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2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award Recipients

The success of our 2016 Loyalist Scholarship Fund Challenge has allowed UELAC to award two PhD graduate scholarships this year. Of the excellent applications received, both of the successful candidates met and surpassed the criteria set out by the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. The award is for \$2500.00 per year and is available for each of two years for MA students and three years for PhD students undertaking a program in relevant Loyalist research.

Providing Loyalist education resource materials and encouraging research through scholarship support is integral to our mission to preserve, promote and celebrate the history and traditions of the United Empire Loyalists.

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada extends congratulations and sincere best wishes to the recipients of the 2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award.

Bonnie Schepers UE
UELAC Scholarship Chair

2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award Recipient

Stephanie Seal Walters

With great pleasure The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada announces **Stephanie Seal Walters** as recipient of the 2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award. Ms. Walters is a PhD Candidate at George Mason University, Department of History and Art History, Fairfax, Virginia. As part of her research, Stephanie plans to travel to archives across Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Ms. Walters' dissertation examines the forgotten Loyalist populations in Virginia during the American Revolution and seeks to have them recognized as a part of Virginia's Revolutionary narrative. Her work will argue that Loyalism was far more common in the Old Dominion than either scholars of the American Revolution or contemporaries have acknowledged.



April 14 – 17, Stephanie Seal Walters will be in Ottawa to present a paper at the Society for Military History conference 'Crossing Borders, Crossing Boundaries' hosted this year at the

Canadian War Museum. For those in the Ottawa area – in particular Sir Guy Carleton Branch, St. Lawrence Branch, and Kawartha Branch members, Stephanie is making herself available and I am sure would appreciate a warm UELAC welcome to Canada's capital. Please email me at scholarship@uelac.org if you will be in Ottawa on those dates and would like to meet Stephanie.

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Sophie H. Jones

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada is pleased to announce Sophie H. Jones of Liverpool, UK as recipient of the 2016 UELAC Loyalist Scholarship Award. Ms. Jones is a PhD Candidate, University of Liverpool, Department of History, Liverpool UK. Sophie is a second year PhD candidate at the University of Liverpool, investigating the development of cultural identity in Colonial America and American Loyalism during the American Revolution.



Provisionally titled 'From Anglicisation to Loyalism: New York, 1691-1783', Sophie's PhD research considers the cultural origins of Loyalism in New York as a consequence of 1690s Anglicisation policies and the later Consumer Revolution, before analysing the activities of Loyalists during the American Revolution and assessing their responses to its aftermath. Building upon undergraduate and postgraduate research, her project contributes to an emerging school of thought, which highlights the strength of British cultural identity and Loyalist support within New York, which lasted until – and often beyond – the moment of independence.

Sophie plans to use the UELAC Loyalist Scholarship to enable a visit to archives in North America to conduct primary research. She welcomes the opportunity to be part of the UELAC community of fellow Loyalist researchers. In her words, "With the support of the UELAC Scholarship, I intend to contribute to UELAC's ongoing mission of promoting and celebrating the history and traditions of the United Empire Loyalists."

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