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ANTHRO 597U Gender, Nation & Body Politics Amanda Walker Johnson
Wednesday 12:20-3:20 #23480

In this seminar, we will examine feminist theorizations, critiques and accounts of gender and sexuality in the context of nation-state formations, colonization, globalization, and migration, specifically interrogating "the body" as a marker of national identity, a target of power, a site of resistance, an "object" of inscription and commodification, as well as a locus of generating knowledge, both "scientific" and "experiential." We will discuss works on issues such as racialization, labor, citizenship, heteronormativity, reproduction, schooling, and incarceration, as well as political engagements with these issues.

COMM 794u Politics of Sexual Representations Lisa Henderson
Tuesday 7:00-10:00 p.m. #23682

See department for description.

EDUC 752 Gender Issues in International Education Cristine Smith
Tuesday 1:00-4:00 p.m. #24210

Examines gender discourse in the field of Third World development, its historical trajectories, various phases and trends, and its effects on gender relations.

ENGLISH 891SS Bodies at the Limit Laura Doyle
Monday 6:00-8:30 p.m. #23932

In this course we will consider texts about bodies under duress bodies pushed to or seeking out their limits, or bodies conscripted to create or define limits for others. We will read a selection of literature (likely chosen from the genres of prison narrative, novels of slavery, ghost stories, survivor poetry, transsexual memoirs, war memoirs, and other kinds of texts) together with philosophies of the body. Our discussion will often focus on the uncertain intersection of the political and the existential. For instance, we will ask if the political wholly encompasses and shapes the body, or whether there is some surplus materiality that exerts a fugitive force, including, or especially, under intensely political conditions. We will also consider the dynamic place of language and representation in this interaction between body and polis, including in the encounter between (embodied) readers and (physical) text. Several short writing assignments, possible group work, one long seminar paper, and a readiness to listen carefully as well as contribute thoughtfully.

HISTORY 594W Race, Class & Gender in American Sport Christian Appy
Tuesday, Thursday 1:00-2:15 p.m. #23954

Writing seminar. Through readings, discussion, and frequent writing assignments, this course explores the history and meaning of modern sports in the United States. What can sports teach us about the changing realities of race, class, and gender in American society. What do various sports mean to participants and spectators? Have sports enriched democracy or merely owners and superstars?

HISTORY 791B U.S. Women & Gender History (4 credits) Joyce Berkman
Monday 7:00-9:30 p.m.

This research seminar encourages research and writing on the history of women and/or gender in America from 1600 to the present. The course requires the completion of a

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potentially publishable paper or project, e.g. oral history project. During the first half of the semester, our focus will be on historical methods, varieties or modes of historical writing, and writing techniques. A few scholarly essays and other types of historical writing will be examined. The second half of the semester is devoted to the first draft of your paper or project including class discussion of your first draft and the revision process, culminating with your submission of a final draft by the end of the semester. We will also meet with UMASS Amherst and Smith College archivists concerning your research.

PHILOS 592F History of Feminism Ann Ferguson, Eileen O'Neill
Wednesday 3:35-6:05p.m. #23963

A survey of European and American feminist philosophers from the 15th to the 21st centuries. Topics include: (1) Equality arguments, including (a) Feminist interpretations of Christian theology and (b) Debates about gender, reason, emotion, and morality; (2) Difference arguments, both differences between women and men and differences between women; (3) Epistemological debates about gendered "standpoints"; (4) Poststructuralist critiques of debates about gender; and (5) Feminist theories of freedom and justice. Required texts: Hackett and Haslanger (eds), *Theorizing Feminism*; Christine de Pizan, *The Book of the City of Ladies*; Schurman, *Whether a Christian Woman Should be Educated*; Gournay, "The Equality of Men and Women"; Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*; Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*. There will also be a course packet containing additional readings. Prerequisites for undergraduates: two courses in philosophy and some familiarity with the history of philosophy, social philosophy or concepts in women's studies, or permission of one of the instructors. Requirements: Class participation and presentations, two short essays (roughly 5 pages each) due in March and April respectively, and a final paper (roughly 15 pages) on your own topic, chosen in consultation with an instructor, due at the end of term.

SOCIOL 793F Transnational Feminist Movements Millie Thayer
Wednesday 4:00-6:30 p.m. #24332

See department for description.

SOCIOL 794D Gender and Employment Michelle Budig
Monday 9:00-11:30 a.m. #24333

The goals of this course are: 1) To provide a conceptual and theoretical framework for understanding economic inequality by gender. Attention to how other factors, such as class, race/ethnicity, and nationality shape gender inequality will be paid. 2) To introduce students to the empirical literature on labor market inequality with a focus on the United States. Students should be able to describe current trends, including the overall growth in income and wage inequality, and the current gap in income and wages. 3) To push forward the research agendas of the students in the class by working towards a publishable paper or fundable grant proposal.

WOMENSST 691B Issues in Feminist Research Ferguson, Ann
Tuesday 4:00-6:30 p.m. #23246

See instructor for description.

WOMENSST 793A Graduate Research Project Ferguson, Ann

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Contact instructor #24110

Graduate students in the Certificate for Advanced Feminist Studies must register for this class to complete the final research project requirements. Register with program coordinator, Nancy Campbell Patteson, in the Women's Studies office.