



WHAT'S IN A NAME? OVERCOMING EXCLUSIONS IN THE STORIES WE TELL

with Timothy J. Stanley

History is not neutral. The stories we tell about the past have real consequences for people in the present. Who we publicly commemorate matters. Should we honour Canada's first prime minister, John A. McDonald? Or A.W. Neil, the MP from Port Alberni who has a school named in his honour? Or Christopher Columbus, after whom the province is named? This lecture illustrates ways of developing antiracist and decolonized histories of inclusion for British Columbia and Canada.



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Hall of the Canadian Museum of History and has been a leading critic in relation to the commemoration of John A. Macdonald. He is the author of *Contesting White Supremacy* (UBC Press), the forgotten story of Chinese Canadians who fought segregation in Victoria in the 1920s.

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A long-time advocate for closer Asia-Canada relations, Neil went to China as part of the first Canada-China student exchange in 1973. He lived in China for eight years and then in Japan for eighteen years before returning to Canada in 1990. Neil taught at Sophia University, the University of Toronto and at UVic. A commemorative fund has been established in honour of Neil's many contributions. This is the sixth Neil Burton Commemorative lecture held at the University of Victoria.

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