SC 144 Legal and Illegal Violence Against Women

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Prerequisite: None, although introductory sociology is useful.

Description: This course will analyze the use of violence and the threat of violence to maintain the system of stratification by gender. Rape, wife abuse, incest, and other related topics will be discussed. The focus will be on 1) causes of this violence, 2) effects, and 3) strategies for change.

Requirements:
1. Knowledge of material presented in class, including announcements. Attendance is expected; a pattern of absences may result in a lower grade. Electronic devices are to be turned off in class and put away. The one exception is a cell phone that you have registered with BC via Agora for emergency notification, and it may be left on in “vibrate mode.” [Go to BC Home Page, Click on A-Z, Go to “Safety & Security Information—BC/Prepared”; Click on “For Students” for instructions on how to have your cell phone listed for cell phone text messaging alerts.]
2. Reading list (and class discussion of reading).
3. Term paper. Approx. 10 pages, based on your own research. Must get topic approved and must follow approved format. Keep printed back-up copy for your files. Keep working notes, articles, etc. until paper is graded. Follow instructions, including instructions on what types of references are acceptable.
4. Short assignments (e.g., analysis of beauty standards, etc.)
5. Midterm (essay exam on lectures, films, & reading) (Attendance mandatory)
6. Final exam (essay exam on lectures, films, and reading) (Attendance mandatory)

Due Dates:
Term paper: Mon. Nov. 12, 2012
Short Assignments: as announced in class
Final exam: on the date announced by the university
(If this date is a problem, please arrange to take a different course.)

Note: Papers more than two weeks late will not be accepted for even partial credit unless there is an emergency sufficiently serious to require the intervention of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Grading: Midterm 20%; Term paper 35%; Final exam 45%; Short Assignments pass/fail. Must have a passing grade on the final exam to pass the course.

Definition of letter grades (as stated in the Bulletin): A excellent, B good, C Satisfactory, D passing but unsatisfactory, F Failure
Readings for the course are available electronically:

Electronic Reserves

Note: The library is transitioning to a new system, so the details on electronic reserves may change as the semester progresses. For example, it may become possible to sort the readings by author.

Also note that the format for electronic items is not consistent. Regarding book excerpts, for example, some readings are listed by book title and some by section title.

Most of the readings are on BC electronic reserve:
- Go to BC home page
- Use “Libraries” pull-down menu & click on “Resources & Services”
- Under “Quick Links,” click on “Course Reserves”
- Sign in (With Username and Password)
- For registered students, the course number should appear automatically. If necessary, search for course
  (e.g., by course number – SC144.01)
- Locate specific reading (click at top of list to get them sorted by title to make it easier)
- Open it (Go to “View Item Online”)
- Sign in again if necessary
- Print

Readings from the journal, Violence Against Women, can be accessed electronically through Holmes:
- Go to BC home page
- Use “Libraries” pull-down menu
- Click on Holmes Library Catalog
- Search by title for Violence Against Women
- Go to Sidebar “Material Type” and click on “More Options”
- Select: Include journals; Click on “Continue”
- Violence Against Women [electronic resource] (Sage journal) will appear.
- Click on “Available Online”
- Click on Highwire Press Sage Publications
- Sign in (With User Name and Password)
- Click on year you are seeking
- Click on month you are seeking
- Locate specific article, Click on Full Text (PDF) (to open the PDF file)
- Print

Session 1 Introduction  Media portrayal of violence; Fear of Violence. (9/5)

Session 2 Steps forward, Steps backward (9/7)


  a) Introduction pp. 1-5
  b) Chap 3 Female Chauvinist Pigs – two excerpts:
     1) pp. 93-94 and 2) pp. 105-112
Sessions 3, 4, 5  **Medical Violence** (9/10 -- 9/14)

9/10 Discuss Ehrenreich & English, *For Her Own Good*, “Witches, Healers, and Doctors” pp. 33-47 & 58-61. (e-reserve)

