

# Gender, family, and deindustrialization

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## REGISTRATION

You can register for the conference **for free** using this Google Form:  
<https://forms.gle/5BXZh7LRRTr8MeVj9>

The deadline to register for the conference is May 15 to facilitate organizing. If you would like to register after May 15, please email [deindustrialization@concordia.ca](mailto:deindustrialization@concordia.ca).

We encourage community walk-ins with or without registrations!

## PROJECT ASSEMBLY—SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

<b>Monday, June 24 (morning and early afternoon)</b>	DePOT Project Assembly (for DePOT-affiliated researchers)
<b>Monday, June 24 (afternoon and evening)</b>	Walking tours of Glasgow and pub night
<b>Tuesday, June 25</b>	Gender, Family, and Deindustrialization conference (day 1)
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	Gender, Family, and Deindustrialization conference (day 2)

## 2024 DePOT Annual Assembly

*Please note that these meetings are for affiliates of the DePOT project already. If you're joining us for the conference, we look forward to seeing you in the afternoon!*

Monday, June 24 – Project assembly for DePOT members

Project Assembly— University of Glasgow, Mazumdar-Shaw Advanced Research Centre (ARC), Room 237A & 237B (11 Chapel Lane)

See the AccessAble accessibility guide for the ARC: <https://bit.ly/42jpb5i>

The University of Glasgow is a short subway ride from the city centre: the easiest option is to take the subway from your nearest station to either Hillhead or Kelvinhall station and walk 5-7 minutes. Full project Assembly program forthcoming.

## 2024 DePOT Annual Conference

Monday, June 24 – Conference activities for all attendees

WALKING TOURS OF GLASGOW – More information coming soon!

We will be organizing a handful of walking tours of Glasgow for conference attendees to enjoy and learn about our host city. Tours will start at different times and locations around the city. Make sure to [register for the conference](#) and [DePOT's newsletter](#) to receive for more information as it becomes available!

SOCIAL NIGHT – More information coming soon!

We will be kicking off our conference with a pub night in Glasgow City Centre. More information coming soon!

# GENDER, FAMILY, AND DEINDUSTRIALIZATION CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Glasgow, Scotland, June 25-26

*In deindustrialization studies, representations of industrial closures have often dwelled on the ways that masculinity is threatened or reconfigured through the experience of job loss and on the erosion of collective ties and spaces linked to the world of work. Conversely, women have appeared only on the fringes of the literature on deindustrialization, sometimes in their capacities as wives and mothers, but increasingly also as displaced workers in their own right. DePOT seeks to bring the history of deindustrialisation into productive dialogue with histories of youth, the body, health, the home and the caring economy.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

University of Strathclyde, Graham Hills Building (40-50 George Street)

See the Accessible Accessibility Guide for the Graham Hills Building:

<https://bit.ly/48T6UON>

9:00-10:00 WELCOME AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER (Room 514)

Florence Sutcliffe-Braithwaite (University College London) and Natalie Thomlinson (University of Reading)

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

*Session 1A: Family and Coalfield Justice in Scotland (Room 514)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Family and Coalfield Justice in Scotland - Jim Phillips, University of Glasgow, Scotland
2. La désindustrialisation vue au prisme familial : le cas de l'UFF (1975-1984)/ Deindustrialization through the family prism: the case of the UFF (1975-1984) - Ingrid Hayes, Université Paris-Nanterre, IDHES
3. United Families and the DEVCO Coal Closures: Women Respond to Deindustrialization in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia - Lachlan MacKinnon and Lucas Cameron, Cape Breton University

*Session 1B: Masculinities (Room 515)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Saving Male Livelihoods: Interpretations of Class and Masculinity during Finnish Steelwork Crisis in the early 1980s — Matias Kaihoviirta, Åbo Akademi University, Finland
2. Occupational Masculinity and Emasculation among Reemployed Scottish Heavy Industry Workers — James Ferns, University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK

3. They were Fathers and Gentlemen: Shrinking Masculine Expression in a Neoliberalizing Fishery, Rhode Island, 1945-1996 – Sophia Richter, Concordia University, Quebec, Canada

