

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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HISTORY 3231F

“Yours to Discover”: A History of Ontario

- **Roger Hall** **Time: Wed” 1:30-3:30**
- **Lawson Hall 2228** **Place: STVH 2166**
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The course is a survey of Ontario’s rich and varied past commencing with its founding as the colony of Upper Canada in the aftermath of the American Revolution and stretching to the modern day.

Conducted in the form of a workshop with instructor and students both participating, a chronological frame is followed although individual sessions will pursue separate themes revealing the changing politics, society and economy. Each session, of which there will be two per weekly meeting, will include a brief introduction to the topic by the instructor, and then a verbal report prepared by a student, followed by questions and discussion. Assigned readings should make the discussion informative. Readings will be from prescribed texts, internet and library sources and handouts.

There will be no mid-terms in this course. Reports will be made by students throughout the course; the essay themes can be the same as the reports—needless to say a superior performance will be expected in written work.

There will be ONE essay and a final examination.

GRADE BREAKDOWN

Reports: 30%

General Class Participation: 20%

Essay 25%

Final Exam 25%

TEXTS:

Randall White, *Ontario, 1610-1985* (Toronto, Dundurn Press).

Edgar-Andre Montigny and Lori Chambers, *Ontario since Confederation, A Reader* (Toronto, University of Toronto Press)

R. Hall, W. Westfall and L. Sefton MacDowell, *Patterns of the Past: Interpreting Ontario’s History* (Toronto, Dundurn Press).

I. UPPER CANADA AND CANADA WEST

1. Loyalism and the New Province

a) The Loyalists

G.M. Craig, Upper Canada. The Formative Years. 1784-1841, Toronto, 1963, pp. 1-19.

Dennis Duffy, "Upper Canada Loyalism: What the Textbooks Tell", in Journal of Canadian Studies, XII, Spring, 1977, pp. 17-26.

Christopher Moore, "The Disposition to Settle: The Royal Highland Emigrants and Loyalist Settlement in Upper Canada, 1784", in J.K. Johnson and B. Wilson (hereafter Johnson and Wilson), Historical Essays on Upper Canada, 2nd. ed., Ottawa, Carleton Univ. Press, 1989, pp. 53- 79.

b) John Graves Simcoe -- Design and Reality

Craig, Upper Canada, pp. 20-41.

S.R. Mealing, "The Enthusiasms of John Graves Simcoe" in J.K. Johnson, ed., Historical Essays on Upper Canada (hereafter Johnson), Toronto, 1975, pp. 302-316.

Malcolm Macleod, "Fortress Ontario or Forlorn Hope?" Simcoe and the Defense of Upper Canada", in Canadian Historical Review (hereafter CHR), LIII, no. 2, June, 1972, pp. 149-178.

2. War of 1812 and the Family Compact

a) The British Imperial Context or the Genesis of a New Nationality

Craig, Upper Canada, pp. 66-84.

C. P. Stacey, "The War of 1812 in Canadian History", in Morris Zaslow, ed., The Defended Border, Upper Canada and the War of 1812, Toronto, 1964, pp. 331-337.

George F. G. Stanley, "The Contribution of the Canadian Militia During the War", in Philip P. Mason, ed., After Tippecanoe: Some Aspects of the War of 1812, Toronto, 1963, pp. 44-45.

b) The Family Compact

(i) The Nature, Structure and Functioning of the Oligarchy

Craig, Upper Canada, pp. 85-123.

Robert E. Saunders, "What was the Family Compact", in Johnson, ed., Historical Essays, pp. 122-139.

S.F. Wise, "Upper Canada and the Conservative Tradition", in Firth, Profiles of a Province, pp. 20-33.

(ii) The Compact in Action

S.R. Mealing, ed., Robert Gourlay, Statistical Account of Upper Canada, Toronto, 1974, pp. 1-18, pp. 376-380.

H.P. Gundy, "The Family Compact at Work: The Second Heir and Devisee Commission of Upper Canada, 1805-1841" in ibid, Vol. LXVI, 1974, pp. 129-146.