9/12 C/section rates—NCHS Brief & news readings:
Discuss ob/gyn mini papers

9/14 Cont'd

Session 6  **Female Genital Cutting** (9/17)
Nawal Nour lecture, “Caring for Circumcised Women,” BC Front Row
(Take BC web page A-Z, go to Front Row, search by name of lecture or lecturer)
Toubia, *Female Genital Mutilation* Optional reading. (excerpts) (e-reserve)
Gagen, “Social Change in Senegal” (e-reserve)

Session 7 **Honor; also, begin Social Standards of Beauty** (9/19)

**Honor:**
Arin, “Femicide in the Name of Honor in Turkey” (e-reserve)

**Brief news readings (skim):**
Nickerson, “For Muslim Women, A Deadly Defiance: ‘Honor Killings’ on Rise in Europe” (e-reserve)
Dorell, Oren, “‘Honour Killings’ in USA Raise Concerns; Practice Imported from the Mideast,” *USA Today*, November 30, 2009. (e-reserve)

Also, Select 2 to skim from these:
Anon, “Father Jailed for ‘honour’ murder,” (Tulay Goren case), BBC, 12/17/2009
Anon. “Two Given Life for Honour Killing” BBC 7/14/2006 (e-reserve)
Anon., “Four Men Jailed for Life Over Blackburn Arson Murders” BBC, August 3, 2010. (case of setting fire to wrong house)
Tanveer, “Accused of 4 ‘Honor Killings,’ Father Says He Had 5th in Mind” (e-reserve)

**Beauty:**
Plan beauty mini-paper.
Discuss:
Sexton, “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” (poem) (e-reserve)
hooks, “Back to Black: Ending Internalized Racism” (e-reserve)

Sessions 8,9,10,11 cont’d: Social Standards of Beauty (9/21 – 9/28) (Also part of session 12)

9/21 Video: “Miss America”
9/24 Video: “The Famine Within”
9/26 & 9/28: Discuss video plus eating/beauty readings:
   Cunningham, “Barbie Doll Culture” (e-reserve)
   Brumberg, “Anorexia Nervosa in the 1980’s” from Fasting Girls (e-reserve)
   Brumberg, The Body Project, (e-reserve)
   Brumberg and Jackson, “The Burka and the Bikini” (op-ed article) (e-reserve)

   Also brief readings to skim:
   Dohnt, Hayley and Marika Tiggemann, “Body Image Concerns in Young Girls: The Role
   of Peers and Media Prior to Adolescence,” Journal of Youth and Adolescence, v35, n
   2, April 2006.  (Skim “Discussion” pp 148-51. – e-reserve)
   Abramovitz, Beth, and Leann Birch, "Five-year-old Girls' Ideas about Dieting Are
   Predicted by Their Mothers' Dieting."  J Am Diet Assoc. 2000 October; 100(10):
   1157-1163.  (Skim—e-reserve)
   Brodey, “Blacks Join the Eating-Disorder Mainstream” (e-reserve)
   Barnard, “Wasting Away:...Medical & Psychological Attention...”  (e-reserve)
   Willett, Walter C., Eat, Drink, and Be Healthy: The Harvard Medical School Guide to
   Healthy Eating “Healthy Weight Guidelines” Chart (NY: Simon and Schuster Source,

Cohen, “Dads Take On Advertisers Who Insult Daughters” (e-reserve)
Kelly, Amy, et al, "Adolescent Girls with High Body Satisfaction: Who Are They and
What Can They Teach Us? Journal of Adolescent Health, vol 37, no. 5, p 391-96
Nov 2005.  Read Abstract.  (e-reserve)
Donnelly, Erin.  “Texas High Schoolers Go Makeup Free for Redefining Beautiful
Club.” Stylelist, Oct. 8, 2010.  On web site: stylelist.com/2010/10/08/texas-high-
schoolers-make-up-free-redefining-beautiful-club/  (e-reserve)

Session 12 Midterm preparation; Also, Beauty Standards cont’d (10/1)

Midterm preparation and rules
H & B, The Victim of Rape pp xxxi-xxxiv (prevention & avoidance concepts)

