WS 310-4 Special Topic: Women & Creativity: exploring feminist critiques of science and religion through women’s science fiction

WS 830-5 Selected Topics: Graduate Seminar I

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In this course, we will explore the ways in which women have used science fiction as a means to investigate the different relationships between science and religion, particularly to further social justice/care and sustainable community. After this course, you should have:

1. familiarized yourself with feminist approaches to the study of science and religion;
2. investigated different interrelationships between science and religion;
3. developed a basic understanding of the meaning of science and religion at different levels, including epistemology, methodology, community and relationship to society;
4. traced the connections between scientific and religious worldviews and value systems, and the understandings of social justice and care in society;
5. considered how definitions of self and other (through cultural relations of gender, race and class) interact with scientific and religious worldviews.

Required Reading

Course Requirements and Gradings:
Research paper (10-12 pages)  30%
Essay presentation  5%
Journal (3 assignments)  15%
Midterm test  25%
Narrative review (5-6 pages)  15%
Small group/other discussion/participation  10%

Students registered in the graduate section of this course will be required to complete extra work as assigned by the professor

Prerequisites:
60 credit hours

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