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PhD, In Progress

Nations Transformed?: Continuity and Change in Aboriginal Histories of Catholicism in Northwestern Saskatchewan

I am a PhD Candidate in the Department of History. My research and teaching can be characterized by a commitment to community engagement. I employ ethnohistorical methodologies to consider how various communities historicize past events, how different understandings of the past compare to one another and change over time, and what these understandings suggest for how people identify themselves. I have been working with the Metis community of Ile-a-la-Crosse in



Northwestern Saskatchewan since 2006 and have been working with the near by English River First Nation since 2012. My dissertation, *Nations Transformed?: Continuity and Change in Aboriginal Histories of Catholicism in Northwestern Saskatchewan* explores the intersections of religious and political expression during the twentieth-century in Ile-a-la-Crosse and English River. Other research

interests include reflecting on the practice of oral history and community engaged work, Aboriginal music and dance, place based studies, Metis history, northwest coast history, and Indigeneity. I completed my major comprehensive reading field in Comparative Aboriginal History, and minor fields in Post-Confederation Canadian History and American History 1865- Present. This year I am excited to teach a new community-based history course, History 498.3 “Filming History: Oral History, Digital Storytelling, and the Social History of Recent Prairie Immigration.”

