

HIS 3100A
History and Perceptions of History in Canada

Mondays, 2:30 to 4:00 pm
Thursday, 4:00 to 5:30 pm
Montpetit 204

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Course Objectives

- To explore selected subjects in Canadian history from different perspectives.
- To think critically about the telling and portrayal of Canadian history.
- To improve skills in reading and analyzing history.
- To become proficient in writing a historiography paper.

Evaluation

Reading Reports & Seminar Attendance	30%	Due in class at each seminar. Students must hand in at least six reading reports. Students who complete seven or eight reading reports will receive credit for their best six marks.
Research Plan	up to 5%	Due February 12. This is a recommended assignment. Students who complete this assignment will receive the better of: 35% for the paper, or 5% for their plan and 30% for the paper.
Historiography Paper	30-35%	Due April 9.
Final Exam	35%	Date TBA.

Readings

This course has been designed as a textbook-free course. Students must retrieve and complete their readings from the uOttawa electronic library holdings. All students are required to activate their Library Account and learn how to access the required course materials online. The readings are accessible through the America: History and Life database.

Readings are mandatory. Students are required to do readings for class discussion, the Reading Report assignments, and the final exam.

Reading Reports

In order to meet the course objective of exposure to a variety of historical perspectives on each topic, this course has been designed to maximize students' time reading opposing viewpoints from different historians/authors. This will be done in lieu of a certain amount of class time, and in lieu of a midterm exam. Students will document their readings by writing at least six two-page Reading Reports. In order to achieve full marks for their reading, students must also attend the relevant seminar class in order to take part in the class discussion.

More specific instructions about the Reading Report assignments will be provided in class, and on the course website.

Research Plan

Students may hand in a research plan indicating the topic proposed for their historiography paper with an annotated bibliography of their five proposed scholarly sources. This will help with planning a successful final paper. If students choose to do this assignment, it must be handed in by February 12.

More information about the Research Plan assignment will be provided in class on January 22, and on the course website.

Historiography Paper

Students will write a historiography paper analysing five scholarly sources on the same topic. The topic will be of the student's choice pertaining to Canadian history. The paper will be 10 to 12 pages long and include proper citations in a recognized format.

It is acceptable to choose one of the topics discussed in class, but you may not use any of the assigned course readings towards your five sources. More information about this assignment will be provided in class on January 22, and on the course website.

Policies

Plagiarism

The University has stringent regulations to deal with plagiarism and academic fraud, ranging from a zero mark on the work concerned to expulsion. The University describes the definition, and repercussions, of plagiarism at www.uottawa.ca/plagiarism.pdf.

Extensions

Completing your paper on time is part of the assignment. Late papers will not be marked. (Exceptions will obviously be made in extenuating circumstances such as sickness and death in the family; documentation is required.)

Language of Work

Students may submit their work in either French or English.

