INDG 2010: Indigenous Encounters with Colonial and Nation-Building Projects in Canada

Semester: Fall 2013

This course is an interdisciplinary introduction to encounters between First Nations, Inuit, and Métis and settlers. The course will focus on the lives and experiences of Indigenous peoples in a Canadian nation-building context. Students will examine select sites of encounter such as treaty-making, colonial policy, Métis nation-building, residential and Métis day schools, Inuit and Northern relations, and mid-twentieth century political organization with the aim of gaining an understanding of historic issues that frame the contemporary relationship between Indigenous peoples and settlers. We will explore the impacts of colonization on Indigenous peoples and but also gain some insight into the various modes of resistance to colonization as mobilized by Indigenous peoples.

Course Structure and Evaluation (subject to change)
- Essay Proposal (5%)
- First Essay (15%)
- Final Essay (30%)
- Final Exam (30%)
- Participation (20%)