Slot 15: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., BAC 201

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Course Description

This course examines the social and political contexts of the major debates about federalism in Canada. In a combined lecture/seminar format, students will apply a historical perspective to the crisis points in the relationship between Ottawa and the provinces since 1867. Because the course depends so heavily on informed participation, students must do the readings and come to class to get the most from this exercise.

Readings

There is no required textbook. All readings will be posted on ACORN or are available in electronic form through the library’s website.
Evaluation

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Assignments

The assignments for this course are (1) a 750-word “article response” – answering questions on Ged Martin’s article; (2) a “ministerial brief” – writing a 1000-word position paper relating to a point of jurisdictional controversy between Ottawa and the provinces, and (3) a 2000-word essay on a historical component of Canadian federalism. Topics for the ministerial brief and the essay will be suggested, but students are welcome to choose their own in consultation with me.

More information about the assignments will be provided in class. Generally, all assignments will be submitted through an ACORN assignment folder by midnight on the due date. They should be in 12-point font and double-spaced and must be properly documented with Turabian footnotes and bibliography. The penalty for late work is 5% per day; please let me know if your work is going to be late.

Academic Integrity

Copying someone's ideas or words without acknowledging their source constitutes academic dishonesty and can result in severe penalties, including failure of the course. Severe penalties will also be incurred in cases where work is purchased, “shared,” or submitted to more than one instructor. To learn more about plagiarism, please take the “You Quote It, You Note It” tutorial on the library website. You may also consult pp. 33-34 of the Acadia Calendar for more details, or ask me if you have any questions.

Disability Access

If you are a student with a documented disability who anticipates needing accommodations in this course, please inform me after you meet with Jill Davies (jill.davies@acadiau.ca or 585-1127) or Kathy O’Rourke (disability.access@acadiau.ca or 585-1823) in Disability Access Services, located in the Student Resource Centre, which is on the lower floor of the Old SUB.
Lecture and Reading Schedule

January 8: Introduction
January 10: British North America in 80 minutes

January 15: Aftermath of the American Revolution(s)

January 17: The Rebellions
- Paul Romney, “Strangers in Their Own Land,” in Getting it Wrong: How Canadians Forgot Their Past and Imperilled Confederation (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999), 33-41

January 22: Pacifying BNA
- Article response due

January 24: Responsible Government

January 29: Stalemate in the Canadas

January 31: Charlottetown and Quebec

February 5: Confederation Debated

February 7: Quebec and Confederation

February 12: Repeal I (Howe)

February 14: Repeal II (Fielding)
February 26: Disallowance


February 28: Midterm

March 5: Booze, Schools and Mineral Rights
March 7: The Depression

- Ministerial brief due by midnight on March 9th

March 12: Rowell-Siros and Emergency Centralization


March 14: Regional Cooperation?

- Corey Slumkoski, “… preaching a dangerous gospel”: Regional Union and Newfoundland in the 1940s,” in Inventing Atlantic Canada: Regionalism and the Maritime Reaction to Newfoundland’s Entry into Canadian Confederation (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2011), 108-24.

March 19: Fiscal Federalism & the Social Welfare State


March 21: Trudeau


March 26: Quebec Sovereignty


March 28: Patriation


April 2: And end to negotiations?
April 4: Recent Trends

- Essays due by midnight, April 5th