

**The University of Western Ontario
HISTORY 9210A
Canada: State and Society Since 1945**

Fall 2023

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Course Description:

A comprehensive examination of key themes defining how the multifaceted relationship between the Canadian state and society has been reconfigured in the post-1945 era. Topics include territorial expansion and modernity; the post-war welfare state; families, gender, and sex; environmental awakenings; communications and cultural revolutions; immigration, multiculturalism, and identities; politics and federalism; Indigenous challenges to an assimilationist state; Canadian internationalism; and economic evolutions.

Methods of Evaluation:

Seminar Participation:	30%
Research Essay: (15-20 pages) due X December 2023	40%
Three book reviews (5-6 pages each): 10% each	30%

Students must pass all elements of the course (research essay; seminar participation; each of the three book reviews) to achieve a passing grade in the course.

Seminar Participation

Students are expected to attend and participate actively in all seminar discussions, thereby demonstrating their comprehension of the **Required Readings**. All students will be assigned a participation grade on a 10-point scale following each seminar. Failure to attend a seminar will result in a score of “0” for that class. Attending a seminar without participating in the discussion will result in a score of “2” for that class. The assignment of a participation grade from “3” to “10” will be determined by the quality of the student’s contributions to discussion during any given seminar.

All students are required to circulate via the class e-mail list two discussion questions that are especially pertinent to the theme of that week’s topic. These discussion questions are to be circulated **no later than 8:00 a.m. on Thursdays**.

In addition, one student per class session is responsible for opening the session with a short (10-15 minute) presentation that addresses key themes from the required readings, concluding with five questions on which to begin the seminar discussion. The presenter’s questions must be submitted to the course instructor no later than 8:00 p.m. the day before their session takes place.

In instances when absence from class is unavoidable, students are expected, when possible, to inform the instructor in advance of their pending absence.

Non-illness absences from seminars are unacceptable. Any student attending fewer than ten of the twelve scheduled class sessions (an absence rate of approximately 17%) for non-illness reasons will be assigned a failing grade for seminar participation and a failing grade in the course.

Book Reviews

Students will submit three book reviews. The books for review are:

Nelson Wiseman, *1950s Canada: Politics and Public Affairs* (University of Toronto Press, 2022)
-- **due X October 2023**

Patrice Dutil, ed., *The Unexpected Louis St-Laurent: Politics and Policies for a Modern Canada* (UBC Press, 2020) – **due X November 2023**

Lianne C. Leddy, *Serpent River Resurgence: Confronting Uranium Mining at Elliott Lake* (University of Toronto Press, 2022) – **due X December 2023**

Your reviews of 5 to 6 pages each should outline the central themes of the books, place the books in their general scholarly context, and assess the books' actual or potential contribution to the field of Canadian history, with particular emphasis on our course theme "State and Society Since 1945."

Students must submit one paper copy of each book review to the course instructor in person (or to the History Department drop box), and a second copy electronically to kfleming@uwo.ca. The electronic submission date will be deemed the official submission date.

A **late penalty** of 5% for the first day and 2% per day thereafter (weekends included) will be assessed against book reviews submitted after the due date.

Research Essay

The essay, which is the major written work required for the course, is to be an original piece of scholarship focused on the history of the state and society in Canada since 1945. Obviously, the range of topics that potentially could be included under this broad heading is extensive. The expectation is that individual topics, negotiated with the course instructor, will highlight a key theoretical or conceptual issue. Most papers will focus on secondary literature, but students are also encouraged to include a primary source component in the essay to the extent that time and logistics allow.

Students will submit a **two-page proposal** of their intended essay topic and bibliography by email no later than **Thursday X September 2023**. The preliminary bibliography for the purposes of the proposal should consist of at least 15 secondary works (books, articles, and book reviews in respected academic sources) that are related to the core problem to be explored in the paper.

The proposal will not be graded but is essential for enabling the course instructor to provide feedback on the topic, its approach, and sources. Only essays on topics approved by the course instructor will be accepted and graded. Essay topics cannot subsequently be changed without the course instructor's prior consent.

The essay is due **X December 2023**. Students must submit one paper copy of the essay to the course instructor in person (or to the History Department drop box), and a second copy electronically to kfleming@uwo.ca.

The electronic submission date will be deemed the official submission date.

