

Soc. 547 Gender and Sexuality

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This course focuses on gender and sexuality, tracing the emergence of the concepts across time, space and knowledge. Current theories on the concepts will be followed by significant themes within discussions of gender and sexuality from the physical to the social, namely those of the body, emotions, health, violence, law/state, culture, and race and ethnicity.

Readings are available on *Course Tools*.

Every week, I shall introduce the framework for discussion through an interactive lecture; a team of two students will then lead the discussion of the readings, followed by a general discussion.

The grading for the course will be through class participation including weekly presentations of selected readings in class. Since this is going to be a heavy load, writing a final paper which may be on any topic of your choice related to the course is optional.

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK ONE (9/6/11):

INTRODUCTION: WHY IS THERE A DIVIDE BETWEEN GENDER AND SEXUALITY?

WEEK TWO (9/13/11):

ON THE CONCEPTS OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY

West, Candace and Don H. Zimmerman "Doing Gender." *Gender and Society* 1/2 (1987): 125-51 [26 pp.]

West, Candace and Sarah Fenstermaker "Doing Difference." *Gender and Society* 9/1 (1995): 8-37 [29 pp.]

Symposium on West and Fenstermaker's 'Doing Difference.' *Gender and Society* 9/4 (1995): 491-506 [15 pp.]

West, Candace and Don H. Zimmerman "Accounting for Doing Gender." *Gender and Society* 23 (2009): 112-122 [10 pp.]

Schilt, Kirsten and Laurel Westbrook "Doing Gender, Doing Heteronormativity: 'Gender Normals,' Transgender People, and the Social Maintenance of Heterosexuality." *Gender and Society* 23 (2009): 440-464 [24 pp.]

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

Rubin, Gayle "Blood under the Bridge: Reflections on 'Thinking Sex.'" *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 17/1 (2010): 15-48 [33 pp.]

**WEEK THREE (9/20/11):
GENDER AND SEXUALITY ACROSS TIME**

Scott, Joan Wallach "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis." *American Historical Review* 91/5 (1986): 1053-1075 [24 pp.]

Meyerowitz, Joanne "A History of Gender." *American Historical Review* 113/5 (2008): 1346-56 [10 pp.]

Scott, Joan Wallach "Gender: Still a Useful Category of Analysis?" *Diogenes* 225 (2010): 7-14 [7 pp.]

Foucault, Michel "Sexual Discourse and Power." Selection from *The History of Sexuality*, Vol. I [6 pp.]

Laqueur, Thomas "Sex Socialized." Selection from *Making Sex* [13 pp.]

Epstein, Steven. "An Incitement to Discourse: Sociology and the History of Sexuality." *Sociological Forum* 18 (2003): 486-500 [14 pp.].

Epstein, Steven. "A Queer Encounter: Sociology and the Study of Sexuality." *Sociological Theory* 12/2 (1994):188-202 [14 pp].

**WEEK FOUR (9/27/11):
GENDER AND SEXUALITY ACROSS SPACE**

Acker, Joan "Gender, Capitalism and Globalization." *Critical Sociology* 30/1 (2004): 17-41 [24 pp.]

Baruah, Bipasha "Gender and Globalization [in India]." *Labor Studies Journal* 35/2 (2010): 198-221 [23 pp.]

Altman, Dennis "AIDS and the Globalization of Sexuality." *Social Identities* 14/2 (2008): 145-60 [15 pp.]

Nagel, Joane "Ethnicity and Sexuality." *Annual Review of Sociology* 26 (2000): 107-33 [26 pp.]

Zontoni, Elisabetta "Enabling and Constraining Aspects of Social Capital in Migrant Families: Ethnicity, Gender, and Generation." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33/5 (2010): 816-31 [15 pp].

Read, Jen'nan Ghazal and Bridget Gorman "Gender Inequalities in US Adult Health: The Interplay of Race and Ethnicity." *Social Science and Medicine* 62 (2006): 1045-65 [20 pp.]

**WEEK FIVE (10/4/11):
CONSTRUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE ON GENDER AND SEXUALITY**

Collins, Patricia Hill "Learning from the Outsider Within: The Sociological Significance of Black Feminist Thought." *Social Problems* 33/6 (1986): S14-S32 [18 pp.]

Cotter, David A., Joan M. Hermsen, and Reeve Vanneman "Systems of Gender, Race, and Class Inequality: Multilevel Analyses." *Social Forces* 78/2 (1999): 433-460 [27 pp.]

McCall, Leslie. 2005. "The Complexity of Intersectionality." *Signs* 30/3 (2005): 1771-1800.

Glenn, Evelyn Nakano "The Social Construction and Institutionalization of Gender and Race." Pp. 3-43 in *Revisioning Gender*, M. M. Ferree, J. Lorber, and B. B. Hess, eds. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press, 1999.

