

Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies
 Annual General Meeting
 June 1, 2025, George Brown College, Toronto, 548D

12:55pm, The President, Elizabeth Sauer, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Land acknowledgement (above)/Reconnaissance du territoire (ci-dessus)

12:55pm, The President delivered the land acknowledgement previously circulated.

2. Adoption of the Agenda/Adoption de l'ordre du jour

12:56pm, there was no discussion or opposition to the agenda.

MOTION: That the membership approve the agenda for the AGM. (Brain/Woodford)

There was no opposition to the motion, so it was unanimously accepted.

3. Adoption of the minutes (from previous AGM)/Adoption du procès-verbal de la précédente AGA *

Approval of the minutes

MOTION: That the membership approve the minutes from August 2, 2024. (Pentland/Linda Steele)

There was no opposition to or further changes to the minutes, so they were unanimously accepted.

4. Presentation from Lana Galbraith, Manager, Member Engagement, Member Support / Assistance aux membres / Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences / Fédération des sciences humaines

Sauer indicated that the group was having its fiftieth anniversary conference and would need to be held in person before turning things over to Galbraith.

Galbraith indicated the following:

- That the fact we were at a College this year spoke to the changing landscape in postsecondary and how the Federation is adapting to change;
- That the Federation is coming up with a strategic plan that will address recent issues with trying to find locations and keeping Congress going;

- That there would be forthcoming meetings based upon the fact that Congress 2026 is online; and
- That the Federation was willing to **listen to advice and take contributions from member organizations on future of Congress**

Sauer presented questions to Galbraith:

- Question of dues: that they are necessary to be a part of Congress, and Galbraith also indicated additional ways that Congress dues were used. Benefits for Congress with funding and awards right now. The only real benefit to remaining that was expressed is that the society would be part of the conversation about what the future of Congress looks like. Sauer made it clear that if we were paying membership dues to the Federation, then the Society would need access to the benefits (i.e., Graduate Student Merit Awards for the in-person gathering next year).
- Receiving the EDID funding: not contingent on being a member to keep it within the timeline. We have access to the funding until the expiring date of the funding (2027), so that is not necessarily an issue. **(But to apply again we must be a member of Federation in good standing.)**
- Future 2027 and 2028 gatherings at in-person venues. They have not secured any institutions, but they are working to find a university.
- On advocacy work, Galbraith pointed to one meeting that occurred recently with respect to advocating for the value of humanities that she could share. **In general terms, she spoke of continuing efforts to work with Tri-Agency administration; to work on improvements to open-access models; to develop a blind-spot alarm policy; to advocate for caution with regard to replacing distinct humanities departments with general cultural studies departments**

The floor was then opened to attendees to ask questions.

- Questions about what exactly the issue was with securing the host came up. The Federation was nearing the end of a deal with an institution, but complications arose from what the institution needed from the Federation.
- Questions about what the in-person component was; the answer made it sound like it was to have meetings about future Congress in ten rooms somewhere. **If there is a small in-person component next year, of perhaps 2000-3000 people, perhaps hybrid, it will not be branded as Congress.**

5. Report of the President (Sauer)

Sauer reviewed her report and took questions. Hearing none, she moved on.

6. Report of the Vice President (Pentland)

No report was submitted.

7. Report of the Treasurer (Woodford)

The budget was presented on screen. There were no questions.

8. Report of *Renaissance and Reformation* Editor (Bowen)

A copy was sent around this morning. It was reviewed on the screen. Sauer indicated that if there were questions or comments for Bowen later, please email him.

9. Report of Graduate Student Representative, Représentant des étudiants de cycles supérieurs (Seguin-Brault)

No report submitted. Indicated that we will need a new graduate student representative in the near future.

10. Report of the Secretary (Kaethler)

Kaethler provided their report and elaborated upon the EDID fund in light of the information provided. There were no questions.

11. Report of the Past President (Graham)

No report was submitted.

12. Regional Representatives

Sauer directed our attention to the reports in the agenda package that were submitted.

