

History 510:539 Women, Gender, Politics, and Everyday Life **Belinda Davis**
Colloquium in Women's and Gender History **bedavis@rutgers.edu**
Fall 2017 **732-932-6728 Van Dyck 101C**
Van Dyck 301 Weds. 1:10-4:10 **Ofc. Hrs.: Mon. 4:30-6 p.m. & by appt.**

****BOOKS ARE SET; remainder subject to revision and will be pared down!****

This colloquium is a core course for women's and gender history majors and an elective for women's and gender history minors; it is open to all interested graduate students. This semester, we will take up such questions as how is "politics" gendered, and does the gendering redefine what constitutes politics? What comprise issues specific to any gender, and what are the uses and pitfalls of a gendered approach to politics? In addition to/as opposed to any other identity? How have those of various gendered identities served as both agents and objects of political and social change? How and when has it been useful for women to act through women's groups versus through other types of organization/alongside other identities? What has been the relative importance of formally organized politics versus less formal strategies to effect political change, and what is the relationship between individual and collective strategies, on issues of gender and sexuality? What possibilities have existed for those other than cis males within formal political spheres, and what are the existing alternatives? What are the various relationships between everyday life and politics across time and place, and how can we best theorize them? The most important requirement for this course is timely completion of the reading assignments and participation in class discussions, including leading class discussion at least once. In addition, students will complete a review essay of the literature that constitutes a theme within the colloquium's broad topic.

Please purchase or otherwise obtain the following books:

- Afsaneh Najmabadi, *Women with Mustaches and Men without Beards: Gender and Sexual Anxieties of Iranian Modernity* (Berkeley: UCal Press, 2005)
- Jennifer Mittelstadt, *The Rise of the Military Welfare State* (Cambridge: Harvard UP, 2015)
- Lynn Thomas, *Politics of the Womb: Women, Reproduction, and the State in Kenya* (Berkeley: UCal Press, 2003)
- Mrinalini Sinha, *Specters of Mother India: The Global Restructuring of an Empire* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2006)
- Tani Barlow, *The Question of Women in Chinese Feminism* (Durham: Duke UP, 2004)
- Bonnie Anderson, *Joyous Greetings: The First International Women's Movement, 1830-1860* (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2001)
- Lisa Disch, *1970s Feminism*, Special Issue, *Southern Atlantic Quarterly* 114, 4 (Oct. 2015)
- Margaret Power, *Right-Wing Women in Chile: Feminine Power and the Struggle Against Allende, 1964-1973* (State College: Penn State Press, 2002)
- Joan W. Scott, *Parité!: Sexual Equality and the Crisis of French Universalism* (Chicago: UChgo Press, 2014)

Laura Kipnis, *Unwanted Advances: Sexual Paranoia Comes to Campus* (NY: Harper, 2017)

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Laurie Marhoefer, *Sex and the Weimar Republic: German Homosexual Emancipation and the Rise of the Nazis* (Toronto: Univ. of Toronto Press, 2015)

Kali N. Gross, *Colored Amazons: Crime, Violence, and Black Women in the City of Brotherly Love, 1880-1910* (Durham: Duke UP, 2006)

NB: some of these titles may be available for purchase only used, but they should all be easily obtainable. If you have any problem acquiring them, please let me know.

These titles have *not* been ordered into the Rutgers Bookstore, as most graduate students prefer to procure books on their own. As possible, please bring with you to class the book under discussion, whether hard copy or electronic. All readings outside of those above will be provided for you under the Resources tab of our class Sakai site.

Sept. 6 Introductory Session

Sept. 13 Sexing the Citizen

Afsaneh Najmabadi, *Women with Mustaches and Men without Beards: Gender and Sexual Anxieties of Iranian Modernity* (Berkeley: UCal Press, 2005)

Stefan F. Miescher, "Speaking Sensibly: Men as Elders in the 20C," *Making Men in Ghana* (Bloomington: IUP, 2005), 153-98

Dan Healy, "The 'Queer Subject' and the Language of Modernity," *Homosexual Desire in Revolutionary Russia: The Regulation of Sexual and Gender Dissent* (Chicago: UChicago Press, 2001), 190-225

Imy, Kate. "Queering the Martial Races: Masculinity, Sex and Circumcision in the Twentieth-Century British Indian Army." *Gender and History*. Vol 27. No. 2. (2015)

Judith Surkis, "Hymenal Politics: Marriage, Secularism, and French Sovereignty," *Public Culture* 22, 3 (Fall 2010), 531-58

