GSWS 327-4 ABORIGINAL WOMEN IN CANADA

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Course Description:  
FNST 327/GSWS 327 explores a broad range of themes and issues relating to the historical and contemporary experiences of Aboriginal women in Canada. Such topics include: 1) the evolution and political function of stereotypes of Indigenous women in Canada; 2) the history of Canadian legislation that regulates Indigenous identity; 3) the history of activism; 4) violence against Indigenous women and 5) the relevance of feminist analysis.

Themes and issues relating to the historical and contemporary experiences of Aboriginal women in Canada: Indigenous theories of gender; evolution and political function of stereotypes of Indigenous women in Canada; history of Canadian legislation regulating indigenous identity; relevance of feminist analysis; and history of activism.

Course Texts and Courseware:  
- Anderson, Kim. Life Stages and Native Women: Memory, Teachings, and Story Medicine  
- Green, Joyce. Making Space for Indigenous Feminism  
- Additional readings by a variety of authors including Pauline Johnson, Kateri Akiwenzie-Damm, Sylivia Van Kirk, Brenda McDougall, Sherene Razack, Alannah Young and Denise Nadeau, and Deborah McGregor will be available on Canvas.

Course Evaluation and Assignments:  
5% Event Participation  
10% Contributions to class including discussion questions and presentations  
20% Book Review  
25% Midterm Exam  
15% Research proposal and annotated bibliography  
(at least 10 articles including at least 5 assigned course readings)  
25% End of Term Essay (8-10 pages paper)

Notes: Deferred grades will be given only on the basis of authenticated medical disability.  
- Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities at 778-782-3112 or csdo@sfu.ca.  
- All students are expected to read and understand SFU policies with regard to academic honesty and student conduct (S10). These policies are available at: http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/student.html.

Prerequisite: 45 units. Students who have taken FNST 322 under this topic may not take this course for further credit. FNST 327 and GSWS 327 (or WS 327) are identical and students may not take both courses for credit.