A **late penalty** of 5% for the first day and 2% per day thereafter (weekends included) will be assessed against written work submitted after the due date.

NOTE: written assignments containing content generated by ChatGPT or other Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies will not be accepted or graded.

Session One: X September 2023

Topic: Introduction

Required Reading:

E.A. Heaman, *A Short History of the State in Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2015), pp. 1-4 and 143-215.

Session Two: X September 2023

Topic: Re-creating Canada: Territorial Expansion and Modernity

Required Readings:

Melvin Baker and Peter Neary, *Joseph Roberts Smallwood: Masthead Newfoundlander, 1900-1949* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2021), pp. 122-191.

Daniel Macfarlane, *Negotiating a River: Canada, the US, and the Creation of the St. Lawrence Seaway* (UBC Press, 2014), pp. 208-231.

Luc Juillet and Luc Bernier, "St-Laurent and the Modernization of the State," in Patrice Dutil, ed., *The Unexpected Louis St-Laurent: Politics and Policies for a Modern Canada* (UBC Press, 2020), pp. 261-280.

Danielle Robinson, "Modernism at a Crossroad: The Spadina Expressway Controversy in Toronto, Ontario ca. 1960-1971, in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol 92, No. 2, June 2011, pp. 295-322.

Craig Moyes, "Expo 67 and Its (Laurentian) World," in Craig Moyes and Steven Paul Palmer, eds., *Expo 67 and Its World: Staging the Nation in the Crucible of Globalization* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2022), pp. 33-75.

Meaghen Beaton and Del Muise, “The Canso Causeway: Tartan Tourism, Industrial Development, and the Promise of Progress for Cape Breton,” in *Acadiensis* (Vol. 27, No. 2, Summer/Autumn 2008), pp. 39-69.

Session Three: X September 2023

Topic: The Post-War Welfare State

Required Readings:

Robert Wardhaugh and Barry Ferguson, *The Rowell-Sirois Commission and the Remaking of Canadian Federalism* (UBC Press, 2021), pp. 268-303.

Eric W. Sager, *Inequality in Canada: The History and Politics of an Idea* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2020), pp. 271-299.

P.E. Bryden, “The Liberal Party and the Achievement of National Medicare,” in Gregory P. Marchildon, ed., *Making Medicare: New Perspectives on the History of Medicare in Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2012), pp. 71-88

Raymond Blake, *From Rights to Needs: A History of Family Allowance in Canada, 1929-92* (UBC Press, 2009), pp. 89-124 and 254-276.

James Struthers, *The Limits of Affluence: Welfare in Ontario, 1920-1970* (University of Toronto Press, 1994), pp. 231-260.

P.E. Bryden, *Planners and Politicians: Liberal Politics and Social Policy, 1957-1968* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 1997), pp. 100-123.

Session Four: X September 2023

Topic: Family, Gender, and Sex: Constraints and Liberations

Required Readings:

Christopher Dummit, *The Manly Modern: Masculinity in Postwar Canada* (UBC Press, 2007), pp. 1-21.

Joan Sangster, *Transforming Labour: Women and Work in Post-war Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2010), pp. 16-52 and 269-279.

Gary Kinsman and Patrizia Gentile, *The Canadian War on Queers: National Security as Sexual Regulation* (UBC Press, 2010), pp. 1-26 and 168-190.

Christabelle Sethna and Steve Hewitt, “Clandestine Operations: The Vancouver Women’s Caucus, the Abortion Caravan, and the RCMP,” in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol. 90, No. 3, September 2009), pp. 463-495.

Jane Arscott, "Equality, Equity, and the Royal Commission on the Status of Women," in Michael K. Hawes, Andrew C. Holman, and Christopher Kirkey, eds., *1968 in Canada: A Year and Its Legacies* (Canadian Museum of History and University of Ottawa Press, 2021), pp. 95-116.

Robert Rutherford, "New 'Faces' for Fathers: Memory, Life-Writing, and Fathers as Providers in the Postwar Consumer Era," in Magda Fahrni and Robert Rutherford, eds., *Creating Postwar Canada, 1945-75* (UBC Press, 2008), pp. 241-267.

ESSAY PROPOSAL DUE SEPTEMBER X

Session Five: X October 2023

Goodman Lecture: 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Session Six: X October 2023

Topic: An Environmental Awakening

Required Readings:

Joy Parr, *Sensing Changes: Technologies, Environments and the Everyday, 1953-2003* (UBC Press, 2010), pp. 103-135.

