The Centre for Feminist Research
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presents

A book launch for
Bettina Bradbury’s

**Wife to Widow**

This monumental study of two generations of women who married either before or after the Patriote rebellions of 1837-38 explores the meaning of the transition from wife to widowhood in early nineteenth-century Montreal. Bettina Bradbury weaves together the individual biographies of twenty women, against the backdrop of collective genealogies of over 500, to offer new insights into the law, politics, demography, religion, and domestic life of the time. She shows how women from all walks of life interacted with and shaped Montreal’s culture, customs, and institutions, even as they laboured under the shifting conditions of patriarchy. Immensely readable, Wife to Widow provides a rare window into the significance of marriage and widowhood during key historical moments in the history of Montreal and Quebec

**Bettina Bradbury** is an award-winning historian who teaches History and Women's Studies at York University.

**Wednesday, September 28**
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
2183 Vari Hall
(History Department Common Room)