

GENDER and SEXUALITY SOC 529/GSS 529
FALL 2020 Tuesdays 1.30 – 4.30pm

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Office Hours: Wed 2-4pm (Sign up [here](#)) or by appointment

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will offer an introduction to theory, perspectives, and empirical research in the Sociology of Gender and Sexuality. The course will cover a combination of canonical and contemporary work, consider traditional and current debates, as well as cover US and global material. This is a reading intensive class that I hope you will find both challenging and intellectually exciting. I hope by the end of this class you will feel equipped to delve into the literature on your own, and begin to make your own unique contributions to the field.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class expectations include weekly attendance, coming to class having completed the reading, regular and thoughtful contributions to class discussions that are primarily grounded in readings done for class that day, and completing writing assignments on time. Each week, I will designate required and optional readings. There is also flexibility to adapt readings to suit class interest, and I have left an open week to incorporate readings driven by student interests. We will take one or two breaks in class. You will be formally evaluated in the following ways:

1. Short Writing Assignments:

These will be required for 4 different classes. For those classes, you will choose to either present and turn in a 2 page summary and critique based on one of the readings for the class that day or submit a 2 page response paper to one of the questions posted on the course website addressing that week's readings. Specifically:

a) 2 Summary and Critique Presentations:

The presentation should assume that the class has read the article and should address the following:

- a) In one paragraph, describe the main argument(s) of the article.
- b) What are 2 strengths of the reading's arguments?
- c) What are 2 weaknesses of the reading's arguments?
- d) Discuss 2 ways in which this reading adds to or challenges what you already know from this class.
- e) Give two (clearly stated) questions that arose for you from the reading to open up class discussion.

b) 2 Response Papers:

A question or a set of questions will be posted for the readings each week on the course website. Your task will be to prepare a 2 page response to the questions posed, drawing on all the readings (if applicable) for that day's class.

Short writing assignment format and guidelines:

Papers should be emailed to Prof Mojola before the beginning of the class. They should be no more than **600 words, excluding references**. (This is a hard word count limit - please put the word count at the bottom of paper). This is about 2 pages. Your paper should be double-spaced and 12" font size.

2. Final Writing Assignment Due on Dean's Date - Tuesday December 8th 9am

- a) Empirical paper on a gender/sexuality related topic of your choice
- b) Research proposal on a gender/sexuality related topic of your choice

I will discuss the options and give more specific guidelines in class.

COURSE EVALUATION:

Sociology graduate courses are graded on a P/D/F basis. I will give you written feedback on each of your papers, as well as an overall evaluation on your performance in the class after the course is over. Please let me know by **Week 2**, if you require a letter grade for this class.

REQUIRED BOOKS: Please purchase on your own or borrow from the library.

Hill Collins, Patricia (2009) Black Feminist Thought. New York: Routledge

Foucault, Michel (1978) The History of Sexuality, Vol. 1. New York: Pantheon Books.

Bordo, Susan (2004) Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body. Berkeley: University of California Press. (10th Anniversary Edition)

Hochschild, Arlie, with Anne Machung (1989) The Second Shift. New York: Viking Press

ELECTRONIC RESERVES: All other articles and book chapters are available on the course website.

COURSE READING SCHEDULE: (subject to change)

GENDER

Week 1: September 1st “The Woman Question”: A Historical Overview

Skim: Wollstonecraft, Mary (1996) [1792] “*Note, Letter, Introduction and Ch 1*” (pp iii – 17). In *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*. New York: Dover Books.

Stowe, Harriet Beecher (1863) “Sojourner Truth.” *Atlantic Monthly* 473: 473-481 (Ain’t I a Woman?)

Skim: Friedan, Betty (2001) [1963] “*The Problem with no Name*. (Ch 1: pp 15-32). In *The Feminine Mystique*. New York: Norton Books.

hooks, bell (2015) [1984] “*Black Women: Shaping Feminist History*.” (Ch 1: pp 1-17) In *Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center*. New York: Routledge

Mohanty, Chandra Talpade (1988). "Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses." *Feminist Review* 30: 61-88.

