

Dr. Margaret W. Pearce

“Imagination, Identity, and the Cartography of History: Three Maps of Canada”

Monday, Mar. 19, 3:10 p.m.

Hill Auditorium, Barrows Hall University of Maine, Orono

In this talk, Dr. Pearce will introduce cartography as a form of language and demonstrate how she has worked with that language to explore and express Canadian history. She will present three maps: the route of a North West Company clerk in 1797, the travels of Samuel de Champlain between 1603 and 1616, and a map of Indigenous place names. Working with a focus on the relationship between cartographer and reader, each map engages with the themes of imagination and identity in the search for a design solution. Each map arrives at a different answer to the question, what is history?

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