Sept. 20 Relating to the State

Jennifer Mittelstadt, *The Rise of the Military Welfare State* (Cambridge: Harvard UP, 2015)

Catherine Kudlick, "'Disability' and 'Divorce': A Blind Parisian Cloth Merchant Contemplates his Options in 1756," in *Gendering Disability*, eds. Bonnie G. Smith/Beth Hutchison (New Brunswick: Rutgers UP, 2004), 134-44

Susan Pedersen, "Gender, Welfare, and Citizenship during the Great War," *American Historical Review* 1990 95(4), 983-1006

Christoph Sachße, "Social Mothers," in *Mothers of a New World: Maternalist Politics and the Origins of Welfare States*, eds. Seth Koven/Sonya Michel (NY: Routledge, 1993), 136-58

Sept. 27 Whose Right?

- Lynn Thomas, *Politics of the Womb: Women, Reproduction, and the State in Kenya* (Berkeley: UCal Press, 2003)
- Elena R. Gutiérrez, et al, "Roundtable: Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Justice," in *Frontiers* 34, 3 (2013), 102-25
- Diana T. Meyers, "The Rush to Motherhood: Pronatalist Discourse and Women's Autonomy," in *Signs* 26, 3 (Spring 2001), 735-73
- Mary Lyndon Shanley/Adrienne Asch, "Involuntary Childlessness, Reproductive Technologies, and Social Justice," in *Signs* (34, 4) 2009, 851-74

Oct. 4 "What Women Want"

- Mrinalini Sinha, *Specters of Mother India: The Global Restructuring of an Empire* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2006)
- Myra Marx Fereee, "'The Time of Chaos Was the Best': Feminist Mobilization and Demobilization in East Germany," *Gender and Society* 6, no. 8 (1994), 597-623
- Iris Berger, "Women's Rights: The Second Decolonization?" *Women in 20C Africa* (Cambridge: CUP, 2016), 151-75
- Nkiru Nzegwu, "O Africa: Gender Imperialism in Academia," in *African Women and Feminism: Reflecting on the Politics of Sisterhood*, ed. Oyèróniké Oyewùmí (Trenton: Africa World Press, 2003), 99-158

Oct. 11 Varieties of Feminism

- Tani Barlow, *The Question of Women in Chinese Feminism* (Durham: Duke UP, 2004)
- Bonnie Smith, Chie Ikeya, et al, "Feminism," in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, ed. Peter Stearns (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2008), 293-304
- Saba Mahmood, "Feminist Theory, Embodiment, and the Docile Agent," in *Cultural Anthropology* 16, 2 (2001), 202-36
- Michael Kimmel, "All Theory is a Drag: What Can Men Say About Feminist Theory?" in *Masculinity Studies and Feminist Theory*, ed J. Gardiner (NY: Col UP 2002), 1-30

Oct. 18 A First Wave: Women's Rights

- Bonnie Anderson, *Joyous Greetings: The First International Women's Movement, 1830-1860* (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2001)
- Kathryn Gleadle, "Revisiting *Family Fortunes*," in *Women's History Review* 16, 5 (2007), 773-82
- Nancy Hewitt, "From Seneca Falls to Suffrage? Reimagining a "Master" Narrative," in *No Permanent Waves*, ed. ibid (New Brunswick: Rutgers UP, 2010), 15-38

Oct. 25 A Second Wave: Women Wronged?

NB: Bonnie Anderson will speak at 4:30 p.m.; please plan on attending, if possible!

- Lisa Disch, *1970s Feminism*, Special Issue, *Southern Atlantic Quarterly* 114, 4 (Oct. 2015)
- Katharina Karcher, *Sisters in Arms: Militant Feminisms in the Federal Republic of Germany since 1968* (NY: Berghahn, 2017) **NB: available in PDF; short!**
- Agustín Laó-Montes, "Afro-Latin American Feminisms at the Cutting Edge of Emerging Political-Epistemic Movements," in *Meridians* 14, 2 (2016), 1-24

Rosalind Marsh, Women's Movements in Soviet Russia, in *Feminisms and Women's Movements in Contemporary Europe* (NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2000),

Nov. 1 Another Take: Women on the Right?

