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WS301.2
2:00-3:15 T/Th
Brooks 205

WS301: Intro to Women's Studies

Syllabus for Fall 1999



RCG= Race, Class & Gender, ed. Rothenberg, 4th ed.

FF= Feminist Frameworks

X = Xerox Book: Available at Campus Copy Shop

* = in-class handout

[] =supplemental reading

Basic Concepts, Language, Images, Media

1. Th, Aug 19 7: Intro to Course *Policy/Activities/Syllabus
2. T , Aug 24: Basic Concepts: RCG:
 - Miller, "Domination and Subordination," RCG, 73-9
 - Chafe, "Sex and Race: The Analogy of Social Control," RCG, 475-89
 - McIntosh, "White Privilege" RCG, 165-70
 - Wright, "Jim Crow," RCG, 23-32
3. Th, Aug 26: Racism and Sexism:
 - "The Social Construction of Differences" RCG, pp. 7-2
 - US Commission on Civil Rights, "The Problem: Discrimination" RCG 135-46
 - Mohr, "Anti-Gay Stereotypes," RCG, 458-65
4. T, Aug 31: Stereotypes and Language:
 - Snyder, "Self-Fulfilling Stereotypes," RCG, 452-58
 - Ryan, "Blaming the Victim" RCG 519-29
 - Cameron "Performing Gender Identity" (X)
5. Th, Sep 2: Stereotypes & Advertizing; Workshop on Magazine Analysis:
 - Sidel, "Mixed Messages," FF, 6-14
 - Steinem, "Sex, Lies and Advertising" (X)
 - Kilbourne, "The Spirit of the Czar" (X)
 - Things to Look for in an Ad; Magazine Analysis Assignment (X)
6. T, Sep 7: Body Image and the Media:
 - Rita Freedman, "The Myth in the Mirror"
 - Dworkin, "Footbinding" (X)
 - [● Brownmiller, "The Body" (X)]
 - [● Hesse-Biber, "Am I Thin Enough Yet?" RCG 489-97]
 - [Bartky, Sandra Lee, "The Feminine Body" (FF)]

Historical and Legal Perspectives

7. Th, Sep 9: How it Happened
 - How it Happened RCG 370-78
 - [● Indian Tribes, RCG, 378-83]
 - Ettelbrick, "Confronting Obstacles to Lesbian and Gay Equality" RCG 437-46
 - Griscom, "The Case of Sharon Kolawlski" 346-56
 - Chronology of Civil Rts. (X)

8. T, Sep 14: **Early Femnists:**
- Before the First feminists (X)
 - Seneca Falls, RCG, 390-4
 - Sojourner Truth (X)
 - Married Woman's Property Act (X)
 - Anti-Suffragists, RCG, 394-99
 - [Hole and Levine, "The First Feminists"] (X)
 - Landmarks in Women's Education (X)
 - "The Vassar Model" (X)
 - Quotations about Women's Health Issues in the 19th Century (X)
 - Pollock, "Gender, Justice, and Social Control" (X) (only first part up to 20th Century)
9. Th, Sep 16: **Film: Rosie the Riveter**
10. T, Sep 21: **Feminism in the 70's:**
- Roe v. Wade, RCG 434
 - The ERA, RCG 434
 - Handout on Chronology of 3rd Wave Feminism(X)
 - Excerpt from Faludi, Backlash, Chapter III (X)
 - the rest of Pollock, "Gender, Justice, and Social Control" (X)
11. Th, Sep 23: **Research and the Internet:** Discuss Research Project; Surf the Net looking at Women's Studies Sites; discuss reliability of sources. Begin discussing *Cloud 9*
 *****Attend performance of CLOUD 9 by Caryl Churchill, Brooks Center: Sep 23-6 *****
12. T, Sep 28: Caryl Churchill, *Cloud 9*
13. Th, Sep 30: Magazine Analyses

Life Choices: It s the Economy. . .