Class Schedule

Jan. 8	<p>Course Introduction The Changing Story of History in University of Ottawa's HIS1101</p>
Jan. 12	<p>Opening Lecture: Trends and Debates in Canadian History Recommended Backgrounder (not examinable): Shore, Marlene. "Remember the Future': The 'Canadian Historical Review' and the Discipline of History, 1920-95." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1995 76(3): 410-463.</p>
Jan. 15	<p>Who Writes Canadian History, Anyway? Wright, Donald. "Gender and the Professionalization of History in English Canada before 1960." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 2000 81(1): 29-66.</p>
Jan. 19	<p>The Politics of Commemoration Taylor, C. J. "Some Early Problems of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1983 64(1): 3-24.</p>
Jan. 22	<p>Canadian Historiography and Writing a Historiography Paper Dick, Lyle. "The Seven Oaks Incident and the Construction of a Historical Tradition, 1816 to 1970." <i>Canadian Historical Association Journal</i> 1991 2: 91-113.</p>
Jan. 26 Jan. 29	<p>Seminar 1: Iroquois Warfare (Read 4 of 6) Naroll, Raoul. "The Causes of the Fourth Iroquois War." <i>Ethnohistory</i> 1969 16(1): 51-82. Schlesier, Karl H. "Epidemics And Indian Middlemen: Rethinking 'The Wars Of The Iroquois,' 1609-1653." <i>Ethnohistory</i> 1976 23(2): 129-146. Richter, Daniel K. "War and Culture: The Iroquois Experience." <i>William & Mary Quarterly</i> 1983 40(4): 528-559. Blick, Jeffrey P. "The Iroquois Practice Of Genocidal Warfare (1534-1787)." <i>Journal of Genocide Research</i> 2001 3(3): 405-429. Starna, William A. and Brandão, José António. "From The Mohawk-Mahican War to the Beaver Wars: Questioning The Pattern." <i>Ethnohistory</i> 2004 51(4): 725-750. Steele, Ian K. "When Worlds Collide: The Fate of Canadian and French Prisoners taken at Fort Niagara, 1759." <i>Journal of Canadian Studies</i> 2005 39(3): 9-39.</p>
Feb. 2 Feb. 5	<p>Seminar 2: The Loyalists (Read 4 of 6) Wetherell, Charles and Roetger, Robert W. "Another Look At The Loyalists Of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, 1783-95." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1989 70(1): 76-91. Grabb, Edward; Curtis, James; and Baer, Douglas. "Defining Moments and Recurring Myths: Comparing Canadians and Americans after the American Revolution." <i>Canadian Review of Sociology & Anthropology</i> 2000 37(4): 373-419. Coleman, Daniel. "The National Allegory Of Fraternity: Loyalist Literature And The Making Of Canada's White British Origins." <i>Journal of Canadian Studies</i> 2001 36(3): 131-156. Marquis, Greg. "Commemorating the Loyalists in the Loyalist City: Saint John, New Brunswick, 1883-1934." <i>Urban History Review/Revue D'Histoire Urbaine</i> 2004 33(1): 24-33. Fair, Ross. "'Theirs was a Deeper Purpose': The Pennsylvania Germans of Ontario and the Craft of the Homemaking Myth." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 2006 87(4): 653-684. Whitfield, Harvey Amani. "Black Loyalists and Black Slaves in Maritime Canada." <i>History Compass</i> 2007 5(6): 1980-1997.</p>

<p>Feb. 9 Feb. 12</p>	<p>Research Plan Due February 12 (Recommended Assignment) Seminar 3: The Underground Railroad (Read 4 of 6)</p> <p>Silverman, Jason Howard. "'We Shall Be Heard!' The Development of the Fugitive Slave Press in Canada." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1984 65(1): 54-69.</p> <p>Yee, Shirley J. "Gender Ideology And Black Women As Community-Builders In Ontario, 1850-70." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1994 75(1): 53-73.</p> <p>Rhodes, Jane. "The Contestation Over National Identity: Nineteenth-Century Black Americans in Canada." <i>Canadian Review of American Studies</i> 2000 30(2): 175-186.</p> <p>Murray, David. "Hands Across The Border: The Abortive Extradition Of Solomon Moseby." <i>Canadian Review of American Studies</i> 2000 30(2): 187-209.</p> <p>Walker, Barrington. "The Tale of Ida Jane and George: Murder, Miscegenation, and Bastardy in 1893 Raleigh, Ontario." <i>Canadian Review of American Studies</i> 2000 30(2): 211-227.</p> <p>Frost, Karolyn Smardz. "From Detroit to the Promised Land." <i>American History</i> 2007 42(1): 40-45.</p>
<p>Feb. 23 Feb. 26</p>	<p>Seminar 4: Sir John A. (Read 4 of 6)</p> <p>Stewart, Gordon. "John A. Macdonald's Greatest Triumph." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1982 63(1): 3-33.</p> <p>Preece, Rod. "The Political Wisdom of Sir John A. Macdonald." <i>Canadian Journal of Political Science</i> 1984 17(3): 459-486.</p> <p>Waite, P. B. "Donald Creighton: Casting the Net of his 'Macdonald'." <i>Beaver</i> 1998 78(1): 28-31, 33-35.</p> <p>Wood, Patricia K. "Defining 'Canadian': Anti-Americanism and Identity in Sir John A. Macdonald's Nationalism." <i>Journal of Canadian Studies</i> 2001 36(2): 49-69.</p> <p>Messamore, Barbara J. "Diplomacy or Duplicity? Lord Lisgar, John A. Macdonald, and the Treaty of Washington, 1871." <i>Journal of Imperial & Commonwealth History</i> 2004 32(2): 29-53.</p> <p>Martin, Ged. "John A. Macdonald and the Bottle." <i>Journal of Canadian Studies</i> 2006 40(3): 162-185.</p>
<p>Mar. 2 Mar. 5</p>	<p>Seminar 5: July 1, 1867</p> <p>Identify and read two newspaper articles about Confederation from two different provinces in Canada. The newspaper articles should be dated within one month of Confederation, i.e. in June or July 1867. You can find an amazing storehouse of historic articles at Paper of Record (www.paperofrecord.com), accessible at this domain and also linked through the uOttawa library website. Look for further instructions on the course website.</p>
<p>Mar. 9 Mar. 12</p>	<p>Seminar 6: Louis Riel (Read 4 of 6)</p> <p>Owram, Douglas. "The Myth Of Louis Riel." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1982 63(3): 315-336.</p> <p>Silver, Arthur Isaac. "Ontario's Alleged Fanaticism in the Riel Affair." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1988 69(1): 21-50.</p> <p>Bower, Shannon. "'Practical Results': The Riel Statue Controversy At The Manitoba Legislative Building." <i>Manitoba History</i> 2001-02 (42): 30-38.</p> <p>Basson, Lauren L. "Savage Half-Breed, French Canadian or White US Citizen? Louis Riel and US Perceptions of Nation and Civilisation." <i>National Identities</i> 2005 7(4): 369-388.</p> <p>Angus, Ian. "Louis Riel and English-Canadian Political Thought." <i>University of Toronto Quarterly</i> 2005 74(4): 884-894.</p> <p>Mumford, Jeremy Ravi. "Why Was Louis Riel, A United States Citizen, Hanged as a Canadian Traitor in 1885?" <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 2007 88(2): 237-262.</p>

