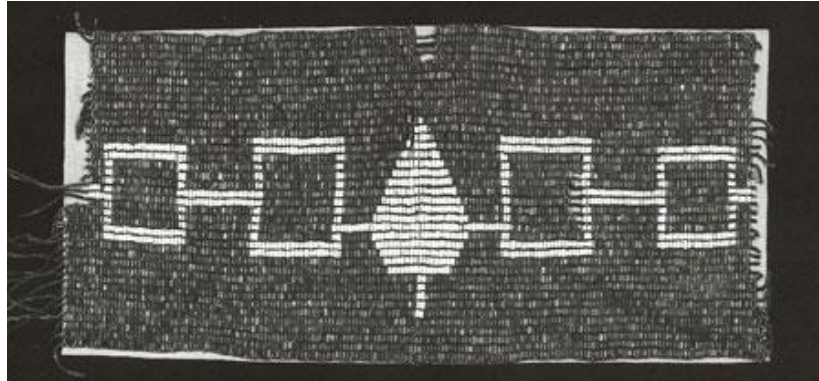


FNST/HIST 325
HISTORY OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLES OF NORTH AMERICA TO 1850

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Thursday, 5:30-8:20pm, SFU Harbour Center, HCC1325



Hiawatha wampum belt, mid-eighteenth century, Library of Congress, Washington DC

North American Indigenous history is a dynamic and engaging field of study, one which has seen considerable development even in just the past twenty years. This course seeks to offer an introduction onto this complex field, providing students with the historical context they need to understand not only the past experiences of Indigenous peoples up until 1850, but also the legacies those histories have in the twenty-first century.

Because of the expansive breadth of time and space the course covers, we will take a thematic approach to engaging with Indigenous histories in North America leading up to the middle of the nineteenth century. Course units focus on the sources of Indigenous historical knowledge, Indigenous histories before contact, and Indigenous-settler relations. After taking this course, students will be able to: identify broad-level continuities and changes in Indigenous cultures up to 1850; describe similarities and differences between Indigenous groups from across North America; and discuss how Indigenous individuals, even those within the same community, responded differently to colonialism.

Students will work throughout the semester to prepare for their final projects, which will be the creation of new Wikipedia articles about Indigenous issues, events, or individuals in the period prior to 1850. We will have workshops on using Wikipedia correctly to attribute academic knowledge and share it with the general public. Assignments will be scaffolded, so that early work can support the final product.

Books

- Olive Dickason and David McNab, *Canada's First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from Earliest Times*, 4th ed.
- Gregory Younging, *Elements of Indigenous Style: A Guide for Writing By and About Indigenous Peoples*