SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY

Course: Criminology 870-3
Title: Selected Topics
(Women Crime and the State)

Semester: Spring, 1985
Instructor: Nanette J. Davis

DESCRIPTION:

This course considers how the state acts to construct female crime and deviance through legal, social, economic, professional, and criminal justice institutions. Transinstitutionalization is the key concept, and refers to the state strategy of shifting women from one control organization and institution to another. In this sense, female crime serves as merely one (albeit, important) access point for state intervention and control. Other institutional orders to be examined for their capacity to regulate women's lives in the context of state control include the dual labor market, welfare system, medical system, and the mental health system. Trends in the state processing of female offenders will be the central theme, and students will be asked to conduct field research to develop Canadian case examples of the processes described in class.

ASSESSMENT OF GRADES:

Grades will be based on individual seminar presentations and a research paper.

REQUIRED TEXTS:


Case materials and reserve library reading to be assigned.

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