13. Discussion of our 50th Anniversary Conference

In conversations with several colleges at the University of Toronto, and we have determined one college that is particularly interested.

Sauer provided an overview of the costs relative to the expenses to be part of the Congress.

There were conversations around a hotel venue and what the possibility is of securing one.

Conversations around previous meetings with ACCUTE and other societies. ACCUTE is doing a hybrid conference at the Alt Hotel next year with Congress.

Although Toronto seemed like a good option, Québec is where the Society began, so there was interest in looking at the University of Montréal. Vaillancourt indicated that he would look into these possibilities.

If conference-provider fees are unexpectedly high, we might be able to bring down graduate student registration fees to compensate.

We will eventually need to consider costs and benefits of remaining in Federation. “Going rogue” might offer benefit of increased mobility across Canada, with meetings in Atlantic provinces and West.

The current situation in the U.S. makes it even more important to keep our conferences regular.

14. Sauer indicated that the following person have put their name forward to serve on the Society's Board or are stepping into the roles in accordance with our constitution:

Elizabeth Pentland (President)

Mark Beatrice Kaethler (Vice President)

Benjamin Woodford (Treasurer)

Glenn Clark (Secretary)

Elizabeth Sauer (Past-President)

Omnibus Motion: That the Society accept all the nominations for the 2025-2026 CSRS/SCÉR Board. (Vaillancourt/Dase)

Omnibus motion was passed unanimously.

Omnibus Motion: That the Society accept all the reports submitted by the 2025-2026 CSRS/SCÉR Board. (Pentland/Vaillancourt)

Omnibus motion was passed unanimously.

15. Adjournment (Sauer)

The President adjourned the meeting at 1:53pm.

**Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies /
Société canadienne d'études de la Renaissance**

AGM on Sunday June 1st, 12:45pm-2pm at George Brown College (SJA-568D)

Land acknowledgement: George Brown College is located on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and other Indigenous peoples who have lived here over time. We are grateful to share this land as treaty people who learn, work and live in the community with each other.

Agenda: * = attached report

1. Land acknowledgement (above)
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes (from 2024 AGM); see <https://csrs-scer.com/archives/>
4. Presentation from Lana Galbraith, Manager, Member Engagement, Member Support / Assistance aux membres / Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences | Fédération des sciences humaines
5. *Report of the President (Elizabeth Sauer)
6. Report of the Interim Vice-President (Mark Beatrice Kaethler) and/or Vice-President (Liz Pentland)
7. *Report of the Treasurer (Ben Woodford)
8. * (forthcoming) Report of *Renaissance and Reformation* Editor (Bill Bowen)
9. Report of Graduate Student Representative Représentant des étudiants de cycles supérieurs / Olivier Seguin-Brault
10. *Report of the Secretary (Mark Beatrice Kaethler)
11. Report of the Past President (Kenneth Graham)
12. Regional representatives / Représentants régionaux
 - a) *Atlantic / Atlantique (Todd Pettigrew)
 - b) *Québec / Quebec (Anna Lewton-Brain)
 - c) *Ontario (Leah Knight)
 - d) *Prairies (Glenn Clark)
 - e) British Columbia (Erin Ellerbeck)
13. Discussion on our 50th anniversary and 2026 conference venue con't
14. Other business: The following people have been nominated for positions on the 2025-26 Board:
Elizabeth Pentland (President); M.B. Kaethler (Vice-President); Benjamin Woodford (Treasurer); Glenn Clark (Secretary); Elizabeth Sauer (Past-President)

2025 Report of the CSRS / SCÉR President (Elizabeth Sauer)

2025 Conference

Over 60 presenters are participating in the program. Plenary speakers include Dr. Urvashi Chakravarty (Univ. of Toronto) and Dr. Nathalie Rothman. This year's conference will also feature a live performance, countless thanks to Dr. Lewton-Brain and her highly accomplished accompanists.

The plenaries are co-sponsored supported financially by the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. For the first year ever, both plenaries won Open Program Funds.

