

# Call for Papers Owning History: Indigenous Histories and Records Access

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## Topics of Interest

- Navigating privacy laws and archival restrictions
- Creative approaches to interpreting limited accessible records
- Imagining respectful access processes
- The destruction of or refusal to disclose records related to Indigenous histories in Canada
- Accessing historical vital statistics, police, and court records, medical records, or other sensitive information relating to Indigenous individuals and communities
- The relationship between records access policies and settler amnesty

### DESCRIPTION

Many people whose work or lives intersect with Indigenous histories in Canada are familiar with the long-standing issues surrounding accessing archival records for their research. Recently, the Office of the Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools (OSI) has highlighted issues stemming from access to and the destruction of records relating to Indigenous people in Canada as major challenges facing those trying to locate children who are missing from or died while enrolled at a Residential School. Histories of Indigenous health, policing, and incarceration are deeply connected with Residential Schools and researchers face significant hurdles in both accessing records and in sharing the information they have found. There exists a deep tension within this work of respecting the privacy of individuals while also laying bare the history of the genocide of Indigenous peoples in Canada and ensuring that families and communities who are trying to locate missing loved ones can do so.

### SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

*This call is open to academic and professional researchers who navigate access to historical records to engage with Indigenous histories.*

Submissions should include a presentation title and an abstract of no more than 250 words. Please also include a brief bio (250 word maximum) highlighting your key activities or contributions that are based on archival research with restricted records.

**Send your submission to:**  
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### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**19 January 2023**

Travel assistance can be made available. Contact Kathryn Boschmann and Mary Jane Logan McCallum for more information.

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