Douglas Leighton, "The Compact Tory as Bureaucrat: Samuel Peters Jarvis and the Indian Department, 1837-1845" in Ontario History, Vol. LXXIII, No. I, March, 1981, pp. 40-53.

3. Pre-Confederation Commerce and Economics

a) (i) The Union Bill of 1822 -- a Lower Canadian Plot?

W.G.Ormsby, "The Problem of Canadian Union, 1822-1828", CHR, XXXIX, 1958, pp. 277-295.

(ii) **The Welland Canal Company and the Canada Company -- a Comparison**

Craig, Upper Canada, pp. 135-138.

Hugh, G.J. Aitken, "The Family Compact and the Welland Canal Company", in Johnson, Historical Essays, pp. 153-170

b) (i) **The "Panic of 1837" and other matters.**

M.L. Magill, "John H. Dunn and the Bankers", in Johnson, Historical Essays, pp. 194-215.

Margaret Derry, "Patterns of Gendered Labour and the Development of Ontario Agriculture" in Edgar-Andre Montigny and Lori Chambers, eds., Ontario Since Confederation: A Reader, pp. 3-15.

(ii) **Free Trade and the "Canadian Commercial Revolution"**

G.N. Tucker, The Canadian Commercial Revolution. 1845-1851, Toronto, 1964, Conclusion, pp. 148-165.

David Gagan, "Land, Population, and Social Change: The 'Critical Years' in Rural Canada West" in Canadian Historical Review, Vol. LIX, no. 3, Sept. 1978, pp. 293-318.

4. **Rebels and Reformers**

a) **The Baldwins and Mackenzie**

J.M.S. Careless, "Robert Baldwin" in J.M.S. Careless, ed., The Pre-Confederation Premiers: Ontario Government Leaders. 1841-1867, Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1980, pp. 89-147.

M.S. Cross and R.L. Fraser, "Robert Baldwin" in Dictionary of Canadian Biography, vol. viii, pp. 45-58.

F. H. Armstrong, "William Lyon Mackenzie: Persistent Hero", Journal of Canadian Studies, Vol. VI, pp. 21-36.

Lillian Gates, "The Decided Policy of William Lyon Mackenzie", CHR, XL, 1959, pp. 185-208.

b) **Politics in Canada West**

(i) **Development of Party Politics, 1841-1867**

J.M.S. Careless, "The Place, the Office, the Time, and the Men", (Introduction) in The Pre-Confederation Premiers, pp. 3-31.

(ii) **Railways and Politicians in the 1850s**

J.M.S. Careless, The Union of the Canadas. The Growth of Canadian Institutions. 1841-1857, Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1967, pp. 132-149.

T.C. Keefer, Philosophy of Railroads, Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1972, Introduction and passim.

Paul Craven, "The Meaning of Misadventure: The Baptiste Creek Railway Disaster of 1854 and its Aftermath", in Hall, Westfall and MacDowell, Patterns of the Past, pp. 108-129.

5. **The Changing Image of Upper Canada**

a) **Travel and Emigrant Literature vs. Official British Policy and Attitudes**

G.M. Craig, Early Travelers in the Canada's, 1791-1867, Toronto, Macmillan, 1955, Introduction, pp. xi-xxxvi.

D.W.L. Earl, "British Views of Colonial Upper Canada", Ontario History, Vol. LII, 1961, pp. 117-136.

Peter Burroughs, British Attitudes Towards Canada. 1822-1849, Scarborough, Ontario, Prentice-Hall, 1971, passim.

b) Racial and Ethnic Groups

(i.) Blacks and Natives

Tony Hall, "Native Limited Identities and Newcomer Metropolitanism in Upper Canada, 1814-1867" in David Keane and Colin Read (eds.), Old Ontario: Essays in Honour of J.M.S. Careless, Toronto, Dundurn Press, 1990, pp. 148-173,

Donald B. Smith, "The Dispossession of the Mississauga Indians: a Missing Chapter in the Early History of Upper Canada", in Johnson and Wilson, Historical Essays II, pp. 23-51.