The terrific program was assembled by M. B. Kaethler and Liz Pentland to whom the CSRS is much indebted.

Award Announcements

Congratulations to H  l  ne Cazes, Professeure,   tudes fran  aises et francophones, Universit   de Victoria, the recipient of our 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Montaigne Prize

The CSRS / SCÉR is awarding the 2025 Montaigne Prize for the best paper by a non-student member to Dr. Kyle Dase. His winning presentation is titled “Hierarchy and Sociable Community in John Donne's Patronage Epistles to the Countess of Bedford.”

The 2024 Awards Committee decided not to award the Erasmus Prize.

A record number of our graduate students (4) won prestigious Congress Graduate Merit Awards. For details, consult M. B. Kaethler, who did a superb job of securing the Awards for our grad. students.

Congratulations to all the award winners!

EDID Initiatives <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/programs-policy/funding-awards/edid-initiatives-fund>

The Federation has an EDID (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization) Initiatives Fund, offers competitive grants of up to \$3000 in matching funds “intended to support scholarly associations’ initiatives that advance EDID.” M. B. Kaethler’s winning application is a model for future CSRS applications.

Renaissance Society of America Participation

The CSRS / SCÉR sponsored two panels at the 2025 meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Boston (March 20-22). They were “Caroline Mayoral Shows: Middleton, Dekker, and Heywood’s Civic Entertainments” and “Milton, Marvell, and Material Histories of Seventeenth-Century Civic Cultures.” Next year’s RSA will be in San Francisco. Our Society is not encouraging travel to the US. Consider attending the 2026 MLA Convention in Toronto (instead).

]The **CSRS/SCÉR** Boydell & Brewer Humanities Prize

We are launching as of this spring The **CSRS/SCÉR** Boydell & Brewer Humanities Prize, worth \$200 in books. Boydell & Brewer Press has committed to sponsoring this Award through to our 2028 conference, just to start. The **CSRS/SCÉR** Awards Committee will adjudicate the submissions for the 2 existing awards and for the brand new Humanities Prize. The Committee Chair will then email Boydell & Brewer at marketing@boydellandbrewer.com with the name of the winner. To claim their books, the winner would go to our website, choose ISBNs (print or digital) to the value of \$(CAD) 200, then email marketing@boydellandbrewer.com with the list and their delivery information.

B&B is tentatively working on launching a podcast (tied to their University of Rochester Press imprint) on the topic of the value of the Humanities. B&B is open to ideas for episodes and would love to hear any ideas the CSRS/SCÉR might have. B&B would be willing to work with the winner of the **CSRS/SCÉR** Boydell & Brewer Humanities Prize if their work is a good fit.

The winner of the Prize is encouraged to contact Christina Wipf Perry who looks after the new series Humanities in the World: <https://boydellandbrewer.com/the-humanities-in-the-world/>

2026

... is the **CSRS/SCÉR**’s anniversary year. The new **CSRS/SCÉR** executive will need to mark the occasion, even though the Congress will be a virtual event. Some major conferences (e.g. the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies) alternate between in-person and online conferences). But a virtual meeting on a 50th anniversary is far from optimal. I contacted the CRRS and the TRRC to inquire about in-person venues for the 2026 conference.

Finally, the **CSRS/SCÉR** needs to run annual “Values of the Humanities” sessions to do justice to our new **CSRS/SCÉR** Boydell & Brewer Humanities Prize.

A list of the **CSRS/SCÉR** VP’s and President’s duties has been sent to the nominated VP and President

Thanks to everyone for valuable advice and support over the past years.

Rapport 2025 de la présidente de la **SCÉR/CSRS** (Elizabeth Sauer)

Colloque 2025

Plus de 60 présentateurs et présentatrices ont participé au colloque. Les conférencières plénières incluent Madame Urvashi Chakravarty (Université de Toronto) et Madame Nathalie Rothman. Cette année, la conférence proposera également une performance en direct, grâce à l'immense générosité de Madame Lewton-Brain et de ses accompagnateurs et accompagnatrices hautement qualifié(e)s.