Tina Loo with Meg Stanley, "An Environmental History of Progress: Damming the Peace and Columbia Rivers," in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol. 92, No. 3, September 2011), pp. 399-426.

Steve Penfold, "Are we to go literally to the hot dogs?" Parking Lots, Drive-ins, and the Critique of Progress in Toronto's Suburbs, 1965-1975," in *Urban History Review / Revue d'histoire urbaine* (Vol XXXIII, No. 1, Fall 2004), pp. 8-23.

Jennifer Bonnell, *Reclaiming the Don: An Environmental History of Toronto's Don River Valley* (University of Toronto Press, 2014), pp. 113-138.

Ryan O'Connor, *The First Green Wave: Pollution Probe and the Origins of Environmental Activism in Ontario* (UBC Press, 2014), pp. 39-74 and 153-173.

Mark Leeming, "The Creation of Radicalism: Anti-Nuclear Activism in Nova Scotia, c. 1972–1979," in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol. 95, No. 2, June 2014), pp. 217-241.

BOOK REVIEW OF Nelson Wiseman, 1950s Canada: Politics and Public Affairs (University of Toronto Press, 2022) DUE OCTOBER X

Session Seven: X October 2023

Topic: Communications and Cultural Revolutions

Required Readings:

Ryan Edwardson, *Canadian Content: Culture and the Quest for Nationhood* (University of Toronto Press, 2008), pp. 51-77 and 185-219

Greg Marquis, “The Folk Fight Back: Protesting the Cancellation of *Don Messer’s Jubilee* in 1969,” in *The Canadian Historical Review*, Vol. 103, No. 2, June 2022), pp. 228-251.

Matthew Hayday, “Variety Show as National Identity: CBC Television and Dominion Day Celebrations, 1958-1980,” in Gene Allen and Daniel J. Robinson, eds. *Communicating in Canada’s Past: Essays in Media History* (University of Toronto Press, 2009), pp. 168-193.

Igartua, José Igartua, *The Other Quiet Revolution: National Identities in English Canada, 1945-71* (UBC Press, 2006), pp.16-35 and 223-227.

David Taras, *Digital Mosaic: Media, Power, and Identity in Canada* (University of Toronto Press, 2020), pp. 293-301.

Paul Litt, *Trudeaumania* (UBC Press, 2016), pp. 175-205.

Steven High, “‘The Narcissism of Small Differences’: The Invention of Canadian English, 1951-67,” in Magda Fahrni and Robert Rutherford, eds., *Creating Postwar Canada, 1945-75* (UBC Press, 2008), pp. 89-110.

Session Eight: X November 2023

Topic: Immigration, Multiculturalism, and Identity

Required Readings:

C.P. Champion, *The Strange Demise of British Canada: The Liberals and Canadian Nationalism, 1964-1968* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2010), pp. 138-164.

Michael Temelini, “The 1968 Thinkers’ Conference and the Birth of Canadian Multiculturalism,” in Michael K. Hawes, Andrew C. Holman, and Christopher Kirkey, eds., *1968 in Canada: A Year and Its Legacies* (Canadian Museum of History and University of Ottawa Press, 2021), pp. 117-145.

Dominique Clément, *Canada’s Rights Revolution: Social Movements and Social Change, 1937-82* (UBC Press, 2008), pp. 137-160.

Franca Iacovetta, *Gatekeepers: Reshaping Immigrant Lives in Cold War Canada* (Between the Lines, 2006), pp. 1-19 and 49-73.

Noula Mina, “Taming and Training Greek ‘Peasant Girls’ and the Gendered Politics of Whiteness in Postwar Canada: Canadian Bureaucrats and Immigrant Domestic Workers, 1950s–1960s,” in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol. 94, No. 4, December 2013), pp. 514-539.

Ruth A. Frager and Carmela Patrias, “Human Rights Activists’ Struggles to Forge a More Egalitarian Democracy in Canada in the 1940s and 1950s,” in Julien Mauduit and Jennifer Tunnicliffe, eds., *Constant Struggle: Histories of Canadian Democratization* (McGill Queen’s University Press, 2021), pp. 235-263.

Laura Madokoro, "Slotting' Chinese Families and Refugees, 1947-1967," in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol. 93, No. 1, March 2012), pp. 25-56.

