GSWS 204-3: Sex and the City: Mapping Vancouver’s Moral Landscape

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Course Description:
What does sex have to do with the city? Taking Vancouver as our specific site of engagement for grounding analysis, discussion and assignments, this question will be explored in relation to city planning, gentrification, advertising, media, poverty, violence, pleasure, vice, transgression, illicit sexualities, citizenship, leisure, community, and gender norms.

The course begins with a groundbreaking text on the geographies of sexuality and will be supplemented by recent articles that take race and class further into account, and which foreground the city of Vancouver. Drawing upon feminist, anti-racist and queer theory, urban studies, geography, cultural studies and sociology, this interdisciplinary course explores how gender and sexuality are part of the contemporary city.

Course Texts and Courseware:
- GSWS 204 Custom Courseware Book. SFU Bookstore

Course Evaluation and Assignments:
Attendance and Participation 10%
Group Presentation 10%
In-Class Mid Term 25%
Mapping the City: Critical Observation Exercise and Write-up (5 Pages) 25%
Term Paper (10 Pages) 30%

Prerequisite: no prerequisites

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)