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Dinita Smith, “Love that Dare not Squeak its Name,” NY Times, 2/7/04, CR
Gloria Steinem, “Erotica vs. Pornography,” in Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions, CR

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Marge Piercy, “Right to Life,” in Circles on the Water: selected poems of Marge Piercy, CR
Susan Faludi, “Reproductive rights under the backlash: the invasion of women’s bodies, in Backlash, CR
Andrea Smith, Beyond Pro-Choice versus pro-life: Women of color and reproductive justice,” FF #40

Kenneth C. Edelin, “Risking women’s health,” Boston Globe, 4/22/07, CR
Judith Warner, “Poisonous Choices: Women at Risk,” NY Times, 8/7/07, CR
Kathleen Pollitt, “With Facts on our Side,” The Nation, 11/5/07, CR
Gretchen Voss, “My Late-Term Abortion,” Boston Globe Magazine, 1/25/04, CR
Editorial: “A Parting Shot at Women’s Rights,” NY Times, 12/25/08
Jack Witt, “Pro-Life Nation,” NY Times Magazine, 4/9/06, CR
Russell Shorto, “Contra-Contraception,” NY Times, 5/7/06, CR

Susan Brownmiller, “Abortion is a Women’s Right,” in In our Time: Memoir of a Revolution, CR

Natalie Angier, “For Motherly X Chromosome, Gender is Only the Beginning,” NY Times, 5/1/07, CR

Gerson, “Moral dilemmas, moral strategies, and the transformation of gender: Lessons from two generations of work and family change,” FF #29
Hung Cam Thai, “For better or worse: gender allures in the Vietnamese global marriage market,” FF #30

4/28 - The Global State of Women
Film: “Beyond Beijing”
Darraj, “It’s Not an Oxymoron: The Search for an Arab Feminism,” FF #50

“UN Commission Approves Declaration....,” FF, p. 613
Kathleen Pollitt, “The Cheese Stands Alone,” The Nation, 3/21/05, CR
“Promoting a United Nations 5th World Conference on Women,” Council of Europe, Parliamentary Assembly, Doc. 10643, CR

Holland Cotter, “China’s female artists quietly emerge,” NY Times 7/30/08, CR
Dan Bilefsky, “Albanian Custom Fades: Woman as family man,” NY Times, 6/25/08, CR
Ernesto Londoño, Iraqi women take on roles of dead or missing husbands,” Washington Post, 4/23/08, CR

Fiona Govan, “Women dominate Spain’s new cabinet,” The Telegraph, 4/18/08, CR
Camille Sweeney, “Never too young for that first pedicure,” NY Times, 2/28/08
Sam Dillon, “Sorority Evictions Raise Issue of Looks and Bias,” NY Times, 2/25/07, CR

3/31 NEGOTIATING THE WORKPLACE AND THE ECONOMY
Lecture: Dr. Evelyn Murphy, former Lt. Governor of Massachusetts, author of Getting Even: Why
can’t women get paid like men—and what to do about it
Bose & Whaley, “Sex Segregation in the U.S. Labor Force,” FF #22
WHITTIER, Median Annual Earnings of Full-Time, Year-Round Workers by Education, Race and
Hispanic Origin, “, FF, p. 242
Boris, “The Living Wage as a Women’s Issue,” FF p. 287
Hannah Seligson, “Girl Power at School but not at the office,” NY Times, 8/30/08, CR
Alan Feuer, “54 More Women Accuse Bloomberg Firm of Bias,” NY Times, 5/2/08, CR
Fran Hawthorne, “For Women, Greater Obstacles to Retirement,” NY Times, 10/23/07, CR
Randall Stross, “What has driven women out of computer science?,” NY Times, 11/15/08, CR
Sharon Reier, “In Europe, Women finding more seats at the table,” NY Times, 3/2/08
Sarah Plass, “Wage Gaps for Women Frustrating Germany,” NY Times, 9/2/08
Martin Facarker, “Career Women in Japan Find a Blocked Path,” NY Times, 8/6/07, CR
Hondagne-Sotelo, “Maid in L.A.,” FF #25
Segura, “Working at Motherhood: Chicana and Mexicana Immigrant Mothers and Employment,” FF #25
Enloe, “The Globe Trotting Sneaker,” FF #46
Chang, “From the Third World to the ‘Third World Within,’ Asian Women Workers Fighting Globalization,”

FF #53
Mink , “The Lady and the Tramp (II): Feminist Welfare Politics, Poor Single Mothers, and the Challenge of
Welfare Justice,” FF # 28
Kang, “The Managed Hand: The commercialization of bodies and emotions in "s Korean Immigrant-Owned
Nail Salons,” FF #24
Rebecca Traister, “The momification of Michelle Obama,” salon.com, 11/12/08, CR
Barbara Ehrenreich and Arlie Hochschild, “Introduction,” in Ehrenreich and Hochschild, Global Woman,
CR
Susan Cheever, “The Nanny Dilemma,” in Ehrenreich and Hochschild, Global Woman CR,
Look through Our Bodies, Ourselves, “Women and Work”
Atlas, map 4, Part 5, Work, Maps 21-26; maps 33, 34

