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Dr Paul W. Collins
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Education

PhD, History (First Class). *Memorial University of Newfoundland*, October 2011.

Thesis: "Starting From Scratch: St. John's, Newfoundland, as a Case Study in Second World War Naval Base Development."

Reading Fields:

Naval/Maritime History, Dr. L.R. (Skip) Fischer.

Pre-Confederation Newfoundland/ Post-Confederation Canadian History, Dr. Jeff Webb.

19th and 20th Century British History, Dr. Mike O'Brien.

MA, History (First Class). *Memorial University of Newfoundland*, October 2004.

Thesis: "First Line of Defense: The Establishment and Development of St. John's, Newfoundland as the Royal Canadian Navy's Premier Escort Base in World War II."

Dr. L.R. (Skip) Fischer.

BA, History (Honours), with second Major in English Language and Literature.

Memorial University of Newfoundland, October 2002.

Thesis: "Keeping the Wolves at Bay: 'Newfyjohn' and the Formation of the Newfoundland Escort Force – May 1941."

Dr. David Facey-Crowther.

Diploma, Applied Arts and Technologies (Honours). College of Trades and

Technologies (currently College of the North Atlantic - CONA), June 1978.

Harold N. Butler, AACI., P. App.

Other Areas of Study

Newfoundland Religious History, Dr. Hans Rollman.

Pre-Confederation Newfoundland Political History, Dr. James Hiller.

Pre-Independence Irish History, Dr. John Fitzgerald.

Terrorism, Espionage, and International Relations, Dr. Renée Panjabi.
Mass Murderers and Serial Killers, Dr. Elliot Leyton.
Forensic Anthropology, Dr. Sonja Jerkic.
Post-war German Film, Dr. John Buffinga.
Gothic Horror Fiction, Dr. Elizabeth Miller.
Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature, Professor Donna Walsh.
The English Novel, Dr. Ronald Rompkey, OC.
Modern Canadian Fiction Writing, Dr. Tamas Dobozy.
The Works of William Shakespeare, Dr. Roberta Buchanan.
Modern English Grammar, Phonology, and Morphology, Professor Robert Hollett.

Publications

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Dangerous Waters. St. John’s, NL: Jespersen Press, 1996; *20th Anniversary Ed.*, Calgary, AB: WriteAdvice Press, 2015.

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“From Defended Harbour to Transatlantic Base” in *Occupied St. John’s: A Social History of a City at War 1939-1945*. Steven High, ed., Montreal and Kingston: McGill-

Queen's University Press, 2010. Honourable Mention - C. P. Stacey Award for Best Book in Canadian Military History (2010).

"Canada's Plan to Torch St. John's' During the Second World War: Upper Canadian Arrogance or Tabloid Journalism," *Newfoundland and Labrador Studies*, Vol. 24, No. 2 (Fall 2009), 261- 270.

"First Line of Defence: The Establishment and Development of St. John's, Newfoundland as the Royal Canadian Navy's Premier Escort Base in the Second World War," *The Northern Mariner/ Le Marin du nord*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (Spring 2006), 15-32.

"Trip of Memories," *The Gazette*, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Volume 34, Number 7, November 15, 2001.

Online Articles

"Canadian History, or Not? The 59th (Newfoundland) Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, on D-Day and Beyond," *Linkedin.com*, 3 June, 2019: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

"The Gibraltar of America: Why the Militarization of Newfoundland During the Second World War Led to Union With Canada, 31 March 1949," *Linkedin.com*, March 30, 2019: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

"Crisis in the Atlantic During The Second World War: The March 1943 Battle for Convoys SC122/HX229 and the Vindication of the Royal Canadian Navy," *Linkedin.com*, March 15, 2019: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Threat of Sea Dumped Munitions Off Canada's East Coast," *Linkedin.com*, December 1, 2018: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

"'Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori': The Tragedy of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont-Hamel, 1 July 1916," *Linkedin.com*, June 30, 2018: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com)

"Origins of a Myth: Canada's Scorched Earth Policy for St. John's, Newfoundland During The Second World War," *Linkedin.com*, May 28, 2018: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

"The Newfyjohn Solution: St. John's, Newfoundland's Role in The Battle of The Atlantic During The Second World War," *Linkedin.com*, May 6, 2018: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

"End of the Beginning: Nazi Spies and the Deadly Christmas Fire at the Knights of

Columbus Hostel, St. John's, Newfoundland During the Second World War," *Linkedin.com*, December 12, 2017: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

"Déjà Vu: The Second U-boat Attack at Bell Island, Newfoundland During The Second World War," *Linkedin.com*, November 1, 2017: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

"Wrong Place, Wrong Time: The Sinking of the Newfoundland Passenger Ferry *Caribou* During the Second World War," *Linkedin.com*, October 13, 2017: [Linkedin.com](https://www.linkedin.com).

