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Histoire sociale / Social History is making headlines

OTTAWA – The latest issue of the journal *Histoire sociale / Social History* isn't available in print yet but already it has garnered much media and public attention. An article by Ian Mosby, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Guelph, entitled "Administering Colonial Science: Nutrition Research and Human Biomedical Experimentation in Aboriginal Communities and Residential Schools, 1942–1952", has made front-page news in the *Toronto Star*, *Vancouver Sun* and the *Winnipeg Free Press*, and is lighting up the Internet and the Twitter-verse.

In his paper, the author notes that between 1942 and 1952, some of Canada's leading nutrition experts, in cooperation with various federal departments, conducted an unprecedented series of nutritional studies of Aboriginal communities and residential schools. Two of these studies went so far as to include controlled experiments conducted on malnourished Aboriginal populations in Northern Manitoba and, later, in six Indian residential schools.

"This is a truly shocking story that I'm glad my article in *Histoire sociale / Social History* was able to bring to the Canadian public's attention. My hope is that some of the survivors of these experiments are made aware of what was done to them by the federal government without their informed consent or knowledge," said Ian Mosby.

The journal's editorial board lauds Dr. Mosby's important paper and is pleased to have been able to publish it. *Histoire sociale / Social History*, which celebrates its 45th anniversary this year, is a leading publication of socio-historical research. A collaborative project of the University of Ottawa and York University, it is published twice yearly with the financial assistance of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

In recognition of the importance of knowledge dissemination, this ground-breaking article in the May 2013 issue of *Histoire sociale / Social History* is being made available open access for a limited time on the following digital archive: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/histoire_sociale_social_history/v046/46.91.mosby.html.

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