

**The University of Western Ontario**  
**2017- 2018**  
**First Nations in Canadian History**  
**First Nations Studies 2901 E/ History 2209E**

**Monday 7-10 pm - Room: SSC 2020**

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**Calendar Description:**

First Nations peoples are the original inhabitants of Canada. This course will examine history recorded since European contact with all possible efforts to privilege an Aboriginal point of view and the contribution Aboriginal peoples have made and continue to make to Canada as a nation-state and as a cultural community.

**Course Description:**

This course will explore histories of peoples Indigenous to lands within the boundaries of contemporary Canada (this will include peoples on the Canada/US border), from both topical and thematic approaches. Emphasis will be placed on Indigenous constructions of history, with an examination from the inside outwards. Students will learn to identify Indigenous peoples and their territories, gain an understanding of Indigenous constructions of history, analyze the impacts of European contact and settlement and consider the implications for a shared Indigenous-Canadian society. Students will be expected to engage in a variety of assignments and projects for this course. These will include the evaluation of primary documents, reviewing the written records of oral and other non-Western historical records, and a major research project focusing on either a specific Indigenous Nation or a particular methodological question/concern.

**Learning Objectives:**

Students will gain a greater understanding of the complex historical relationship between Indigenous peoples and the Canadian nation state with an emphasis on the role of treaties, environment and the British Crown. Specifically, students will be able to:

- Identify Indigenous peoples and territories within Canada
- Gain an understanding of Indigenous constructions of history
- Analyze the impacts of European contact and settlement
- Consider the implications for a shared Indigenous-Canadian society

**Prerequisites:** [First Nations Studies 1020E](#) or [Anthropology 1025F/G](#) or the former 020E or [History 1401E](#) or [1201E](#) or [1701E](#).

**Note:** Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean, the Director of First Nations Studies or the History Department Chair to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

**Required Books:**

Boyden, Joseph. *Three Day Road*. Toronto: Viking Canada, 2005. **2<sup>nd</sup> semester**

Dickason, Olive Patricia with David T. McNab, *Canada's First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from Earliest Times*. Fourth Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Miller, JR, editor. *Sweet Promises: A Reader on Indian-White Relations in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1991.

Milloy, John. *A National Crime: the Canadian Government and the Residential School System, 1879-1986*. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 1999. **2<sup>nd</sup> semester**

Sioui, Georges E. *Huron Wendat: The Heritage of the Circle*. English Edition. Vancouver and Toronto: UBC Press, 1999.

Craft, Aimee. *Breathing Life into the Stone Fort Treaty: An Anishinabe Understanding of Treaty One*. Saskatoon: Purich Publishing, 2013. **2<sup>nd</sup> semester**

**ASSIGNMENTS & EVALUATION**

Your attendance and participation is critical to your success in this course. It is requested that you notify the professor prior to class if you are unable to attend. Assignments will be considered late if the student is absent on the due date without making prior arrangements; late assignments will lose 5 points per day. The grading breakdown follows (more detailed descriptions of assignments to be distributed in class):

<b>Value</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
12%	Participation/Questions
10%	Book Review; <b><i>Due October 2</i></b>
10%	Museum Exhibit Review; <b><i>Due Nov. 13</i></b>
3%	Mapping Project: <b><i>Part I due Dec. 4</i></b>
15%	Mid-term Exam; <b><i>During December exam period</i></b>
10%	Mapping Project: <b><i>Part II due Feb. 5</i></b>
20%	Mapping Project: Final Paper (15+ pages); <b><i>2 April</i></b>
20%	Final Examination; <b><i>During April exam period</i></b>

All assignments will have descriptions provided to the students no less than three weeks prior to the due date. These descriptions will be posted on OWL for student access. Students are encouraged to direct questions regarding the assignments to the instructor in a timely fashion. Students are encouraged to bring questions to office hours. Questions sent electronically will be

answered within 2 working days of message receipt (i.e., an emailed question received Friday at 6 pm will receive an answer by Weds. at 9 am).