*Session 1C: Race, Gender and Deindustrialization in the US/UK (Room 542)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Gender, Race, & Opportunity in a Rural South Georgia Cotton Mill Village – Rebekah Chatellier, University of Strathclyde, Scotland
2. Race, gender, and deindustrialisation in late twentieth century Britain – Jessica White, University of Liverpool, England, UK
3. Black Women's Deindustrialized Landscapes: Three Cases from the U.S. Rust Belt – Sherry Lee Linkon, Georgetown University

12:00-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-14:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

*Session 2A: Family Narratives and Transgenerational Heritage (Room 514)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Myriam Guillemette, Université du Québec à Montréal
2. Sahar Ghasemshahi, Université du Québec à Montréal
3. Juliette Passilly, Université du Québec à Montréal

*Session 2B: Women in Male-dominated Industries and the Gendered Politics of Deindustrialisation (Room 515)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. “He was the kind of person who preferred to work only with men” - Female workers in the East German ship building industry – Nora Küttel, University of Halle
2. Women in male industry - Dig Where You Stand – Stefan Backius, Karlstad University
3. Construction union hiring halls and the prioritization of “les bons pères de famille”: a gendered reading of class solidarity amid economic downturn – Laurence Hamel-Roy, Concordia University

*Session 2C: Between the Global North and South: Gender, Mining and its Afterlives (Room 542)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Invisible Threads Between The Global North And South. Coal Women In The Mining Areas Of Asturias (Spain) And Lota-Coronel (Chile): Redefining Roles, Occupying Spaces - Irene Diaz Martinez, University of Oviedo
2. Gendering industrial heritage in the Americas: Community narratives in the coal basins of Chile and the United States – Magdalena Novoa and Daniela Morales, University of Illinois
3. The Shepherdess, the Miner, and the Ruin – Francisco Rivera, Universidad Católica del Norte, Chile and the University of Toronto



14:30-15:00 COFFEE BREAK

15:00-16:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

*Session 3A: Health, Care, and Death in Deindustrialised Communities (Room 514)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Gender, deindustrialization and 'deaths of despair' – Arthur McIvor, University of Strathclyde, and Christine Walley, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2. Navigating Health and Wellbeing in Deindustrialising Lanarkshire, Scotland – Gillian Murray, Janet Greenlees, and Ewan Gibbs
3. Burying the Dead in Deindustrialized Rural Nova Scotia – Fred Burrill, Cape Breton University

*Session 3B: From the Industrial Economy to the Service Economy: Class, Education and Labour (Room 515)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. From coal to care: deindustrialization, gender and education in Britain – Jim Tomlinson, University of Glasgow
2. A civil servants working class ? Women from working-class backgrounds' relationships to administrative work and asbestos risk at a time of deindustrialization in Nantes (France), 1972-1993 / *Une classe ouvrière fonctionnarisée ? Rapports au travail administratif et au risque-amiante des femmes issues de milieux populaires à l'heure de la désindustrialisation de Nantes (France), 1972-1993* – 350 Tonnes et des Poussières collective / *Collectif 350 tonnes et des poussières* [Renaud Bécot (PACTE/IEP Grenoble), Clémentine Comer (INRAE/IRISSO), Gabrielle Lecomte-Ménahès (PACTE/IEP Grenoble), Anne Marchand (CHS), Pierre Rouxel (ARENE)]
3. Care work, de-industrial economies, and the twenty-first century labour movement: a look at Ontario – Tom Fraser, Service Employees International Union

*Session 3C: Family, Class and Place (Room 542)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Deindustrialization in Armenia: A Personal Account of One Industrial Neighborhood's History and the Devastating Impact on its Residents – Sona Baldrian, Women's Fund Armenia
2. Familial Ties to a Vanishing World: The Meaning of Working-class Spaces to a Broader Community – Eliot Perrin, Concordia University
3. "I was never going to get out from under this place": Representations of Family and Industrial Change in Robert Gipe's Trampoline – Peter Thompson, Carlton University

16:30-16:40 TRANSITION TO THE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PLENARY

16h40-17h45 ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PLENARY (Room 514)

Introduced by Petra Dolata (University of Calgary) and Jana Golombek (LWL-Industriemuseum)

We will be joined by DePOT's 2023-2024 artist-in-residence, who will share the work they prepared aligned with the "Gender, Family, and Deindustrialization" research thematic.

