SENIOR SEMINAR IN GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Course Description
This course is designed to examine the impact of Gender and Women's Studies on the traditional disciplines and to analyze selected issues in Women's Studies from an interdisciplinary perspective. Our work includes the critical task of exposing the effects of the exclusion of women from scholarship and the constructive task of assessing the changes that occur when women are placed at the center of study.

Required Texts
Elizabeth Langland and Walter Gove, eds., A Feminist Perspective in the Academy (FPA).
Elizabeth Abel and Emily Abel, eds., The Signs Reader: Women, Gender and Scholarship (SR).
Genevieve Lloyd, The Man of Reason: Male and Female in Western Philosophy.
Mary Daly, Beyond God the Father.
Virginia Woolf, A Room of One's Own.
Sigmund Freud, Dora: An Analysis of a Case of Hysteria.
Susan Davis, Patience and Power.
Packet of photocopied readings to be distributed in class (p).

Course Requirements: 4 short papers (4-5 pages). Each of these will analyze critically an issue or problem in the readings for a particular class; a research term paper (15-25 pages) on the impact of Feminism and Women's Studies in a particular discipline (preferably your major) OR on a topic of your own choosing, to be discussed with the instructors by November 10.

SYLLABUS

9/8 Introduction to the Course

9/15 Perspectives on Women's Studies
Gloria Bowles, "Is Women's Studies an Academic Discipline?" (p).
Dale Spender, "Theorizing about Theorizing" (p).

9/22 Male and Female in Philosophy; Feminist Analysis and Critique
Jean Grimshaw, Philosophy and Feminist Thinking 1-35 (p).
Morwenna Griffiths and Margaret Whitford, Feminist Perspectives in Philosophy, 1-28 (p).

9/29 Feminist Critique of Religion; Women and Gender in Religious Studies
Mary Daly, Beyond God the Father, 1-68; 98-198.
Audre Lord, "An Open Letter to Mary Daly" (p).
Women as Writers, Readers, Critics: Feminism and Literary Studies
Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own.*
Adrienne Rich, "When We Dead Awaken: Writing as Re-Vision" (p).
Sandra Gilbert, "What Do Feminist Critics Want?" (p).
Patricia Schuyler, "Reading Ourselves: Toward a Feminist Theory of Reading" (p).

Psychoanalysis and the New French Feminism
Sigmund Freud, *Dora: An Analysis of a Case of Hystera,* 21-144.
Toriol Moi, "Representation of Patriarchy: Sexuality and Epistemology in Freud's Dora" (p).
Jane Gallop, "Keys to Dora" (p).

Sexuality
Ann Ferguson, Jacqueline Zita, Katherine Adelson, "On 'Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence': Defining the Issues" (p).

Difference I: Sexual Difference
Simone de Beauvoir, *Introduction to The Second Sex* (p).
Rachael Hare-Mustin and Jeanne Marecek, "The Meaning of Difference" (p).
Jane Flax, "Political Philosophy and the Patriarchal Unconscious" (p).
Sherry Ortner, "Is Female to Male as Nature Is to Culture?" (p).

Difference II: Race, Class and Gender
Angela Davis, "Class and Race in the Early Women's Rights Campaign" (p).
Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, "Writing History: Language, Class, and Gender," *FS/CS* 31-54.
Judith Plaskow, "Anti-Semitism: The Unacknowledged Racism" (p)
Sandra O'Neale, "Inhibiting Midwives, Usurping Creators: The Struggling Emergence of Black Women in American Fiction," *FS/CS* 139-56.

Anthropology and Women's Studies
Judith Shapiro, "Anthropology and the Study of Gender," *FPA* 110-129.

Gender and Science
Evelyn Fox Keller, "A World of Difference" (p).
Helen Longino and Ruth Doell, "Body, Bias, and Behavior: A Comparative Analysis of Reasoning in Two Areas of Biological Science" (p).
Mother/Fathering/Parenting in Feminist Perspective
Nancy Chodorow, "Family Structure and Feminine Personality" (p).
Diane Ehrensaft, "When Women and Men Mother" (p).
Ann Oakley, "Feminism, Motherhood and Medicine - Who Cares?" (p).
Jeffrey Allen, "Motherhood: The Annihilation of Women" (p).

Theoretical Challenges in Feminist Scholarship
Jane Flax, "Postmodernism and Gender Relations in Feminist Theory" (p).
J.G. Morawski, "Impasse in Feminist Theory?" (p).
Marilyn Strathern, "An Awkward Relationship: The Case of Feminism and Anthropology" (p).
Catherine MacKinnon, "Feminism, Marxism, Method, and the State," SR 227-256.