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

Lara Campbell
lcampbel@sfu.ca
Phone: 778-782-5688
Lecture: Mondays 2:30 pm – 5:20 pm HCC 2510
Office hours: TBD.
Office: AQ 5105

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

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- analyze primary historical documents;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:
Recommended:

Required:
- Custom courseware package, available at the bookstore

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

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.