Les séances plénières sont coparrainées et soutenues financièrement par la Fédération des sciences humaines. Pour la toute première fois, les deux plénières ont obtenu des fonds du programme ouvert. L'excellent programme a été élaboré M. B. Kaethler et Liz Pentland, à qui la **SCÉR/CSRS** est profondément redevable.

Annnonce des prix

Félicitations à Hélène Cazes, professeure au département d'études françaises et francophones de l'Université de Victoria, récipiendaire de notre Prix pour l'ensemble d'une carrière 2025.

Prix Montaigne

La **SCÉR/CSRS** décerne le Prix Montaigne 2025 de la meilleure communication présentée par un membre non-étudiant à Kyle Dase. Sa communication s'intitule « Hierarchy and Sociable Community in John Donne's Patronage Epistles to the Countess of Bedford ».

Le comité des prix 2024 a décidé de ne pas décerner de Prix Érasme.

Un nombre record d'étudiant(e)s aux cycles supérieurs (quatre) ont remporté l'un des prestigieux Prix du mérite des cycles supérieurs du congrès. Pour plus de détails, veuillez consulter M. B. Kaethler, qui a fait un travail remarquable pour obtenir ces prix pour nos étudiant(e)s.

Félicitations à tou(te)s les lauréat(e)s.

Initiatives EDID

La Fédération dispose d'un fonds d'initiatives EDID (équité, diversité, inclusion et décolonisation) qui offre des subventions compétitives allant jusqu'à 3 000 \$ « destinées à soutenir les initiatives des sociétés savantes qui font progresser l'EDID » : <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/programs-policy/funding-awards/edid-%20initiatives-fund>

Participation à la Renaissance Society of America

La **SCÉR/CSRS** a parrainé deux séances lors de la conférence 2025 de la Renaissance Society of America (Boston, 20-22 mars), à savoir : « Caroline Mayoral Shows: Middleton, Dekker, and Heywood's Civic Entertainments » et « Milton, Marvell, and Material Histories of Seventeenth-Century Civic Cultures ». La prochaine conférence annuelle de la RSA aura lieu à San Francisco. Notre société déconseille de voyager aux États-Unis. Envisagez plutôt d'assister à la Convention 2026 de la MLA à Toronto.

Prix Boydell et Brewer pour les humanités de la **SCÉR/CSRS**

Tout d'abord, nous devons diffuser cette promotion sans attendre : économisez 40 % sur tous les livres d'histoire, de littérature et de musique de l'époque prémoderne avec le code **BB140**
<https://boydellandbrewer.com/early-modern-history/>
<https://boydellandbrewer.com/early-modern-literature/>

Ensuite, nous lançons dès ce printemps le Prix Boydell et Brewer pour les humanités de la **SCÉR/CSRS**. Les

éditions Boydell et Brewer se sont engagées à parrainer ce prix jusqu'à notre conférence de 2028, pour commencer. Le comité des prix de la **SCÉR/CSRS** évaluera les candidatures pour les deux prix existants ainsi que pour ce tout nouveau Prix des humanités. La présidence du comité enverra ensuite un courriel à Boydell et Brewer à l'adresse marketing@boydellandbrewer.com avec le nom du ou de la lauréat(e). Pour réclamer leurs livres, les lauréat(e)s devront se rendre sur notre site web, choisir des ISBN (imprimés ou numériques) d'une valeur maximale de 200 \$ (CAD), puis envoyer la liste et leurs coordonnées de livraison à marketing@boydellandbrewer.com.

Boydell et Brewer travaille également au lancement d'un balado (lié à la marque University of Rochester Press) sur le thème de la valeur des humanités. Boydell et Brewer est ouvert à toute suggestion d'épisode et serait ravi de recevoir les idées des membres de la **SCÉR/CSRS**. Boydell et Brewer serait également disposé à collaborer avec le ou la lauréat(e) du Prix Boydell et Brewer pour les humanités de la **SCÉR/CSRS** si son travail s'y prête.