Jason Silverman and Donna Gillie, "The Pursuit of Knowledge Under Difficulties: Education and the Fugitive Slave in Canada", in Ontario History, Vol. LXXIV, no. 2, June, 1982.

Afua Cooper, "Putting Flesh on the Bones: Writing the History of Julia Turner" in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 16-39.

(ii) European Ethnic Groups

D.H. Akenson, "Ontario: Whatever Happened to the Irish?" in D.H. Akenson, ed., Canadian Papers in Rural History, Vol. III, Gananoque, Langdale Press, 1982, pp. 204-256.

Marianne McLean, "Peopling Glengarry County: The Scottish Origins of a Canadian Community", in Johnson and Wilson, Historical Essays II, pp. 151-173.

6. Cultural and Intellectual Life in Upper Canada and Canada West

a) Formal -- God, and the Schools

S.F. Wise, "Sermon Literature and Canadian Intellectual History", United Church Archives Bulletin, No. 18, 1965, pp. 3-18.

Bruce Curtis, "Preconditions of the Canadian State: Educational Reform and the Construction of a Public in Upper Canada, 1837-1846", in Johnson and Wilson, Historical Essays II, pp. 341-367.

b) Less Formal -- Cultivating the Higher Arts

Mary Shortt, "Touring Theatrical Families in Canada West: the Hills and the Herons", in Ontario History, Vol. LXXIV, No.1, March, 1982, pp. 3-25.

Susanna Moodie, "On a Journey to the Woods", in G. Warkentin, ed., Stories from Ontario, Toronto, Macmillan, 1974, pp. 22-34.

J.R. Harper, "Paul Kane" in Dictionary of Canadian Biography, vol, x, pp. 389-394.

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7. Confederation Politics

a) The 1867 elections: New Roles? New Players?

Bruce W. Hodgins, "Disagreement at the Commencement: Divergent Ontarian Views of Federalism, 1867-1871", in Donald Swainson, ed., Oliver Mowat Ontario, Toronto, Macmillan, 1972, pp. 52-68.

D.G.G. Kerr, "The 1867 Elections in Ontario: The Rules of the

Game", CHR, Vol. LI, No.4, December, 1970, pp. 369-385.
J.D. Livermore, "The Ontario Election of 1871: A Case Study of the Transfer of Political Power!!", in Ontario History, Vol. LXXI, No.1, March, 1979, pp. 39-52.

b) Oliver Mowat's Ontario

Peter Neary, ed., "Neither Radical Nor Tory Nor Whig': Letters by Oliver Mowat to John Mowat, 1843-1846" in Ontario History, Vol. LXXI, No.2, June, 1979, pp. 84-131.

A. Margaret Evans, "Oliver Mowat: Nineteenth-Century Ontario Liberal" in Swainson, Oliver Mowat's Ontario, pp. 34-51.

Sid Noel, "Oliver Mowat, Patronage, and Party Building" in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 94-104.

J.D. Livermore, "The Personal Agonies of Edward Blake", CHR, Vol. LVI, No. I, March, 1975, pp. 45-58.

8. Post-Confederation Politics and Economics

a) The National Policy -- Ontario Imperialism?

Bruce W. Hodgins and Robert C. Edwards, "Federalism and the Politics of Ontario, 1867-1880" in B.W. Hodgins, D. Wright and W.Heick, Federalism in Canada and Australia: The Early Years, Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1978, pp. 61-96.

Elizabeth Bloomfield, "Building the City on a Foundation of Factories: The 'Industrial Policy' in Berlin, Ontario, 1870-1914", in Ontario History, Vol. LXXV, Sept., 1983, pp. 207-243.

