

History 305 (5) - Fall 2022
WP 401

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Canadian Urban History

CONTENT:

History of the urban development of Canada from New France to the present day. Seminar format. Course is divided into two parts, the first focusing on Canada's early modern settlement, industrialization in the 19th century, and the formation of the Canadian Dominion. The second half covers the 20th and 21st century sequels: integration with the United States, Canada's global role, increasing urbanization, technological and infrastructural development. The course focuses on Canada as a multicultural society with a vast cultural heritage. Readings provide students with a foundation for developing communication and critical thinking skills. The readings cover a spectrum of historians, emphasizing the theoretical and historiographical nature of the subject material. Students produce Primary Source Analysis to test research and thesis formulation skills. Midterm and final exam directly test students' learning and breadth of knowledge.

GRADING:

1. Attendance	20%
2. Midterm	20%
3. PSAs	30%
4. Final exam	30%

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

- Robert Bothwell, *The Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto: Penguin Group, 2007)
Jacques Lacoursiere & Robin Philpot, *A People's History of Quebec* (Quebec: Baraka Books, 1992)
Richard Pomfret, *The Economic Development of Canada* (New York: Routledge, 2014)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Seminars, Section 5: Friday 7-8:50 pm, West Pender room 401
Online Guided Learning Schedule: Friday 5 pm to 6:50 pm

Week 1: October 7

Introduction, overview. Canadian urban historiography, Canadian political-economy. Course themes and assignments. Early history of North America

“Canada as an Urban Nation” by Alan Artibise, *Daedalus*, vol. 117, no. 4, Fall 1988

“Regional-Economic Cleavages” Chapter 2 in Rand Dyck, *Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches* (Scarborough, Ontario: Nelson Canada, 1993).

“Metropolis and Region: The Interplay Between City and Region in Canadian History Before 1914” by J. M. S. Careless, lecture given in February 1978

“Introduction”; “Economic Development prior to 1850” & “Alternative Approaches to Canadian Economic Development” Chapters 1-3 in Richard Pomfret, *The Economic Development of Canada* (New York: Routledge, 2014)

“Significant Factors in Canadian Economic Development” by H. A. Innis, *Canadian Historical Review*, vol. 18, no. 4, 1937 Winter.

Week 2: October 14

Foundation of Quebec, Mercantilism and the Fur trade, the colonial and imperial struggle, the Seven Years War & the Treaty of Paris.

Primary sources

Samuel de Champlain, To the King and Lords of His Council, 1618
Jean Talon, Memoir on Canada, 1673

Marie de la Visitation, Narrative of the Doings During the Siege of Quebec, 1759

Death of General Wolfe by Benjamin West, 1770

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/11/25/arts/benjamin-west-general-wolfe.html>

Secondary sources

Selection from *A People's History of Quebec*, by Jacques Lacoursiere & Robin Philpot (Quebec: Baraka Books, 1992).

“Canada and Iroquoia” Chapter 5 in Alan Taylor, *American Colonies* (New York: Penguin Books, 2001)

“The fur trade,” Chapter 3 in Richard White, *The Middle Ground* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011)

“The Capture of Quebec” Chapter 18 in Julian Corbett, *The Seven Years War* (London: Folio Society, 2001)

Week 3: October 21

Eastern urban consolidation through the American Revolution, War of 1812, the 1837/8 rebellions, Lord Durham's Report.

Primary sources

William Dunlop, *Recollections of the American War 1812-14* (1847)

Catharine Parr Traill, *The Backwoods of Canada*, 1836

Six Counties Address, from *The Vindicator*, 31 October 1837

Lord Durham's Report, 1839

<https://primarydocuments.ca/report-on-the-affairs-of-british-north-america-durham-report/>

Secondary sources

Second reading from *A People's History of Quebec*, by Jacques Lacoursiere & Robin Philpot (Quebec: Baraka Books, 1992).

Selection from *A Military History of Canada*, by Desmond Morton (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart Inc., 1992)

“Transformations and Connections, 1815-1840” & “Colonies into Provinces”
Chapters 7 & 8 in Robert Bothwell, *The Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto: Penguin Group, 2007)

“The Winter's Tale: The Season Contours of Pre-industrial Poverty in British North America, 1815-1860” by Judith Fingard, *Historical Papers*, vol. 9, no. 1, 1974

Week 4: October 28

Victoria and the west in the first half of the 19th century, contest and settlement with the United States, the Cariboo and Yukon gold rushes, foundation of Manitoba and the Red River rebellion.

