

Professor Boulanger's Seminar

This has been a very challenging year, but despite the restrictions due to COVID 19, students in my Canadian Women's History seminar have risen to the challenge and produced well researched, well written, and relevant essays largely in the area of women's history, social justice, and gender issues.

This year's best thesis is awarded to Hinako Yoshino. Ms. Yoshino worked independently on a topic that she is passionate about. Her essay, "Homeless LGBTQ Youth in Canada," explores the special issues faced by homeless LGBTQ youth, and some of the ways that Canadian organizations are working towards solving these issues. The essay is well organized, well researched, and provides a thorough overview of the topic.

Students in my seminar approached many interesting topics this year. Moe Tamamura explored Beyonce's expression of feminism and critical responses. Sakura Watarai looked at the struggles of various social groups to gain full suffrage. Yurika Saiki examined how princes and princesses have evolved in Disney animated films. Mayu Kijino looked the changing status of women in superhero films. Mayuka Hoshino focused on the vulnerability of religious architecture in Canada. Hinata Kitagawa wrote about Black hockey teams and the discrimination they experienced. Yuki Ikemoto delved into the life of civil rights activist Viola Desmond. Yusuke Matsuoka researched the fight against rhino poaching. Maiko Kakizawa explored the particular difficulties experienced by female immigrants to Canada.