Oyèwùmí, Oyèrónke (1997) *Preface* (pp ix-xvii). In *The Invention of Women: Making an African Sense of Western Gender Discourses*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Hines, Sally. (2019). "The Feminist Frontier: On Trans and Feminism." *Journal of Gender Studies* 28(2): 145-157.

Week 2: September 8th Conceptual Foundations I

Rubin, Gayle (1975) “*The Traffic in Women: Notes on the 'Political Economy' of Sex*” (pp. 157-210). In *Toward an Anthropology of Women*, edited by R. R. Reiter. New York: Monthly Review Press

West, Candace and Don H. Zimmerman (1987) “Doing Gender.” *Gender & Society* 1(2): 125 – 151.

Butler, Judith (1988) “Performative Acts and Gender Constitution: An Essay in Phenomenology and Feminist Theory.” *Theatre Journal* 40(4): 519-531

Risman, Barbara J. 2017. “2016 Southern Sociological Society Presidential Address: Are Millennials Cracking the Gender Structure?” *Social Currents* 4(3):208–27.

Ridgeway, Cecilia L. and Shelley J. Correll (2004) “Unpacking the Gender System: A Theoretical Perspective on Gender Beliefs and Social Relations.” *Gender & Society*, 18(4):510-31.

Connell, R.W. (2005) “*The Social Organization of Masculinity*” (Ch 3: pp 67-86). In *Masculinities*. Second Edition. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Hamilton, Laura T. Hamilton, Elizabeth A. Armstrong, J. Lotus Seeley, and Elizabeth M. Armstrong (2019) "Hegemonic Femininities and Intersectional Domination." *Sociological Theory*. 37(4) 315–341

Week 3: September 15th Conceptual Foundations II

Hill Collins, Patricia (2009) Black Feminist Thought. New York: Routledge.

Optional: Crenshaw, Kimberle (1991) "Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence Against Women of Color." *Stanford Law Review* 43(6): 1241-1299.

Optional: Baca Zinn, Maxine, and Ruth Enid Zambrana. "Chicanas/Latinas advance intersectional thought and practice." *Gender & Society* 33, no. 5 (2019): 677-701.

Optional: Alimahomed-Wilson, Sabrina. "The Matrix of Gendered Islamophobia: Muslim Women's Repression and Resistance." *Gender & Society* 34, no. 4 (2020): 648-678.

SEXUALITY

Week 4: September 22nd Theorizing from the Margins or the Center?

Gamson, Joshua and Dawne Moon (2004) "The Sociology of Sexualities: Queer and Beyond," *Annual Review of Sociology*. 30:47-64.

Rubin, Gayle. 1993 [1984]. "*Thinking Sex: Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality*" (pp 3-44). In The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader, edited by H. Abelove, M. Barale, and D.Halperin. New York: Routledge.

Cohen, Cathy (1997) Punks, Bulldaggers and Welfare Queens: The Radical Potential of Queer Politics? *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*. 3:437-465.

Seidman, Steven, Meeks, Chet and Traschen, Francie (1999) "Beyond the Closet? The Changing Social Meaning of Homosexuality in the United States." *Sexualities* 2(1): 9-34.

Nagel, Joane (2003) "*Sex Matters: Raving Sex and Sexing Race*" (pp. 1-13). In Race, Ethnicity, and Sexuality: Intimate Intersections, Forbidden Frontiers. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Khan, Shamus (2015) "Not Born This Way." *Aeon Magazine*.

Ward, Jane (2015) "*Nowhere without it: The Homosexual Ingredient in the Making of Straight White Men*" (Ch 1:pp 1-50). In Not Gay: Sex Between Straight White Men. New York: New York University Press.

Week 5: September 29th Conceptual Foundations I

Foucault, Michel (1978) The History of Sexuality, Vol. 1. New York: Pantheon Books.

Week 6: October 6th**Conceptual Foundations II**

Green, Adam Isaiah (2008) "The Social Organization of Desire: The Sexual Fields Approach." *Sociological Theory* 26(1): 25-50.

Bearman, Peter S., James Moody, and Katherine Stovel (2004) "Chains of Affection: The Structure of Adolescent Romantic and Sexual Networks." *American Journal of Sociology* 110 (1): 44-91.

