History 9277B
Themes in Canadian Intellectual History

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This graduate seminar explores a wide range of themes in Canadian intellectual history spanning the mid-18th century to the late 20th century. As defined by Michel Ducharme, one of the authors whose books we will be reading in this course, intellectual history is “the history of ideas, prejudices, principles, values, concepts, and ideologies as they influence the lives of individuals and the development of societies.” The intent of the seminar is to provide a critical examination of the role that ideas, including but not limited to colonialism, liberty, democracy, nationalism, liberalism, socialism, progressivism, conservatism, secularization, Americanization, internationalism, labourism, and modernism played in contextualizing and shaping Canada’s political, economic, social, and cultural development between the 18th and the 21st centuries.

Evaluation
Seminar participation 30%
Weekly reading summaries 10%
Seminar leadership and review 20%
Essay (due Monday 16 April 2018) 40%

All students will read the “required” book each week. The student leading the weekly seminar will also be responsible for reading and integrating into the class discussion the “supplementary” book.

Week One (8 January 2018)
Introduction to History 9277B

Week Two (15 January 2018)
What is Intellectual History?

Required Readings:

Peter E. Gordon, “What is Intellectual History? A frankly partisan introduction to a frequently misunderstood field”
Week Three (22 January 2018)

Colonial Ideologies

Required Reading:

Supplementary Reading:
http://books1.scholarsportal.info.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/viewdoc.html?id=/ebooks/ebooks0/gibbon_crk/2009-12-01/1/400991

Week Four (29 January 2018)

To be determined

Week Five (5 February 2018)

Debating Democracy

Required Reading:
http://books1.scholarsportal.info.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/viewdoc.html?id=/ebooks/ebooks0/gibbon_crk/2009-12-01/6/418096

Supplementary Reading:
http://books1.scholarsportal.info.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/viewdoc.html?id=/ebooks/ebooks0/gibbon_crk/2009-12-01/1/400562
**Week Six (12 February 2018)**

**Social Democracy**

**Required Reading:**

**Supplementary Reading:**

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**Week Seven (26 February 2018)**

**Social Critique and Secularization**

**Required Reading:**


**Supplementary Reading:**


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**Week Eight (5 March 2018)**

**Idealism, Liberalism, and Progressivism**

**Required Reading:**


**Supplementary Reading:**


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**Week Nine (12 March 2018)**

**Memory and Culture**

**Required Reading:**

**Supplementary Reading:**
Week Ten  (19 March 2018)

The Quiet Revolution

Required Reading:

Supplementary Reading:

Week Eleven  (26 March 2018)

Internationalism and Nationalism

Required Reading:

Supplementary Reading:

Week Twelve  (2 April 2018)

Historians Writing about Historians

Required Reading:

Supplementary Reading:
Donald Wright, *Donald Creighton: A Life in History* (University of Toronto Press, 2015).

Week Thirteen  (9 April 2018)

Interpreting America

Required Reading:
Supplementary Reading:


http://books2.scholarsportal.info.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/viewdoc.html?id=/ebooks/ebooks0/gibson_crkn/2009-12-01/6/418183