2026

... est l'année anniversaire de la **SCÉR/CSRS**. Le nouveau comité exécutif de la **SCÉR/CSRS** devra marquer l'occasion, même si le congrès se tiendra virtuellement.

Merci à toutes et à tous pour vos précieux conseils et votre soutien au cours des dernières années.

CSRS Treasurer's Report

May 2024 – May 2025

Account Balance on May 23, 2024: \$29,766.39

Revenues

Membership	\$3,955
Money collected at Banquet 2024	\$210
Payment from Federation after Congress	\$377.45
Open Program Funds from Federation	\$1000

Total Revenues: \$5,542.45

Expenses

Prizes	\$200
Travel Expenses and Honorarium for Plenary Speakers	\$4713.46
Website charge	\$252.32
Service Charge	\$5.18
Lifetime achievement plaque	\$92.66
Federation Membership Fees	\$1727.20
Refunded Zeffy charges made in error	\$515
Graduate Student Lunch	\$290.67

Total Expenses: \$7,796.49

Account Balance on May 13, 2025: \$27,512.35



2024 REPORT

WILLIAM R. BOWEN, EDITOR

MAY 24, 2025

This brief report on *Renaissance and Reformation* | *Renaissance et Réforme* (R&R) draws attention to noteworthy changes and achievements during 2024.

EDITORIAL TEAM

The relationship between R&R and the *Early Modern Digital Review* (EMDR) evolved during 2024 (see next paragraph) and I am grateful to Isabella Magni (Sheffield), associate editor for reviews of digital projects, for her contribution to that process. Associate editors Megan Armstrong (McMaster) and Renée-Claude Breitenstein (Brock) continued their exemplary work on special issues and book reviews respectively. Managing editor Olivier Séguin-Brault expertly kept us all on track and was instrumental in improving our operations.

Early Modern Digital Review

The publication of R&R 47.4 marks the conclusion of a mutually beneficial relationship between our journal and the EMDR, which contributed reviews of digital projects and tools to a distinct section within the pages of R&R. The growth of EMDR since its launch in 2018 has now reached a point where the EMDR team has been offered new marketing and distribution opportunities, and they are well positioned to explore expanding the journal's scope by publishing articles aligned with the same distinctive focus on digital technology and early modern studies. Over the next few months, the R&R editors will consider how we might continue to contribute to the review of digital resources. Your recommendations and insights would be appreciated. In the meantime, please join me in congratulating the EMDR editorial team on their success

NATALIE ZEMON DAVIS PRIZE

The 2023 Natalie Zemon Davis Prize for the best article in volume 46 was awarded to Adrien Aracil for "Des « Républiques » pour des « brouillons de Républiquains » ? Les rôles des assemblées politiques dans la définition d'une communauté politique protestante dans la France du premier XVII^e siècle," 46.1 (2023), 49-77.

Committee report

Based on meticulous research and trenchant analysis, "Des 'Républiques' pour des 'brouillons de Républiquains'?" asks us to reconsider the nature of Huguenot political assemblies after the Edict of Nantes. Rather than as bastions of rebellious republicanism imagined by seventeenth-century critics, Adrien Aracil interprets them as sites for thinking through the problem of representation and for constructing a short-lived Protestant political community within the kingdom of France. The article excels for its originality of approach, melding social and political history, in which an analysis of the social and religious identity of the French Reformed community is juxtaposed with

the consideration of the practice of representation that was at once both politically expedient and performative. While focused specifically on the French Protestant assemblies between 1598 and 1629, the article contributes to a more general understanding of how politics could continue to be negotiated in the early modern period even after a legal framework had seemingly established a definitive regime. It also calls attention to the more limited definitions of republicanism, rooted in the choice of deputies to uphold a system of privileges, which could succeed within the bounds of a powerful monarchy. Original in its conceptualization, incisive in its reading of sources, thorough in its historiographical exposition, and cogently written, this article delivers admirably on multiple fronts.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the committee chair, Hilary J. Bernstein (UC Santa Barbara), and the committee members, Véronique Ferrer (Paris Nanterre) and Gillian Weiss (Case Western Reserve), and to Megan Armstrong for overseeing the adjudication process.

