.

"In the Shadow of Vimy: The Battles for Arleux and Fresnoy, April-May 1917," Public talk at the Kitchener Public Library, Kitchener, ON, 12 November 2007.

"Dieppe: A Dress Rehearsal for D-Day?" Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 8 November 2007.

"Canada and D-Day," Talk to the Royal Canadian Legion, Elmira, ON, 11 November 2006.

"The Battle of Vimy Ridge," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 9 November 2006.

"Francis Pegahmagabow: an aboriginal sniper in the Great War," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 17 September 2006.

"Operation Jubilee – The Raid on Dieppe France, 19 August 1942," a day-long professional development seminar conducted for the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment in Chatham, ON, 10 June 2006.

"The Battle of Normandy," Lecture to Second World War history class (History 248), Wilfrid Laurier University, 15 November 2005.

"Air War over Germany," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 8 Nov 2005.

"Canada and the Liberation of Holland, April-May 1945," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 26 April 2005.

"The end of the war in Europe," Talk to the Gyro Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, 18 April 2005.

"The Battle of Normandy," Lecture to Second World War history class (History 248), Wilfrid Laurier University, 23 November 2004.

"The Italian Campaign: A Canadian Perspective," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 11 November 2004.

"Air Power in the Great War," Lecture to First World War history class (History 357), Wilfrid Laurier University, 3 November 2004

"Canada and Dieppe," Lecture to Second World War history class (History 248), Wilfrid Laurier University, 28 September 2004

"Canada and Dieppe," Lecture to Canadian military history class (History 341), Wilfrid Laurier University, 25 February 2004

"The Defence of Bretteville-Norrey-Putot, 7-10 June 1944," Public talk at the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, ON, 11 November 2003.

"The Canadian Army and D-Day," Talk to the Gyro Club of Kitchener-Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, 24 November 2003.

"Remembrance and the Canadian Army," Talk to Petard Corporation and the Association of Royal Canadian Engineers, Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, ON, 29 Nov 2003.

Invited Workshops, Seminars, Conferences, and Tours

Invited panellist, "War, Memory and Remembrance Day," a roundtable discussion held at York University, 10 November 2005.

Academic visit to HMCS *Athabaskan* and the Canadian Atlantic Fleet to observe NATO fleet exercise, 13-15 November 2004.

Academic visit to Sherbrooke, QC to observe 5 Brigade training exercise in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan, 2-3 December 2003.

Department of National Defence Security and Defence Forum Briefing Tour to NATO and EU, Belgium, France & Germany, 9-16 June 2003.

Academic visit to Canadian Forces Brigade training exercise at Camp Wainwright, AB, 30 April-3 May 2003

Subject Matter Expert, War of 1812, Joint and Combined Warfare Symposium, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, ON, 5-7 December 2002.

Invited Scholar, Air Power Symposium, Canadian Forces College, March 2002.
Department of National Defence Military and Strategic Studies Program, Briefing Tour to NATO and EU, Belgium, France & Germany, May 1993.

Service

Wilfrid Laurier University

CAS representative on History Department DiC, 2013-2015
Editorial Board, Canadian Military History, 1992-2014
Referee, Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2009-present
WLU Centenary Committee, 2011.

Academic Community

Research Fellow, Nipissing University Centre for the Study of War, Atrocity, and Genocide (C-WAG), 2020 to 2025.
Program Committee for the 86th Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, "Soldiers and Civilians in the Cauldron of War," May 9-12, 2019, Columbus, OH.
Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, UK, 2018 to present.
Research Fellow, The Gregg Centre for the Study of War & Society, University of New Brunswick, 2014 to present.
Member, Advisory Committee for Gregg Centre's Toll of War Commemoration Project, 2015.
Associate Air Force Historian, Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre, 2014 to present.
Referee for book submissions to the University of Oklahoma Press, 2015 to present.
Referee for article submissions to Oxford Bibliographies Online, Oxford University Press, 2015.
Referee for article submissions to the *Journal of Military History*, 2005 to present.
Member, Editorial Board for the Wolverhampton Military Studies Series, 2013 to 2018.
Membership Committee for the Society for Military History, 2012 to 2015.
Referee for article submissions to *War & Society*, 2014.
Program Committee for the 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, "Transformational Conflicts: War and its Legacy Through History," April 3-6, 2014, Kansas City, MO, 2013-2014.
Cartographic/Design/Historical consultant work for Gregg Centre at the University of New Brunswick, University of British Columbia Press, Cornell University Press, University of Toronto Press, Canadian War Museum, Royal Military College of Canada, Canadian Forces College, Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre, Stackpole Books, Juno Beach Centre, 1998 to present.

Historical Consulting

Project historian for Defining Moments Canada commemorative learning resource on VE Day 75. January to May 2020 <<https://definingmomentscanada.ca/>>.
Subject matter expert and panellist on Canada, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy for "D-Day Remembered: The 75th Anniversary," CTV News national broadcast with Lisa LaFlamme and General (ret'd) Romeo Dallaire on Juno Beach, 6 June 2019. (Nominated for the 2020 Canadian Screen Awards – Best Live News Special).
Subject matter expert and panellist on Canada, D-Day and the Battle of Normandy for "D-Day Remembered: The 75th Anniversary," CTV News national broadcast with Lisa LaFlamme and General (ret'd) Romeo Dallaire from the Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, 5 June 2019. (Nominated for the 2020 Canadian Screen Awards – Best Live News Special).
Subject matter expert on Canada and the Battle of Normandy for The Royal Canadian Mint,

September 2018-April 2019.
Subject matter expert on Canada and the Second World War for The Royal Canadian Mint, January-March 2018.
Subject matter expert on Vimy and First World War (on-air) for CTV News national broadcast of Vimy centenary ceremony, 9 April 2017
Project historian for the Department of Canadian Heritage summer guide programme in Ottawa, 2015.
Course designer for online course at Conestoga College – LIBS 1710: Impact of Aviation on Canadian National Development, 2015
Course designer for online course at Conestoga College – LIBS 1160: Essentials of Canadian History, 2014.
Project historian for First World War Air Warfare exhibit at the Canadian War Museum, 2014.
Project historian for documentary/video game on the First World War, 2013.
Project historian for a special exhibit on the Canadian role in the Battle of Normandy for the Juno Beach Centre, Courseulles-sur-Mer, France, 2009.
Regular media commentator – *Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Star*, CBC Radio, Post Media News, Canwest News Service, CTV Newsnet, CTV Southwestern Ontario, 570News talk radio, Rogers Cable 20, along with numerous other Canadian newspaper and media outlets.
Project historian for a special exhibit on the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Second World War for the Juno Beach Centre, Courseulles-sur-Mer, France, 2006.
Contributor to “Military Milestones” column in *Legion Magazine*, April 2004 to present.
Elected member of the Board of Directors, Canadian Battlefields Foundation, 2003 to present.