

INDIGENOUS FEMINISMS

INDIGSTU 2807F/GSWS 2290F:

Indigenous Feminisms

Fall 2023-2024

Lecture: Thursday 10:30-1:30pm

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Draws on Indigenous theoretical and Indigenous feminist frameworks, epistemologies, and knowledge to understand Indigenous women's participation in political movements and land and environmental activism. This course explores issues relating to the historical and contemporary experiences of Indigenous women feminists nationally and internationally. This course also considers Indigenous feminist analyses and Indigenous women's issues.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We/I acknowledge that Western University is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek (Ah-nish-in-a-bek), Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-ahpay-wuk) and Chonnonton (Chun-ongk-ton) Nations, on lands connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum. With this, we/I respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers. We acknowledge historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) endure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching, research and community service. <https://indigenous.uwo.ca/initiatives/land-acknowledgement.html>

STATEMENT ON GENDER-BASED AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE:

Western [is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual violence](#) and providing compassionate support to anyone who has gone through these traumatic events. If you have experienced gender-based or sexual violence (either recently or in the past), you will find

information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts, [here](#). To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact support@uwo.ca.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. *Demonstrate* a clear understanding of important course themes, theories, people, and processes in the history of Indigenous feminism;
2. *Develop* familiarity with key scholarship and theoretical considerations of Indigenous feminism, politics, resistance, cultural resurgence, and historical experiences.
3. Be able to *critically analyze* Indigenous feminism theories, scholarship, and experiences as they evolved historically and have continued relevancy today;
4. *Enhance* written, oral, and analytical skills through course readings, discussions, presentations, and written assignments.

COURSE READING MATERIALS:

1. Green, Joyce, ed. *Making Space for Indigenous Feminism*. 2nd Edition. Halifax, Fernwood Publishing, 2017. ISBN 978-1-55266-883-2.
2. Nickel, Sarah and Amanda Fehr. *In Good Relation: History, Gender and Kinship in Indigenous Feminism*. Manitoba: University of Manitoba Press, 2020.