**FNS 2901E & HISTORY 2209E: TENTATIVE LECTURE SCHEDULE**

Date	Lecture Topic	Readings
11 Sept.	Introduction: Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous Histories, and the Ways We Learn About History	
18 Sept.	Creation & Indigenous Constructions of History	Dickason: viii-39 Sioui: xv-44
25 Sept.	Indigenous Geographies & Concepts of Place	Dickason: 40-60
2 Oct.	What Can We Learn From Archeology? <b>DUE: Book Review</b>	Sioui: 45-88 Trigger, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
9-13 Oct.	THANKSGIVING + READING WEEK	
16 Oct.	Contact v. Invasion & Canadian Law	Dickason: Chapters 62-95 Upton, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
23 Oct.	Trade, Treaties, Warfare, Genocide and Intermarriage – not necessarily in that order...	Sioui: 98-174 Dickason: 96-121
30 Oct.	Trade, Treaties, etc. – continued	Sioui: 175-180 Dickason, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
6 Nov.	Trade, Treaties, etc. – continued	Dickason, Chapters 10-13
13 Nov.	The Seven Years War <b>DUE: Museum Exhibit Review</b>	Graymont, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
20 Nov.	The American Revolution	
27 Nov.	The American Revolution, continued	
4 Dec.	Semester Review <b>DUE: Mapping Part 1</b>	
10-21 Dec.	EXAM PERIOD – Exam Date to be Announced	
21 Dec. – 7 Jan.	<b>HAPPY VACATION!</b>	
8 Jan.	Revolutionary War – Jay Treaty – “Resettlement” – “Loyalist Indians”	Review Graymont, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
15 Jan.	War of 1812	Dickason: 183-214 Stanley, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
22 Jan.	Development of Canadian Indian Policy	Dickason, pages 215-240 Tobias and Milloy, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
29 Jan.	Red River Settlement & the Northwest Rebellion	Dickason, pages 260-287 Miller and Stonechild, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
5 Feb.	Numbered Treaties <b>DUE: Mapping Part 2</b>	Miller and Tobias, in <i>Sweet Promises</i> Miller and Carter, in <i>Sweet Promises</i> Craft: <i>Breathing Life into the Stone</i>

		<i>Fort Treaty</i>
12 Feb.	Residential Schools	Milloy: <i>A National Crime</i>
19-23 Feb.	READING WEEK	
26 Feb.	Guest Lecturer	
5 March	The Colonization of British Columbia	Fisher and Friesen, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
12 March	Native Soldiers and the World Wars	Dickason, pages 289-314, 336-347 Boyden: <i>Three Day Road</i>
19 March	The Territories and “Northern Development”	Dickason, pages 348-368, 385-409
26 March	Activism in the 1960s-70s	Dickason, pages 369-386 Cuthand and Cardinal, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
2 April	Oka, Stoney Point, RCAP and beyond <b>DUE: Mapping Project III</b>	Dickason, pages 314-335, 410-426 Miller and Purich, in <i>Sweet Promises</i>
9 April	“Our Policy is No Longer Extinguishment” and Exam Review	Dickason, in 427-462
14-30 April	Final Examination Period – exam date to be announced	

**The instructor reserves the right to alter this lecture schedule with notice to the students.**

*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.*

*If you require academic accommodations due to disability you must be registered with Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147. These disabilities include, but are not limited to, vision, hearing and mobility impairments, learning disabilities, chronic illnesses, chronic pain, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders. Your instructor will work with you and SSD to best address your needs.*

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**Prerequisites and Antirequisites:**

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## **Academic Offences:**

Scholastic Offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitute a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

### **PLAGIARISM**

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of Publication and page number. Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writer's ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source; these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently.

Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction, your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases, in their suspension from the University.

### **MEDICAL ACCOMMODATION**

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Please go to [https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical\\_accommodations\\_link\\_for\\_OOR.pdf](https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_accommodations_link_for_OOR.pdf) to read about the University's policy on medical accommodation. Please go to <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medicalform.pdf> to download the necessary form. In the event of illness, you should contact Academic Counselling as soon as possible. The Academic Counsellors will determine, in consultation with the student, whether or not accommodation is warranted. They will subsequently contact the instructors in the relevant courses about the accommodation. Once a decision has been made about accommodation, the student should contact his/her instructors to determine a new due date for term tests, assignments, and exams.

### **SUPPORT SERVICES:**

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western, <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

*Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.*

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Ursula Doxtator, Program Coordinator, First Nations Studies Program, 519-661-2111 x86429; or the Undergraduate Program Advisor, Department of History.