PRODUCTION

In 2024, we published four issues, including a double special issue:

46.3-4 *La querelle des genres: Paradoxes and Models for the “Perfection” of Women (12th–17th centuries)*. Edited by Mercedes Arriaga Flórez, Patrizia Caraffi, and Hélène Cazes.

We also made substantial progress on the last issues of volume 47 (2024) and anticipate their publication in early 2025.

UPDATES AND PREVIEW

- *Subject/Object and Beyond: Women in Early Modern France. Essays in Honour of Colette Winn*. Edited by Nancy Frelick and Edith Benkov. *R&R*'s first supplementary volume appeared in February 2024 in the book series, *Reflections on Early Modernity | Réflexions sur la première modernité*.
- *R&R*'s second supplementary volume, *Constructing European Historical Narratives in the Early Modern World*, is scheduled to be published in 2025. It is edited by Hilary J. Bernstein, Fabien Montcher, and Megan Armstrong.
- The *Special Issue Guidelines* were updated along with the creation of a *Guest Editor Agreement* and minor changes to other public-facing texts.
- Progress continues to be made in making back issues of the journal available via Érudit. In 2024, the Érudit team started to work on v28.1 (2004) to v32.4 (2009).
- The project to align *R&R* with best practices in matters of equity, diversity, and inclusion continues to move ahead, albeit slowly. Samah Marei, an Iter fellow, joined us in the Fall, supporting the initiative through research and drafting a planning document. This project led to conversations with the CSRS-SCÉR about collaboration toward shared goals.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The positive energy and drive of the journal's team and extended family continues to be nothing short of spectacular. Let me close this report by offering my profound thanks to Megan Armstrong, Renée-Claude Breitenstein, and Isabella Magni (associate editors); the members of the editorial and advisory boards; Olivier Séguin-Brault (managing editor); David Douglas, Beth McAuley, Samantha Rohrig, Pierre-Emmanuel Roy, and Olivier Séguin-Brault (copyeditors, proofreaders, and translators); Matthew Coleman, Samah Marei, and Christian Veilleux (Iter

Fellows); Hossein Gholizadeh (webmaster); Graham Jensen and Caroline Winter (Canadian HSS Commons); Natalie Oeltjen (CRRS); Émilie Chouinard, Marie-Eve Dugas, and Chloë Marshall (Érudit); Elizabeth Sauer and Mark Beatrice Kaethler (CSRS-SCÉR); Raymond Siemens (INKE); and Marian Cosic, Margaret English-Haskin, and Anabela Piersol (Iter Press).

Secretary's Report

Mark Beatrice Kaethler

My year as Secretary has been one set of minutes thus far with another two on the horizon, but I have also had the pleasure of submitting the Society's Congress Graduate Merit Award applications. I'm happy to share that the Society was granted a record of four CGMAs this year. Otherwise, I have been working with the Vice President on this year's schedule to acquire a sense of things as I look to step into that role. The Vice President and I have also been working with the Society's EDID Committee since last year's Annual General Meeting. This group's work has secured funding from the Federation for EDID events in the coming years, and we have been working with Ray Siemens' team to develop an online space within which the group can operate. This HSS Commons space will also serve as a site for the Society to continue conversations and locate information. If you have not joined yet, create a profile at hsscommons.ca, and then find our society.

Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies

Atlantic Region: Annual Report, May, 2025

Todd Pettigrew, Professor, Cape Breton University

1. AMEMG Conference

This report begins with our friends in the Atlantic Medieval and Early Modern Group, an interdisciplinary association whose main function is organizing an annual conference. This year's event is hosted by University of Moncton and Crandall University and will be held October 24th and 25th.

