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4/14 The Construction of Sexuality

Lecture by Helene Norton-Russell

- Judith Lorber, "'Night to His Day:' The Social Construction of Gender," FF # 6
 Suzanne Kessler, "The Medical Construction of Gender," FF #7
 Deborah L. Tolman, "Doing Desire: Adolescent Girls' Struggles for/with Sexuality", FF #32
 Laura Hamilton, "Trading on Heterosexuality: College Women's Gender Strategies and Homophobia," FF
 #33
 Leila J. Rupp, "Loving Women in the Modern World," FF #35
 Taylor & Rupp, "Learning from drag queens," FF #21
 Cohen, "Punks, Bulldaggers, and Welfare Queens: The Radical Potential of Queer Politics?" FF #54
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Carolyn Herbst Lewis, "Waking Sleeping Beauty: The Premarital Pelvic Exam and Heterosexuality during the Cold War," FF #27
 Anne Fausto-Sterling, "The Bare Bones of Sex: Part I-Sex and Gender," FF #37
 Barbara Ehrenreich, "Welcome to Cancerland," FF #41
 Derrick Jackson, "Gender equity a premium for healthcare," Boston Globe, 11/4/08
 Jenna Russell, "In Maine, a losing battle for health," Boston Globe, 5/20/08
 Karen Houppert, "Final Period," NY Times, 7/17/07, CR
 Ronald Kotulak, "Medical Profession undergoes major changes as women take over," Chicago Tribune, 1/12/05, CR
 Michael Levenson, "Bias suit rips Brigham surgical chief," Boston Globe, 3/28/08, CR
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Look through Our Bodies, Ourselves

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"Barbie Doll," in Marge Piercy, *To Be of Use*, CR
 Judy Taylor, "Feminist Consumerism and Fat Activists: Grassroots Activism and the Dove 'Real Beauty' Campaign," FF, #13
 Gimlin, "Cosmetic Surgery: Paying for Your Beauty," FF #14
 Ingrid Banks, "Hair Still Matters," FF \$15
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 Larry Rohter, IDEAS & TRENDS; REFRAMED; In the Land of Bold Beauty, A Trusted Mirror Cracks," NY Times, 1/14/07, CR
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 Laura Fitzpatrick, "Plastic Surgery Below the Belt," Time, 11/19/08

2/10 - Violence against Women

Martin & Hummer, "Fraternities and Rape on Campus," FF #42

Steinem, "Supremacy Crimes," FF # 43

Crenshaw, "Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence Against Women of Color," FF #44

Silvana Naguib, "Understanding Sexual Harassment: A Primer for Dudes," FF, p. 482

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Elizabeth Olson, "A Rise in Efforts to Spot Abuse in Youth Dating," NY Times, 1/3/09, CR

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Donna St. George, "Violence Intersects Lives of Promise," Washington Post, 12/20/2004, CR

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Lizette Alvarez, "Despite Army's Assurances, Violence at Home," NY Times, 11/22/08, CR

Neil MacFarquhar, "Abused Muslim Women in U.S. Gain Advocates," NY Times, 1/6/08, CR

Anna Badkhen, "Rape's vast toll in Iraq war remains largely ignored," Christian Science Monitor

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Sharon LaFraniere, "Sex Abuse of Girls is Stubborn Scourge in Africa," NY Times, 12/1/06, CR

Jeffrey Gentleman, "Rape Victims' Words Help Jolt Congo into Change," NY Times, 10/17/08, CR

Rasheed Abou-Alsamh, "Ruling Jolts Even Saudis: 200 Lashes for Rape Victim," NY Times, 11/16/07,

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Donohoe, "Femicide in Juarez," FF, p. 525

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Lecture: Elizabeth Mumford, BC '09 and founder of REACT, a Boston group focused on eliminating human trafficking

Kristof, "The 21-st century slave trade," NY Times, 4/22/07, CR

Kristof, "A heroine from the brothels," NY Times, 9/24/08, CR

Nicholas Kristof, "The Evil Behind the Smiles," NY Times, 12/31/08, CR

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Matt Steinglass, "The question of rescue," NY Times, 7/24/05, CR

Biemann, Ursula "Remotely Sensed: A Topography of Global Sex Trade," in Gwyn Kirk & Margo

OKazawa-Rey, *Women's Lives: Multicultural Perspectives (4th edition)*, pp. 425-428 CR.