**Jennifer Vanderpool** is a multidisciplinary artist, curator, and writer based in Los Angeles, California, United States. A native of the Mahoning Valley in Northeast Ohio, she draws on her immigrant Ukrainian family's stories about working in sweatshops and factories as a lens to question the social construction of place based on the influences of history, race, class, gender, and labor. She explores workers' lives and cities through community-specific and site-responsive projects. Her project is titled: "City Beautiful."

**Jill McKnight** is a multidisciplinary artist working across sculpture, drawing, film, sound and writing. Her practice focuses on exploring lesser heard stories, particularly from women and working-class people. Recent work has looked at the representation of community identities and collective voices, together with more personal histories, capturing the multiplicity and commonality that exists within them. She will be speaking about her project "Past and Future Pact."

#### 17h45-18h00 WALK TO THE GLASGOW CITY CHAMBERS

This is a seven-minute walk on Google Maps.

#### 18h00-19h00 BOOK LAUNCH AND CELEBRATION

The city of Glasgow is generously hosting a reception, during which we will celebrate the recent publications of DePOT team members and conference attendees—who will be invited to say a few words about their works. If you have published a book, edited volume or special issue you would like to celebrate with us email [gabrielle.mclaren@concordia.ca](mailto:gabrielle.mclaren@concordia.ca).



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

9:00-10:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER (Room 514)

Fanny Gallot, CRHEC, Université Paris-Est Créteil

10:00-10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### *Session 4A: Forgetting and Remembering (Room 514)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Ghosts of Industry Past: Gendered Narratives of Forgetting and Remembering in Almada's Deindustrialization – João Sequeira, Universidade do Minho, and Susana Pacheco, University of Lisbon
2. Deindustrialization and Silence: Experiences of women workers from Slovenia – Nina Vodopivec, Institute of Contemporary History in Ljubljana
3. Erased from cultural memory. Women from mining families in Coal Regions: the case of Upper Silesia – Monika Glosowitz, University of Silesia
4. Similar, yet too different? The forgotten textile factory and the glorified steelworks of Hanko 1976 and 2012 – Christoffer Holm, Åbo Akademi University

### *Session 4B: What is Deindustrialisation? Where is Deindustrialisation: Perspectives from the Global South (Room 515)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Women's labour and the deindustrialization debate in India – Piyusha Chatterjee, University of Glasgow
2. Deindustrialization - discussing the concept from a global south perspective – Maria Beatriz Andreotti
3. Can we discuss deindustrialization by focusing –and theorizing– solely on the factory spaces? – Flávio Lima, Universidade Estadual de Campinas

### *Session 4C: Stories of Community from Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the United States (Room 542)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Capital and Community, Factory and Family: Long-term Decline in Poletown, Detroit – Andrew Guinn & Patrick Cooper-McCann, Wayne State University
2. Govanhill Baths: Resistance & Community – Paula Larkin, Govanhill Baths Community Trust
3. The contradictions that bind us: Reclaiming community identity in Belfast and Derry – Naomi Petropoulos and Sinead Burns, Queen's University Belfast

12:00-13:00 LUNCH

13:00-14:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

*Session 5A: Gender, Sexuality, and Industrial Heritage (Room 514)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Queer Histories of Industrial Work: Methodological and Curatorial Provocations – Emily Gann, Ingenium, and Liam Devitt, Concordia University
2. Diversity, Race & Gendered Emerging Narratives in Spanish Post-Mining Landscapes – Jorge Magaz-Molina
3. HIStory repeating – the fragmented (industrial) heritage of the Ruhr – Jana Golombek, LWL-Industriemuseum

*Session 5B: Women’s Narratives of Deindustrialization (Room 515)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Gender narratives: women’s experiences and memories of the decline of shipbuilding in Glasgow and Belfast, 1970-2000 – Shonagh Joice, Queen’s University Belfast
2. Homemakers in the backdrop of Bata Shoe Factory’s deindustrialization – Indranil Chakraborty, DePOT Research Affiliate
3. Working-class women’s writing on deindustrialization (Glasgow, Chicago, Detroit) – Kate Wilson, DePOT Research Affiliate

