This course provides a critical survey of twentieth-century Canadian history from the 1930s to 2000, using as its focus the transformation of a Canadian state that originally incorporated classical liberal understandings yet which was, in the wake of the Great Depression, challenged by a diversity of new movements and ideas that called such understandings into question. A Canadian liberal revolution in the mid-nineteenth century was followed by the emergence of a new liberal order in the twentieth. Included in this second liberal revolution were revaluations of the role of government in the economic and social order, the rights and duties of the labour movement, the position of women, the role of expertise in the arts and sciences of government, and the growth of a “pedagogical state” increasingly preoccupied with transforming and regulating the cultural world. Inherent in this new liberal revolution were also new concepts of nationalism, as older colonial definitions of Canada gradually ceded to newer notions of citizenship and democracy.

History 772 is thus designed for students who would like to read broadly and in depth about the making of modern Canada from a transnational political perspective. Its architecture has also been profoundly influenced by a second consideration, that of the contemporary crisis within the discipline of Canadian history itself. A widespread postmodern skepticism about master narratives and the advent of important new fields of historical enquiry (women's, native,
environmental, religious, and regional history are merely five of many) have placed a question mark over the continued possibility of Canadian history as a coherent field of enquiry. Among many social and cultural historians there is a consensus that national syntheses narrowly focused on the political sphere in one country are no longer viable. There are, however, also concerns that the unlimited fragmentation and subdivision of Canadian history may entail the loss of historians' abilities not only to talk to a wider Canadian public, but also to communicate with each other. This course will suggest a framework of analysis that might allow scholars to retain both the insights from the new fields that have emerged within the discipline of history over the past half-century and the historians' ability to talk about, and to, ‘Canada’ in an increasingly globalized world.

This course adopts a project-centred approach. In the first month, you should define a historiographical project that you would like to pursue throughout the term. In the first week of October, you should visit with me and discuss the project, so I can provide you with some guidance as to sources and methods. Since the liberal order framework that underlies the course is a broad one, a wide range of topics is open to you — but planning and discussion is required before any project can be launched.

The McMaster Rule is 3500 pages of reading per term-long seminar (with the proviso that PhD candidates are expected to read 50% more than that). As the course proceeds, I shall suggest ways in which the reading load of about 290 pages per session can be tailored to your specific interests. In general, the presenter is expected to have mastered the assigned readings; other participants will be offered ways they can triage them.
Marking Scheme and Assignments:

Seminar Questions and Contribution to the Course — 30%
All students are required to have completed the readings each week and to have circulated to the class e-mail list at least two questions addressing the themes developed in the texts. One student per class session is responsible for opening the discussion with a short (c.15 mins) presentation, concluding with five core questions (the presentation and questions should be reviewed ahead of time with the instructor).
The mark break-down for doctoral students is the same as the above, except that the participation grade for doctoral students also comprises an end-of-term take-home examination (worth 10% of the overall total).

Book Review — due 9 October 5%
Your review should do three things: outline the core themes of the book, present the book in its general scholarly context, and assess the book’s actual or potential contribution to the field of Canadian history. It should be about 10 double-spaced pages long.

Paper Proposal — due 23 October 15%
Most papers in History 772 will focus on a key theoretical or conceptual issue and focus on secondary literature, but in some cases students may work on papers based on primary research, as long as they first obtain the consent of the instructor. This proposal should contain a bibliography of about 10 secondary works — books, articles, and book reviews in respected academic sources -- related to the core problem to be explored in the paper.

Major Paper—due 4 December 50%
This final essay (of no more than 20 typed double-spaced pages; 30 in the case of PhD students) is the major written work required during the term. Highlighting a problem raised in the literature, it is to be an original piece of scholarship, focused on an aspect of the state and civil society in twentieth-century Canada.
**Books Ordered (Campus Bookstore)**

Jean-François Constant and Michel Ducharme, eds., *Liberalism and Hegemony: Debating the Canadian Liberal Revolution* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009).


I have only ordered in books we will be using for more than one or two chapters or which is the focus of our first assignment, the book review. All other titles will be available on reserve or pre-circulated before our seminars.
Formalities

Participation weekly seminars is mandatory. Students who unavoidably miss a seminar will have to see me in order to arrange for additional written work to make up the readings they have not done. In addition, as noted above, each student will be required to lead at least one seminar discussion, which will involve a 15-minute presentation of the central themes and questions prompted by the readings and the pre-circulation of five “leading questions.”

Students are strongly advised to retain a physical copy of any written work submitted for a part of their mark. Assignments may be submitted electronically, but responsibility for making sure a given essay has been received by the instructor resides with the student. A penalty of 5% per working day is assessed on all late essays.

