

History 72200
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Readings in Gender and Society in the U.S.

Preliminary Syllabus

Please note: Some of the readings may be changed in the final version

Assignments: Students will choose ***ONE*** book per week to read for class discussion. Alternatives will be assigned for those who have already read the assigned books. Students will also lead one or more class discussions, and write a 10-15 page proposal for a research project that will deal with some aspect of gender in American political, social, cultural or economic history. The proposal topics will be discussed in-mid-semester; the full proposals are due at the end of the semester.

The goal of this course is threefold: 1) to help students to prepare for their written and oral examinations; 2) to provide an overview of the ways in which historians have applied a gendered lens to American history; and 3) to bolster students' research, writing and analytical skills.

1. Introduction

2. The Social Construction of Gender

George Chauncey, *Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940* (New York: Basic Books, 1994). ISBN-10: 0465026214 \$16.75.

3. Political Culture

Susan Branson, *These Fiery Frenchified Dames: Women and Political Culture in Early National Philadelphia* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2001). ISBN-10: 0812217772 \$22.50.

-or-

Joanne Freeman, *Affairs of Honor: National Politics in the New Republic* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001). ISBN-10: 0300097557 \$15.07.

4. *Philanthropy and Civil Society*

Kathleen D. McCarthy, *American Creed: Philanthropy and the Rise of Civil Society, 1700-1865* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003). ISBN: 978-0226562018 \$32.91.

5. *Manifest Destiny, Borderlands and the West*

Amy Greenberg, *Manifest Manhood and the Antebellum American Empire* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015). ISBN-13: 978-0521600804 \$17.91.

Two to three page précis of proposal topic due, to be submitted to Professor McCarthy.

6. *The Civil War*

Stephanie McCurry, *Confederate Reckoning: Power and Politics in the Civil War South* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2013). ISBN-13: 978-0674064218 \$20.47.

-or-

Stephen W. Berry, *All that Makes a Man: Love and Ambition in the Civil War South* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004). ISBN-13: 978-0195176285 \$9.95 (Hardcover).

7. *Microhistory*

Timothy Gilfoyle, *A Pickpocket's Tale: The Underworld of Nineteenth Century New York* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2007). ISBN-13: 978-0393329896 \$18.95.

-or-

Patricia Cline Cohen, *The Murder of Helen Jewett* (New York: Vintage, 1999). ISBN-13: 978-0679740759 \$16.51.

8. *Money and Space*

Peter C. Baldwin, *In the Watches of the Night: Life in the Nocturnal City, 1820-1930* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012). ISBN-13: 978-0226269542 \$27.00.

-or-

Viviana Zelizer, *The Social Meaning of Money* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997). ISBN-13: 978-0691048215 \$11.45 (Used, Amazon).

9. Transnationalism and Foreign Policy

Kristin L. Hoganson, *Fighting for American Manhood: How Gender Politics Provoked the Spanish-American and Philippine-American Wars* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000). ISBN-13: 978-0300085549 \$24.00.

-or-

Kristin L. Hoganson, *A Consumer's Imperium: The Global Production of American Domesticity, 1865-1920* (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, 2007). ISBN-13: 978-0807857939 \$33.61.

10. Gender and Public Policy

Margot Canaday, *The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in Twentieth Century America* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994; 2011). ISBN-13: 978-0691149936 \$18.55.

-or-

Nancy F. Cott, *The Grounding of Modern Feminism* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1987). ISBN-13: 978-0300042283 \$27.00.

11. The New Deal

Blanche Wiesen Cook, *Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume 2: The Defining Years, 1933-1938* (New York: Penguin Books, 2000). ISBN-13: 978-0140178944, \$16.98.

-or-

Ira Katznelson, *Fear Itself: The New Deal and the Origin of Our Time* (New York: Liveright, 2014). ISBN-13: 978-0871407382 \$18.30.

12. Civil Rights, Political Culture and Race

Danielle L. Maguire, *At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape and Resistance* (New York: Vintage, 2011). ISBN-13: 978-0307389244 \$14.40.

-or-

Steve Estes, *I Am a Man!: Race, Manhood, and the Civil Rights Movement* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2005). ISBN-13: 978-0807855935 \$24.41.

13. The 1950s and Beyond

Joanne Meyerwitz, *How Sex Changed: A History of Transsexuality in the United States* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 20014). ISBN-10: 0674013794 \$23.08.

-or-

Robert O. Self, *All in the Family: The Realignment of American Democracy since the 1960s* (New York: Hill and Wang, 2012). ISBN-13: 978-0809095025 \$17.00.

14. Conclusion and Discussion of Full Proposals

Full draft of final proposal due May 19th

Viviana A. Zelizer, *The Social Meaning of Money: Pin Money, Paychecks, Poor Relief, and Other Currencies* (New York: Basic Books, 1994). ISBN-10: 0691048215 \$25.93.