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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 analyse 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).  
Teresa deLauretis, ed. Feminist Studies/Critical Studies (FS/CS).  
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 analyse 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, "Theorising about Theorising" (p).  
Elizabeth Langland and Walter Gove, "Editors' Notes," FPA 1-6; Patricia Spacks, "The Difference It Makes," FPA 7-24.  
Teresa deLauretis, "Feminist Studies/Critical Studies: Issues, Terms, and Contexts," FS/CS 1-19.  
Joan Kelly, "The Social Relation of the Sexes: Methodological Implications of Women's History," SR, 11-26.
- 9/22 Male and Female in Philosophy; Feminist Analysis and Critique  
Genevieve Lloyd, The Man of Reason, viii-x, 1-37; 57-110.  
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  
Rosemary Ruether, "The Feminist Critique in Religious Studies," FPA 52-66.  
Mary Daly, Beyond God the Father. 1-68; 98-198.  
Audre Lord, "An Open Letter to Mary Daly" (p).  
Elaine Pagels, "What Became of God the Mother?" SR 97-108.

- 10/6 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).  
 Patricinio Schweickart, "Reading Ourselves: Toward a Feminist Theory of Reading" (p).  
 Tania Modleski, "Feminism and the Power of Interpretation: Some Critical Readings," FS/CS 121-138.
- 10/13 Psychoanalysis and the New French Feminism  
 Sigmund Freud, Dora : An Analysis of a Case of Hysteria, 21-144.  
 Toril Moi, "Representation of Patriarchy: Sexuality and Epistemology in Freud's Dora" (p).  
 Jane Gallop, "Keys to Dora" (p).
- 10/20 Sexuality  
 Adrienne Rich, Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence," SR, 139-168.  
 Ann Ferguson, Jacqueline Zita, Katharine Addelson, "On 'Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence': Defining the Issues" (p).  
 Valerie Echols, "The Taming of the Id: Feminist Sexual Politics: 1968-1983" (p).  
 Jessica Benjamin, "A Desire of One's Own: Psychoanalytic Feminism and Intersubjective Space," FC/CS 78-101.
- 10/27 Difference I: Sexual Difference  
 Simone deBeauvoir, Introduction to The Second Sex (p).  
 Rachel 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).
- 11/3 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)  
 Diane K. Lewis, "A Response to Inequality: Black Women, Racism, and Sexism," SR 169-192.  
 Sondra O'Neale, "Inhibiting Midwives, Usurping Creators: The Struggling Emergence of Black Women in American Fiction," FS/CS 139-56.
- 11/10 Anthropology and Women's Studies  
 Susan Davis, Patience and Power, 1-45, 65-179.  
 Judith Shapiro, "Anthropology and the Study of Gender," FPA 110-129.
- 11/17 Gender and Science  
 Evelyn Fox Keller, "Feminism and Science," SR 109-122; "Making Gender Visible in the Pursuit of Nature's Secrets," FS/CS 67-77.  
 Evelyn Fox Keller, "A World of Difference" (p).  
 Donna Haraway, "Animal Sociology and A Natural Economy of the Body Politic," SR 123-138.  
 Helen Longino and Ruth Doell, "Body, Bias, and Behavior: A Comparative Analysis of Reasoning in Two Areas of Biological Science" (p).

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## 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).

Jeffner Allen, "Motherhood: The Annihilation of Women" (p).

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## 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.