BOOK REVIEW OF Patrice Dutil, ed., *The Unexpected Louis St-Laurent: Politics and Policies for a Modern Canada* (UBC Press, 2020) DUE
NOVEMBER X

Session Nine: X November 2023

Topic: Politics and Federalism

Required Readings:

Matthew Hayday, "Bilingualism versus Unilingualism: Federal and Provincial Language Education Policies in Quebec, 1960-85," in Michael D. Behiels and Matthew Hayday, eds., *Contemporary Quebec: Selected Readings and Commentaries* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2011), pp. 418-446.

Patrice Dutil, "St-Laurent in Government: Realism and Idealism in Action," in Patrice Dutil, ed., *The Unexpected Louis St-Laurent: Politics and Policies for a Modern Canada* (UBC Press, 2020), pp. 23-54.

Mary Janigan, "St-Laurent and Modern Provincial Equality," in Patrice Dutil, ed., *The Unexpected Louis St-Laurent: Politics and Policies for a Modern Canada* (UBC Press, 2020), pp. 243-260.

Dominique Clément, "The October Crisis of 1970: Human Rights Abuses under the *War Measures Act*," in Michael D. Behiels and Matthew Hayday, eds., *Contemporary Quebec: Selected Readings and Commentaries* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2011), pp. 203-227.

R. Kenneth Carty, *Big Tent Politics: The Liberal Party's Long Mastery of Canada's Public Life* (UBC Press, 2015), pp. 118-133.

Shirley Tillotson, *Give and Take: The Citizen-Taxpayer and the Rise of Canadian Democracy* (UBC Press, 2017), pp. 276-305.

Lynda Erickson and David Laycock, "Party History and Electoral Fortunes, 1961-2003," in David Laycock and Lynda Erickson, eds., *Reviving Social Democracy: The Near Death and Surprising Rise of the Federal NDP* (UBC Press, 2015), pp. 13-38.

Christo Aivalis, "Tommy Douglas, David Lewis, Ed Broadbent, and Democratic Socialism in the New Democratic Party, 1968-1984," in Roberta Lexier, Stephanie Bangarth, and Jon Weier, eds., *Party of Conscience: The CCF, The NDP, and Social Democracy in Canada* (Between the Lines, 2018), pp. 96-109.

Michael D. Behiels, "Mulroney and a Nationalist Quebec: Key to Political Realignment in Canada?," in Raymond B. Blake, ed., *Transforming the Nation: Canada and Brian Mulroney* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2007), pp. 250-293.

James Farney, *Social Conservatives and Party Politics in Canada and the United States* (University of Toronto Press, 2012), pp. 98-113.

Graham Fox, "Unfinished Business: The Legacy of Stephen Harper's 'Open Federalism'," in Jennifer Ditchburn and Graham Fox, eds., *The Harper Factor: Assessing a Prime Minister's Policy Legacy* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2016), pp. 7-26.

Session Ten: X November 2023

Topic: Indigenous Challenges to an Assimilationist State

Required Readings:

J.R. Miller, "The Slow Evolution of Indian Policy during the St-Laurent Years," in Patrice Dutil, ed., *The Unexpected Louis St-Laurent: Politics and Policies for a Modern Canada* (UBC Press, 2020), pp. 431-449.

Michael D. Behiels, "Aboriginal Nationalism in the Ascendancy: The Assembly of First Nations' First Campaign for the Inherent Right to Self-Government, 1968-1987," in Norman Hillmer and Adam Chapnick, eds., *Canadas of the Mind: The Making and Unmaking of Canadian Nationalisms in the Twentieth Century* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2007), pp. 260-286.

John S. Milloy, *A National Crime: The Canadian Government and the Residential School System, 1879 to 1986* (University of Manitoba Press, 2017), pp. 259-293.

Sarah Nickel, "Reconsidering 1969: The White Paper and the Making of the Modern Indigenous Rights Movement," in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol. 100, No. 2, June 2019), pp. 223-238.

James Kenny and Bill Parenteau, "Each year the Indians flexed their muscles a little more": The Maliseet Defence of Aboriginal Fishing Rights on the St. John River, 1945-1990," in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol. 95, No. 2, June 2014), pp. 187-216.

