

The University of Western Ontario
Department of History
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FRENCH CANADA

9207B

Tentative syllabus

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This graduate seminar will focus on development of modern Quebec society. The emphasis this term will be on the social, cultural, and political evolution of the province from the late nineteenth century to the late twentieth century. Our weekly discussions will focus on key themes, including the rise of Quebec nationalism in the early twentieth century, the province's reaction to modernity, the changing role/function of the Church/religion, gender, the development of the modern bureaucratic state, as well as the Quiet Revolution and its aftermath. We will also devote considerable time to discussing major historiographical debates that have shaped both the writing of history as well as the modern Quebec mind.

Readings:

- Michael Gauvreau, *The Catholic Origins of Quebec's Quiet Revolution*
- Michael Behiels, *Prelude to Quebec's Quiet Revolution*
- Ronald Rudin, *Making History in Twentieth-Century Quebec*
- Jocelyn Maclure, *Quebec Identity*

Course Requirements:

Seminar	10%
Review Essay	20%
Research Essay	40%
Participation	30%

Students will prepare two written submission during the semester. Early in the semester, students will select, in consultation with the instructor, a topic for a **research essay** (20 pp) to be based on primary and secondary sources. The essay is **due April 11**. In the course of the preparation of this essay, students will also produce a short (5 pp) **review essay** of the literature within the field related to the chosen essay topic. This review essay is **due February 15**. Each student will also lead at least one **seminar**, which involves a presentation of the week's reading as well as taking the lead in directing the ensuing discussion.

Seminar Schedule

Jan. 11: Introduction

Jan. 18: Nationalism and Neo-Nationalism

- Behiels, *Prelude to Quebec's Quiet Revolution*

Jan. 25: The Rise of Liberalism

- Behiels, *Prelude to Quebec's Quiet Revolution*

Feb. 1: Modern Catholicism

- Gauvreau, *Catholic Origins of Quebec's Quiet Revolution*

Feb. 8: The Quiet Revolution

- Hubert Guindon, "Social Unrest, Social Class and Quebec's Bureaucratic Revolution," *Queen's Quarterly* 71 (Summer 1964): 150-162.
- Charles Taylor, "Nationalism and the Political Intelligentsia: A Case Study," *Queen's Quarterly* 72 (Spring 1965): 150-168.
- Kenneth McRoberts, "The Quiet Revolution: The New Ideology of the Quebec State," in *Quebec: Social Change and Political Crisis* (Toronto 1988): 128-72.

Feb. 15: Literature Reviews**Feb. 20-24 Reading Week****Feb. 29: Pierre Trudeau**

- John English, "Pierre Elliott Trudeau" in the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*
- Pierre Elliott Trudeau, "New Treason of the Intellectuals," [1962] in *Federalism and the French Canadians* (Toronto 1968): 151-81.
- Michael Gauvreau, "Winning Back the Intellectuals: Inside Canada's 'First War on Terror,' 1968-1970," *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association* 20, no. 1 (2009): 161-90.
- Reg Whitaker, "Reason, Passion, and Interest: Pierre Trudeau's Eternal Liberal Triangle," in Whitaker, *A Sovereign Idea: Essays on Canada as a Democratic Community* (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1991), 132-62

Mar. 7: Gender Politics of Modern Quebec

- Mary Jean Green, "Jacques Godbout and the Quebec Writer: Engendering the National Text," *Québec Studies*, 30 (Fall/Winter 2000): 7-16.
- Katherine A. Roberts, "Making Women Pay: Revolution, Violence, Decolonizing Quebec in Hubert Aquin's *Trou de mémoire*," *Québec Studies* 30 (Fall/Winter 2000): 17-27.
- Lori Saint-Martin, "The Body Politic and the Erotic Body: The (Male) Novel of the Quiet Revolution in Quebec" *British Journal of Canadian Studies* 21, no. 2 (2008): 195-217.
- Micheline Dumont, "Can National History Include a Feminist Reflection on History?" *Journal of Canadian Studies* 35, 2 (Summer 2000): 80-94
- Robert Schwartzwald, "Fear of Federasty: Québec's Inverted Fictions," in *Comparative American Identities: Race, Sex and Nationality in the Modern Text*, ed. Hortense J. Spillers, 175-195 (New York: Routledge, 1991)

Mar. 14: Modernizing History I: The Montreal School

- Rudin, *Making History in Twentieth Century Quebec*, 3-128

Mar. 21: Modernizing History II: The Laval School

- Rudin, *Making History in Twentieth Century Quebec*, 129-221

Mar. 28: Quebec Today

- Jocelyn Maclure, *Quebec Identity*

Apr. 4 & 11: Conclusion