4/7 NO CLASS

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
Adrienne Rich, "Compulsory Heterosexuality and Lesbian Existence,” CR
Marjorie Gerber [sic], “Introduction: Vice Versa,” CR
“Supporting Boys or Girls When the Line Isn’t Clear,” NY Times, 12/2/06, CR
Cynthia Gorney, “A Mother’s War,” NY Times, 5/29/05, CR
Lizette Alvarez, “Jane, We Hardly Knew Ye Died,” NY Times, 9/24/06, CR
Douglas Quenqua, “Sending in the Marines (to recruit women),” NY Times, 4/21/08, CR

3/10 - Images of Women: But what if I’m not white?
McIntosh,” White Privilege and Male Privilege,” FF #2
Lopez & Hasso, “Frontlines and Borders: Identity Thresholds for Latinas and Arab American Women,” FF #3

Lorde, “The Master’s Tools will Never Dismantle the Master’s House,” “ FF, p. 38
bell hooks, “Learning in the Shadow of Race and Class,” CR
Cherie Moraga, “La Guera,” in *This Bridge Called My Back. Writings by Radical Women of Color*, CR
Yen Le Espiritu, “ We don’t sleep around like white girls do’: Family, Culture, and Gender in Filipina American Lives,“ FF # 19.

Jodi Kantor, “Nanny Hunt Can be a ‘Slap in the Face’ for Blacks,” NY Times, 12/26/06, CR

3/17 Women, Health Care, and the Medical Profession
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

“Women’s Health Risks,” *Health & Medicine Week*, 10/11/04, CR
Ingrid Walter, “No woman, no cry,” *The Black Commentator*, 9/28/06, CR
ATLAS, Maps 14, 15

**Look through Our Bodies, Ourselves**

3/24 Images of Women: Body Image

“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

Larry Rohter, IDEAS & TRENDS; REFRAMED; In the Land of Bold Beauty, A Trusted Mirror Cracks,” NY Times, 1/14/07, CR
Judith Warner,” The Cleavage Conundrum,” NY Times, 7/28/07, CR
Davis, “Loose Lips Sink Ships,” FF #39
Sarah Green, “Plastic Makes Perfect,” Boston Phoenix, 4/15/05, CR
Daphne Merkin, “Our Vaginas, Ourselves,” NY Times, 1/1/06, CR
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
Robin Warshaw, Foreward, Introduction, “Reality of Acquaintance Rape,” in I Never Called it Rape, CR
Elizabeth Olson, “A Rise in Efforts to Spot Abuse in Youth Dating,” NY Times, 1/3/09, CR
Marie Tessler, “The DNA of Violence,” womensmediacenter.com, 12/15/08, CR
“In Memoriam,” Boston Globe, 12/31/08, CR
Leslie Kaufman, “Enlisting the Aid of Hairstylists as Sentinels for Domestic Abuse,” NY Times, 11/19/08, CR
Lizette Alvarez, “Despite Army’s Assurances, Violence at Home,” NY Times, 11/22/08, CR
Anna Badkhen, “Rape’s vast toll in Iraq war remains largely ignored,” Christian Science Monitor (www.csmonitor.com), 11/24/08, CR
Marlon James, “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
Traci Wilkinson, “Turkey tries to take the ‘honor’ out of killing women,” Boston Globe, 1/21/07, CR
Donohoe, “Femicide in Juarez,” FF, p. 525
ATLAS Maps 7, 8, 21

2/17 – Global Trafficking
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
Kristof, “If This isn’t slavery, what is?” NY Times, 1/3/2009, CR
Kristof, “Striking the Brothels’ Bottom Line,” 1/10/09, CR
Matt Steinglass, “The question of rescue,” NY Times, 7/24/05, 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
Choe Sang-Un, “Ex-Prostitutes say South Korea and U.S. Enabled Sex Trade Near Bases,” NY Times, 1/7/09, CR
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
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 Talpad 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
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1/27 - The Women’s Rights Movement from the 14th to 21st centuries
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
ATLAS, Map 40.

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
Maureen Dowd, “What’s up Slut?” NY Times, 7/15/06, CR
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0ICJ7E3CUs
Vanessa E. Jones, “Hip-Hop Lyrics and Videos…,” Boston Globe, 3/22/05, CR
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Syllabus

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Required Reading

Taylor, Whittier, Rupp, Feminist Frontiers, 8th edition (referred to as FF)
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.womensnews.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.