

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
 DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH STUDIES
 GSWS9572/THEOCRIT9653
 Queer Temporalities
 Winter 2024

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 Class Mondays 1:30-4:30 pm
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Course Description

Is there such a thing as queer time? In recent years, much queer scholarship has focused on the idea of queer temporalities, opposing queer time to heteronormative time, from both individual and historical perspectives. The idea of queer time as being "at best contrapuntal, syncopated, and at worst, erratic, arrested" (McCallum and Tukhanen, 2011), has led queer scholarship to consider the implications of being out of sync. This course will examine the "beginnings" of queer time from Bersani and Edelman's responses to AIDS and their challenge to reproductive futurism, to Halberstam's and Freeman's critiques of heterotemporality. It will then move on to considerations of the queer archive and queer nostalgia, asking the question of what it means to "look backward" (Love) to a history that is often shameful, elusive and opaque. The last section of the course will examine queer futurities and intersectionalities, including discourses on trans temporalities and queer

Course Assignments for WS9572B	
1 oral presentation (30 mins)	30%
Paper conference presentation (10 mins)	10%
Final paper (15-18 pages & bibliography)	60%
Total	100%

DETAILS OF ASSIGNMENTS :

LEADING A SEMINAR (30%)

You will lead a sustained exploration (approx. 30 minutes, plus discussion. Total time: 1 hour) of the assigned text or texts (your choice) for that week. Please do not simply summarize the readings but assess the work(s) and make links to other concepts or readings in the course.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION (10%) (Monday 8 April)

In the final class, each student will present their Final Paper topic in the form of a short conference presentation (10 mins).

FINAL PAPER (15-18 PAGES)(60%) (DUE 30 APRIL 2024)

Course Policies

E-mail Policy: Emails by the instructor will be responded to within 48 hours.

Medical Policy: Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counseling office of their home faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. For UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness see: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2011/pg1117.html> and <http://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>.

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Turnitin.com : All assignments for this course must be submitted to turnitin.com on or before the assignment due date. Submissions can be made via link on the course OWL

Statement of Recognition

“Western University is situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lenape and Attawandaron peoples who have longstanding relationships to the region of southwestern Ontario and the City of London. In close proximity to Western, there are 3 local First Nations communities: the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee Delaware Nation. In the region of southwestern Ontario, there are 9 First Nations and a growing Indigenous urban population. Western recognizes the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples of Turtle Island (North America) to the development of Canada.”

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Course Schedule (Winter 2024)

PLEASE NOTE: THE STARRED READINGS MUST BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE
WELDON LIBRARY JOURNAL CATALOGUE OR BOOK CATALOGUE
THE ARGONAUTS IS AVAILABLE AT UWO BOOKSTORE

Week 1: Monday 8 January
Introduction: Thinking about queer time

Week 2: Monday 15 January

Week 9: Monday 4 March

Week 13: Monday 8 April
Conference Presentations

Term ends Monday 8 April 2024