

# Welcome to Western Cody Groat!

The Indigenous Studies Program and the History Department are delighted to announce that Cody Groat will be joining Western, starting 1 July 2021.

Cody Groat is a Kanyen'kehaka citizen and band member of the Six Nations of the Grand River Reserve in southwestern Ontario. Cody's research in public history covers themes of commemoration, preservation, stewardship, and revitalization of Indigenous cultural heritage by provincial, federal, and international bodies. His dissertation focuses on federal commemoration of Indigenous cultural heritage by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada during their first century (1919- 2019). His research is influenced by his work as a heritage practitioner, especially as the President of the Indigenous Heritage Circle, the only national not-for-profit dedicated to the advancement of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis cultural heritage priorities. His expertise in Indigenous Studies, Public History and Canadian History will enrich Indigenous Studies and History and deepen the connections between our growing programs!

Congratulations and welcome, Cody!

