WS 201-3: Colonizing Women: Canadian Women in Historical Perspective, 1600-1920

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This course will explore women’s experiences and identities in Canada from the 17th century to the early 20th century. Together, we will examine the ways in which law, religion, social reform and politics have shaped women’s lives, and have been shaped by women in return. We will take a close look at the politics of reproduction, work, education and suffrage, and examine the experiences of aboriginal women and immigrant women under conditions of colonialism and in the structuring of the newly formed Canadian nation state.

Required readings
Custom courseware package, available at the university bookstore

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Assignments and Grading Structure
15% Mid-term test
25% Final exam
15% Tutorial participation
5% Reading responses (choose 5 of 10 potential classes)
10% Essay proposal
5% Document analysis
25% Final Essay

The Department of Women’s Studies encourages clarity of thought and expression and good writing. Students will be evaluated on these skills in all courses given by the Department.