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Online Papers

"The Gibraltar of America: The Establishment of American and Canadian Military Bases in Newfoundland during the Second World War and Their Impact on the People and Future of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador," *Provincial Historic Commemorations Program*, Dept of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2015: commemorations.ca

"No Other Choice: Industrial Disease and the St. Lawrence Fluorspar Mines, 1933-2011," *Provincial Historic Commemorations Program*, Dept of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2014: commemorations.ca

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"Bonavista 1727: Rev. Henry Jones and Newfoundland's First School," *Provincial Historic Commemorations Program*, Dept of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador:

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“The Battle for Bell Island: The U-boat Attacks at Wabana, Bell Island in the Fall of 1942 and Their Impact on the People of Newfoundland,” *Provincial Historic Commemorations Program*, Dept of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2011: commemorations.ca

Guest Speaker

“The Newfyjohn Solution: Newfoundland’s Role in the Battle of the Atlantic During the Second World War.” Mari-Tech 2016 Conference & Exhibition, The Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering (CIMarE), *St. John’s Convention Centre*, St. John’s, NL, May 4-6, 2016.

“Dulce Et Decorum Est Pro Patria Mori: The Royal Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont-Hamel, July 1, 1916.” The St. Bon’s Old Boys Association Great War Commemorative Dinner, *The Crow’s Nest Officers’ Club*, St. John’s, NL, September 27, 2014.

“Newfyjohn and the Battle of the Atlantic.” Battle of the Atlantic Commemorative Dinner, *The Crow’s Nest Officers’ Club*, St. John’s, NL, 3 May 2014.

“Their Best, and What was Required: The Women’s Royal Canadian Naval Service (The Wrens) at St. John’s, Newfoundland During the Battle of the Atlantic.” *The Crow’s Nest Officers’ Club*, St. John’s, NL, 8 March 2014.

“A Most Melancholy Naval Episode: PQ17 and the Murmansk Convoys of the Second World War.” *The Crow’s Nest Officers’ Club*, St. John’s, NL, 5 October 2013.

“The Newfyjohn Solution: The Development of St. John’s, Newfoundland, as a Naval Base During the Second World War.” The Focus Forum Group, Alberta Chapter of the World Presidents’ Organization, *Bianca’s*, St. John’s, NL, 12 June 2013.

“The Greatest Convoy Battle of all Time: The Battle for SC122/HX229 and the March 1943 Crisis in the Battle of the Atlantic.” *The Crow’s Nest Officers’ Club*, St. John’s, NL, 9 March 2013.

“The Battle for Bell Island: The U-boat Attacks off Bell Island, Conception Bay, in the Fall of 1942 and Their Impact on the People of Newfoundland.” Coffee and Culture

Series, *The Rooms*, St. John's, NL, 8 November 2012.

"Newfoundland and the Battle of the Atlantic." The Naval Officers' Association of Canada, Newfoundland Branch, *The Crow's Nest Officers' Club*, St. John's, NL, January 2004.

"A Pictorial Tour of First and Second World War Canadian Battlefields in Western Europe." *Memorial University of Newfoundland*, Graduate Students' Union, St. John's, NL, September 2001.

Consultant

Fifty-nine Steps to the Crow's Nest. Documentary by Jon Sturge, November 8, 2019.

Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC). Commemorative Plaque - German U-boat Attacks at Bell Island 1942, October 2019.

"Shipwreck Hunter Dreams of Finding Passenger Ferry Torpedoed by Nazis Off the Coast of Port-aux-Basques," *The Chronicle Herald*, Halifax, NS, October 11, 2019.

"DND Removes Ordnance From Bell Island Wrecks," *CBC Radio One*, On The Go with Ted Blades, St. John's, NL, 3 August 2019.

"Veteran Recalls Repairing Ships in WWII," *Times Chronicle*, Moncton, NB, November 11, 2017.

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"The Battle for Bell Island/JJ Collins and Early Radio in Newfoundland," *VOWR*, St. John's, NL, October 9, 2016.

"Arctic Patrol Vessel Named After Hero: Remarkable War Nurse Died at Age 100," *The Telegram*, St. John's, NL, February 8, 2016.

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The Four Chaplains Foundation: The Sinking of USAT *Dorchester* in February

1943, July 2014.

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"Historic War Bunkers Get Swift Fix," *The Telegram*, St. John's, NL, July 31, 2013.

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The Johnson Family Foundation: Second World War Anti-Torpedo Nets, July 2012.

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"German U-Boat in the Churchill - Far Fetched !" *CBC Radio One*, The Morning Show Central/West Coast/Labrador, July 27, 2012.

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"The Fight to Preserve Desecrated War Graves," *W5, CTV News*, November 7, 2009.

"Canada's Scorched Earth Policy for St. John's During the Second World War," *CBC Radio One*, The St. John's Morning Show, St. John's, NL, April 13, 2009.