Nagel, Joane "Sex Matters: Racing Sex and Sexing Race" in *Race, Ethnicity, and Sexuality: Intimate Intersections, Forbidden Frontiers*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Moore, Mignon, "Lipstick or Timberlands: Meanings of Gender Presentation in Black Lesbian Communities." *Signs* 32/1 (2006): 113-39.

**WEEK SIX (10/11/11):
THEORIZING GENDER AND SEXUALITY**

Structural/Expectation States/Institutional

Ridgeway, Cecilia L. and Shelly J. Correll "Unpacking the Gender System: A Theoretical Perspective on Gender Beliefs and Social Relations." *Gender & Society* 18/4 (2004): 510-531.

Correll, Shelly J., Stephen Benard, and In Paik "Getting a Job: Is There a Motherhood Penalty?" *American Journal of Sociology* 112/5 (2007): 1297-1338.

Interactionist

Chodorow, Nancy "Heterosexuality as a Compromise Formation." Pp. 33-69 in *Femininities, Masculinities, Sexualities: Freud and Beyond*. Lexington, KY: The University Press of Kentucky, 1994.

Martin, Karin A. "Normalizing Heterosexuality: Mothers' Assumptions, Talk, and Strategies with Young Children." *American Sociological Review* 74/2 (2009):190-207.

Cultural

Harding, David S. "Cultural Context, Sexual Behavior, and Romantic Relationships in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods." *American Sociological Review* 72/3 (2007): 341-364.

Irvine, Janice M. "A Place in the Rainbow: Theorizing Lesbian and Gay Culture" *Sociological Theory*, 12/2 (1994): 232-248

**WEEK SEVEN (10/18/11):
MIDTERM BREAK**

**WEEK EIGHT (10/25/11):
THEMES FROM THE PHYSICAL TO THE SOCIAL: THE BODY**

Witz, A. "Whose Body Matters? Feminist Sociology and the Corporeal Turn in Sociology and Feminism." *Body and Society* 6/3 (2000): 1-24.

Newton, Tim "Truly Embodied Sociology: Marrying the Social and the Biological?" *Sociological Review* 51/1 (2003): 20-42 [22 pp.]

Fournier, Valerie "Fleshing Out Gender: Crafting Gender Identity on Women's Bodies." *Body and Society* 8 (2002): 55-77 [22 pp.]

Ball, Kirstie "Organization, Surveillance and the Body: Towards a Politics of Resistance." *Organization* 12/1 (2005): 89-109 [20 pp.]

Ekins, Richard and Dave King "Towards a Sociology of Transgendered Bodies." *Sociological Review* 47/3 (1999): 580-602 [22 pp.]

Weinberg, Martin and Colin Williams "Bare Bodies: Nudity, Gender and the Looking Glass Body." *Sociological Forum* 25/1 (2010): 47-67 [20 pp.]

**WEEK NINE (11/1/11):
EMOTIONS**

Turner, Jonathan and Jan Stets "Sociological Theories of Human Emotions." *Annual Review of Sociology* 32 (2006): 25-52 [27 pp.]

Simon, Robin W. and L.E. Nath "Gender and Emotion in the US: Do Women and Men Differ in Self-Reports of Feelings and Expressive Behavior?" *AJS* 109/5 (2004): 1137-76 [39 pp.]

O'Byrne, Patrick and D. Holmes "Desire, Drug Use and Unsafe Sex: A Qualitative Examination of Gay Men who Attend Gay Circuit Parties." *Culture, Health and Sexuality* 13/1 (2011): 1-13.

Jackson, Stevi and Sue Scott "Faking Like a Woman? Towards and Interpretive Theorization of Sexual Pleasure." *Body and Society* 13 (2007): 95-116 [21 pp.]

Hakim, Catherine "Erotic Capital." *European Sociological Review* 26/5 (2010): 499-518.

Green, Adam Isaiah "Erotic Habitus: Toward a Sociology of Desire." *Theory and Society* 37 (2008): 597-626 [29 pp.]

**WEEK TEN (11/8/11):
HEALTH**

Kessler, Suzanne "The Medical Construction of Gender: Case Management of Intersexed Infants." *Signs* 16/1 (1990): 3-26 [23 pp.]

Read, Jen'nan Ghazal and Bridget Gorman "Gender and Health Inequality." *Annual Review of Sociology* 36 (2010): 371-86.

Curtis, Anna "Giving 'Til It Hurts: Egg Donation and the Costs of Altruism." *Feminist Formations* 22/2 (2010): 80-100 [20 pp.]