Gina Cosentino and Paul L.A.H. Chartrand, "Dream Catching Mulroney Style: Aboriginal Policy and Politics in the Era of Brian Mulroney," in Raymond B. Blake, ed., *Transforming the Nation: Canada and Brian Mulroney* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2007), pp. 294-338.

Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, "Stephen Harper and Indigenous Peoples," in Jennifer Ditchburn and Graham Fox, eds., *The Harper Factor: Assessing a Prime Minister's Policy Legacy* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2016), pp. 220-232.

Donald B. Smith, *Seen But Not Seen: Influential Canadians and the First Nations from the 1840s to Today* (University of Toronto Press, 2021), pp. 265-281.

Session Eleven: X November 2023

Topic: Canadian Internationalism

Required Readings:

John Hilliker and Greg Donaghy, “Canadian Relations with the United Kingdom at the End of Empire, 1956-73,” in Philip Buckner, ed., *Canada and the End of Empire* (UBC Press, 2005), pp. 25-46.

Adam Chapnick, *The Middle Power Project: Canada and the Founding of the United Nations* (UBC Press, 2005), pp. 126-148.

Asa McKercher, “Sound and Fury: Diefenbaker, Human Rights, and Canadian Foreign Policy” in *The Canadian Historical Review* (Vol. 97, No. 2, June 2016), pp. 165-194.

Greg Donaghy, *Tolerant Allies: Canada and the United States, 1963-1968* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2002), pp. 123-147.

Asa McKercher, “Reason Over Passion : Pierre Trudeau, Human Rights, and Canadian Foreign Policy,” in *International Journal* (Vol. 73, No. 1, March 2018), pp. 129-145.

Robin S. Gendron, *Towards a Francophone Community: Canada’s Relations with France and French Africa, 1945-1968* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2006), pp. 116-141.

Greg Donaghy, “Pierre Trudeau and Canada’s Pacific Tilt, 1945–1984,” in *International Journal* (Vol. 74, No. 1, March 2019), pp. 135-150.

Nelson Michaud and Kim Richard Nossal, “Out of the Blue: The Mulroney Legacy in Foreign Policy,” in Raymond B. Blake, ed., *Transforming the Nation: Canada and Brian Mulroney* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2007), pp. 113-131.

Ian McKay and Jamie Swift, “Military Intervention and Securing the Third World, 1945-2014,” in Karen Dubinsky, Sean Mills, and Scott Rutherford, eds., *Canada and the Third World: Overlapping Histories* (University of Toronto Press, 2016), pp. 193-216.

Colin Robertson, “Rising Power: Stephen Harper’s Makeover of Canadian International Policy and Its Institutions,” in Jennifer Ditchburn and Graham Fox, eds., *The Harper Factor: Assessing a Prime Minister’s Policy Legacy* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2016), pp. 97-115.

BOOK REVIEW OF Lianne C. Leddy, *Serpent River Resurgence: Confronting Uranium Mining at Elliott Lake* (University of Toronto Press, 2022) DUE DECEMBER X

Session Twelve: X December 2023

Topic: Economic Evolutions

Required Readings:

Dimitry Anastakis, “Multilateralism, Nationalism, and Bilateral Free Trade: Competing Visions of Canadian Economic and Trade Policy, 1945-70,” in Magda Fahrni and Robert Rutherford, eds., *Creating Postwar Canada, 1945-75* (UBC Press, 2008), pp. 137-161.

Will Langford ““Will Freedom Survive?": Reconstruction, Self-Disciplined Democracy, and the Stirring of a New Right in Canada, 1943-54,” in Julien Mauduit and Jennifer Tunnicliffe, eds., *Constant Struggle: Histories of Canadian Democratization* (McGill Queen’s University Press, 2021), pp. 264-296.

Bryan D. Palmer, *Canada’s 1960s: The Ironies of Identity in a Rebellious Era* (University of Toronto Press, 2009), pp. 27-47.

Bruce Muirhead, *Dancing Around the Elephant: Creating a Prosperous Canada in an Era of American Dominance, 1957-1973* (University of Toronto Press, 2007), pp. 95-138 and 215-241.

Michael Hart, “Free Trade and Brian Mulroney’s Economic Legacy,” in Raymond B. Blake, ed., *Transforming the Nation: Canada and Brian Mulroney* (McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2007), pp. 61-79.

RESEARCH ESSAY DUE DECEMBER X