Ellingson, Stephen, Edward O. Laumann, Anthony Paik and Jenna Mahay (2004) "*The Theory of Sex Markets*" (Ch 1: pp 3-38). In The Sexual Organization of the City. Edward O Laumann, Stephen Ellingson, Jenna Mahay, Anthony Paik and Yoosik Youm. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Simon, William and John H. Gagnon (1984) "Sexual Scripts." *Society* 22:53-60.

Wright, Jerome (1993) "African-American Male Sexual Behavior and the Risk for HIV Infection." *Human Organization* 52(4):421-431

Asthana, Sheena and Robert Oostvogels (2001) "The Social Construction of Male 'homosexuality' in India: Implications for HIV transmission and prevention." *Social Science & Medicine* 52(5): 707-721

Carrillo, Héctor, and Jorge Fontdevila (2014) "Border Crossings and Shifting Sexualities among Mexican Gay Immigrant Men: Beyond Monolithic Conceptions." *Sexualities* 17 (8): 919-938.

TOPICS:**Week 7: October 13th****NO CLASS – FALL BREAK****Week 8: October 20th****The Body**

Bordo, Susan (2004) Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body. Berkeley: University of California Press. (10th Anniversary Edition) – *Selections*.

Whitehead, Stephen M. (2002) "*Materializing Men's Bodies*" (Ch 6: pp 181-204). In Men and Masculinities. Malden: Polity - Blackwell Publishers

Dozier, Raine (2005) "Beards, Breasts, and Bodies: Doing Sex in a Gendered World." *Gender & Society* 19(3): 297-316

Hoang, Kimberly (2015) "*Constructing Desirable Bodies* (Ch 6: 123-153) Dealing in Desire: Asian Ascendancy, Western Decline, and the Hidden Currencies of Global Sex. Oakland: University of California Press.

Gerschick, Thomas J. and Adam Stephen Miller (2007) "*Coming to Terms: Masculinity and Physical Disability*" (Article 27: pp pg 303 – 316). In Men's Lives 7th Edition, edited by Messner, Michael and Michael Kimmel. New York: Pearson Education.

Week 9: October 27th Childhood Socialization

Martin, Karin (1998) "Becoming a Gendered Body: Practices of Preschools." *American Sociological Review* 63(4): 494-511.

Schalet, Amy T. (2000) "Raging Hormones, Regulated Love: Adolescent Sexuality and the Constitution of the Modern Individual in the United States and the Netherlands." *Body & Society* 6(1): 75-105.

Le Espiritu, Yen (2001) " 'We don't sleep around like White girls do': Family, culture, and gender in Filipina American lives." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 26 (2): 415-440.

Leclerc-Madlala, Suzanne (2003) "Protecting girlhood? Virginity revivals in the era of AIDS." *Agenda* 17 (56): 16-25.

McGuffey, C. Shawn (2008) " 'Saving Masculinity': Gender Reaffirmation, Sexuality, Race, and Parental Responses to Male Child Sexual Abuse." *Social Problems* 55 (2): 216-237.

Meadow, Tey (2018) "Gender Troubles" (Ch 2: 24-53). In Trans Kids: Being Gendered in the Twenty-First Century. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.

Week 10: November 3rd Identity work : I am (not) ...

Jones, Nikki (2010) " 'Ain't I a violent fighter? Understanding Girl Fighters.'" (Ch 3: pp 74-106). In Between Good and Ghetto: African American Girls and Inner City Violence. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Bettie, Julie (2000) "Women without Class: Chicas, Cholas, Trash, and the Presence/Absence of Class Identity." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 26 (1): 1-35.

Pfeffer, Carla A. (2014) " 'I Don't Like Passing as a Straight Woman': Queer Negotiations of Identity and Social Group Membership." *American Journal of Sociology* 120(1): 1-44.

Ray, Raka (2000) "Masculinity, Femininity, and Servitude: Domestic Workers in Calcutta in the Late Twentieth Century." *Feminist Studies* 26 (3): 691-718.

