GSWS 316-4: DISCIPLINING SEX: FEMINIST SCIENCE STUDIES AND
SOCIOBIOLOGY (Breadth-Hum/Social Sci/Science)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Conceptualizations of sex have played a fundamental part in the development of evolutionary theories in biology and psychology. At the same time, feminist critiques of these conceptualizations have been a major factor in the development of Feminist Science Studies. The interactions amongst these three approaches are examined, including methodologies, communities of practice and societal implications.

This third-year course examines the development of Feminist Science Studies through the science of sex. Using feminist, queer, intersectional, anti-racist, post-colonial and indigenous perspectives, we will explore how the science of sex has informed practices pertaining to gender and sex identity, sexual orientation, reproductive technologies, medicine and healthcare, sports, incarceration, population health, race, and more. We will investigate why the science of sex followed some paths and not others; how the field of science studies been transformed by feminism and other related cultural shifts; and how some scientists offer alternative, critical ways of doing science. All these issues will be explored through a class where students will pursue an area of their interest pertaining to the science of sex.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS:
For more detailed information please see the GSWS website: http://www.sfu.ca/gsws/courses/Educational_Goals.html

COURSE TEXTS AND COURSEWARE:
Course texts will be available online, through Canvas or SFU library

COURSE EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS:
Attendance and Participation: 20%
Lab Notebook: 15%
Presentation: 15%
Project Proposal: 10%
Final Project Draft: 20%
Final Project: 20%


THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND WOMEN’S STUDIES ENCOURAGES CLARITY OF THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION AND GOOD WRITING. STUDENTS WILL BE EVALUATED ON THESE SKILLS IN ALL COURSES GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW POLICY T10.02 WITH RESPECT TO “INTELLECTUAL HONESTY,” AND “ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE” (WWW.SFU.CA/POLICIES/TEACHING)