Joseph D. Lindsey, "Water and Blood: The Georgian Foundry, Hydraulic Technology, and the Rise and Fall of a Family Firm in Small Town Ontario", in ibid., pp. 244 -265.

b) The Policies of Sir James Whitney: The New Middle Class and its Needs

C. W. Humphries, "The Sources of Ontario 'Progressive' Conservatism, 1900-1914", Canadian Historical Association, Historical Papers (hereafter CHAHP), 1967, pp. 118-129.

C.W. Humphries, "James P. Whitney and the University of Toronto", in Firth, Profiles of a Province, pp. 118-125.

H.V. Nelles, "Empire Ontario: The Problems of Resource Development", in Swainson, Oliver Mowat's Ontario, pp. 189-210.

9. The Response to Industrialism

a) Social Change

Susan E. Houston, "The 'Waifs and Strays' of a Late Victorian City: Juvenile Delinquents in Toronto", in Joy Parr, ed., Childhood and Family in Canadian History, Toronto, 1982, pp. 129-142.

Peter Oliver, "'A Terror to Evil-Doers': The Central Prison and the 'Criminal Class' in Late Nineteenth-Century Ontario", in Hall, Westfall and MacDowell, Patterns of the Past, pp. 206-237.

Gene Homel, "Denison's Law: Criminal Justice and the Police Court in Toronto, 1877-1921" in Ontario History, Vol. LXXIII, no. 3, Sept. 1981, pp. 171-186.

Andrew Holman, "'Cultivation' and the Middle-Class Self: Manners and Morals in Victorian Ontario", in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 105-125,

Leo Johnson, "The Political Economy of Ontario Women in the Nineteenth Century", in Jane Acton, et. al., eds., Women at Work, Ontario, 1850-1923, Toronto, Canadian Women's Educational Press, 1974, pp. 13-31.

Carolyn Strange, "From Modern Babylon to a City upon a Hill: The Toronto Social Survey Commission of 1915 and the Search for Sexual Order in the City", in Hall, Westfall and MacDowell, Patterns of the Past, pp. 255-277.

Cynthia R. Commachio, "'By Every Means in Our Power': Maternal and Child Welfare in Ontario, 1900-1945" in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 166-192.

b) Collectivism and Competition in Ontario's economy to the First World War

Michael Bliss, "The Protective Impulse: An Approach to the Social History of Oliver Mowat's Ontario", in Swainson, Oliver Mowat's Ontario, pp. 174-188.

Ben Forster, "Finding the Right Size: Markets and Competition in Mid-and Late Nineteenth-Century Ontario", in Hall, Westfall and MacDowell, Patterns of the Past, pp. 150-173.

Christina Burr, "The Other Side: The Rhetoric of Labour Reform in Toronto during the 1870s" in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 55-73.

Edgar-Andre Montigny, "Families, Institutions, and the State in Late-Nineteenth Century Ontario" in ibid., pp. 74-93.

10. The Perennials: Schools and Health Care

a) The Development of the School System

R.D. Gidney and D.A. Lawr, "Egerton Ryerson and the Origins of the Ontario Secondary School" in CHR, Vol. LX, No.4, December, 1979, pp. 442-465

Alison Prentice, "'Friendly Atoms in Chemistry': Women and Men at Normal School in Mid-Nineteenth Century Toronto" in Keane and Read (eds.), Old Ontario, pp. 285-317.

James G. Greenlee, "The Highroads of Intellectual Commerce: Sir Robert Falconer and the British Universities", in Ontario History, Vol. LXXIV, Sept. 1982. pp. 185-204.

b) **Medical Matters**

Barbara Craig, "State Medicine in Transition: Battling Smallpox in Ontario, 1882-1885", in Ontario History, vol. LXXV, no. 4, December, 1983, pp. 319-347.

Cheryl L. Krasnick, "In Charge of the Loons: A Portrait of the London, Ontario Asylum for the Insane in the Nineteenth Century", in ibid., Vol. LXXIV, Sept. 1982, pp. 138-184.

11. **The True North?**

a) **The Ontario Government and the Province's North**

Geoffrey R. Weller, "Politics and Policy in the North", in Graham White, ed., The Government and Politics of Ontario, fourth edition, pp. 284-306.