McMillan, Karen and Heather Worth "The Impact of Socio-Cultural Context on Young People's Condom Use: Evidence from two Pacific Island countries." *Culture, Health and Sexuality* 13/3 (2011): 313-26.

Beougher, Sean, W. Gomez, and C. Hoff "The Couple as Context: Latino Gay Male Couples and HIV." *Culture, Health and Sexuality* 13/3 (2011): 299-312.

Ueno, Koji "Mental Health Differences between Young Adults with and without Same-Sex Contact: A Simultaneous Examination of Underlying mechanisms." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 51 (2010): 391-407 [16 pp.]

**WEEK ELEVEN (11/15/11):
VIOLENCE**

Berns, Nancy "Degendering the Problem and Gendering the Blame: Political Discourse on Women and Violence." *Gender and Society* 15 (2001): 262-81.

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

Welsh, Sandy "Gender and Sexual Harassment." *Annual Review of Sociology* 25 (1999): 169-90 [21 pp.]

Smith, Andrea "Not an Indian Tradition: The Sexual Colonization of Native Peoples." *Hypathia* 18/2 (2009): 70-85 [15 pp.]

Wood, Elisabeth Jean "Armed Groups and Sexual Violence: When Is Wartime Rape Rare?" *Politics and Society* 37 (2009): 131-62 [31 pp.]

Tomsen, Stephen and Gail Mason "Engendering Homophobia: Violence, Sexuality and Gender Conformity." *Journal of Sociology* 37 (2001): 257-73 [16 pp.]

**WEEK TWELVE (11/22/11):
LAW/STATE/MEDIA**

Kim, Hyun Sook and J. Puri "Conceptualizing Gender-Sexuality-State-Nation." *Gender and Society* 19/2 (2005): 137-59 [22 pp.]

Messing, Jill Theresa and J. Heeren "Gendered Justice: Domestic Homicide and the Death Penalty." *Feminist Criminology* 4 (2009): 170-188 [18 pp.]

Frank, David J., B. Camp, and S. Boutcher "Worldwide Trends in the Criminal Regulation of Sex, 1945 to 2005." *ASR* 75/6 (2010): 867-93.

Hinojosa, Ramon "Doing Hegemony: Military, Men and Constructing a Hegemonic Masculinity." *Journal of Men's Studies* 18/2 (2010): 179-94 [15 pp.]

Nagel, Joan "Masculinity and Nationalism: gender and sexuality in the making of nations." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 21/2 (1998): 242-70.

Currie, Dawn "Decoding Femininity: Advertisements and their teenage readers." *Gender and Society* 11 (1997): 453-77.

**WEEK THIRTEEN (11/29/11):
CULTURE**

Hamilton, Laura and Elizabeth A. Armstrong "Double Binds and Flawed Options: Gendered Sexuality in Young Adulthood." *Gender & Society* 23/5 (2009): 589-616 [27 pp.]

Ronen, Shelly "Grinding on the Dance Floor: Gendered Scripts and Sexualized Dancing at College Parties." *Gender and Society* 24 (2010): 355-77 [22 pp.]

Attwood, Feona "Sexed Up: Theorizing the Sexualization of Culture." *Sexualities* 9 (2006): 77-94 [17 pp.]

Spain, Daphne "Gendered Spaces and Women's Status." *Sociological Theory* 11/2 (1993): 137-51.

Doderer, Yvonne "LGBTQs in the City, Queering Urban Space." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 35/2 (2011): 431-436.

Manalansalan, Martin "Queer Intersections: Sexuality and Gender in Migrations Studies." *International Migration Review* 40/1 (2006): 224-49 [25 pp.]

**WEEK FOURTEEN (12/6/11):
EVERYDAY LIFE**

Sztompka, Piotr "The Focus on Everyday Life: a New Turn in Sociology." *European Review* 16/1 (2008): 23-37.

Goffman, Erving "The Arrangement between the Sexes." *Theory and Society* 4/3 (1977): 301-331 [30 pp.].

Brinkman, Britney and K.M. Rickard "College Students' Descriptions of Everyday Gender Prejudice." *Sex Roles* 61 (2009): 461-75.

Ridgeway, Cecilia "Framed Before We Know It: How Gender Shapes Social Relations." *Gender & Society* 23/2 (2009): 145-160 [15 pp.].

Moore, Mignon "Gendered Power Relations among Women: A Study of Household Decision-Making in Black, Lesbian Stepfamilies." *ASR* 73/2(2008): 335-356 [21 pp.].

Creed, Barbara "The End of the Everyday: Transformation, Sexuality and the Uncanny." *Continuum: Journal of Media and Cultural Studies* 19/4 (2005): 483-94.

**WEEK FIFTEEN (12/13/11):
CONCLUSION**