

**SISCA 600 – Readings in Quebecois History and Identity**  
**Fall Quarter 2008**  
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**Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:30 in COM 141**

This course will examine key readings in Quebecois identity construction, paying particular attention to the Quebec-France relationship and how this has played a role in Quebec nation-building efforts since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. This course will also provide definitions and concepts germane to Quebec identity construction as discussed by significant scholars in the field of Quebec studies, including *La Survivance*, *Quebecois de Souche*, *Pure Laine*, *La Conquete*, among others. The aim of this course is to give you a foundation on which to build further research in Quebec culture and identity. The course will combine seminal readings in both French and English – discussions of the readings will be in French.

Course Requirements:

This course will meet weekly to discuss the readings and key concepts and other relevant historical data not included in the reading list. You must come to the class having completed the readings in *advance*. You must come prepared to discuss the key argument outlined by each author to be discussed and how this relates to your own personal research interests. For each session please bring a list of questions to discuss as well as any concepts you would like to elaborate on.

Evaluation

In addition to the weekly discussion, you will keep a journal of your learning this quarter. This will include reading summaries, concepts, and definitions, but also any other learning relevant to the study of Quebecois identity instruction that you uncover on your own or in other classes. You must relate this other content to the present class and assess its relevance to your own research interests. At the end of the quarter you will turn your journal entries into a paper which assesses how this quarter of readings and discussion has benefited your progress in the following areas: French language fluency; knowledge of Quebec history; knowledge of key scholarship in Quebec identity construction, and your own personal research interests. In conclusion please include an evaluation of your overall progress from the beginning of the quarter to the end of the quarter.

Note: We will not meet on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27, 2008

Required Readings:

**Political Identity**

Dumont, Mario (2005). "Beyond Yes and No: Provincial Autonomy and the Future of Quebec", *Harvard International Review*

## **Identity**

Fournier, Michel, (2001). "Quebec Sociology and Quebec Society: The Construction of a Collective Identity", Canadian Journal of Sociology, Summer, v26, i3, p333.

Fournier, Michel (ed) (1997). Quebec Society: Critical Issues, Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice Hall.

Letourneau, Jocelyn (2004). A History for the Future: Rewriting Memory and Identity in Quebec. Montreal; Kingston; London; Ithaca: McGill-Queen's University Press.

Maclure, Jocelyn (2003). Quebec Identity : The Challenge of Pluralism, Montreal and Kingston, London, Ithaca : McGill-Queen's University Press.

## **Quebec and Globalization**

Fletcher, Frederick, J. (1998). "Media and Political Identity: Canada and Quebec in the Era of Globalization", *Canadian Journal of Communication*, Summer, v23 (3), p359-380.

Fortin, Sylvie, and Deidre Meintel (2002). "The New French Fact in Montreal: Francization, Diversity, Globalization", *Canadian Ethnic Studies Journal*, Fall 2002, volume 34 (3), pp1-6.

Fournier, Michel, (2001). "Quebec Sociology and Quebec Society: The Construction of a Collective Identity", Canadian Journal of Sociology, Summer, v26, i3, p333.

Pacom, Diane (2001). "Being French in North American: Quebec Culture and Globalization", American Review of Canadian Studies, Autumn, 2001, 31 (3), pp. 441-450.

## **Politics, History and Identity: Quebec Authors (in French)**

Bouchard, Gerard and Serge Courville, (1993). La Constuction d'Une Culture: Le Quebec et L' Amerique Francaise, Quebec: Les Presses de l'Universite Laval.

Dufour, Christian, (1989). Le Defi Quebecois, Montreal, Quebec: Les Editions de l'HEXAGONE.

Fournier, Marcel (1987). "Culture et politique du Québec", *Cahiers Canadiens de Sociologie*, Vol 12 No 1/2 1987.

Linteau, Paul-Andre. (1989). Histoire du Quebec Contemporain: Le Quebec Depuis 1930. Quebec : Les Editions Boreal.

Mathieu, Jacques and Jacques Lacoursiere (1991). Les Memoires Quebecoises, Quebec : Les Presses de l'Universite Laval.

Weinmann, Heinz, (1987). Du Canada au quebec : Geneaologie d'une Histoire, Quebec : Editions de l'HEXAGONE.