14. T, Oct 5: Magazine Analyses; Sklar, "Imagine a Country," 121-28. **Review for Midterm**
15. Th, Oct 7: **MIDTERM**
16. T, Oct 12: **Economic Sexism and Racism:**
- S.C. Statistical Abstract: Table of Wages, 1990
 - "Women Count--Count Women's Work" FF, 288-90
 - [Mantsios, "Class in America," RCG, 202-15]
 - "The Wage Gap," RCG, 234-8
 - Jensen, "Welfare: Exploding the Stereotypes" RCG 242-48
 - Newman, "What Scholars Can Tell Politicisns about the Poor, RCG 249-52
17. Th, Oct 14 :**Feminization of Poverty:**
- Pearce, "Fem of Poverty: Update" FF, 290-97
 - Weitzman, "The Divorce Law Revolution" (X)
 - Barbara Ehrenreich, "Nickeled and Dimed: On (not) Getting By in America" Harper's 1999.
 - ["The Trouble with Men." The Economist 1996.]
 - ["Tomorrow's Second Sex"] The Economist 1996.
 - Rosalind C. Barnett and Caryl Rivers. "The Myth of the Miserable Working Woman."
18. Th, Oct 21: **Film: It Was a Wonderful Life**
19. T, Oct 26: **Women and Third World Economies:**
- Ehrenreich and Fuentes, "Life on the Global Assembly Line" FF 359-66
 - Cynthia Enlow, "Bananas, Bases, and Patriarchy" FF, 261-270.
20. Th, Oct 28: Moody, Coming of Age in Mississippi

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22. Th, Nov 4: **Abortion and Birth Control as Economic Issues:**
- Katha Pollitt "Abortion in American History" (X)
 - "The Future of Roe V. Wade" (X)
 - Albelda, Randy, "Aborting Choice" FF 51-3
 - Hartman, "A Womb of One's Own" 424-30
 - Excerpt from Fire with Fire by Naomi Wolf on abortion as "Litmus Test" (X)

Institutional and Personal Violence Against Women

23. T, Nov 9: **Sexual Harassment:**
- Sexual Harassment Dates (X)
 - NCU materials on Sexual Harassment
 - Eason, Yla, "When the Boss Wants Sex" (FF)
 - Dzeich and Weiner, "The Lecherous Professor" FF
24. Th, Nov 11: **Rape:**
- Brownmiller, "Women Fight Back" (X)
 - Davis, Angela, "Rape, Racism, and the Myth of the Black Rapist" (FF)
 - Southerland, Mittie D. "Assaultive Sex: The Victim's Perspective." 1995.
 - South Carolina Sexual Assault Law (X)
25. T, Nov 16: **Relational Violence: Date Rape**
- Film on the Date Rape Controversy
 - A. Ayers Boswell and Joan Z. Spade, "Fraternities and Collegiate Rape Culture"
 - Statistics on Date Rape (X)
 - "Myths About Acquaintance Rape" (1988) from Robin Warshaw I Never Called It Rape (X)
 - Political Perspectives on Date Rape (X)
26. Th, Nov 18: **Relational Violence: Battering**
- Handout on Woman Abuse (X)
 - Golden, "Behind Closed Doors" (X)
 - Statistics on Woman Abuse (X)
 - Violence Against Women Chronology (X)
 - Domestic Violence on the Web (X)
 - Herman, Judith Lewis, "Incestuous Fathers and Their Families" FF, 395-412;
27. T, Nov 23: **Pornography: Film: Pornography: The Double Message**
- Steinem, "Erotica vs. Pornography" (X)

Thanksgiving Break

Controversies and Conclusions

28. T, Nov 30: **Difference Feminism; Victim Feminism vs. Power Feminism:**
- Sparks, "Changing Voices" (X)
 - Pollitt, "Are Women Morally Superior to Men?" (X)
 - Ellen Willis "Villains and Victims" (x)
- 29: Th, Th, Dec 2: **Overview: The Feminist Agenda** Review for Final
- Sidel, "Toward a More Caring Society" RCG 549-59
 - Jones, "Women of the Future" (X)