

**LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY 2019**  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
SEMINAR ON CANADIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT 4215FAO  
Friday 02:30PM - 05:30PM OA 2008

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This seminar course is designed for those students who are fulfilling the requirements of the Honours degree program in Political Science. We will focus on the development and understanding of Resurgence and Reconciliation through the eyes and words of Settler and Indigenous scholars living and learning in “Canada.” Throughout the course we will proceed from a perspective of honesty, trust, respect, courage and humility. Can the Thunderbird and the Pheonix understand each other and give us guidance toward a more honest and truthful relationship? What are our responsibilities towards each other as humans? What are our responsibilities toward respecting other than human beings?

**Required text:**

Asch, Michael, John Borrows & James Tully (2019). *Resurgence and Reconciliation: Indigenous Settler Relations and Earth Teachings*. University of Toronto Press.

**Grading:**

Seminar Presentation x 2.....40% Scheduled starting Week 3  
Chapter Summary and Analysis X 2.....30% Due week after presentation  
Class Assignment.....30% Due on the last day of class

**Students are also responsible for knowing and following the Code of Student Conduct at Lakehead University.**

**SEMINAR PRESENTATION** - Each student is required to lead the class 2 times in a 20 minute discussion on the topic of their Chapter Summaries. This grade will be assigned by the Instructor. Details will be handed out in the 2nd week of class. They will also locate and share at least one other scholarly article or book chapter that complements the Chapter.

**CHAPTER SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** – Each student will prepare 2 X 5-7 page summary and analysis of the chapters in the course text.

**CLASS ASSIGNMENT** – This will be based on the readings that are assigned for this course.

## **READING AND CLASS SCHEDULE**

Week 1 – Introduction and Discussion of Themes of Resurgence and Reconciliation

Reading: Introduction Resurgence and Reconciliation 3-25.

Week 2 – Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation

Reading – Michael Asch 29-48.

Additional Readings posted on D2L

Week 3 – Earth-Bound Life and the Environment

Reading – John Borrows 49-82.

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Week 4 – Reconciliation on Earth

Reading – James Tully 83-129.

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Week 5 – Rooted Constitutionalism

Reading – Aaron Mills 133-174.

Additional Readings posted on D2L

Week 6 – A Relational Paradigm

Reading – Gina Starblanket and Heidi Kiiwetinepineesiik Stark 175-208.

Additional Readings posted on D2L

Week 7 – Reading Break

Week 8 – TRC

Reading – Paulette Regan 209-228.

Additional Readings posted on D2L

Week 9 – Collaborative Research  
Reading – Regna Darnell 229-244.  
Additional Readings posted on D2L

Week 10 – Cautionary Reflections  
Reading- Keira Ladner 245-264.  
Additional Readings posted on D2L

Week 11 – Ethnoecology and Learning  
Reading – Nancy J. Turner and Pamela Spalding 265-292.  
Additional Readings posted on D2L

Week 12 – Sovereignty and Ecologies  
Reading – Kent McNeil and Brian Noble 293-342.  
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