



**THE CENTRE FOR  
CANADIAN STUDIES**  
invites you to attend  
a guest lecture by  
Kimberly Monk  
celebrating the 200th  
anniversary of the  
Welland Canals

**ON THURS OCT 24  
6:30-8:30 P.M.  
RFP 214  
BROCK UNIVERSITY  
MAIN CAMPUS**

All Welcome

## REIMAGINING THE HISTORIC WELLAND CANALS

This November, the Niagara Region commemorates the start of construction on the First Welland Canal, which through its successive enlargements, has connected trade and navigation between Lakes Ontario and Erie for almost 200 years. The three historic Welland Canals opened in 1829, 1845, and 1881, transforming the region's physical and cultural landscape, and laying the foundations for the Fourth Welland Canal, in 1931, and modern Niagara.

Since 2018, a team of Brock academics, students, and community volunteers have been documenting the canal's industrial legacy through historical and archaeological investigations. However, increasing urban development, the effects of flooding, and a lack of protection and governance, have placed canal heritage at risk. As we begin bicentennial celebrations, prioritizing a strategic partnership to support the *Welland Canal Cultural Heritage Landscape* is a crucial step towards securing time-sensitive funding for a conservation management plan and tourism strategy. A multi-level, multi-sector collaboration will ensure the historic canals and associated archaeological sites are preserved for future generations.



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