



**The University of Western Ontario  
HISTORY 9274B**

**Oh Gendered Canada:  
Topics in Gender History**  
Fall/Winter 2018-19  
Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30pm, Lawson Hall 2270C

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**Course Description:**

Women's History, since its emergence in the late 1960s, and Masculinity History, since its birth in the 1990s, have contributed to some lively debates in Canadian History. This graduate half-course will explore the ways in which gender has played a role in selected trends and time periods, and will examine some of the major historiographical questions in the last five decades that have surrounded this complex role. These questions have often addressed the related issues of race, class, and sexuality. This investigation will challenge students to utilize gender as an integral tool of historical analysis, and to reconsider conventional narratives in Canadian History.

***Prerequisite(s):***

Undergraduate degree in History

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The 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.

**Course Syllabus:**

Students should be able to understand the ways in which gender shaped various historical trends and movements; understand the ways in which gender intersects with issues of race, class, and sexuality; identify past and contemporary historiographical debates in Canadian gender history, and the ways that they have challenged conventional historical assumptions.

**Course Materials:**

(available for purchase in the university bookstore; also available on two-hour reserve in Weldon Library)

Dummit, Christopher. *The Manly Modern: Masculinity in Postwar Canada*. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2007.

Sangster, Joan. *Through Feminist Eyes: Essays on Canadian Women's History*, Edmonton: Athabasca

University Press, 2011.  
The online articles cited below.

### **Methods of Evaluation:**

Research essay (18-20): TBA	45%
Critiques (3): TBA	30%
Seminar presentation: TBA	15%
Participation:	10%

During all lectures, videos, student presentations, and class breaks, the recreational use of lap-tops (web browsing, emailing, etc.), as well as the use of all wireless handheld devices (cell phones, etc.), is not permitted in the classroom. Failure to comply will adversely affect your attendance/participation mark.

Students are reminded that academic accommodation on medical grounds can in most instances **only** be granted if supported by a **University of Western Ontario Student Medical Certificate**. This form can be accessed at the following website: [https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical\\_document.pdf](https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_document.pdf) or be picked up at the Academic Counselling Office in the student's home faculty (For Social Science students 2105 SSC). Further details on this policy can be found at the following website: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf>

### **Course Schedule and Readings:**

You will sign up for a presentation date beginning in Week 6. On your selected date, you will present at least two of the scheduled articles. In your presentation, address, critique, and compare/contrast your articles' theses, main arguments, biases, and sources, and situate your articles in the larger historiographical question. As well, discuss your related essay topic in the context of these readings. Stimulate class discussion by asking questions and fielding comments. Feel free to incorporate audio-visual aids. You will be graded on the content of your presentation, and on your facilitation of the seminar discussion. As you may be "sharing" your presentation date with a classmate, and in order to prevent overlap in discussion topics, arrange with her/him which topics/readings that each one of you will present.

The subject of your research essay will coincide with the general seminar topic of your selected date. Your essay **(in both electronic and hard copy format) will be due in class on that same day. As your classmates are relying on the timely submission of your essay in order to write their critiques (see below), essays MUST be submitted on your assigned due date! Late research essays will not be accepted for grading.**

Those students not presenting an article and submitting an essay on a given week will be required to do the assigned readings, participate in the seminar discussion, and write an essay critique. Select three student essays (which will be accessible on OWL) on which you would like to write a critique. Your critique must be submitted (in hard copy) no later than one week following the submission of the essay about which it is written. Submitted critiques will not be seen by anyone other than me; they will be returned with a mark as soon as possible. Critiques should be two typed pages, be double-spaced, include a thesis statement, and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the papers.

### **JANUARY 8 – INTRODUCTION**

**JANUARY 15 – WOMEN’S HISTORY: Has the move from “universal sisterhood,” to diversity, to contested identities been good for the field?**

*Through Feminist Eyes*, “Reflections on Thirty Years of Women’s History,” pp. 1-48.

Gail Cuthbert Brandt, “[Postmodern Patchwork: Some Recent Trends in the Writing of Women's History in Canada](#),” *Canadian Historical Review*, 72 (1991): 441-70.  
<http://utpjournals.metapress.com/content/f32608265q217q75/>

Julie Dinh, “[Ethnic, Immigrant, and Racialized Women in Canada: A Historiography](#),” *Constellations*, 3 (2012): 175-85. <https://ejournals.library.ualberta.ca/index.php/constellations/article/viewFile/17205/13703>

**JANUARY 22 – GENDER HISTORY: Is it the “new” Women’s History?**

*Through Feminist Eyes*, “Telling Our Stories: Feminist Debates and the Use of Oral History, pp. 213-242.

