

Sociology of Sex and Gender: Qualitative Approaches
SOCY 523/WGSS 623
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Course Description

This course provides graduate students with an introduction to major theoretical approaches to sex and gender, and it covers recent empirical research in key arenas, including work, family, and medicine. Readings have been selected to reflect a variety of qualitative research strategies, and we will devote a portion of every class to discussing methodological issues.

Requirements

Attendance and Participation, 20%

Weekly Memos, 30%

Memos are short summaries of each reading followed by your reactions to the material. Write one paragraph per article, or 2-3 paragraphs per book. Memos are due in the Assignments section of the Classes Server by 1pm on the day of class, and late memos will receive no credit.

Research Presentation, 10%

Short presentation on the topic of your final paper in Week 13

Final Paper, 40%

Discuss your paper topic with me by April 8th. Email your final paper by 4pm on Friday, May 6th with the subject line "Gender Final Paper." Papers should be 12-15 pages (not including bibliography), double-spaced with 1" margins written in Times New Roman, 12-point font. Late papers will be marked down one letter grade per day.

Readings

Books are on 2-hour reserve at the CSSSI. Book chapters and articles for the first week are available through Classes*V2.

Schedule

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: Sociological Theories of Sex and Gender

Fausto-Sterling, Anne. 2000. *Sexing the Body: Gender Politics and the Construction of the Body*. New York: Basic Books. Pages 1-29, 233-255.

West, Candace and Don Zimmerman. 1987. "Doing Gender." *Gender & Society* 1:125-51.

Butler, Judith. 1990. *Gender Trouble*. New York: Routledge. Preface and Chapter 1.

Ridgeway, Cecilia L. 2009. "Framed Before We Know It: How Gender Shapes Social Relations." *Gender & Society* 23:145-160.

Connell, RW. 1987. *Gender and Power*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Pages 183-188.

Connell, RW and James Messerschmidt. 2005. "Hegemonic Masculinity: Rethinking the Concept." *Gender & Society* 19:829-859.

Week 3: Intersections with Race, Class, and Sexuality

Glenn, Evelyn Nakano. 1999. "The Social Construction and Institutionalization of Gender and Race: An Integrative Framework" in *Revisioning Gender*, edited by M. M. Ferree, J. Lorber, and B. Hess. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Pages 3-43.

Collins, Patricia Hill. 2015. "Intersectionality's Definitional Dilemmas." *Annual Review of Sociology* 41:1-20.

Rubin, Gayle. 1993. "Thinking Sex: Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality." in *The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader*, edited by H. A. e. al. London: Routledge.

Gamson, Joshua and Dawne Moon. 2004. "The Sociology of Sexualities: Queer and Beyond." *Annual Review of Sociology* 30:47-64.

Week 4: Work

Schilt, Kristen. 2010. *Just One of the Guys? Transgender Men and the Persistence of Gender Inequality*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Week 5: Sex Work

Bernstein, Elizabeth. 2007. *Temporarily Yours: Intimacy, Authenticity, and Sexual Commerce*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Week 6: Service Work

Otis, Eileen M. 2011. *Markets and Bodies: Women, Service Work, and the Making of Inequality in China*. Stanford University Press.

Week 7: Work and Family

Blair-Loy, Mary. 2003. *Competing Devotions: Career and Family among Women Executives*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Week 8: Motherhood, Poverty, and Policy

Hays, Sharon. 2003. *Flat Broke with Children: Women in the Age of Welfare Reform*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Week 9: Family and Sexuality

Moore, Mignon. 2011. *Invisible Families: Gay Identities, Relationships and Motherhood among Black Women*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Week 10: Reproductive Technologies

Almeling, Rene. 2011. *Sex Cells: The Medical Market for Eggs and Sperm*. Berkeley: University of California Press. [ONLINE BOOK]

Week 11: Medical Research

Epstein, Steven. *Inclusion: The Politics of Difference in Medical Research*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [ONLINE BOOK]

Week 12: Health Inequalities

Shim, Janet. 2014. *Heart-Sick: The Politics of Risk, Inequality, and Heart Disease*. New York University Press.

Week 13: Final Presentations