

Grande Prairie Regional College
History 4680
Topics in the History of Immigration and Ethnic Settlement in Canada
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Canada is a nation peopled by immigrants where ethnicity has played and continues to play an important role in the shaping of our society. This course examines the history of immigration and settlement of selected ethnic groups. In particular, the social, economic and political experience of the Ukrainians will be used as a case study. Topics/themes include rural/urban settlement patterns, life and labour, Canadian nativism, the pressures of assimilation/integration and the place of multi – culturalism in a society that defines itself essentially as bi – cultural (English and French).

The Format is a weekly lecture/seminar session.

Required Texts:

J. Petryshyn, *Peasants in the Promised Land: Canada and the Ukrainians 1891 – 1914*

Harold Troper and Morton Weinfeld, *Old Wounds: Jews, Ukrainians and the Hunt for Nazi War Criminals in Canada (available on Blackboard)*

Requirements and Grading:

Bibliographical Essay (1500 – 2000 words) – 25% Due March 3

Major Essay (3000 – 3500 words) - 50% Due April 7

Class discussion/assignments - 25%

Schedule and Topics

Week One (Jan. 7) Introduction/Canadian Immigration Policy, 1867 – 1914.

Week Two (Jan. 14) Peopling the Prairies: The Case of the Ukrainians

Readings: Petryshyn, *Peasants* Chapter 1 – 4 inclusive

D.J. Hall, “Clifford Sifton: Immigration and Settlement Policy 1896 – 1905 (LRC Reserve)

J. Petryshyn, “Sifton’s Immigration Policy” (LRC Reserve)

Week Three (Jan 21) Life and Labour in the New Frontier or How the West was Won

Readings: J. Petryshyn, *Peasants* Chapters 5,6,8,9,10.

Donald Avery, "Canadian Immigration Policy and the 'Foreign' Navy" (LRC Reserve)

S. R. Hewitt, "Malczewski's List: A Case Study of Royal North – West Mounted Police – Immigrant Relations." (LRC Reserve).

Week Four (Jan 28) Canadian National Identity and Anglo Conformity

Readings: Petryshyn *Peasants* Chapter 7

Barry Ferguson, "British – Canadian Intellectuals, Ukrainian Immigrants and Canadian National Identity " (LRC Reserve).

Week Five (Feb 4) Politics, Education and the Religious Question: The Case of the Ukrainians, 1896 – 1921.

Readings: Petryshyn, *Peasants*, Chapters 11, 12, 13 inclusive.

S. Hryniuk and Neil McDonald, "The Schooling Experience of Ukrainians in Manitoba, 1896 – 1916 (LRC Reserve)

Mark G. McGowan, " 'Portion for the Vanquished': Roman Catholics and the Ukrainian Catholic Church" (LRC Reserve)

Week Six (Feb 11) A Question of Loyalty Part 1: Canada's Enemy Aliens in the Great War

Readings: Desmond Morton, "Sir William Otter and Internment Operations in Canada During the First World War" (LRC Reserve)

Peter Melnycky, "The Internment of Ukrainians in Canada" (LRC Reserve)

Jphn Herd Thompson, "The Enemy Alien and the Canadian General Election of 1917 (LRC Reserve)

A Plea from the Last Survivor of the Internment Camps (LRC Reserve)

Week Seven (Feb. 25) The 1930's: Hard Times and Radical Immigrants

Readings: J. Petryshyn "Class Conflict and Civil Liberties: The Origins and Activities of the Canadian Labour Defense League, 1925 – 1940." (LRC Reserve)

Barbara Roberts, "Shovelling out the Mutinous: Political Deportations from Canda Before 1936 (LRC Rerserve)

Henry F. Drystek, "The Simplest and Cheapest Mode of Dealing with Them: Deportation from Canada Before WW 11 (LRC Reserve).

Week Eight (March 3) A Question of Loyalty Part 11: The Immigrant Community and WW 11

Readings: Donald Avery, "Divided Loyalties: The Ukrainian Left and the Canadian State" (LRC Reserve)

N. Fred Dreisziger, "Tracy Philipps and the Achievement of Ukrainian – Canadian Unity" (LRC Reserve)

J. L. Granatstein and G. A. Johnson, "The Evacuation of the Japanese Canadians 1942: A Realist Critique of the Received Version" (LRC).

Week Nine (March 10) Canada's Post War Immigration Boom, 1947 – 57

Readings: J. Petryshyn, "The Ethnic Question in Canadian – Soviet Relations: The Case of the Ukrainian Canadians 1917 – 1991 (LRC Reserve)

Reg Whitaker, "A Secret Policy, Secretly Administered" (LRC Reserve)

Week Ten (March 17) Jewish – Ukrainian Relations in Canada Part 1

Readings: Troper... *Old Wounds* pp.xii – 171

Week Eleven (March 24) Jewish – Ukrainian Relations in Canada Part 11

Readings: Troper... *Old Wounds* pp. 172 – 359.

Week Twelve (March 31) The New Society: From Bi - culturism to Multiculturalism.

Readings: V.Seymour Wilson, *The Tapestry Vision of Canadian Multiculturalism*(LRC Reserve)

Neil Bissoondath, "The Simplification of Culture" (LRC Reserve).

Howard Palmer, "Reluctant Hosts: Anglo – Canadian Views of Multiculturalism in the 20th Century" (LRC Reserve).

Week Thirteen (April 7) More Strangers at the Gate: Canadian Immigration, 1960 – 2000.

Readings: William Bauer, "Refugees, Victims, or Killers" (LRC Reserve)

Daniel Stoffman, "Making Room for Real Refugees" (LRC Reserve)