Discussion of:
Wilson, “Pharaonic Circumcision under Patriarchy and Breast Augmentation under
Phallocentric Capitalism”  (e-reserve)
Eckersley, Richard, “True Power Rests in Social Values,” Courier Mail (Queensland, Australia) March 31,
2004.  Features, pg. 23.  (e-reserve) (skim)
Sessions 13, 14 Rape: Definition, The Event & The Effects (10/3, 10/5) (Also sessions 16 & 17 after midterm)


Knapp, “Duke Just Another Spoiled Jock School” (e-reserve)

Taylor, “Disturbing Behavior: Coddled Existence Can Skew An Athlete’s Perspective” (e-reserve)

Cole, “DA Warns of Dangers Online” (e-reserve)

Ly, “Learning the Keys to Cool on the Internet: FBI Agents Learn Teen Lingo…” (e-reserve)

Burgess & Holmstrom, “Rape Trauma Syndrome” (e-reserve)

Pelka, “Raped: A Male Survivor Breaks His Silence” (e-reserve)

Grossfeld, “A Voice for the Victims” (e-reserve)


Session 15 MIDTERM Wed Oct. 10, 2012

Session 16 & 17 Rape: The Event and Effects cont’d (10/12, 10/15)

Session 18 Rape; Feminism (10/17)

Sessions 19 & 20 Date Rape and Acquaintance Rape (10/19, 10/22)

10/19 Video “Date Rape Backlash”

10/22 Discussion of the video and related readings

Harned, “Understanding Women’s Labeling of Unwanted Sexual Experiences with Dating Partners” (*Violence Against Women*, 2005, #3) (On-line through Holmes)

Also, select one article to read from these two on Bystander Focused Prevention:

Potter and Banyard, “Guest Editors’ Introduction,” *Violence Against Women*, 17 (6) (June, 2011), pp. 679-83. (This is an introduction to a special issue of the journal focused on bystander focused prevention.) (On-line through Holmes)

Katz, “Penn State: The Mother of All Teachable Moments for the Bystander Approach.” 3-Part Series, Dec. 1, 8, and 15, 2011. (e-reserve) Also available at:


Session 21 **Rape: Criminal Justice System: Police, Hospital, DA** (10/24)


H & B, “Introduction,” *Victim of Rape*, pp xiv-xvii (e-reserve)


**Sessions 22, 23 Rape: Criminal Justice System: Trials** (10/26,10/29)


H & B, Court Outcome, Comparative Questions, *Victim of Rape* pp.xvii-xx


Brown, “Rape Trial Divides Okla. Town” (e-reserve)

Anon. “N.H. Court Rules In Rape Case: Says That Outfit Was Not Consent” (e-reserve)

Davis, “Spotlight in Skakel Case is on Bench.” (e-reserve)

Konradi and Burger, “Having the Last Word” (e-reserve—optional reading)

10/26 and/or 10/29:

Video “On Trial,” plus comparison of it with related readings

**Sessions 24, 25 Rape Culture: Everyday Life** (10/31, 11/2)

H & B, “Rape As Part of Everyday Life,” *Victim of Rape*, pp. xxi-xxvi

hooks, “Seduced by Violence No More” (e-reserve)

Plath, “Daddy” (e-reserve)

Middlebrook, *Her Husband: Hughes & Plath—A Marriage* pp.184-89 (e-reserve)

Rhoads, “Whales Tales, Dog Piles, & Beer Goggles...Frat Life” (e-reserve)

Foubert & Perry, “Creating Lasting Attitude & Behavior Change in Fraternity Members & Male Student Athletes, Abstract p 70. Violence Against Women, 13 (1), 2007. (Online through Holmes)

Ryan & Kanjorski, “The Enjoyment of Sextist Humor...” (Abstract) (e-reserve)

Jackson, “Say No to Hip-Hop’s Excesses” 11/12/05 (e-reserve)

Rose, Tricia. *The Hip Hop Wars*. NY: Basic Civitas Books, A Member of the Perseus Books Group, 2008:

a) Introduction, Excerpt, pp. 1-6. (e-reserves)

b) Debate # 5: Hip Hop Demeans Women, excerpt, pp. 113-122 (e-reserve)

hooks, “Introduction: Revolutionary Attitude” (relevant to images) (e-reserve)

Plan for ad mini paper (pornographic themes in ads/comparison ad)

**Sessions 26, 27, 28 Pornography** (11/5,11/7,11/9)


a) “Preface” pp. ix-xiii.

b) “Introduction: Porn and the Industrialization of Sex”, pp. xviii-xxv

c) Chap. 4 “Grooming for Gonzo: Becoming a Man in a Porn Culture.”

