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Dr. Derrick M. Nault is a citizen of the Red River Métis Nation and Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies at the University of Winnipeg. He holds a Ph.D. in History from Queen's University, as well as an M.A. and B.A. in History from the University of Manitoba. His current research examines Métis history, focusing on kinship networks, allyship with Indigenous peoples, and collective memory.

Nault is a great-great-grandson of André Nault, Louis Riel's cousin and captain during the Red River Resistance, and a descendant of two councilors in Riel's 1885 Provisional Government, Jean-Baptiste Parenteau and Damase Carrière. He is also directly descended from Marie Pélagie (Dumont) Parenteau, a sister of Métis leader Gabriel Dumont.

He has held academic appointments at numerous institutions including the University of Tokyo, Algoma University, and the University of Calgary. While at the University of Tokyo, he was awarded a multi-year JSPS Grant-in-Aid (Category 'C'), the Japanese equivalent of Canada's SSHRC.

In addition to his academic work, Nault is actively involved in public history initiatives. He has contributed to the Michif Koonteur podcast and a documentary in progress titled *We and Us*, which explores the lives of descendants of the Red River Resistance. He has also shared his expertise on Métis history with the Manitoba Historical Society, St. Vital Historical Society, *La Liberté*, and the *Winnipeg Free Press*. As part of his commitment to accessible historical scholarship, he serves as Associate Editor (Indigenous Initiatives – Manitoba) for *Prairie History*, a journal that bridges academic and public history.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Nault, Derrick M. 2025. From Rumour to Métis Urban Myth: François Guilmotte and the Execution of Thomas Scott. *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*. Vol. 35, No. 1, p. 61–86.
- Nault, Derrick M. 2025. Social Media and Indigenous Identity: The Case of Canada's Métis People. *The Journal of Communication and Media Studies*, Vol. 10, no. 1, pp. 103–117.
- Nault, Derrick M. Summer 2022. Louis Riel, *Wahkohtowin*, and the First Act of Resistance at Red River. *Prairie History* (Special Issue: The Indigenous West), No. 8, pp. 5–16.
- Nault, Derrick M. Fall 2020. A Misleading Portrait: The Provisional Government of Assiniboia and the Creation of Manitoba. *Prairie History*, No. 3, pp. 56–62.

Editorials

- Nault, Derrick M. Fall 2025. "Indigenizing Place Names to Promote Reconciliation." *Prairie History*, No. 18, forthcoming.

Book Reviews

Nault, Derrick M. Fall 2025. Review of Albert Braz's *The Riel Problem: Canada, the Métis, and a Resistant Hero* (University of Alberta Press, 2024). *Prairie History*, No. 18, forthcoming.

CONFERENCE/PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- Nault, Derrick M. 2025. Unsettled Allies: Honoré Jaxon, André Nault, and the Power of Settler Memory in Métis History. Paper presented at *Bridging Knowledges, Building Trust*, The 57th Algonquin Conference, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 17–19, 2025.
- Nault, Derrick M. 2025. An Ally Like No Other: André Nault and the Métis Nation. Paper presented at *Critical Dialogues: Identities, Differences, Silences, and Conflicts* Canadian Historical Association (CHA) Annual Conference George Brown College, Toronto, Ontario, June 2–4, 2025.
- Nault, Derrick M. 2024. A Case of Mistaken Identity: Guilmette, Tromage, “Le Roc” and the Riel Group Portrait. Paper presented at *Mawachihitotaak: Métis Studies Symposium*, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, September 25–28, 2024.
- Nault, Derrick M. 2024. [Ethnogenesis and Red Red River Métis Identity](#). Paper presented at *Nurturing Roots: History and Development of FNMI Identities*, Algoma University Indigenous studies panel, February 20, 2024.
- Nault, Derrick M. 2023. “[Back to Batoche Days](#)”: [Honoring Métis Culture and Heritage](#). Paper presented at *Celebrating the Rich Tapestry of Indigenous Cultures in Canada's Past and Present*, Algoma University Indigenous studies panel, October 13, 2023.
- Nault, Derrick M. 2023. “[Our Rightful Place](#)”: [The Red River Métis Self-government Treaty as Indigenous Resilience](#). Paper presented at *Indigenous Resilience*, Algoma University Indigenous studies panel, June 13, 2023.
- Nault, Derrick M. 2023. Social Media and Indigenous Identity: The Case of Canada's Métis People. Paper presented at *Media as a Catalyst for Social Change and Sustainable Development*, 1st International Conference on Media and Social Development (ICMSD-2023), Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi, Pakistan, March 1–2, 2023.
- Nault, Derrick M. 2023. Decolonizing Métis History. Paper presented at *Decolonizing Education*, Algoma University Indigenous studies panel, February 21, 2023.

MEDIA AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

- 2025, October 29: Anaïs Nzelomona, “Mémoire métisse : l'inspirante figure d'André Nault.” *La Liberté*. <https://www.la-liberte.ca/2025/10/29/memoire-metisse-linspirante-figure-dandre-nault/>
- 2025, August 5: Interviewed by Ryan Sun of the *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association* regarding “From Rumour to Métis Urban Myth: François Guilmette and the Execution of Thomas Scott.” *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*. Vol. 35, No. 1, p. 61–86. <https://historyjournal.ca/interview/nault-from-rumour-to-metis-urban-legend/>
- 2025, May 9: “New faculty member in Arts: Dr. Derrick Nault.” *Faculty of Arts News*, University of Winnipeg. <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/arts/news/2025/04/new-faculty-member-in-arts-dr-derrick-nault.html>

- 2024, September 27: Interview regarding University of Winnipeg Indigenous cluster hire. *The News with Julie Buckingham*, CJOB Radio, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- 2024, Summer: Cam Dempster, “Dr. Derrick Nault.” *The Historian*. Newsletter of the St. Vital Museum.
https://mcusercontent.com/da04808235d3d8d1bd0e209dd/files/3fc448fb-0506-acee-8366-e3898a974331/Summer_2024_Historian.pdf
- 2023, October 14: Interviewed by Timothy Riedel, Red River Métis filmmaker, for *Reclaiming Our Red River Resistance Story*. Recorded at Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) Annual General Assembly satellite location for Beyond Borders Red River Métis, the Westin Harbour Castle, 1 Harbour Square, Toronto, ON, M5J 1A6.
<https://www.michifkoonteur.com/podcasts>
- 2021, January 16: “*Prairie History 3: A Misleading Portrait*.” Interview with Bob Coutts, Manitoba Historical Society (MHS).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqiWUDLAJbg>
- 2017, November 5: Bob Holliday, “Nault Ancestor [sic] Shares His Family’s History.” *Free Press Community Review*. <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/our-communities/correspondents/2017/11/05/nault-ancestor-shares-his-familys-history>