Margaret Power, *Right-Wing Women in Chile: Feminine Power and the Struggle Against Allende, 1964–1973* (State College: Penn State Press, 2002)

Annelise Orleck, "Housewives and Motherist Politics in the New Italy," in *The Politics of Motherhood*, ed. ibid/A. Jetter (Hannover: Dartmouth UP, 1997), 268-81

Adele Murdolo, "Warmth and Unity with All Women? Historicizing Racism in the Australian Women's Movement," *Feminist Review* 52 (Spring 1996), 69-86

Nov. 8 A Women's Place is in the House...and Senate (and Chambre des Députés)

Joan W. Scott, *Parité!: Sexual Equality and the Crisis of French Universalism* (Chicago: UChicago Press, 2014)

Belinda Davis, "The Personal is Political: Gender, Politics, and Political Activism in Modern German History," in *Gendering Modern German History: Rewriting Historiography*, eds. K. Hagemann/J. Quataert (NY: Berghahn, 2007), 107-27

Katie Weaver, "Feminism under Duress: Was the Thatcher Government Bad for the Women's Movement in the U.K.?" in *Women Leading Change* 1, 1 (106-15)

Nov. 15 Third Wave Feminism; Post-Feminism?

Laura Kipnis, *Unwanted Advances: Sexual Paranoia Comes to Campus* (NY: Harper, 2017)

Nancy Fraser, "Feminism, Capitalism, and the Cunning of History," *Fortunes of Feminism: From State-Managed Capitalism to Neoliberal Crisis* (London: Verso, 2013), 209-26

"Postfeminism and Pop Culture: Bridget Jones and the New Gender Regime," Angela McRobbie, in *Interrogating Postfeminism: Gender and the Politics of Popular Culture*, eds. Yvonne Tasker/Diane Negra (Durham: Duke UP, 2007), 27-39

Ednie Kaeh Garrison, "U.S. Feminism—Grrrl Style! Youth (Sub)Cultures and the Technologies of the Third Wave," in *No Permanent Waves*, ed. Nancy Hewitt (New Brunswick: Rutgers UP, 2010), 379-402

Nov. 22 NO CLASS

Nov. 29 Intersections: Gender and Labor

Ann Farnsworth-Alvear, *Dulcinea in the Factory: Myths, Morals, Men, and Women in Colombia's Industrial Experiment, 1905–1960* (Durham: Duke UP, 2000)

Brittney Cooper, "Intersectionality," *Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theory*, eds. Lisa Disch/Mary Hawkesworth (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2016), 385-406

Ruth Milkman, "The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Challenge to American Labor," in *The Sex of Class: Women Transforming American Labor*, ed. Dorothy Sue Cobble (Ithaca: ILR Press, 2007), .

Brown, Elsa Barkley. "'What Has Happened Here': The Politics of Difference in Women's History and Feminist Politics," *Feminist Studies* Vol. 18, No. 2 (Summer, 1992), pp. 295-312

Dec. 6 Intersections: Genders and Sexualities

- Laurie Marhoefer, *Sex and the Weimar Republic: German Homosexual Emancipation and the Rise of the Nazis* (Toronto: Univ. of Toronto Press, 2015)
- Maria Lugones, "Heterosexualism and the Colonial / Modern Gender System," in *Hypatia* 22, 1 (Winter 2007), 186-209
- Deborah B. Gould, "CHAPTER THIRTY-THREE: Education in the Streets: ACT UP, Emotion, and New Modes of Being," in *Counterpoints* (2012), 352-363
- Laura A. Harris, "*Queer Black Feminism: The Pleasure Principle*," in *Feminist Review* 54 (Autumm 1996), 3-30
- Becky Walker, "Imagining the Future of Lesbian Community: The Case of Online Lesbian Communities and the Issue of Trans," in *Continuum: Journal of Media & Cultural Studies* 23, 6 (December 2009), 921-935

Dec. 13 Disturbing Narratives

- Kali N. Gross, *Colored Amazons: Crime, Violence, and Black Women in the City of Brotherly Love, 1880-1910* (Durham: Duke UP, 2006)
- Danielle McGuire, "'It Was like All of Us Had Been Raped': Sexual Violence, Community Mobilization, and the African American Freedom Struggle," in *The Journal of American History*. 91, 3 (2004), 906-931
- Marisa Fuentes, "Power and Historical Figuring: Rachael Pringle Polgreen's Troubled Archive," in *Gender & History* 22 (Nov. 2010), 564-84
- Karsonya Wise, "Beyond Myths and Legends: Teaching Harriet Tubman and Her Legacy of Activism," in *Meridians* 12, 3 (2014), 196-218
- Adrienne Asch, "Critical Race Theory, Feminism, and Disability: Reflections on Social Justice and Personal Identity," in *Ohio State Law Journal* 62, 1 (2001), 391-424
- Temma Kaplan, "Staying Alive through Struggle," *Taking Back the Streets* (Berkeley: UCal Press, 2004), 15-39