*Session 5C: Deindustrialization, Family and Social Reproduction (Room 542)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Studying deindustrialization through the anthropological approach of the Gens Manifesto – Manuela Vinai, University of Turin
2. Centring the role of social reproduction in histories of deindustrialisation: narratives from Central Fife, Scotland – Amber Ward, University of St Andrews
3. Deindustrialisation and narrations of care – Sacha Hilhorst, London School of Economics and Political Science

14:30-15:00 COFFEE BREAK

15:00-16:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

*Session 6A: Reassessing Gender and Family in Mining Regions: Migration and Transnational Perspectives (Room 514)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. The gendered impact of deindustrialisation in coalmining communities (UK, Germany, France and Chile) - Marion Henry, Pete Hodson, Stefan Moitra, Jana Golombek, Marion Fontaine and Magdalena Novoa
2. Counter-narratives of Turkish working-class families in the Ruhr – Constanze von Wrangel, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
3. Deconstructing the traditional role of women in the context of Italian mining emigration to Belgium through deindustrialization narratives – Andrea Negro, University of Padua and Ca’Foscara of Venice

*Session 6B: Women workers and deindustrialization (Room 515)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. Gendering Worker Adjustment: A Historical Reconnaissance — Steven High, Concordia University
2. Deindustrialization and Gender within the scope of German reunification (1970s-2000s) — Helena Schwinghammer
3. Women workers, the labour movement, and industrial closure: a comparative study of New York City and the UK — Lauren Laframboise, Concordia University, and Andy Clark, Newcastle Oral History Collective

*Session 6C: Gender, family, and place in deindustrialised urban spaces (Room 542)*

Chairperson: TBA

1. From Cradle to Grave: Recontextualising the Deindustrialised Railway Town and its Railway Family — Laura Littlefair, Northumbria University
2. A gendered sense of place: intersectional inequalities in deindustrialising neighbourhoods — Alexandrina Vanke, Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences
3. The City Borderline: public visibility of prostitution in the postindustrial city — Michael Bianchi, Université de Liège

16h30-16:40 BREAK

16:40-17:45 CLOSING ROUNDTABLE: REFLECTING ON GENDER, FAMILY, AND DEINDUSTRIALIZATION (Room 514)

In this closing roundtable, panelists coming from a range of disciplinary backgrounds will reflect on the theoretical and methodological contributions that a gendered approach can bring to the study of deindustrialization to reflect and synthesize on the conference.

**Chair:** Lauren Laframboise, Concordia University

**Panelists:** Petra Dolata, University of Calgary; Magdalena Novoa, University of Illinois; Piyusha Chatterjee, University of Glasgow; Jackie Clarke, University of Glasgow

## LOCATIONS

View all locations on Google Maps here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/V654u44VGbeqJRuS8>

Interactive map of Stathclyde University here: <https://www.strath.ac.uk/maps/>

See a map from Strathclyde University's Self Guided tour here:



## ACCOMMODATIONS

We have been advised that there are many events taking place in Glasgow in late June: hotel prices are thus fluctuating heavily, and will get more expensive closer to the conference. We recommend that attendees book their accommodations as early in advance as possible. The University of Strathclyde is located near George Square in Glasgow city centre and the conference venue is the Graham Hills Building 40 George St, Glasgow.

Hotels around the conference locations include:

- [The Premier Inn, George Square](#) (the nearest to the conference venue)
- [The Premier Inn, Buchanan Galleries](#) (5-10 min walk)
- [The Premier Inn, St Enoch Square](#) (10 min walk)
- [Motel One](#), Oswald St (10 min walk)

- [Moxy Glasgow Merchant City](#) (2 minute walk)

#### **Caledonian Court – 240 Dobbie’s Loan, Glasgow**

For the duration of the program, we have reserved 60 dormitory rooms at Caledonia Court—a complex with flats containing 5-8 single rooms with en-suite bathrooms. Each flat is self-contained, includes bedding and towels, and a shared kitchen. The rooms cost £50.00 a night. As per Google Maps, they are a 20-minute walk or bus ride from the conference buildings. To book one of these rooms, email [gabrielle.mclaren@concordia.ca](mailto:gabrielle.mclaren@concordia.ca). The rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis and 40 are being held for student attendees.

