

**University of Western Ontario
Graduate Program in History**

History 9804B

**CANADA AND ITS HISTORIANS
2012**

Class time: Friday 1:30-3:30
Classroom: Graduate Seminar Room
Office Hours: Tues/Thurs 10:00 am-12:00 pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an analysis of the field of Canadian history by focusing on twelve distinct areas and examining the most relevant works and historians. The course offers an indepth study of Canadian history and historiography. The aims and outcomes of the course focus on reading, discussing, and writing. It also provides an excellent opportunity for doctoral candidates preparing for comprehensive examinations in the field of Canadian history.

The unique aspect of this class is that it is “team-taught.” Historians from across Canada, who are experts in the particular field being discussed, are brought into class as guest seminar leaders. Over the past few years some of Canada’s most prominent and prolific historians have participated. The result is that expectations are raised, the intensity of the discussion is increased, and students are given the opportunity to engage with new perspectives/approaches while “rubbing elbows” with some of the most important historians in Canada.

CLASSES:

The classes are structured as seminars that follow a schedule listing the topics to be discussed and required readings. All students are required to come to every seminar fully prepared by doing the readings. This course has relatively heavy reading and expectations are high. The guest historian provides the reading list for each seminar. Student *preparation* and *participation* in the seminar process are crucial to the overall success of the course.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

All students are required to 1) be present and participate in all the seminars, 2) provide the instructor a synopsis of the readings or a written copy of their reading notes each week, and 3) produce three literature reviews of approximately 8 pages each.

The following formula will be used to determine final grades:

Participation-50%
Literature reviews-50%.

Participation:

Value: 50%

Date: Duration of Class

Length: N/A

Assignment: The weight given to participation demonstrates its importance to the success of a seminar format. Attendance, while being mandatory, does not constitute marks for participation.

In order to more fully justify the high participation mark, students will submit a written copy of their notes on the readings to the instructor at the end of each class.

The course instructor is responsible for determining participation marks.

Literature Reviews:

Value: 50%

Date: TBA

Length: Approximately 8 pages

Assignment: Students will select one week of readings in each third of the course and write a literature review. These reviews must be handed in by the due dates.

All papers will be marked by the course instructor.

Past Guest Historians include:

Wendy Mitchison, Women's History (Waterloo)

Franca Iacovetta, Gender History (Toronto)

Catharine Wilson, Rural History (Guelph)

Catherine Carstairs, Medical History (Guelph)

Terry Copp, Military History (Laurier)

Cynthia Comacchio, Age/Generation History (Laurier)

Marlene Epp, Ethnicity/Immigration History (Waterloo)

Nancy Christie, Religious History (McGill)

Michael Gauvreau, Quebec History (McMaster)

Greg Marchildon, Prairie/Regional History (Regin)

Alan MacEachern, Environmental History (Western)

Kathryn Mcpherson, Gender History (York)

Peter Neary, Newfoundland History (Western)

Doug McCalla, Rural/Urban History (Guelph)

Susan Neylan, First Nations History (Laurier)

Joy Parr, Embodied History, (Western)

Valorie Korinek, Queer History (Saskatchewan)

Francine McKenzie, Canada and the World (Western)
Marcel Martel, Political History (York)
Royden Loewen, Race/Ethnicity History (Winnipeg)
Colin Coates, Culture/Modernity History (York)
Monda Halpern, Women's History (Western)
Karl Hele, First Nations/Metis History (McGill)
Jonathan Vance, Military History (Western)
James Struthers, Social Policy/State History (Trent)