Joan Sangster, “Beyond Dichotomies: Re-Assessing Gender History and Women's History in Canada,” *Left History*, 3 (Spring/Summer 1995): 109-121. <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/lh/article/viewFile/5312/4507>

Karen Dubinsky and Lynn Marks, “[Beyond Purity: A Response to Sangster](#),” *Left History* (1996)  
<http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/lh/article/viewFile/6967/6151>

Franca Iacovetta & Linda Kealey, “Women's History, Gender History and Debating Dichotomies,” *Left History* (1996): 1-17.[PDF] [Women's History, Gender History and Debating Dichotomies](#)

**JANUARY 29 – PRE-INDUSTRIAL/COLONIAL ABORIGINAL SOCIETIES: To what extent did notions of race and gender influence cultural imposition/resistance/assimilation?**

Sylvia Van Kirk, “The Role of Native Women in the Fur Trade Society of Western Canada, 1670-1830,” *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, 7 (1984): 9-13. <http://www.jstor.org.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/stable/3346234>

Carol Devens, “[Separate Confrontations: Gender as a Factor in Indian Adaptation to European Colonization in New France](#),” *American Quarterly*, 38 (1986): 461-480. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2712677>

Sylvia Van Kirk, “From "Marrying-In" to "Marrying-Out": Changing Patterns of Aboriginal/Non-Aboriginal Marriage in Colonial Canada,” *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, 23 (2002): 1-11.  
<http://www.jstor.org.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/stable/3347329>

Saliha Belmessous, “Assimilation and Racialism in Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century French Colonial Policy,” *The American Historical Review*, 110 (April 2005): 322-349. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/531317>

**FEBRUARY 5 – CLASS: How did gender inform class formation/consciousness/identity?**

*Through Feminist Eyes*, “The 1907 Bell Telephone Strike: Organizing Women Workers,” pp. 53-80; “The Softball Solution: Female Workers, Male Managers, and the Operation of Paternalism at Westclox, 1923-1960,” pp. 135-172; “Making a Fur Coat: Women, the Labouring Body, and Working-Class History,” pp. 391-424.

Steven Maynard, “Rough Work and Rugged Men: The Social Construction of Masculinity in Working-Class History,” *Labour / Le Travail*, 23 (Spring 1989): 159-169. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/25143139>

Elise Chenier, "Rethinking Class in Lesbian Bar Culture: Living 'The Gay Life' in Toronto, 1955-1965," *Left History*, 9 (Spring/Summer 2004): 85-115. <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/lh/article/viewFile/5608/4801>

## **FEBRUARY 12 – SAME-SEX FRIENDSHIPS: Were they sexual? Does it matter? (WEEK 6)**

Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, "The Female World of Love and Ritual: Relations Between Women in Nineteenth-Century America," *Signs*, 1 (Autumn 1975): 1-29. <http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0097-9740%28197523%291%3A1%3C1%3ATFWOLA%3E2.0.CO%3B2-H>

Karen Duder, "The Spreading Depths: Lesbian and Bisexual Women in English Canada, 1910-1965," PhD Dissertation, Department of History, University of Victoria, 2001. Chapter 3, "Questions of Sex: Female-Female Relationships and Physical Sexuality," pp. 177-270. [View/Open](#)

Steven Maynard, "Hell Witches in Toronto: Notes on Lesbian Visibility in Early-Twentieth-Century Canada," *Left History*, 9 (Spring/Summer 2004): 191-205. <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/lh/article/viewFile/5612/4805>

## **FEBRUARY 19 – FAMILY DAY/SPRING READING WEEK**

### **FEBRUARY 26 - THE FIRST-WAVE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT: Was it classist/racist?**

Karen Leroux, "Making a Claim on the Public Sphere: Toronto Women's Anti-Slavery Activism, 1851-1854," MA Thesis, Department of History, University of British Columbia, 1996, pp. 1-26. [https://circle.ubc.ca/bitstream/handle/2429/4570/ubc\\_1996-0382.pdf?sequence=1](https://circle.ubc.ca/bitstream/handle/2429/4570/ubc_1996-0382.pdf?sequence=1)