## GETTING TO AND AROUND GLASGOW

### **UK Travel Requirements**

Typically, you do not need a visa to travel to the UK for under six months if you hold a [Brazilian](#), [Canadian](#), [Chilean](#), or [American](#) passport, or if you’re an [EU, European Economic Area \(EEA\) or Swiss Citizen](#).

However, please confirm the passport, visa, eTA, and other travel requirements you may need to travel as **DePOT is not responsible for ensuring travel requirements.**

Resources:

- Check if you need a UK visa: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>
- Standard Visitor visa guidelines: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor/apply-standard-visitor-visa>
- UK government’s guidelines on electronic travel authorisations: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>

**You can get to Glasgow by air, rail, and sea:** There are three international airports close to Glasgow: Glasgow Airport, Glasgow Prestwick Airport, and Edinburgh International Airport. Glasgow Airport is the closest airport to the city centre, and a public transit express bus can take you to Glasgow after an approximate 15-minute drive. Trains and buses can also get you to Glasgow from other parts of the UK.

Travel Guide to Glasgow: <https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/good-to-know/getting-here>

**Public Transportation:** Glasgow has a compact city centre built on a grid system. The city is equipped with a [subway system](#) that forms a 15-stop loop around central parts of the city, [as well as buses](#). Tickets for the subway can be purchased as needed, or you can purchase multiple fares and store them on a Subway Smartcard if you intend to use public transportation quite a bit or stay. If you are planning on using buses, you can download the [First Bus App](#) to buy and store tickets on your phone and keep an eye on bus times.

**Food & Drinks:** We’ve indicated which meals will be provided directly in the program. If you have any dietary restrictions, be sure to let us know while registering.

Here are just a few dining options in Glasgow City Centre recommended by our local project members, with price estimates from Yelp:

- Babbity Bowster (Pub; 16-18 Blackfriars St) – ££
- Bread Meats Bread (Burgers; 65 St Vincent St) – ££
- Paesano (pizzeria specialising in Neapolitan style pizza; ) – ££
- Amore (Italian; 30 Ingram St) – ££
- KoolBa (Indian/Persian; 109 Candleriggs, Merchant City) – ££
- Dakhin (South Indian; 89 Candleriggs, Merchant City) – ££
- The Dhabba (North Indian; 44 Candleriggs, Merchant City)
- Stereo (plant-based; 22-28 Renfield Ln) – £
- Mono (plant-based; 12 Kings Court) – ££

## FUNDING POLICY FOR DEPOT MEMBERS

DePOT project members are entitled to receive up to \$1,500 CAD in travel funding if they are attending the conference, and up to \$2,000 CAD in travel funding if they are attending the Summer Institute *and* conference. Instructions on how to secure funding are available upon registration: <https://forms.gle/mTt9xVd52JqiWzt56>

**To ensure the responsible use of SSHRC funds, DePOT members who receive travel funding and do not attend the 2024 Project Assembly are not eligible to receive further SSHRC funding.** If you find yourself in this situation, please notify Gab as soon as possible so we can find a solution: [gabrielle.mclaren@concordia.ca](mailto:gabrielle.mclaren@concordia.ca)

For faculty members and project partners, travel funding will be paid out as reimbursements for direct expenditures after the Annual Meetings. Please be sure to keep receipts for flights, taxis, hotels, and meals in addition to your boarding passes and/or train tickets (digital or printed) so that we can process your expense report through Concordia University.

**Note on receipts:** Please ensure that you provide detailed receipts in addition to proofs of purchase (in other words, Concordia needs a receipt that shows what you bought, what the taxes were, etc.).

If you don't have a detailed receipt your expense reports will be reimbursed at Concordia's per diem rates which are, for the UK: £18.90 for breakfast, £31.35 for lunch, and £41.15 for dinner (£91.10 per day). If you don't want to keep receipts, feel free to ask for per diem rates in your expense report.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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### Summer Institute Organizing Committee

Sinead Burns, Adna Camdzic, Shonagh Joyce, and Naomi Petropoulos. Faculty liaison: Sean O'Connell

**Cover Image:** Workers holding up shop steward Helen Monaghan, celebrating the success of the Lee Jeans factory occupation in August 1981. Image from *The Greenock Telegraph*, courtesy of Andy Clark.



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