

Professor on the hunt for province's lost history

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FREDERICTON * A historian with ties to New Brunswick is looking for lost stories from the province's past for a project to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday next year.

Ronald **Rudin**, a history professor at Concordia University in Montreal and the author of a recent book on the turbulent creation of Kouchibouguac National Park, said he wants New Brunswickers to contact him with little-known or forgotten stories from history.

Rudin has been given \$235,000 in funding from the federal Department of Canadian Heritage to unearth four lesser-known stories in time for Canada Day 2017.

He said in an interview Thursday, one of the stories must be from Atlantic Canada.

"The Lost Stories project engages Canadians in the process of commemorating our history," he said in an interview.

"It brings together members of the public, artists and filmmakers to explore little-known stories about the Canadian past."

Rudin said the selected stories will be handed over to artists who have the task of transforming them into inexpensive, site-specific works of public art. There also will be a series of short films.

"Along the way, forgotten moments from Canadian history are brought to light, and viewers have an opportunity to see the choices that have to be made when a story is transformed into a commemorative work of art," he said.

Minister of Canadian Heritage Mélanie Joly said in a statement that the Lost Stories project is an important part of the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

"I invite Canadians to take part in this exciting project and share their stories so that our rich and remarkable history can be passed down to future generations and inspire them."

Anyone interested in submitting a story idea can reach **Rudin** at historylost@concordia.ca. He hopes to have all submissions by Labour Day.