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:


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


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**


Dan Healy, “The ‘Queer Subject’ and the Language of Modernity,” *Homosexual Desire in Revolutionary Russia: The Regulation of Sexual and Gender Dissent* (Chicago: UChgo Press, 2001), 190-225


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

**Sept. 20 Relating to the State**


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


**Sept. 27 Whose Right?**


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”**


Myra Marx Feree, "'The Time of Chaos Was the Best': Feminist Mobilization and Demobilization in East Germany," *Gender and Society* 6, no. 8 (1994), 597-623


**Oct. 11 Varieties of Feminism**


**Oct. 18 A First Wave: Women’s Rights**


**Oct. 25 A Second Wave: Women Wronged?**

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


**Nov. 1 Another Take: Women on the Right?**

**Nov. 8 A Women’s Place is in the House…and Senate (and Chambre des Députés)**
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?**
Nancy Fraser, “Feminism, Capitalism, and the Cunning of History,” *Fortunes of Feminism: From State=Managed Capitalism to Neoliberal Crisis* (London: Verso, 2013), 209-26

**Nov. 22 NO CLASS**

**Nov. 29 Intersections: Gender and Labor**
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
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
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