Leuchtag, Alice. 2008. "Human Rights: Sex Trafficking and Prostitution," in Susaan Shaw & Janet Lee, eds., *Women's Voices, Feminist Visions*, pp. 581-587, CR

Kevin Bales, "Because she looks like a child," in Ehrenreich & Hochschild, *Global Women*, CR

ATLAS, "Global Sex trafficking," pp. 56-57

ADDITIONAL READINGS MAY BE ASSIGNED

2/24 - Women and Militarism

Lecture: "When does a war 'end' in women's lives?" - Professor Cynthia Enloe, Research Professor, International Development and Women's Studies, Clark University

Chapters 4, 5 and 6 in Cynthia Enloe, *Globalization and Militarism: Feminists Make the Link*, CR

Cynthia Enloe, "Macho, Macho Military," *The Nation*, 3/20/06, CR

Nagel, "Sex and War: Fighting Men, Comfort Women, and the Military-Sexual Complex," FF #45

Choe Sang-Un, "Ex-Prostitutes say South Korea and U.S. Enabled Sex Trade Near Bases," NY Times, 1/7/09, CR

Nelson, "The Making of a Soldier: Gender in Military Recruitment," FF, pp. 190-192.

Jessica Pupovac, "Silenced in the Barracks," *In These Times*, 3/3/08, CR

Jane Harman, "Rapists in the ranks," *LA Times*, 3/31/08, CR

The essays constitute 35% of the final grade.

Final Exam

There will be a take-home exam consisting of essay questions related to the assigned readings, lectures and discussions. The nature of the exam will be explained in more detail in the weeks prior to the end of the semester.

The final exam constitutes 30% of the final grade.

Reading assignments:

1/20 - Introduction

Adrienne Rich, "Claiming an Education" in Rich, *On Lies, Secrets and Silence*, CR

Marge Piercy, "Unlearning to Not Speak" in Piercy, *Circles on the Water*, CR

Adrienne Rich, "Diving into the Wreck" in Rich, *Diving into the Wreck*, CR

Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards, "Prologue" & "What is Feminism?" from *ManifestA.*, CR

Katha Pollitt, "Backlash Spectacular," *The Nation*, 5/8/08, CR

Alice Walker, "Womanist," FF p. 114

Kimberly Springer, "Being the Bridge: A Solitary Black Woman's Position in the Women's Studies Classroom as a Feminist Student and Professor," FF, #1

Chanra Talpade Mohanty, "Feminism without borders," FF, #10

Kimmel, "What are little boys made of?" FF #18

Pamela Aronson, "Feminists or "Postfeminists"? Young Women's Attitudes toward Feminism and Gender Relations," FF # 52

Nikki Ayana Stewart, "Transform the World: What you can do with a degree in Women's Studies," FF p. 583.

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1/27 - The Women's Rights Movement from the 14th to 21st centuries

Joan Kelly, "Early Feminist Theory and the *Querelle des Femmes*, 1400-1789," in *Women, History and Theory: The Essays of Joan Kelly*, CR

Mary Wollstonecraft, excerpt from *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*, CR

Olympe de Gouges, *The Rights of Women*. CR

Sojourner Truth, "Ain't I a Woman?" CR

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, Introduction, CR

Taylor, Whittier, Pelak, "The Women's Movement: Persistence through Transformation," FF, #51`

Cynthia Enloe, "Nationalism and Masculinity," in *Bananas, Beaches & Bases*, CR

Zinn & Dill, "Theorizing Difference from Multiracial Feminism," FF, #9

Audre Lorde, "Sexism: An American Disease in Blackface," in *Sister Outsider*, pp. 60-65, CR

