

**Centre for Studies in Auto/bio/graphy,  
Gender, and Age presents:**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2007**

**3:30-4:30 pm, at the Centre for Women's and  
Gender Studies  
1896 East Mall**



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## **Representation of the Hero in World War One**

My presentation discusses the representation of war experience during World War One. It focuses on a private soldier from North Vancouver, Walter MacKay Draycott, who served in the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry between 1914 and 1917. Draycott was an excellent marksman, a sketcher and topographer and an avid writer and photographer. His observations and experiences on the Western Front were recorded in four media: the diary, a two-hundred-and-fifty-page memoir, photographs and numerous topographical charts. Each of the four media reveals different perspectives on Draycott's position and career during World War One. By exploring the specific qualities of these media, their purpose and the conditions under which they were created, I show how they each make a specific and important contribution to the story of one man's active participation in and subsequent reflections on one of the most momentous events in modern history.

### **biography**

Jane Mattisson gained her Ph.D in English Literature at Lund University, Sweden, in 2000. She teaches English literature, academic writing and cultural studies at Kristianstad University, Sweden. She is Honorary Professor of English at Ningbo University, China, where she teaches academic writing at post-graduate level. Her research projects include 'Representation of the Hero in World War One' and 'Academic Writing in English for Chinese students'. She is Visiting Scholar at the SAGA Centre, where she is working on the analysis of auto/bio/graphical documentation of World War One. She is also hoping to meet teachers of academic writing at UBC, and in particular, faculty members who are concerned with academic writing for Chinese students. Her e-mail address is: [jane.mattisson@husa.hkr.se](mailto:jane.mattisson@husa.hkr.se)