WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM

FALL 1990

MARY LYNN STEWART
Lec: Mon. 10:30-12:20
Lec: Wed. 10:30-11:20
Tut: Mon. 13:30-14:20
Tut: Mon. 14:30-15:20
Tut: Wed. 11:30-12:20
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W.S. 100-4

PERSPECTIVES ON WOMEN: AN INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

This course focuses on the lives of modern Canadian women, the choices they have, and what they are doing to expand their options. We consider recent scholarship on controversies such as:

1. Sexism in everyday life, or who talks most and what does that tell us about power relationships?
2. Nature or nurture, or the role of biology and socialization in gender differences.
3. Sexuality and the State, including abortion and reproductive technologies.
4. Why do women receive lower wages?
5. Does equality include housework?
6. Whither feminism?

REQUIRED READING

Atwood, Margaret, The Handmaid's Tale. (Bantam Seal, 1985)


Salamon, E.D. & B.W. Robinson, eds., Gender Roles, Doing What Comes Naturally? (Methuen, 1987)

ASSIGNMENTS

There will be two hours of lecture, one hour each of video/film and tutorial per week.

20% Tutorial Participation:
- Two short written comments on assigned readings early in semester (10%)
- Oral commentary on the assigned readings throughout the term (10%)

30% Short Essay (5-7 pages) due Week 10.
20% Mid-term Examination
30% Final Examination

THIS COURSE MAY BE APPLIED TO THE CERTIFICATE IN LIBERAL ARTS

TUTORIALS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES