

HIST 5315 O/ PECO 5501F : Disability, Capacity, and Debility

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Introduction: An exploration of the social, political, cultural, scientific and transnational histories of disability, capacity and debility in Canada.

Class Format: Organised around one theme every two weeks. Seminar oral (synchronous) and written (asynchronous) discussions, conversations with scholars and disability NGO workers or veterans, and presentations (with a choice of written or audio-recorded presentation). Individual meetings with Instructor.

Aims and Goals: The course will introduce students to the main debates surrounding the history of disability in Canada in the contexts of the transnational histories of social policies, bodies, health, wars and aid. It will familiarize students with methods of work

with objects and online museum collections. It will pay a particular attention to the approaches and the documents used to write such histories. The course relies on the shared knowledge of an interdisciplinary group of students. It is cross listed with PECO 5501F.

Assessment: The assessed work will consist in weekly readings and seminar discussions. Over the term, each student will develop an individual research project on a theme selected by them, as well as one small group project. It will involve working with archival documents.

Text: Weekly readings of the equivalent of two to three scholarly articles or book chapters. The readings will be available through the library course reserve system.

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