Jean L. Manore, "Indian Reserves v. Indian Lands: Reserves, Crown Lands, and Natural Resource Use in Northeastern Ontario", in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 195-213.

Case Studies

Margaret van Every, "Francis H. Clergue and the Rise of Sault Ste. Marie as an Industrial Centre", Ontario History, Vol. LVI, 1964, pp. 191-202.

Gilbert A. Stelter, "The Origins of a Company Town: Sudbury in the Nineteenth Century", Laurentian University Review, Vol. 3, 1971.

b) **Ontario Goes to War**

Barbara M. Wilson, ed., Ontario and the First World War, 1914- 1918, Introduction and passim.

Ruby Heap. "'Salvaging War's Waste': the University of Toronto and the 'Physical Reconstruction' of Disabled Soldiers during the First World War", in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 214-234.

12. **Politics and Policies between the wars**

a) **From the Rise and Fall of the United Farmers to Mitch Hepburn—the last Farmer Premier**

W.R. Young, "Conscription, Rural Depopulation and the Farmers of Ontario, 1917-1919", CHR, 1972, pp. 289-320.

Peter Oliver, "W. E. Raney and the Politics of Uplift" in P. Oliver, Public and Private Persons, Toronto, Clark, Irwin, 1975 , pp. 64 - 91.

Neil McKenty, "That Tory Hepburn" in Firth, Profiles of a Province, pp. 137-141.

Irving Abella, "Oshawa 1937" in S.D. Clark, et. al., Prophecy and Protest: Social Movements in Twentieth Century Canada, Toronto, 1975, pp. 257-287.

b) **Strained Relations?**

(i) **The Rise of the Provinces**

Donald V. Smiley, ed., The Rowell Sirois Report, Toronto, McClelland and Stewart, 1963, pp. 138-214.

R.M.H. Alway, "Hepburn, King and the Rowell-Sirois Commission", CHR, Vol. XLVIII, 1967, pp. 113-141.
Lara Campbell, "'A Barren Cupboard at Home': Ontario Families Confront the Premiers during the Great Depression" in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 284-306.

(ii) **A Changing Society**

Gerald Tulchinsky, "The Jewish Experience in Ontario to 1960", In Hall, Westfall and MacDowell, Patterns of the Past, pp.301-327.

Gerald Killan and George Warecki, "The Battle for Wilderness in Ontario: Saving Quetico-Superior, 1927 to 1960", in ibid., pp. 328-355.

Charles M. Johnston, "The Children's War: The Mobilization of Ontario Youth During the Second World War", in ibid., pp. 356-380.

13. **Contemporary Politics and Society**

a) **Agriculture in the Contemporary Ontarian Political Economy**

D.A. Lawr, "The Development of Ontario Farming, 1870-1914: Politics of Growth and Change", in Ontario History, Vol. LXIV, 1972, pp. 178-186.

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture statistical documents

b) **The Power and the "Tories" or Ontario Undone?**

Sidney Noel, "The Ontario Political Culture", in White, Government and Politics of Ontario, pp. 49-68.

P. E. Bryden, "The Ontario-Quebec Axis: Postwar Strategies in Intergovernmental Negotiations" in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 381-408.

James Struthers, "Welfare to Workfare: Poverty and the 'Dependency Debate' in Post-Second World War Ontario" in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 429-453.

John Weaver, "Society and Culture in Rural and Small-Town Ontario: Alice Munro's Testimony on the Last Forty Years", in Hall, Westfall, MacDowell, Patterns of the Past, pp. 381-403.

Thomas F. McIlwraith, Looking for Old Ontario: Two Centuries of Landscape Change, Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1995, passim.

Karen Duder, "'That Repulsive Abnormal Creature I Heard of in That Book': Lesbians and Families in Ontario, 1920-1965" in Montigny and Chambers, pp. 260-283.

If you or someone you know is experiencing distress, there are several resources here at Western to assist you. Please visit <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for more information on these resources and on mental health.

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