Mar. 16 Mar. 19	<p>Seminar 7: The Chinese Experience in British Columbia, 1871-1900 (Read 4 of 6)</p> <p>Tan, Jin. "Chinese Labour and the Reconstituted Social Order of British Columbia." <i>Canadian Ethnic Studies</i> 1987 19(3): 68-88.</p> <p>Anderson, Kay J. "The Idea of Chinatown: The Power of Place and Institutional Practice in the Making of a Racial Category." <i>Annals of the Association of American Geographers</i> 1987 77(4): 580-598.</p> <p>Knowles, Norman. "Religious Affiliation, Demographic Change and Family Formation among British Columbia's Chinese and Japanese Communities: A Case Study of Church of England Missions, 1861-1942." <i>Canadian Ethnic Studies</i> 1995 27(2): 59-80.</p> <p>Stanley, Timothy J. "'Chinamen, Wherever We Go': Chinese Nationalism and Guangdong Merchants in British Columbia, 1871-1911." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1996 77(4): 475-503.</p> <p>Backhouse, Constance. "The White Women's Labor Laws: Anti-Chinese Racism in Early Twentieth-Century Canada." <i>Law & History Review</i> 1996 14(2): 315-368.</p> <p>Warburton, Rennie. "The Workingmen's Protective Association, Victoria, B.C., 1878: Racism, Intersectionality and Status Politics." <i>Labour / Le Travail</i> 1999 (43): 105-120.</p>
Mar. 23 Mar. 26	<p>Seminar 8: Nationalism, Recruitment and Conscription, 1914-1918 (Read 4 of 6)</p> <p>Hyatt, A. M. J. "Sir Arthur Currie and Conscription: A Soldier's View." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1969 50(3): 285-296.</p> <p>Young, W. R. "Conscription, Rural Depopulation, and the Farmers of Ontario, 1917-19." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1972 53(3): 289-320.</p> <p>Bray, R. Matthew. "Fighting as an Ally: The English-Canadian Patriotic Response to the Great War." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1980 61(2): 141-168.</p> <p>Walker, James W. St. G. "Race and Recruitment in World War I: Enlistment of Visible Minorities in the Canadian Expeditionary Force." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 1989 70(1): 1-26.</p> <p>Farney, James and Kordan, Bohdan S. "The Predicament of Belonging: The Status of Enemy Aliens in Canada, 1914." <i>Journal of Canadian Studies</i> 2005 39(1): 74-89.</p> <p>Isitt, Benjamin. "Mutiny From Victoria to Vladivostok, December 1918." <i>Canadian Historical Review</i> 2006 87(2): 223-264.</p>
Mar. 30	King-Byng and the Role of the Governor General
Apr. 2	Trudeau and the FLQ Crisis
Apr. 6	Contemporary or Selected Topic
Apr. 9	Papers Due Today Contemporary or Selected Topic Review