

# The Mennonite Centre Heritage Club presents...

## A Complicated History: Mennonites and the Holocaust in Ukraine



Dr. Aileen Friesen

Upon receiving her doctorate at the University of Alberta, Aileen Friesen held post-doctoral positions at the Universities of Illinois and Winnipeg. Currently, she holds the J. Winfield Fretz Fellowship at Conrad Grebel University College. Her doctoral thesis on the subject of the role of Russian Orthodoxy in the colonization of Siberia is forthcoming with University of Toronto Press.

In her presentation to the Heritage Club, Dr. Friesen will refer to new archival sources to re-evaluate the actions of Mennonites during the Holocaust in Ukraine. While many Mennonites in Ukraine expressed their horror at the treatment of their neighbours after Axis troops occupied their land, there were some who became complicit in the administrative structures that led to the exploitation and even murder of Jewish, Roma and Ukrainian citizens.

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**7:30 pm**

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