Primary sources

Simon Fraser, Thompson River to the Strait of Georgia, 1808

C. Gardiner, To the Editor of *The Islander*, 17 November 1858

Chief Peguis (William King), To the Aboriginal Protection Society, Red River, 1857

Matthew MacFie, Vancouver Island and British Columbia, 1865

Louis Riel, Statement, The Queen v. Louis Riel, 1885

Secondary sources

“Down the Columbia” Chapter 25 in Stephen Ambrose, *Undaunted Courage* (New York: Simon & Schuster Paperbacks, 2005)

Reading from *Britannia’s Navy on the West Coast of North America, 1812-1914*, by Barry Gough (Vancouver: Heritage House Publishing, 2016)

“Canada from 1815” by Ged Martin, in *The Nineteenth Century*, ed. Andrew Porter (Oxford University Press, 1999)

Reading from *Canada an Economic History*, by William Marr and Donald Paterson (Toronto: Gage Publishing Limited, 1980)

Week 5: November 4

Canadian political, economic and infrastructure development at the end of the 19th century. Confederation, Canadian Pacific Railroad, settling the Canadian west, the early history of Vancouver, the middle and working classes, wealth stratification.

Primary sources

S. Howe, Refugees from Slavery in Canada West: Report to the Freedman's Inquiry Commission, 1864

Speech by George Etienne Cartier, 7 February 1865

Joseph Howe speech, 1866

The Last Spike, CPR, 7 November 1885

<https://canadaehx.com/2021/10/07/the-last-spike/>

Secondary sources

"The Transcontinental Railways" Chapter 18 in W. T. Easterbrook and Hugh. G. J. Aitken, *Canadian Economic History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988)

"Wealth and Privilege: An Analysis of Winnipeg's Early Business Elite" by Don Nerbas, *Manitoba History*, vol. 47, Spring 2004

"The Canadian Pacific Railway and Vancouver's Development to 1900" by Norbert MacDonald, *BC Studies*, no. 35, Autumn 1977

"Working Class Vancouver, 1886-1914: Urbanism and Class in British Columbia" by Robert McDonald, *BC Studies*, no. 69-70, Spring-Summer 1986

Week 6: November 11

Midterm Exam

Week 7: November 18

Klondike gold rush, the boom of 1896-1914, boosterism, Vancouver labour developments, grain economy on the prairies, banking and finance establishments, Canada's role in the First World War.

Primary sources

Report of the Treaty Commission, 22 September 1899

W. D. Scott, *The Immigration by Races*, 1914

Talbot M. Papineau, *An Open Letter from Capt Talbot Papineau to Mr. Henri Bourassa*, 21 March 1916

Robert Borden, House of Commons debate, 1917

Secondary sources

“Money and Banking in Canadian Development” & “The Wheat Economy”
Chapter 19 & 20 in W. T. Easterbrook and Hugh. G. J. Aitken, *Canadian Economic History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988)

“Boom and Bust, 1896-1914” Chapter 10 in Robert Bothwell, *The Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto: Penguin Group, 2007)

“The Battle of Vimy Ridge, 9-14 April 1917” & “Conscription” Chapter 8 & 11 in
G. W. L. Nicholson, *Canadian Expeditionary Force* (Ottawa, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2015)

Week 8: November 25

The Great Depression, automobiles and suburbanism, changing relationships between municipal, provincial and federal governments, Canada's role in the Second World War.

Primary sources

H. D. P. The Failure of the Suffrage Movement to Bring Freedom to Women, *The Woman Worker*, December 1928

Brief Presented by the Unemployed of Edmonton to the Hon. R. B. Bennett, 30 December 1933

K. Miyazaki, *Memoirs*, 1940s

The Cabinet and War Service, the *Toronto Daily Star*, 1 October 1942
<https://collections.warmuseum.ca/warclip/objects/common/webmedia.php?irn=5059066>

Secondary sources

“Canada, the North Atlantic Triangle, and the Empire” by David Mackenzie, chapter 25 in *The Twentieth Century*, eds, Judith Brown and W. M. Roger Louis (Oxford University Press, 1999)

“‘Reckless Walking Must be Discouraged’: The Automobile Revolution and the Shaping of Modern Urban Canada to 1930” by Stephen Davies, *Urban History Review*, vol. 18, no. 2, 1989

