

Jocelyn Thorpe

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Professor Thorpe explores the history and legacies of colonialism in the Canadian context

Biography

My research draws from critical race, feminist, and environmental studies scholarship to examine the history and legacies of, as well as challenges to, colonialism in the Canadian context. I seek to understand how past discourses and relationships of power lead to and naturalize present-day social and environmental inequities, and to open up possibilities for more just relationships among humans and between humans and the non-human world in which we live. My current major project, "Lost Encounters in the 'New-Found-Land,'" is supported by a five-year SSHRC Insight Grant (2013-2018). It explores the history of present-day relationships among Indigenous and non-Indigenous Newfoundlanders and the territory they have come to share, with the goals of: contributing a detailed analysis of a little-known history; advancing scholarly understandings of the workings of colonialism, including its relationship with the non-human world; and contributing to decolonizing relationships among humans and between humans and the rest of the world. Together with Newfoundland Mi'kmaq artist Joanna Barker, I am currently working on the oral history component of the research. With my colleagues Stephanie Rutherford at Trent University and L. Anders Sandberg at York University, I recently completed co-editing a book called *Methodological Challenges in Nature-Culture and Environmental History Research*. The collection grapples with challenges of how to study human-environment relationships over time, and provides insight from scholars working in diverse geographical and theoretical contexts. Additionally, I am the author of *Temagami's Tangled Wild: Race, Gender, and the Making of Canadian Nature*, which studies the history of how Teme-Augama Anishnabai territory in Ontario came to be understood by non-Indigenous people as a site of wild Canadian nature, and the efforts of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai over time to enact their own relationships to their homeland.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Research

Areas of Expertise

Critical Race Theory, Feminism, Environmental Studies, Colonialism, Social Inequality, Environmental Inequality

Event Appearances

Youth-Led Reconciliation, Winnipeg Branch
Pathways to Reconciliation Conference

Making Colonialism National: The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation and the Promise of New/Old Stories

Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association

Decolonizing Teaching: A Roundtable

Annual Meeting of Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes

Belaboured Introductions: Inspired Reflections on the Introductory Course in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Annual Meeting of Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes

Beyond Texts and Archives: Experiments with New Sources and Methods in Environmental History

2nd World Congress of Environmental History

Education

York University

Ph.D. Environmental Studies

University of Toronto, Ontario Institute of Studies in Education

M.A. Sociology and Equity Studies

University of Toronto

B.A. (Hons.) English Literature and Equity Studies

Accomplishments

Teaching Excellence Award (New Faculty Category)

Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba, 2015

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