

**Readings for Doing Theology in the Canadian Context RGT6809H/3809H**

**Professor Mary Jo Leddy, Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:30-6:30, 2017**

***MOST READINGS AVAILABLE ONLINE PORTAL***

**September 14 CONTEXT – WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?  
THINKING, ACTING AND PRAYING...HERE**

**Sept. 21 CONTEXTUAL THEOLGY AS AN IMAGINATIVE EXERCISE**

**Note: the readings for Sept. 21 will be used throughout the whole course**

***ONLINE ARTICLES AND OPTIONAL READINGS ARE NOT IN THIS PACKAGE***

Douglas John Hall, “The Meaning of Contextuality in Christian Thought”, pp. 69-144 in his Thinking the Faith: Christian Theology in a North American Context

Robert J. Shreiter, “Globalization and the Contexts of Theology,” pp. 1-27 in his The New Catholicity: Theology Between the Global and the Local

Clemens Sedmak, “Fifty Theses for Doing Local Theology” pp. 162-168 in his Doing Local Theology: A Guide for Artisans of a New Humanity

Stephen B. Bevans, “The Notion and Use of Models,” pp. 28-33 in his Models of Contextual Theology (Revised and Expanded Edition, 2002)

OPTIONAL Catholic Bishops of Appalachia, This Land Is Home to Me Pastoral Statement, 1975 (online)

Wendell Berry, pp. 1-16 in his Imagination in Place

Mary Jo Leddy, “Where Deep Joy Meets the Deep Suffering of the World,” pp. 35-44 in New Theology Review Volume 23, Number 2, May 2010

Mary Jo Leddy, “Naming the Context of North America,” pp. 135-150 in Secularity and the Gospel (ed. Ron Rolheiser)

**Sept. 28 WHERE IS HERE?**

Northrop Frye, “National Consciousness in Canadian Culture” pp. 41-55 in his Divisions on a Ground: Essays on Canadian Culture

Frye, "Conclusion to a Literary History of Canada, First Edition" pp. 215-253 in his The Bush Garden: Essays on the Canadian Imagination

Margaret Atwood pp. 9-43 in her Survival: A Thematic Guide to Canadian Literature

### **Oct. 5 STORIES OF IDENTITY**

Thomas King, "A Million Porcupines Crying in the Dark," pp. 91-119 in his The Truth About Stories: A Native Narrative (CBC Massey Lectures)

Jack Granatstein and Michael Ignatieff, "Does History Matter?" pp. 1-24 in Great Questions of Canada ( ed. Rudyard Griffiths)

OPTIONAL Ian Radforth, "Ethnic Minorities and Wartime Injustices: Redress Campaigns and Historical Narratives in Late Twentieth-Century Canada," pp. 369-415 in Settling and Unsettling Memories:Essays in Canadian Public History (eds. Nicole Neatby and Peter Hodgins)

### **Oct. 12 PLACE AND DIRECTION**

Margaret Atwood, "Nature the Monster," pp. 45-69 in her Survival

Linda Hutcheon, "Eruptions of Postmodernity: The Postcolonial and Ecological", pp. 146-163 in Essays in Canadian Writing No. 51-56 (Winter 93-Spring 94) (online)

Andrew Baldwin, Laura Cameron and Audrey Kobayashi, "Where Is the Great White North? Spatializing History, Historicizing Whiteness," pp. 1-15 in their Rethinking the Great White North"

Sherrill E. Grace, "Magnetic North," pp. 261-268 in her Canada and the Idea of the North

Renee Hulan, "A Northern Nation?", pp. 3-28 in his Northern Experience and the Myths of Canadian Culture

Adam Gopnik, "Remembering Winter," pp. 178-217 in his Winter (CBC Massey Lectures) OPTIONAL

### **Oct. 19 : MAPS OF POWER**

Harold Innis, "Conclusion from The Fur Trade in Canada," pp. 15-26 in A Passion for Identity: An Introduction to Canadian Studies, (ed. David Taras and Beverly Rasporich)

*No class Oct. 26, READING WEEK)*

**Nov. 2 COLONY AND EMPIRE: BETWEEN GOODNESS AND GREATNESS**

Douglas John Hall, "A View from the Edge of Empire: Prophetic Faith and the Crises of our Time," pp. 21-33 in *ARC*, XX, Spring 1992

OPTIONAL: George Grant, Lament for a Nation

**Nov. 9 THE CULTURE OF MONEY and MODERNITY**

Mary Jo Leddy, Ch. 2 "Perpetual Dissatisfaction," pp. 14-37 in her Radical Gratitude

**Nov. 16 WHY ARE WE HERE? CREATION, ORIGINAL SIN AND REDEMPTION IN THE CANADIAN CONTEXT**

Handout, "Why Are We Here? A Meditation on Canada" unpublished manuscript by Mary Jo Leddy (this reading for next three classes)

Hugh Hood, "Moral Imagination: Canadian Thing," pp. 29-35 in A Guide to the Peaceable Kingdom (ed. William Kilbourn)

**Nov. 23 GRATITUDE, RESPONSIBILITY AND THE COMMON GOOD**

Chris Lind, "Ethics, Globalization and the Common Good," pp 125-148 in his Rumours of a Moral Economy

**Nov. 30 BEYOND SURVIVAL AND RESENTMENT: THE SUMMONS FOR THE CHURCHES** (handout)

**Dec. 7 OUR HOME AND PROMISED LAND (Anthems and Alleluias)**