Urvashi Vaid, "Linking Arms and Movements," in *The Advocate*, 6/8/99, CR

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2/3 – Images of Women: Cultural Representations

Film: Dreamworlds

Richardson, "Gender Stereotyping in the English Language," FF # 12

Allen, "Where I Come From is Like This," FF # 4

T. Denean Sharpley-Whiting, "I see the Same Ho": Video Vixens, Beauty Culture, and Diasporic Sex Tourism," FF #16

Patricia Hill Collins, "Black Sexual Politics," FF #34

Bob Herbert, "Why Aren't We Shocked?" *NY Times*, 10/16/06, CR

Drake Bennett, "Black man vs. white woman," *Boston Globe*, 2/17/08

Maureen Dowd, "What's up Slut?" *NY Times*, 7/15/06, CR

David Picker, "Gate D: More Fans, More Security, More Abuse," *NY Times*, 12/10/07, CR

"Bikini Lawn Care – Tiger Time Lawn Care," Fox News, on Youtube – url:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0ICJ7E3CU> CR

Vanessa E. Jones, "Hip-Hop Lyrics and Videos...," *Boston Globe*, 3/22/05, CR

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Required Reading

Taylor, Whittier, Rupp, *Feminist Frontiers*, 8th edition (referred to as FF)
Joni Seager, *The Penguin Atlas of Women in the World*, 4rd edition (referred to as ATLAS)
Boston Women's Healthbook Collective, *Our Bodies, Ourselves* (optional, but highly recommended)

A number of required articles are available at the library's Online Reserves site. To access them, go to the Library's site and under Resources bring up the Course Reserves Catalog. All of the articles are filed under my name, but it will be easier to find them if you search by author or by title. You will be able to open the article on-line and print it for your own use. (The Course Reserves Catalog is referred to in the assignments as CR)

Note on buying texts: They are available in the college bookstore. They may also be available from on-line booksellers. If you are going to get these outside the BC system, be sure you get the eighth edition of *Feminist Frontiers* and the fourth edition of Seager. If you are going to use an on-line seller, I encourage you to use independent bookstores: I recommend Powells Books (www.powells.com) or a very good feminist bookstore, A Room of One's Own, (www.roomofonesown.com). Copies of all books are on reserve in the BC library.

In addition, you should look regularly at the web-based feminist news service, www.womensenews.org. Also, check out the section on women in the Human Rights Watch web site: <http://www.hrw.org/women/>

Course Requirements

PARTICIPATION

You are expected to attend all classes (Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:30—**MAY SOMETIMES RUN LONGER, IF NECESSARY**) and all discussion group meetings (Thursdays 4:30 – 6:15). The discussion groups offer an innovative opportunity for interactive learning, not one that you will find in most other courses. This is both an opportunity and an obligation: we expect you to engage in your own education in a conscientious and serious manner – at a minimum, this means you must have done the readings and be prepared to participate in discussions in a thoughtful, engaged, and respectful manner. The Thursday discussions are led by teams of student-leaders who have taken this class previously and who have been selected through a rigorous screening process.

Attendance and participation in discussion sections constitutes 35% of the final grade.

WEEKLY ESSAYS

Each student will write a weekly reaction paper based on readings, lectures, discussion, and current events. This essay is designed to provoke written reflection on the course materials. 1) evidence that you have done the reading 2) evidence of critical thought and assessment 3) internal coherence and consistency 4) evidence of self-reflection (including examples from personal experience if appropriate) 5) evidence of an accumulation of understanding (drawing on past readings, for example, to illustrate a current issue). On occasion, discussion-group teachers may assign a particular theme or topic.

Essays should be typed or written legibly on individual sheets of paper, which should be stapled together (no paper clips, no expensive plastic report covers--manila folders okay). Do not e-mail your paper unless, under exceptional circumstances, your discussion leader gives you permission to do so. If you use a computer, please spell-check your paper. In any case, please proofread for spelling errors or typos.

The essays are to be handed in at Thursday discussion sections. Essays will be graded weekly on a system of 1-10 points; late essays will be graded down one point per day.