GSWS 100-3: Sex Talk:
Introduction to Contemporary Issues in Sexuality Studies

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Course Description:
Students are introduced to major contemporary issues in sexuality studies through an exploration of how sex is portrayed, talked about, and evaluated in different media contexts. Topics covered include: an overview of sexuality theories; “pornification” and the sexualization of culture; new media and sexual publicity/privacy; cinema and sex; celebrity culture and sex scandals; popular journalism and narratives of sexual trauma; sexual identity and the new gender politics.

Learning Outcomes:
At the end of the course, students are expected to:
- demonstrate knowledge of contemporary perspectives on sexuality and culture
- participate intelligently in debates and discussion on sexual culture
- develop critical skills and research techniques to analyze how sex is talked about in contemporary culture, to what ends, and with what consequences
- develop capacity for intellectual curiosity and creative thinking

Course Texts and Courseware:
GSWS 100 Custom Courseware
Jackie Kay, *Trumpet*

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
Tutorial Attendance & Participation 20%
Mid-Term Exam 30%
Research Assignment 20%
Final Exam 30%

Prerequisite: Students who have completed GDST 200 may not complete this course for further credit.