SPRING SEMESTER 1987

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM: SFU

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LEC: T/R: 9:30-10:20
TUT 1: T: 10:30-11:20
2: R: 10:30-11:20

WOMEN’S STUDIES 200-3
WOMEN'S STATUS AND POWER IN CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

This course critiques western patriarchal conceptions of women's status and powerlessness by a comparative survey of women's productive and reproductive labour, as well as attitudes toward female labour, fertility and sexuality, in five technoeconomies ranging from foraging (gathering and hunting) societies like the !Kung in Africa to the aboriginal culture in Australia, through horticultural societies in New Guinea, agricultural societies in India and the Andes, pastoral societies in Uganda, and industrial societies in Western Europe.

REQUIRED BOOKS (available in paperback at the SFU Bookstore)

Tiffany, Sharon

Shostak, Marjorie
Nisa: The Life and Words of a !Kung San Woman Vintage

Bourque, Susan & Kay Warren

BOOKS ON RESERVE (4 hour loan)

Bell, Diane, Daughters of the Dreaming (Allan & Unwin, 1983)
Strathern, Marilyn, Women in Between: Female Roles in a Male World: Mount Hagen, New Guinea (Seminar Press, 1982)
Jeffery, Patricia, Frogs in a Well: Indian Women in Purdah (Zed Press, 1979)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Written report (500-1,000 words) on assigned reading 15% final grade
Oral report (10 minutes) on additional reading 15% final grade
Short paper (5-7 pages) due Thurs. Feb. 26 30% final grade
Second paper (7-10 pages) due Thurs. April 2 40% final grade