The northern Plains tribes in Canada arise from adaptation to a gradation of environments—from woodlands to parkland to prairie, and include a combination of the longest (Blackfeet Confederacy) and shortest (Atsina/Gros Ventre, Plains Cree) adaptations to prairie life. Practices arising from the contact era of the 18th and 19th centuries—represented by the fur trade, the arrival of horses, the effects of diseases, and the extermination of most of the buffalo—left these groups little choice but to be incorporated by the emerging Canadian nation. Cultural dynamics of this region will be the focus of the presentation.

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