

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

PHD QUALIFYING EXAMINATION READING LIST

1. Instructions

i. Secondary Field Exam

Students are responsible for all the titles listed under this category.

Students who have elected Canadian literature should be broadly conversant with historical and critical issues from a selection of the texts listed under Recommended Secondary Sources.

ii. Primary Field Exam

Students must be conversant with the major texts in literary criticism, scholarship, and theory from the Recommended Secondary Sources (below).

Students are expected to expand upon this list. They are encouraged to do so, or, by special arrangement, to focus on francophone literature. For more information, contact the Department Chair.

2. Exam Structure

i. Students will be given an equal amount of time to answer each question.

ii. Students will be given 15 minutes to answer each question.

CORE TEXTS

Colonial (1670 -1867)
Bentley, D.M.R., ed.

Ostenso, Margare Wild Geese
Richler, Mordecai. The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz

Drama

Anthony, Trey. 'da Kink in My Hair
 Herbert, John. Fortune and Men's Eyes
 MacDonald, Anne Marie. A play
 Mojica, Monique. Princess Pocahontas and the Blue Spots
 Reaney, James. A play
 Ryga, George. A play
 Salutin, Rick. A play
 Sears, d'Janet. Harlem Duet
 Pollock, Sharon. A play
 Highway, Tomson. A play
 Walker, George. A play

Poetry: Required Readings

Selections from Atwood, Brand, Cohen, Kroetsch, MacEwen, Marlatt, Newlove, nichol, Nowlan, Ondaatje, Purdy, Wallace, Webb
 Plus five more from Abel, Acorn, bissett, Borson, Bringhurst, Carson, Clarke, Crozier, Dewdney, Di Michele, Jones, Lane, Lee, Lowar, Mandel, McCaffery, McKay, Mouré, Nourbese Philip, Wah, Zieroth, Zwicky, including at least two of Armstrong, Dumont, Halfe, Kee Stojas, Moses, Robinson, Scofield, in Moses and Goldie, eds. listed below.

Selections from these poets can be found in the following anthologies:

Bowering, George, ed. The Contemporary Canadian Poem Anthology

David, Jack and Robert Lecker, eds. Canadian Poetry Volume 2

Geddes, Gary, ed. 15 Canadian Poets Times 3

Lee, Dennis, ed. The New Canadian Poets, 1970-85

Moses, Daniel David, and Terry Goldie, eds. An Anthology of Canadian Native Literature in English, 2^d Edition

Moss, Laura and Cynthia Sugars. Canadian Literature in English: Texts and Contexts

Ondaatje, Michael, ed. The Long Poem Anthology

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