



2024-2025 The Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for Excellence in Social Sciences, Humanities, or Arts

Citation for Katie Carson

Written by:

Rob Kristofferson, OCUFA President

*Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for Excellence in Social
Sciences, Humanities, or Arts Selection Committee*

OCUFA

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is honoured to present the 2024-2025 the Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for Excellence in Social Sciences, Humanities, or Arts to Katie Carson of Carleton University. Carleton University is situated on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation.

Katie is being recognized for her outstanding leadership, scholarship, and advocacy in the study of transnational human rights history and labour rights. Her research explores critical moments in Canadian history, such as the 1970 October Crisis, through a transnational lens, demonstrating how global social movements and human rights activism shaped domestic events. Her work builds on an exceptional academic trajectory, including her SSHRC-funded Master's project supervised by Dr. Laura Madokoro and Dr. Dominique Marshall, which examines opposition to the War Measures Act and situates Canadian events within global anti-imperialist and human rights networks.

Katie's impact extends far beyond research. She has demonstrated exemplary leadership through her organization of the Underhill History Graduate Colloquium at Carleton University, creating spaces for students and emerging scholars to present research, engage in interdisciplinary dialogue, and develop mentorship opportunities. She also founded the undergraduate history journal and symposium, *Endnote*, to make academic skills more accessible to first-generation students, reflecting her deep commitment to equity in education.

In addition to her scholarly work, Katie has been a tireless advocate for labour rights. She played a key role in the successful unionization of student residence workers, gaining practical experience in collective advocacy and workplace solidarity. She has served as a union steward for CUPE Local 4600, supporting graduate teaching assistants and ensuring workplace rights are respected. Her commitment to social justice also extends to community engagement, including efforts with the Democratic Engagement Exchange and Elections Ontario to make voting more accessible to marginalized populations.

Katie's teaching, mentorship, and service consistently integrate her scholarship with applied social action. From supervising undergraduate archival research at the Disaster Lab to designing human rights courses for high school students, she has shown how academic work can advance justice, inclusion, and education at multiple levels.

Katie Carson exemplifies principled leadership, intellectual curiosity, and a steadfast commitment to human rights, labour solidarity, and community empowerment. It is our privilege to honour her as an outstanding and deeply deserving recipient of OCUFA's the Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowships for Excellence in Social Sciences, Humanities, or Arts.