   Excerpt: pp 59-68

d) Chap. 6 “Visible or Invisible: Growing Up Female in a Porn Culture.”

   Excerpt: pp. 99-107

11/5 and/or 11/7:

Video “American Pornography.” Related short reading:

Anon., “Linda Boreman, 53; Starred as Linda Lovelace, Fought Porn” (e-reserve)

11/7 Discuss video & possibly begin Griffin book excerpt and Dines book excerpts (e-reserve)

11/9 Discuss Dines book excerpts

Sessions 29, 30, 31 Macro Analyses (11/12, 11/14, 11/16)

H & B, “Causes of Rape: Macro Analyses,” in *Victim of Rape*, pp xxvi-xxxi

Collins, “Sexual Politics of Black Womanhood” (e-reserve)

Card, “Rape as a Weapon of War” (e-reserve)

Fisher and Chang, “Cold Comfort: Japan Still in Denial over WWII Rapes” (op-ed article) (e-reserve)

Bodeen, “Li Xiuying, at 86; A Survivor of Nanking Massacre,” p. D9. (e-reserve)


Dixon, “For Rape Victims, Rwanda’s Horrors Live on through Aids” (e-reserve)

Johnson, “After Visit to Refugees, Doctors’ Group Asserts Sudan Is Practicing Genocide” (e-reserve)


Hopkins, “Mobile Phones Document Rape as Weapon in Libya.” May 25, 2011 from readwriteweb. (e-reserve)


11/16 Video excerpt on “Comfort Women” in WWII

Discussion of rape & war readings (i.e., Card; Fisher & Chang; Dixon, Johnson, etc.)

Sessions 32, 33, 34, 35 Wife/Girl Friend Abuse (11/19, 11/26, 11/28, 11/30)
Abuse Readings:
Lavoie, Robitaille, and Hébert, "Teen Dating Relationships and Aggression" (e-reserve)

Hassouneh-Phillips, “‘Marriage is Half of Faith and the Rest is Fear Allah’: Marriage and Spousal Abuse Among American Muslims,” (e-reserve)

Change/Action Readings
Al-Suwaij, “Freeing Muslim Women From Suffering” (e-reserve)
Rodriguez, “The Power of the Collective: Battered Migrant Farmworker Women Creating Safe Spaces” (e-reserve)
Scott and Wolfe, “Change Among Batterers: Examining Men's Success Stories” Read Abstract p. 827; Optional pp. 828-42. (e-reserve)

Select one to read from these two:
English, “Fighting Back: As A Teen, Red Sox Wife Lisa Kapler Had A Secret. Now, She Hopes That Telling Her Story Will Make Others Aware of Dating Violence” (e-reserve)
English, “A Daughter’s Trial: Shannon Sharpe Has Channeled the Horrors of Her Father’s Abuse and the Murder of Her Mother…” (e-reserve)


Wife/Girl-friend Murder—U.S. Case examples (short news readings--skim):
Daniel, “Cross-Examination Highlights Clean Hands, Bloody Gloves.” (e-reserve)
Kurtz, “Defense Dilemma: Attack the Victim or Not” (e-reserve)
Bell, ‘ Second Trial Convicts Rabbi of Paying for Wife’s Murder’ (e-reserve)
Anon. “[Police] Chief Who Killed Wife, Self Had Disturbing Past” (e-reserve)
Cramer, “A Civil Trial Begins in Doctor’s Death” (e-reserve)
Thompson, "Muzzamml Hassan Convicted Of Beheading Wife." HuffingtonPost.com, 2/7/2011. (e-reserve)
Bonner, "Slain Grad's Roommates Named Professor on 911 Call." The Seattle Times, Aug. 25, 2011. (e-reserve)
Dowry Deaths and Pressures/Abuses of Forced Marriage
Mandelbaum, “Dowry Deaths in India” (e-reserve)

