

The Toronto Jesuit History Research Group (TJHRG) presents

The Jesuits and (Anti)-Colonialism: Voltaire's *Candide* and the Representation of Missionaries

Date: November 11, 2022

Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm EST

Location: U of T Scarborough Campus (MW 329), with Zoom option | [Registration Required](#)

Note: The event is particularly aimed at undergraduate and graduate students. To make the most out of the event, please prepare by reading or refreshing your memory of Voltaire's *Candide* and its treatment of the Jesuits.

Organizer: Sébastien Drouin

This roundtable is dedicated to Voltaire's famous novel *Candide*. Published in 1759, in the midst of the Seven Years War, *Candide* is a ferocious satire of Europeans' barbaric customs. The principal character of the novel travels the world. In his trips, he witnesses the disastrous consequences of European countries' imperialism on Indigenous peoples from South America as well as the cruelty of slavery. Voltaire also depicts the Jesuits missionaries' actions on many occasions. Our discussion will enable us to have a close reading of this masterpiece with anticolonial lens in an anticlerical (and anti-Jesuits) perspective.

Sébastien Drouin, PhD., is Associate Professor in the Department of French at the University of Toronto. He specializes on eighteenth-century French literature, Libertinage, Early Modern clandestine literature, Allegorical interpretation, Journalism and Intellectual Networks, Literature and Religion, Literature and Fine Arts.



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting online. Please register even if you plan to attend in person.