

## **Brenda MacDougall** (b. 1969)

Dr. MacDougall was appointed the Chair of Métis Studies at the University of Ottawa in January 2010, she is now engaged in Ontario-based Métis historical and community research.

Brenda joined Native Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in 1999 and worked with Métis communities documenting their history while exploring aspects of Métis indigenous knowledge related to family. Brenda has been active with various research projects, a collaborative project with Drs. Nicole St-Onge, Carolyn Podruchny and Heather Devine. She is completing her research on Métis communities on the border with the United States looking at how the International Border has impacted the ability of Métis communities to define themselves as well as pursuing a project detailing early twentieth century Aboriginal political and cultural movements in western Canada. Her first book, *One of the Family: Métis Culture in Nineteenth-Century Northwestern Saskatchewan* (2010), was released by the University of British Columbia and explores the history of Métis communities in northwestern Saskatchewan within a system of family relationships and as rooted in a particular place. As a part of that work, she is collaborating with researchers from the Universities of Alberta and Saskatchewan as well as the Northwest Saskatchewan Métis Council to produce an atlas of the Métis experience in northwestern Saskatchewan. The occasional paper; *Île à la Crosse: family, history, and the emergence of community in Northwestern Saskatchewan, 1776-1907*, was published in 2010 as CURA Otipimsuak discussion paper no. 3.



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