

HI4660/HIS466 Seminar Studies in Canadian History (I) - to 1885
 Credit: 3 (UT) (3)
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Prerequisite: HI2600/2610 or equivalent

This course examines critical issues in Canadian social history up to the year 1885, with special focus on the differing approaches taken and critical perspectives advanced by historians. Students will read and discuss landmarks in Canadian history and historiography, as well as write and defend their own critical essay, a major research paper, in class. To help them prepare for the research paper, students will write a brief bibliographic paper earlier in the term.

Requirements: Discussion critiques (2) 20%
 Bibliographic Essay 25%
 Research Paper and Seminar 55%

Texts:

- Akenson, D. The Irish in Ontario. McGill-Queen's, 1985.
 Berger, C. Contemporary Approaches to Canadian History. Copp-Clark Pitman, 1987.
 Dechene, L. Habitants and Merchants in 17th Century Montreal. McGill-Queen's, 1993.
 Strong-Boag, V. and Fellman, A. Rethinking Canada. Copp-Clark, 1993. (2nd Edition is preferred, but if unavailable 1st or 3rd will do - check with bookstore or used book sale.)
 Trigger, Bruce. Natives and Newcomers. McGill-Queen's, 1986.

Before the first Class: Because we are hit with Labour Day right at the beginning of the course, our first meeting will be on September 14, at 3 p.m., in Room A304. By then, please have the following texts read for discussion (they are found on RESERVE at the Library):

1. Crowley, T. Clio's Craft, Copp Clarke Pitman, 1987, pp. 11-76.
2. Berger, C. The Writing of Canadian History. University of Toronto Press (First or Second Edition), Chapters 1-10.

September 14: The Graven Images

September 21: The Historians' Indian?

READ: Trigger, Natives and Newcomers.

Recommended: Trigger, in Clio, pp. 132-153; Fisher, in Berger, pp. 115-123. Also Laycock, Rethinking, pp. 11-27; Georges Sioui, An Amerindian Autohistory (RESERVE)

- September 28: The New, New France
 READ: Crowley, Clio, pp. 253-301. (RESERVE)
 Dechene, Habitants.
 Recommended: Gagnon, in Berger, pp. 28-51; Noel,
Rethinking, pp. 28-50.
- October 5: Agricultural crisis: A useful myth?
 READ: McInnis "A reconsideration", Canadian Papers in Rural History 3 (1982) RESERVE
 Fernand Ouellet, in PreIndustrial Canada, pp.40-58
 and in Bumsted, Interpreting Canadian Past, Vol. 1,
 Chapter 14.
 Recommended: Peter Russell, Historical Essays on Upper Canada: New Perspectives, Chapter 4 RESERVE
- October 12: Thanksgiving: use the week for bibliographic paper preparation.
- October 19: Colonial Mentalities
 READ: Stewart and Rawlyk, People Highly Favoured of God. RESERVE, and Rawlyk in Prophets, Priests and Prodigals, pp. 37-59 RESERVE, also David Mills, The Idea of Loyalty in Upper Canada RESERVE
- October 26: The Lure - and Lore of Demography
 READ: Gagan and Turner, in Berger, pp. 89-114; also Gaffield, in Crowley, Clio, pp. 163-178. Also read Gagan, Hopeful Travellers, Chapters 1-7, RESERVE, and Gerard Bouchard, "Family Structures" Journal of Family History, 2, 1977 (Xerox) RESERVE and J.I. Little, in Canadian Papers in Rural History, Vol. 1. RESERVE
- November 2: The Irish Case
 READ: Akenson, Irish in Ontario, also Patterson and Lockwood, in Historical Essays on U.C., Chapters 16 and 7.
- November 9: Confederation: the Dominion of the Lord?
 READ: French in Historical Essays on UC, Chapter 18
 also Westfall, Wallot and Nicolson in Prophets, pp. 60-112, 117-134.
 Recommended: Susan Trofimenkoff, Dream of Nation, and A.I. Silver, The French-Canadian Idea of Confederation
- November 16: The Birth of Western Canada
 READ: Stanley, Birth of Western Canada and Flanagan, Riel and the Rebellion: 1885 Reconsidered. RESERVE
 Also Stonechild and Waiser, Loyal Til Death, RESERVE
- November 23: Essay prep.
- November 30: Student Presentations