

WHO IS AN INDIAN?
Race, Blood, DNA, and the Politics of Indigeneity in the Americas

SEMINAR PREPARATION NOTES

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PRELIMINARIES

- (1) **PAPERS:** All participants are asked to send their papers in Word or PDF format, to the email address above, by **July 1st, 2007**. They will be reformatted by Max Forte and made available to all participants well in advance. More details about this step and the structure of the seminar will follow below.

Drafts will be hosted on a password protected website, soon after they are received on July 1st. It is recommended that you read your colleagues' drafts prior to arrival at the seminar, so as to allow yourself some time for your own enjoyment each late afternoon and evening.

In two cases, with the papers from Maria Elena Garcia and Donna Patrick, these will only be available late, and printed copies will be made available for seminar participants and posted on the password protected site mentioned above.

Papers should be approximately 7,500 words in length, not exceeding 30 pages, typed double-spaced, 1-inch margins, on 8.5 by 11-inch paper. Please keep in mind that you should not reach this maximum in your drafts, as the post-seminar revisions, and post-external review revisions will almost certainly require you to add some material without exceeding the limit above.

Each participant will be required to read all of the papers in advance of the sessions listed above, either before coming to the seminar (if possible), or on each of the nights of the seminar. Spoken contributions will present a summary of the papers, the key questions that are raised, and will address the perspectives and concerns offered by the surrounding participants. Participants should feel encouraged to engage with each of the papers presented,

to raise questions, offer constructive criticisms, make suggestions, or to debate.

- (2) **Structure for presentations:** each presentation should consist of a summarized review of the paper one has prepared for the seminar, lasting no more than 15 minutes. The presentation should be primarily designed to refresh other participants' memories, and to highlight what you think the central aims, questions, and debates are that we should collectively address, especially as they relate to one or more of the key themes outlined in the overview of the project (see the overview document on the main page of the website).
- (3) All participants will receive formal letters of invitation at the same time that travel and accommodation arrangements are finalized, which may be particularly useful for those entering and leaving Canada from the U.S.
- (4) The dates for the seminar are August 2-5, with participants arriving during the day of the 2nd, gathering for a reception in the late evening, with full days of activity on the 3rd and 4th, with departures planned for the 5th. The meeting days end at 3:30pm, allowing you some time to relax and enjoy the sights (see the seminar program on the main page of the website).