
The papers presented here are selected conference proceedings from the Second International Conference on the Social History of Alcohol held in 1993 at Huron College. They display the diverse foci of alcohol history research in the 1990s: the nature, cultural meaning, and economic and social impact of drinking practices; the composition and size of drinking populations; the characteristics of temperance reform; the use of science by temperance reformers and their opponents; and the determination and effects of government policy toward alcohol. Through explication of these and other questions, alcohol historians analyze historical change in folkways and mass culture, gender roles, race relations, trade and consumption patterns, class relations, social movements, criminal justice systems, medical thought and practice, ethnicity, political behaviour, government policy and international relations.