

HTST 357 – WILD WEST/MILD WEST? – DR. ELIZABETH JAMESON
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HTST 357 explores the separate and connected histories of the Canadian and U.S. Wests. Culturally and geographically, these histories are connected, but not identical. They share connected landscapes, similar resources, Aboriginal foundations, immigration patterns, economies, technologies, politics and religions. Yet each nation has defined its West quite differently. The Canadian West has been portrayed as a peaceful and orderly region developed from distant metropolitan centres. The U.S. West has been seen as a sequence of westward-moving frontiers that *made* America and Americans and that entered collective imagination as mythically adventurous and violent. This course explores similarities and differences in these histories and mythic Wests, from before Europeans arrived to the present. The course is not encyclopedic, but addresses key events, experiences, and movements.