Linda M. Ambrose and Margaret Kechnie, "Social Control or Social Feminism?: Two Views of the Ontario Women's Institutes," *Agricultural History*, 73 (Spring 1999): 222-237. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3744661>

Gerald E. Thomson, "[A Baby Show Means Work in the Hardest Sense": The Better Baby Contests of the Vancouver and New Westminster Local Councils of Women, 1913-1929](#)," *BC Studies: The British Columbian Quarterly* (2000): 5-35. <http://prophet.library.ubc.ca/ojs/index.php/bcstudies/article/viewFile/1546/1589>

Nancy Forestell, Maureen Moynagh, "Mrs. Canada Goes Global: Canadian First Wave Feminism Revisited," *Atlantis*, 30 (2005): 7-20. <http://journals.msvu.ca/index.php/atlantis/article/viewFile/855/848>

Sara Burke, "Women of Newfangle: Co-Education, Racial Discourse and Women's Rights in Victorian Ontario," *Historical Studies in Education* (Spring 2007): 111-133. [http://historicalstudiesineducation.ca/hse/index.php/edu\\_hse-rhe/article/view/275/692](http://historicalstudiesineducation.ca/hse/index.php/edu_hse-rhe/article/view/275/692)

### **MARCH 5 – WORLD WAR I and II: Does war revolutionize gender roles?**

*The Manly Modern*, pp. 29-52.

Ruth Pierson, "Women's Emancipation and the Recruitment of Women into the Canadian Labour Force in World War II," *Historical Papers / Communications historiques*, 11 (1976): 141-173. [PDF] [Women's Emancipation and the Recruitement of Women into the Canadian Labour Force in World War II](#)

Kathryn McPherson, "Carving Out a Past: The Canadian Nurses. Association War Memorial," *Social History/Histoire Sociale* (1996): 417-429. <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/hssh/article/viewFile/4762/4037>

Jeff Keshen, "[Revisiting Canada's Civilian Women During World War II](http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/hssh/article/viewFile/4702/3896)," *Social History/Histoire Sociale* (1997): 239-266. <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/hssh/article/viewFile/4702/3896>

Tim Cook, "[Wet Canteens and Worrying Mothers: Alcohol, Soldiers, and Temperance Groups in the Great War](http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/hssh/article/viewFile/4457/3654)," *Social History/Histoire Sociale* (2002): 311-330. <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/hssh/article/viewFile/4457/3654>

Linda J. Quiney, "Bravely and Loyal They Answered the Call": St. John Ambulance, the Red Cross, and the Patriotic Service of Canadian Women During the Great War," *History of Intellectual Culture*, 5 (2005): 1-19. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/files/hic/lquiney.pdf>

### **MARCH 12 – THE 1950s: Was it a decade of gender/sexual over-conforming or quiet revolution?**

*Through Feminist Eyes*, "Girls in Conflict with the Law: Exploring the Construction of Female 'Delinquency' in Ontario, 1940-1960," pp. 251-292.

*The Manly Modern*, pp. 53-162.

Franca Iacovetta, "[Recipes for Democracy? Gender, Family, and Making Female Citizens in Cold War Canada](http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/cws/article/viewFile/7604/6735)," *Canadian Woman Studies*, 20, 2 (2000): 12-21. <http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/cws/article/viewFile/7604/6735>

### **MARCH 19 – THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION: Who won and who lost?**

*Through Feminist Eyes*, "Words of Experience/Experiencing Words: Reading Working Women's Letters to Canada's Royal Commission on the Status of Women," pp. 359-390.

Becki Ross, "The House That Jill Built: Lesbian Feminist Organizing in Toronto, 1976-1980," *Feminist Review*, 35 (Summer 1990): 75-91. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1395402>

Christabelle Sethna, "The University of Toronto Health Service, Oral Contraception, and Student Demand for Birth Control, 1960-1970," *Historical Studies in Education*, 17 (Fall 2005): 265-292. [http://historicalstudiesineducation.ca/hse/index.php/edu\\_hse-rhe/article/view/79](http://historicalstudiesineducation.ca/hse/index.php/edu_hse-rhe/article/view/79)

Stuart Henderson, "Toronto's Hippie Disease: End Days in the Yorkville Scene, August 1968," *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*, 17 (2006): 205-234. <http://www.erudit.org/revue/jcha/2006/v17/n1/016108ar.pdf>

