GSWS 201-3: Colonizing Women: Canadian Women in Historical Perspective 1600-1870’s

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Course Description:
This course will explore the experiences of women and ideas about gender in Canada from the 17th century to the late 19th century. Together, we will examine the ways in which sexuality, religion, race, ethnicity, and class have shaped women’s lives in relation to ideas about both femininity and masculinity. We will take a close look at the experiences of aboriginal women and immigrant women under conditions of colonialism and within the political and colonial structures of New France and British North America.

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- think critically about how class, race, ethnicity, and region have shaped Canadian women’s history;
- explain the methodologies and vocabulary of Canadian women’s history;
- analyze primary historical documents;
- understand how historians analyze gender as a cultural system

Course Texts and Courseware:
Required:
- Class readings: Available on WEBct

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
Mid-term test 15%
Final exam 25%
Tutorial participation 20%
Book presentation 5%
Essay proposal / annotated bibliography 10%
Final Essay 25%

Prerequisite: Students who have taken WS 201 under the title Women in Canada, 1600-1920 may not take this course for further credit.