

******PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS AS OF 10/28/16.**

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Colloquium: The History of Sexuality: U.S. and Transnational Perspectives
Spring 2017

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This is a reading intensive course on the history of sexuality. We will read broadly in the field from the sixteenth century through the twentieth century. The course will cover both the fundamentals in the history of sexuality in the United States (and the European history upon which much of this was grounded) and the newer historiography in transregional and global histories of sexuality, from Atlantic histories to modern transnationalism.

In addition to establishing a firm base in the historiography of this field, we will grapple with the theoretical and methodological issues involved in researching and writing histories of sexuality.

In order to facilitate discussion you will be asked to lead a class (with another) at least once. A set of discussion questions and a 2 page digest of the readings are due each Sunday afternoon, at 5:00 PM.

Final grades will be calculated as follows: Discussion and Reviews: 60%
Final Paper: 40%

For your final paper, you should chose 5-6 books from the semester's readings and write a historiographical paper of 8-10 pages, analyzing the readings in relation to each other. The final paper is due on December 6th.

On the days that you are offered a choice of books to read, you will be expected to present your book along with the rest of the group that has read the same. All books are available at Barnes and Noble. All readings with an asterisk (*) will be available on Sakai. You are invited to search for cheaper copies from amazon.com or abebooks.com.

January 23: Introduction

Class 1: Theory of the History of Sexuality

Week 1 January 23 **Introduction to the Field**

John D'Emilio & Estelle B. Freeman, "Since Intimate Matters: Recent Developments in the History of sexuality in the United States" *Journal of Women's History* vol 25 n4 Winter 2013

American Historical Review, Forum: Transnational Sexualities vol. 114, Issue 5, Dec 2009

Margot Canaday, "Thinking Sex in the Transnational Turn: An Introduction" pp. 1250-57

Joanne Meyerowitz, "Transnational Sex and U.S. History" pp. 1273-1286

Marc Epprecht, "Sexuality, Africa, History" pp. 1258-1272

Read at least one of the remaining essays, and come prepared to share one or two things that interested you, or surprised you from the essay you read.

Tamara Loos, "Transnational Histories of Sexualities in Asia" pp. 1309-1324

Leslie Peirce, "Writing Histories of Sexuality in the Middle East" pp.1325-1339

Peter Sigal, "Latin America & the Challenge of Globalizing the History of Sexuality" pp.1340-1353

Dagmar Herzog, "Syncopated Sex: Transforming European Sexual Cultures" pp.1287-1308

Class 2: Foundations: Early Modern European Beliefs

Katherine Crawford, *European Sexualities: 1400-1800* (Cambridge UP 2007)
ISBN 0521548403

Louis Montrose, "The work of Gender and Sexuality in the Elizabethan Discourse of Discovery," in *Discourses of Sexuality from Aristotle to AIDS*, Domna C. Stanton editor (1992)

Claude Quétel, chapters 1 & 2, "A Terrifying Affliction (1495-1519) & "A Much-disputed Origin" p. 9-49 in *History of Syphilis* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1990). ELMS

Class 3: Masculinity and Sexual Violence

Sharon Block, *Rape and Sexual Power in Early America* (UNC, 2006)

*Lynda E. Boose, "Crossing the River Drina: Bosnian Rape Camps, Turkish Impalement and Serb Cultural Memory," *Signs* 28, No. 1 (2002)

*Thomas Foster, "Deficient Husbands: Manhood, Sexual Incapacity, and Male Marital Sexuality in Seventeenth-Century New England," *William and Mary Quarterly*, Oct. 1999, p. 723-744.

Class 4: Homosexuality and the "Third Sex" in Colonial and Victorian Era

*Clare Lyons, "Mapping an Atlantic Sexual Culture - A Test Case: Homoeroticism in Eighteenth Century Philadelphia," *William and Mary Quarterly*, January 2003.

George Chauncey, *Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940* (Basic, 1995)

OR

Sharon Marcus, *Between Women: Friendship, Desire and Marriage in Victorian England* (Princeton, 2007)

Class 5: Sex and Slavery in the Global South

Jennifer Morgan, *Laboring Women: Reproduction and Gender in New World Slavery* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004) Intro & Chapters 1-3

*Martha Hodes, "Bastardy" and "Fornication," from *White women, Black Men: Illicit Sex in the Nineteenth Century South* (Yale, 1999)

*Henrice Altink, "Forbidden Fruit: Pro-Slavery Attitudes Towards Enslaved Women's Sexuality and Interracial Sex," *Journal of Caribbean History* 39, 2 (2005) pp. 201-235

Class 6: Policing Sexuality: The City and the State

Margot Canady, *The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in 20th Century America* (Princeton, 2011)

*Christina Simmons, "Modern Sexuality and the Myth of Victorian Repression," *Passion and Power* (Temple, 1989)

Class 7: Abortion and the Law in the 20th Century

Johanna Schoen, *Choice and Coercion: Birth Control, Sterilization, and Abortion in Public Health and Welfare* (UNC, 2005)

*Rickie Solinger, "Danger," from *The Abortionist: A Woman Against the Law* (California, 1996)

Class 8: The Homosexual War: World War II and Beyond

Heather Murray, *Not in this Family: Gays and the Meaning of Kinship* (UNC, 2010)

OR

Allan Berube, *Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II* (UNC 1990, 2010)

*Laura Mulvey, "Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema," from *The Sexual Subject: A Screen Reader in Sexuality* (Routledge, 1992)

*Andrea Weiss, "'A Queer Feeling When I Look at You,' Hollywood stars and lesbian spectatorship in the 1930s," from *Stardom: Industry of Desire* (Routledge, 1991)

Class 9: New Directions: Transcending Identity Histories & Questioning the category of "sexuality"

Laura Doan, *Disturbing Practices: History, Sexuality, and Women's Experience of Modern War* (University of Chicago 2013) ISBN 978-0226001616
[McKeldin ebook](#)

Susan Stryker, "The Transgender Studies reader "(De)Subjugated Knowledges: An Introduction to Transgender Studies" *The Transgender Studies Reader* (2007/08) ELMS

Valerie Traub, "Making Sexual Knowledge: Thinking Sex with the Early Moderns ," *Early Modern Women and Interdisciplinary Journal* vol 5 2010.

Class 10: Sex and Race in the 20th Century

Lakisha Michelle Simmons, *Crescent City Girls: The Lives of Young Black Women in Segregated New Orleans* (UNC, 2015)

*Danielle McGuire, "'It Was Like All of us Had Been Raped': Sexual Violence, Community Mobilization and the African American Freedom Struggle," *Journal of American History* V. 91, number 3 (2004), pp. 906-931

Patricia Hill Collins, *Black Sexual Politics*, (chapters)

Class 11: Reading Sex in the Late Twentieth Century

Kathy Davis, *The Making of Our Bodies, Ourselves: How Feminism Travels Across Borders* (Duke, 2007)

*Catherine MacKinnon, "Sexuality" and "Pornography: On Morality and Politics," from *Toward a Feminist Theory of the State* (Harvard, 1991)

Last Two Weeks: Papers and Presentations