Short news readings (skim):
Anon., “Tallagadda Resident Gets 10 Years for Dowry Death” (e-reserve)
Pandey, “Dowry Deaths On The Rise In City” (e-reserve)
Gall, “For More Afghan Women, Immolation Is Escape” (e-reserve)
Walsh, “Team Rescues Women from Forced Marriages” (e-reserve)

Schedule
11/19   Video “To Have and To Hold” + discussion of it.
11/26 & 11/28  Lecture/Discussion of readings on wife/girl friend abuse & on change/action
11/30   Video “No Longer Silent” (excerpt) (re dowry deaths) ;
         Discussion of video and related readings.
         Plan empowerment mini papers.

Sessions 36, 37 Incest and Symbolic Incest (12/3, 12/5)
Set of articles on “More Clergy Abuse, Secrecy Cases” (e-reserve)
Ngowi, Rodrique, “Sister Catherine Mulkerrin, 73; Pressed for Warnings about Abusive Priests,”

Louis Freeh’s statement. “Remarks of Louis Freeh in Conjunction with
Announcement of Publication of Report Regarding The Pennsylvania State
University.” (e-reserve); also, http://www.thefreehreportonpsu.com/Press-
Release_07-12-12.pdf

Herman, Father-Daughter Incest (2nd ed). Excerpts on e-reserve:
“Rule of the Father”
“Preventing Sexual Abuse”

Sessions 38, 39 Empowerment 12/7, 12/10
Review readings, lectures, and videos for empowerment ideas (e.g., Halpern and Cheung; Toubia,
pp 43-47; Herman, chap 12; e-reserve & electronic articles.)

Comparison by S. Laurel Weldon.” (Skim -- pp 391-94) (e-reserve)
Crooks, Claire V., et al, “Engaging Men & Boys in Preventing Violence Against Women,
Abstract, p 217 Violence Against Women 13 (3) 2007. (Online through BC Holmes)
Huffington Post. (e-reserve)
Gelmini, “Hip-hop, SMS and Facebook: The New Way of Tackling Violence Against Women in
Côte d’Ivoire.” March 27, 2012. Huffington Post UK. (Re “social marketing campaigns
promoting positive norms”). (e-reserve)

Empowerment mini papers--discussion.
Final exam preparation and rules.
References for recommended further readings:

**Beauty Standards**

**Breast Implants**


Kirkey, Sharon, "40% of women with Breast Implants Want Them Out: Survey" National Post (Canada) October 29, 2003 Wednesday National Edition

**Rape**

**Victims/Survivors**

Roberto & Teaster, “Sexual Abuse of Vulnerable Young & Old Women” (Abstract) (Violence Against Women, 2005, #4 (On-line through Holmes)

**Fraternities and Sororities**


Rape and War


Trafficking

Donna M. Hughes, Katherine Y. Chon, and Derek P. Ellerman, “Modern-Day Comfort Women: The U.S. Military, Transnational Crime, and the Trafficking of Women,” Violence Against Women, 13 (9) 2007, pp 901-922. (Online through BC Holmes). See also the guest editor’s note regarding this article.

Alvin Powell, “Youngest Girls Spirited to Brothels Show Highest HIV Rates,” Harvard University Gazette Online, July 31, 2007 (e-reserve)


See also Video MSNBC “Sex Slaves in America: Texas”

Pornography


Aucoin, “The Pornification of American” (e-reserve)
Crary, “Battle Brews as Porn Moves into Mainstream” AP /2006 (e-reserve)
Anon., “Maker of ‘Girls Gone Wild’ Videos Faces Sex, Drug Charges” (e-reserve)

Wife/Girl Friend Abuse; Intimate Partner Violence


Hartley, Carolyn Copps, “‘He Said, She Said’: The Defense Attack of Credibility in Domestic Violence Felony Trials,” Violence Against Women, 7 (5) (May, 2001), pp 510-44. (e-reserve)


**Femicide**

**Hate Crimes**