



The Group of 78
Le Groupe des 78

Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

Jamie Swift

Author, Teacher, Advocate

Warrior Nation: Rebranding Canada in an Age of Anxiety

DATE: Tuesday February 26, 2013

TIME: 12:00 noon *

***Please note that lunch will start at noon sharp**

PLACE: Palais Imperial Restaurant, 311- 313 Dalhousie St., Ottawa

COST: \$30 for luncheon and presentation

\$5 for presentation only

(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45 p.m. Coffee and tea will be available.)

RESERVATIONS: group78@web.net or 613-230-0860 by Friday February 22, 2013.

We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted.

The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come.

Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations at least 24 hours before the luncheon will be billed \$30.

Jamie Swift and co-author Ian McKay argue that Canadians are facing a campaign to change their country's understanding of itself. This effort to conscript Canadian history is being managed by the state together with a coterie of academics and militarists. *Warrior Nation* (2012) is a work of sharp-eyed journalistic storytelling and authoritative historical scholarship that takes on fresh importance as we approach the centenary of World War I and the 150th anniversary of Confederation. In his presentation, Jamie Swift will describe the central thesis of his book and share his observations on how it is playing out in today's policy environment, including Canada's dealing with the crisis in Mali and West Africa.

Ernie Regehr, co-founder of Project Ploughshares has commented on *Warrior Nation*: "...a fresh and lively account of a deep ambivalence at the core of Canada's performance on the world stage – a handmaiden to empires in the costume of a peacekeeper. Here is essential reading for those trying to understand Ottawa's obsession with rebranding the peacekeeper nation as a warrior nation."

Jamie Swift is the author a dozen books of critical non-fiction and biography. In addition to the writing life, he works as a social justice advocate and teaches at the Queen's University School of Business. He has contributed to many features on CBC's *Ideas* and to various other media including the *Globe & Mail*, *Montreal Gazette*, *Harrowsmith* and the *London Free Press*. Jamie Swift helped found Between the Lines Press in Toronto and has served with many civil society organizations, including as a board member of the Kingston Social Planning Council and Horizons of Friendship.