Lancaster, Roger N. (1995) " 'That We Should All Turn Queer?': Homosexual Stigma in the Making of Manhood and the Breaking of a Revolution in Nicaragua (Ch 8: pp 135-156). In Conceiving Sexuality: Approaches to Sex Research in a Postmodern World, edited by Parker, Richard G. and John H.Gagnon. New York: Routledge

Hamilton, Laura (2007) Trading On Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Homophobia. *Gender & Society* 21(2): 145-172.

Week 11: November 10th Gender, Sexuality and Health

Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Laura Hamilton, and Brian Sweeney (2006) "Sexual Assault on Campus: A Multilevel, Integrative Approach to Party Rape." *Social Problems* 53(4): 483-499.

Weaver, Hilary N. "The colonial context of violence: Reflections on violence in the lives of Native American women." *Journal of interpersonal violence* 24, no. 9 (2009): 1552-1563.

Mojola, Sanyu. A. (2011) "Fishing in Dangerous Waters: Ecology, Gender and Economy in HIV Risk." *Social Science & Medicine* 72:149-156.

Mojola, Sanyu A. (2014) "*Consuming Women, Modernity and HIV Risk*" (Ch 2: pp 32-50). In Love, Money and HIV: Becoming a Modern African Woman in the Age of AIDS. Oakland: University of California Press.

Inhorn, Marcia C. (2003) "The Worms are Weak": Male Infertility and Patriarchal Paradoxes in Egypt. *Men and Masculinities* 5(3): 236-256

Loe, Meika (2006) "*The Viagra Blues: Embracing or Resisting the Viagra Body*" (Ch 1: pp 21-44). In Medicalized Masculinities, edited by Rosenfeld, Dana and Christopher A. Faircloth. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Burke, Kelsy, and Trenton M. Haltom. "Created by God and Wired to Porn: Redemptive masculinity and gender beliefs in narratives of religious men's pornography addiction recovery." *Gender & Society* 34, no. 2 (2020): 233-258.

Week 12: November 18th

Work, Family, the Household and Sexuality

Hochschild, Arlie, with Anne Machung (1989) The Second Shift. New York: Viking Press *Excerpts*.

Moore, Mignon (2008) "Gendered Power Relations among Women: A Study of Household Decision-Making in Black, Lesbian Stepfamilies." *American Sociological Review*. 73 (2): 335-356.

Acosta, Katie (2013) "'Introduction' and 'As Long as You Wear a Dress'" (Introduction and Chapter 1: pp 1 – 37). In Amigas Y Amantes: Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Negotiate Family. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Schilt, Kristen (2006) "Just One of the Guys? How Transmen Make Gender Visible at Work." *Gender and Society* 20(4): 465-490

Lee, Ching Kwan (1995) "Engendering the Worlds of Labor: Women Workers, Labor Markets, and Production Politics in the South China Economic Miracle." *American Sociological Review* 60(3): 378-397.

Moodie, T. Dunbar (1988) "Migrancy and Male Sexuality on the South African Gold Mines." *Journal of Southern African Studies* 14 (2): 228-256.

Clevenger, Casey (2020). "Constructing Spiritual Motherhood in the Democratic Republic of Congo." *Gender & Society* 34, no. 2 (2020): 307-330.

Week 13: November 24th: Final Class. Miscellaneous readings based on student interests.

Suh, Siri (2018). "Accounting for abortion: Accomplishing transnational reproductive governance through post-abortion care in Senegal." *Global Public Health*. 13 (6): 662-679

Pande, Amrita (2010). "Commercial surrogacy in India: Manufacturing a perfect mother-worker." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 35 (4): 969-992.

Epstein, Rachel. (2018). "Space invaders: Queer and trans bodies in fertility clinics." *Sexualities* 21 (7): 1039-1058.

Sanz, Veronica. (2017). "No way out of the binary: A critical history of the scientific production of sex." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 43(1): 1-27.

Seidman, Gay W (1999). "Gendered citizenship: South Africa's democratic transition and the construction of a gendered state." *Gender & Society* 13(3): 287-307.

Curran, Laura, and Laura S. Abrams. (2000). "Making men into dads: Fatherhood, the state, and welfare reform." *Gender & Society* 14(5): 662-678.