“From Summer Cottage Colony to Metropolitan Suburb: Toronto’s Beach District, 1889-1929” by Nik Luka, *Urban History Review*, vol. 35, no.1, 2006 fall

“Lights Out: Conserving Electricity for War in the Canadian City, 1939-1945” by Matthew Evenden, *Urban History Review*, vol. 34, no. 1, 2005 fall

“The Assault on Northwest Europe” Chapter 17 in W. A. B. Douglas, Roger Sarty, and Michael Whitby, *A Blue Water Navy* (St. Catharines, Ontario: Vanwell Publishing Ltd., 2007)

Week 9: December 2

Demographic transformation, metropolitanism, New Industrialism to Post-industrialism, increasing regionalism, Canada's role in the Cold War

Primary sources

Cynthia Steers, How Much Are You Worth to Your Husband? *Chatelaine*, April 1959

Dr. Murray Ross, Why Students Rebel, Speech to the Empire Club of Canada, 8 February 1968

Pierre Trudeau, Just Watch Me interview, 13 October 1970

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfUq9b1XTa0>

https://historyofrights.ca/wp-content/uploads/documents/OC_Trudeau.pdf

Rene Levesque, Quebec Independence, 1978

Secondary sources

“Home Dreams: Women and the Suburban Experiment in Canada, 1945-60” by Veronica Strong-Boag, *Canadian Historical Review*, vol. 72, no. 4, 1991

“A Canadian Perspective on Canada-US Defence Relations” in *The Selected Works of George R. Lindsey*, ed., Matthew S. Wiseman (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2019)

“The Two Economies of British Columbia” by H. Craig Davis and Thomas A. Hutton, *BC Studies*, no. 82, Summer 1989

“The New Industrialism” Chapters 21 in W. T. Easterbrook and Hugh. G. J. Aitken, *Canadian Economic History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988)

Introduction from *The Coming of Post-Industrial Society*, by Daniel Bell (New York: Basic Books, Inc., Publishers, 1973)

Week 10: December 9

The aerospace age, post-staples economy, convergence theory, smart cities, NAFTA to the USMCA

Primary sources

Barbara McDougall, Peacekeeping, Peacemaking, and Peacebuilding, Statement to the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, 17 February 1993

Tzeporah Berman, Clayoquot and Dissent 1994

Unnamed Canadian Warrant Officer Serving with Canadian Contingent to UNAMIR, To Jane Snailham, Somewhere in Rwanda, 21 December 1995

Secondary sources

“Canadian Regional Development: The Quest for Convergence” by Patrick James and Jonathan Kriekhaus, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, vol. 41, no. 1. 2008 march

“The state of Canadian cities: theoretical and applied themes: an introduction” by Laura A. Reese, *GeoJournal*, no. 75, 2010

“Canada in the World Order Era,” Chapter 1 in, *Campaigns for International Security*, by Douglas L. Bland and Sean M. Maloney, (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2004).

“Citizen support for spending to reduce homelessness in Canada’s largest urban centres” Carey Doberstein and Alison Smith, *Housing Studies*, vol. 34, no. 7, 2019

“The context and challenges for Canada’s mid-sized cities” Almos T. Tassonyi, *University of Calgary SPP Briefing Paper*, vol. 10, no. 9, 2017 May

“Public engagement in smart city development: Lessons from communities in Canada’s Smart City Challenge” by Nicole Goodman, Austin Zwick, Zachary Spicer, Nina Carlsen, *The Canadian Geographer*, vol 64, no. 3, 2020

“What are the challenges of multilevel governance for urban sustainability? Evidence from Ottawa and Canada’s national capital region” by Eric S. Zeemering, *Canadian Public Administration*, vol. 59, no. 2, 2016 June

Week 11: December 16

Final Exam

Miscellaneous

General Undergraduate Grade Rubric

Descriptor	Percentage	Letter Grade	Numeric Value
Exceptional	90% - 100%	A+	4.33
Outstanding	85% - 89%	A	4.00
Excellent	80% - 84%	A-	3.67
Very Good	76% - 79%	B+	3.33
Good	72% - 75%	B	3.00
Good	68% - 71%	B-	2.67
Satisfactory	64% - 67%	C+	2.33
Satisfactory	60% - 63%	C	2.00
Pass	55% - 59%	C-	1.67
Marginal Pass	50% - 54%	D	1.00
Fail	0% - 49%	F	0.00

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