

ONTARIO HISTORY JOURNAL CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME ISSUE: THE WELLAND CANALS

30 November 2029 will mark the 200th anniversary of the passage of the first ships through the Welland Canal, bypassing Niagara Falls, and connecting Lake Erie and Lake Ontario for shipping. Since then, the canal has gone through several iterations, and has had an enormous impact on the local, national, and continental history.

Ontario History encourages scholars, graduate students, community workers, policy-advisers, instructors and museum/site curators (etc.) from any disciplinary background to submit an abstract or proposal.

As a historical journal, *Ontario History* will feature work that is historicized. Historiographical reviews, archival notes and fully-contextualized photo essays are also welcome. All submissions will be anonymized and assessed by two anonymous reviewers before publication.

Suggested topics include:

- workers who constructed the canals, operated them, sailed upon them, and worked in the industries alongside them, including ethnic and racial minorities
- engineering and construction of the canals and related infrastructure, and related developments in shipping and transportation
- economic and industrial development; economic impact of the canals
- conflict, protest, and competition
- communities along the canals
- cultural and social effects of the canals
- environmental effects of the Welland Canals on the physical landscape, and the inhabitants; including drainage, flooding, introduction of invasive species
- effects of the canals upon Indigenous peoples, particularly those living along the Grand River
- international relations, particularly with the United States, including managing the shared waters of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway System
- travel and tourism

We hope to publish this special issue by Fall 2029.

Please send a 300-word abstract and brief biography to editor@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca.

Abstract due: 31 January 2028

Authors notified: 31 March 2028

First submission due: 15 June 2029 (10,000 words)

Please see our [Guide for Authors](#). This should be a fully-referenced clean copy, including any illustrations, subject to revision and copy-editing.

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