2. Assembling an Atlantic Renaissance Communication list

In the past I have forwarded relevant CSRS messages to AMEMG, but since I do not wish to take too much advantage of their good will, and since their areas do not perfectly overlap with ours, and since not everyone in Atlantic Canada is part of that group, I am assembling a list of active Atlantic Renaissance/Early Modern researchers of my own.

I sent out a preliminary message to as many potential list members as I could quickly find online, explaining what I was doing, and have already received several friendly messages back, including many suggestions for additions to the list, and one piece of news that I share below.

3. Bunyan Society Conference

Dr Shannon Murray of UPEI is hosting the 11th Triennial meeting of the International John Bunyan Society in June. The group is an interdisciplinary society that looks at all things non-conformist from 1500-1800, so it has a strong Renaissance component. This year's theme is "Teaching the Nonconformists and Nonconformist Teaching."

4. In Memoriam, Dr Scott Alexander Moir

Finally, Atlantic Renaissance scholars were saddened and shocked to learn of the untimely death of Dr Scott Moir, a historian of Early Modern Scotland. Dr Moir taught at CBU for many years, after earning degrees at Laurier, McMaster, and Guelph.

2025 Report of the CSRS Regional Representative for Quebec (Anna Lewton-Brain)

This winter I sent out an email to Quebec Renaissance scholars circulating the CSRS CFP for Congress and encouraging scholars to join the CSRS or to renew their memberships. I also arranged the concert that will conclude our conference in Toronto, of Renaissance lute songs performed by Duo Oriana, Soprano Sinéad White and lutenist Jonathan Stuchbery, at St George's Chapel in St James Cathedral.

2025 Rapport de la représentante régionale de la SCÉR pour le Québec (Anna Lewton-Brain)

Cet hiver, j'ai envoyé un courriel aux spécialistes de la Renaissance du Québec pour leur faire part de l'appel de propositions du Congrès de la SCÉR et les encourager à adhérer à la SCÉR ou à renouveler leur adhésion. J'ai également organisé le concert qui clôturera notre congrès à Toronto, des chansons de luth de la Renaissance interprétées par le Duo Oriana, la soprano Sinéad White et le luthiste Jonathan Stuchbery, à la chapelle St George de la cathédrale St James.

Report for 2025, Leah Knight, Ontario Regional Representative, CSRS / SCÉR

August: conferred with executive re plenary speakers for 2025 annual meeting.

October: prepared and sent letter to 223 Ontario members and potential members (text below); updated email addresses as required.

Passim: addressed inquiries from new members about CSRS meeting logistics.

Text of October email:



**Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies /
Société canadienne d'études de la Renaissance**

La version française suit

Dear colleagues,

Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies / Société canadienne d'études de la Renaissance (CSRS/SCÉR) is an intellectual community dedicated to the study of the history, cultures, and literatures of the Renaissance with half a century of providing fellowship, common purpose, mentorship, and valuable support to members.

We invite you to [support the society](#) by becoming a member, renewing your membership, or recommending the society to like-minded peers, including graduate students and independent scholars. CSRS/SCÉR is a unique interdisciplinary forum that lets members:

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- share research at annual meetings;
 - receive reductions in Congress registration fees;
 - promote Renaissance and early modern studies in Canada;
 - network with faculty and graduate students in the field;
 - gain free electronic access to the journal *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme*; and
 - subscribe at reduced rates to *ITER: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance (400-1700)*.
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Students who register for the Congress and present at our annual conference can benefit from a travel fund, a prize for the best student paper presented at the conference, and opportunities to join the executive. (This Society may be among the most useful for students aspiring to teach in Canada: with members from many disciplines at universities and colleges across the country, one of its members will almost certainly be on a hiring committee for any position in the field.)

Membership fees are very reasonable. A year's membership for students, retirees, and those without full employment is only \$25. Fees for regular memberships are just \$30 annually for three years or \$50 for one year.

