

## The Australian Centre for Public History @ UTS AND

The HERMES History Education Research Group, University of Newcastle

## Invite you to a seminar on historical consciousness by

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## 'The threat of assimilation still hangs over us': Memory, identity and narrative thinking among French Canadian adolescents

How is historical knowledge of the nation acquired and used by students? What is the role of narrative in this acquisition process? Drawing on notions of "narrative thinking" and "historical consciousness" our team examined which stories, archived in collective memory and available to learners, are remembered and used by young French Canadians to orient their lives in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In this lecture, I will present our results and discuss the forces that act to historicize today's youth and suggest how history educators can make use of these forces, rather than simply ignoring them, to advance young people's historical thinking and consciousness.

When: Monday 28 September, 12-2pm

Where: UTS Campus, Broadway, Room 580, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Building 10

All are welcome to attend this talk and to join us for a light lunch, which will be provided—please RSVP Anna Clark (anna.clark@uts.edu.au) for catering purposes.

**Directions to Building 10 (old Fairfax building next to Tower block on Jones St):** Enter via Jones St, take lift to 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Turn left, go through glass doors into atrium. Conference Room 580 is just off the kitchen/lounge straight ahead. (Or follow the signs!)