Academic dishonesty consists of misrepresenting by deception or by other fraudulent means and can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript, and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. If you are in doubt about the rules governing plagiarism – and in an internet age, they are not always as clear as one might wish – consult with the instructor. You are also responsible for familiarizing yourself with McMaster’s rules on Academic Integrity, http://www.mcmaster.ca/academicintegrity/.

Faculty of Humanities Policy on Student E-mail communications with Instructors:

“It is the policy of the Faculty of Humanities that all email communication sent from students to instructors (including TAs), and from students to staff, must originate from the student’s own McMaster University email account. This policy protects confidentiality and confirms the identity of the student. Instructors will delete emails that do not originate from a McMaster email account.”
SYLLABUS
GENERAL OUTLINE

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE. 11 SEPTEMBER

2. THE LIBERAL ORDER FRAMEWORK AND THE REWRITING OF CANADIAN HISTORY. 18 SEPTEMBER

3. THE CONCEPT OF SETTLER COLONIALISM IN THE WRITING OF CANADIAN HISTORY. 25 SEPTEMBER

4. CONFERENCES ON YOUR COURSE PROJECT. 8 OCTOBER

5. THE INTERWAR CRISIS OF THE CANADIAN ORDER, 1918-1939. 9 OCTOBER

6. SOCIO-CULTURAL CHANGE IN COLD WAR CANADA, 1948-1975. 16 OCTOBER.

7. NEW CANADIAN NATIONALISMS, 1948-1975. 23 OCTOBER.

8. THE ‘SIXTIES’: CONTESTED DECADE(S). 30 OCTOBER.

9. REGULATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND POLICING A LIBERAL ORDER. 6 NOVEMBER.

10. SEEING AND USING NATURE IN A LIBERAL ORDER. 13 NOVEMBER

11. SEEING AND USING HISTORY IN A LIBERAL ORDER. 20 NOVEMBER.

12. THE GREAT RIGHT TURN, 1975-1995. 27 NOVEMBER
SYLLABUS
DETAILED OUTLINE

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE. 11 SEPTEMBER


2. THE LIBERAL ORDER FRAMEWORK AND THE REWRITING OF CANADIAN HISTORY. 19 SEPTEMBER

• Elsbeth Heaman, *A Short History of the State in Canada* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2015), Chapters One and Two.

• Jean-François Constant and Michel Ducharme, eds., *Liberalism and Hegemony: Debating the Canadian Liberal Revolution* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009), pp. 3-97.


3. THE CONCEPT OF SETTLER COLONIALISM IN THE WRITING OF CANADIAN HISTORY. 25 SEPTEMBER


• Nicole Neatby and Peter Hodgins, eds., *Settling and Unsettling Memories: Essays in Canadian Public History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012), Chapters Ten and Eleven.

4. **Interview About Your Course Project, 8 October**

In this 30-minute visit with the instructor, you will outline the project you would like to pursue in the course and I will offer you some advice.

5. **The Interwar Crisis of the Canadian Order, 1918-1939. 9 October**


6. **Demographic Change in Cold War Canada, 1948-1975. 16 October**


7. **New Canadian Nationalisms, 1948-1975. 23 October**


- David Meren, “Crisis of the Nation: Race and Culture in the Canada-Quebec-France Triangle of the 1960s,” in Laura Madokoro, Francine McKenzie and David Meren, eds., *Dominion of Race: Rethinking Canada’s*

8. The ‘Sixties’: Contested Decade(s). 30 October

• Sean Mills, The Empire Within: Postcolonial Thought and Political Activism in Sixties Montreal (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2010), Chapter Three.

• Sean Mills, “Quebec, Haiti and the Deportation Crisis of 1974,” Canadian Historical Review 94, 3 (September 2013), 405-435.

* Myrna Kostash, Long Way Home (Toronto: James Lorimer, 1980), Part III, Chapter II.

9. Regulating Indigenous Peoples and Policing a Liberal Order. 6 November

• Keith Smith, Liberalism, Surveillance and Resistance: Indigenous Communities in Western Canada, 1877-1927 (Edmonton: Athabaska University Press, 2009), Chapters One, Four and Eight.


• Tanya Talaga, Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death, and Hard Truths in a Northern City (Toronto: Anansi, 2017), Prologue and Chapters One and Two.

10. Seeing and Using Nature in A Liberal Order. 13 November


11. **SEEING AND USING HISTORY IN A LIBERAL ORDER. 20 NOVEMBER**


• Nicole Neatby and Peter Hodgins, eds., *Settling and Unsettling Memories: Essays in Canadian Public History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012), Part Two, “Pedagogies of Nation.”

12. **THE GREAT RIGHT TURN, 1975-1995. 27 NOVEMBER**