Please [join us](#), and plan to attend our next meeting at George Brown College, Toronto, from 31 May to 2 June, 2025. The theme of the 2025 Congress is "Reframing Togetherness." <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/congress2025>

We are excited to announce our plenary speakers: Dr. Urvashi Chakravarty (English, UTSC) and Dr. E. Natalie Rothman (Chair, History and Cultural Studies, UTSC). Come and learn about the CSRS's EDID initiatives as well. Proposals for conference papers and panels will be due in early February 2025. Please address any queries to the CSRS's VP and Congress Program Director, Dr. Elizabeth Pentland at pent@yorku.ca.

Cordially,

Leah Knight
Regional Representative

[Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies/Société canadienne d'études de la Renaissance](#)

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Chers et chères collègues,

La Société canadienne d'études de la Renaissance/Canadian Society for Renaissance Studies (SCÉR/CSRS) est une communauté intellectuelle consacrée à l'étude de l'histoire, des cultures et des littératures de la Renaissance qui, depuis un demi-siècle, favorise les échanges, assure la poursuite d'objectifs communs et procure un soutien à ses membres.

Nous vous invitons à soutenir la société en devenant membre, en renouvelant votre adhésion ou en recommandant la société à des pairs partageant les mêmes idées, y compris des étudiants aux cycles supérieurs et des chercheurs indépendants.

La SCÉR/CSRS est un forum interdisciplinaire unique qui permet aux membres :

- de partager leur recherche lors de colloques annuels ;
 - de bénéficier de réductions sur les frais d'inscription au congrès ;
 - de promouvoir les études de la Renaissance et de la première modernité au Canada ;
 - de réseauter avec des professeurs et des étudiants dans le même domaine ;
 - d'obtenir un accès électronique gratuit à la revue *Renaissance et Réforme / Renaissance and Reformation* ;
 - et de bénéficier d'un tarif préférentiel pour l'abonnement à *ITER: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance (400-1700)*.
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Les étudiants qui s'inscrivent au congrès et présentent une communication lors de notre colloque annuel peuvent bénéficier d'une bourse de déplacement, d'un prix pour le meilleur article étudiant présenté lors du colloque et d'opportunités de se joindre à l'exécutif. (Cette société peut être parmi les plus utiles pour les étudiants qui aspirent à enseigner au Canada : avec des membres de nombreuses disciplines dans les universités et collèges à travers le pays, l'un de ses membres fera presque certainement partie d'un comité d'embauche pour n'importe quel poste dans le domaine.)

Les frais d'adhésion sont très raisonnables. L'adhésion d'un an pour les étudiants, les retraités et les personnes sans plein emploi ne coûte que 25 \$. Les frais d'adhésion réguliers ne sont que de 30 \$ par année pour trois ans ou de 50 \$ pour un an.

[Rejoignez la société](#) et soyez des nôtres lors du prochain colloque annuel qui se déroulera au collège George Brown de Toronto, du 31 mai au 2 juin 2025. Le thème du congrès 2025 est « Redessignons le vivre-ensemble » <https://www.federationhss.ca/en/congress2025>

Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer nos conférencières : Mme Urvashi Chakravarty (Département d'anglais, UTSC) et Mme E. Natalie Rothman (Directrice, département d'histoire et études culturelles,

UTSC). Venez également en apprendre davantage sur les initiatives EDID de la SCÉR. Les propositions de communication individuelle et de séance sont attendues au plus tard au début du mois de février 2025. Nous vous invitons à faire parvenir vos questions à la directrice de programme et vice-présidente de la SCÉR, Mme Elizabeth Pentland : pent@yorku.ca

Bien cordialement,

Leah Knight

Représentante régionale

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Rapport 2024, Leah Knight, Représentant regional, Ontario, SCÉR/ CSRS

To: CSRS/SCÉR Executive and Membership
From: Glenn Clark, Prairie Region Representative
Re: Spring 2025 Report
May 21, 2025

During the last year, I have forwarded the invitation to join the society and the Conference CFP to the Prairie Region Renaissance faculty list. I think I have persuaded at least one colleague to join the society.