WOMEN'S STUDIES 303-3

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Evening Course

Special Topics: WOMEN AND THE LAW

Required Reading

Linda Dranoff, Women in Canadian Life: Law
National Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Wife Battering: The Vicious Circle
Lorenne Clark and Debra Lewis, Rape: The Price of Coercive Sexuality
Women at Work 1850-1930
Pocket Criminal Code of Canada
People's Law School
Labour Law
Civil Liberties

Reprint Package - to be purchased in class.

WEEK ONE
Lecture: Introduction

WEEK TWO
Lecture: The Right To Beat Your Wife
Reading: Wife Battering: The Vicious Circle
Film: Rule of Thumb

WEEK THREE
Lecture: Woman as Victim
Reading: L. Clark & D. Lewis, Rape: The Price of Coercive Sexuality, Criminal Code, s. 143
Film: This Film Is About Rape

WEEK FOUR
Lecture: The Desexualization of Rape
Reading: Clark & Lewis, Rape: The Price of Coercive Sexuality
Criminal Code, s. 244

WEEK FIVE
Lecture: The Right to Own Our Bodies
Reading: Criminal Code, ss. 251-252 Law, pp. 39-43
R. v. Morgentaler*

Items designated with an asterisk are in a reprint package to be purchased in class.
WEEK SIX

Guest Lecture: Pornography: Eroticism or Sadism
Reading: To be announced

WEEK SEVEN

Lecture: The "Crime" of Prostitution
Reading: L. Rotenberg, "The Wayward Worker", Women at Work "Women as Citizens", Law
R. v. Deborah Hutt *
Criminal Code, s. 195

WEEK EIGHT

Lecture: The Married Woman: Divorce
Reading: The Divorce Act of Canada *
"Woman as Wife", Law

WEEK NINE

Lecture: The Married Woman: Custody and Maintenance
Reading: The Divorce Act of Canada *
The Family Relations Act *
"Woman as Mother", Law

WEEK TEN

Lecture: The Married Woman: Property: Equality at Last?
Reading: "Property", Law
The Family Relations Act, Part 3 *
Murdoch v. Murdoch *
Russell v. Russell *
Sinclair v. Sinclair *
Brenner v. Brenner *
Treacher v. Treacher *

WEEK ELEVEN

Lecture: The Single Woman
Reading: "The Single Woman", Law
Family Relations Act, Part 2

WEEK TWELVE

Lecture: Human Rights Legislation
Reading: People's Law School, Civil Liberties
Canadian Bill of Rights *
Human Rights Code *
Lavelle v. Q. *
Gate v. Southam Pub. *
WEEK THIRTEEN

Lecture: Women and Unions
Reading: People's Law School Labour Law
C. Macleod, "Women in Production", Women at Work

Written Assignment

In addition to your participation in tutorials, you will be expected to complete one term paper. The length should be 15 to 25 pages. You should choose your topic in consultation with me. Since there is little adequate material available in this field, I welcome any original research you may wish to do.

Class participation will be worth 20%, and the term paper 80%.

Prerequisite: 60 credit hours or permission of the instructor.