### **MARCH 26 – NATIONALISM: To what extent has gender served its interests (and vice versa)?**

Cecilia Morgan, "'Of Slender Frame and Delicate Appearance': the Placing of Laura Secord in the Narratives of Canadian Loyalist History," *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*, 5 (1994): 195-212. <http://www.erudit.org/revue/JCHA/1994/v5/n1/031079ar.pdf>

Christopher Gittings, "Imaging Canada: The Singing Mountie and Other Commodifications of Nation," *Canadian Journal of Communication*, 23, 4 (1998). <http://cjc-online.ca/index.php/journal/article/viewArticle/1062/968>

Eva Mackay, "[Death by Landscape](#)": Race, Nature, and Gender in Canadian

[Nationalist Mythology](#),” *Canadian Woman Studies*, 20 (2000): 125-130. [PDF] ["Death by Landscape": Race, Nature, and Gender in Canadian Nationalist Mythology](#)”

Michael A. Robidoux, “Imagining a Canadian Identity through Sport: A Historical Interpretation of Lacrosse and Hockey,” *The Journal of American Folklore*, 115 (Spring 2002): 209-225. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4129220>

Yasmin Jiwani, “The Great White North Encounters September 11: Race, Gender, and Nation in Canada's National Daily, ‘The Globe and Mail,’” *Social Justice*, 32 (2005): 50-68. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/29768336>

#### **APRIL 2 – REGIONALISM: To what extent has gender served its interests (and vice versa)?**

*Through Feminist Eyes*, “Constructing the ‘Eskimo Wife’: White Women’s Travel Writing, Colonialism, and the Canadian North, 1940-1960,” pp. 327-354.

Gail Cuthbert Brandt, [“Weaving It Together”: Life Cycle and the Industrial Experience of Female Cotton Workers in Quebec, 1910-1950](#),” *Labour/le travail*, 7 (Spring 1981): 113-125. <http://iltjournal.ca/index.php/ilt/article/viewFile/2661/3064>

Gail G. Campbell, “Canadian Women's History: A View From Atlantic Canada,” *Acadiensis*, 20 (Autumn 1990): 184-199. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/30303364>

Deborah Gorham, “From Bonavista to Vancouver Island: Canadian Women's History as Regional History in the 1990s,” *Acadiensis*, 28 (Spring 1999): 119-125. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/30302821>

#### **APRIL 9 - TRANSNATIONALISM: Is there still a Canadian (gender) history?**

Ann Curthoys, [“Does Australian History Have a Future?”](#), *Australian Historical Studies*, 118 (2002): 140-152. <http://www.kooriweb.org/foley/resources/pdfs/22.pdf>

Franca Iacovetta, “Gendering Transnational Historiographies: Feminists Rewriting Canadian History,” *Journal of Women’s History* 19 (2007): 206-213. (posted on OWL)

Michael S. Neiberg, "Toward a Transnational History of World War I," *Canadian Military History*, 17 (2008): 31-37. <http://scholars.wlu.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1502&context=cmh>

Veronica Strong-Boag, “Experts on Our Own Lives: Commemorating Canada at the Beginning of the 21st Century,” *The Public Historian*, 31, 1 (Winter 2009): 46-68. <http://www.jstor.org.proxy2.lib.uwo.ca/stable/10.1525/tph.2009.31.1.46>

Joan Sangster, [“Gendering Labour History Across Borders](#),” *Labour History Review*, 75 (2010): 143-61. <http://liverpool.metapress.com/content/032n170777x72783/>

Merry E. Wiesner-Hanks, “Crossing Borders in Transnational Gender History,” *Journal of Global History*, 6 (2011): 357–379. [http://docenti2.unior.it/doc\\_db/doc\\_obj\\_19781\\_28-04-2012\\_4f9c1a7c1c144.pdf](http://docenti2.unior.it/doc_db/doc_obj_19781_28-04-2012_4f9c1a7c1c144.pdf)

## **Additional Statements:**

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[www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated\\_exams.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html)

### ***Medical Issues***

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to read about the University's policy on medical accommodation. 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 should be requested. They will subsequently contact the instructors in the relevant courses about the accommodation. Once the instructor has made a decision about whether to grant an accommodation, the student should contact his/her instructors to determine a new due date for tests, assignments, and exams.

Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation: [http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/medical\\_accommodation.html](http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/medical_accommodation.html)

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

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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.

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