Informed by both feminist and postmodern theories, the literature concerning the history of sexuality now covers almost every time period, and every geographical region. This year, we will focus our attention on the history of sex work in the global west since the 1700s, with particular emphasis on the late 19th and into the 20th centuries. Beginning with the missing women from Vancouver’s downtown east side, and the Robert Pickton murder trial, we will start our semester-long investigation with the question: how could this have happened? This course will allow us to see how history can help to deepen our understanding of contemporary social issues, and will allow students to develop their own skills as critical thinkers, researchers, and writers.

Readings:
*Plus* courseware available on WebCt and through the library databases.

**Grading Scheme**

- Participation 20%
- Reading Questions 15%
- Paper Proposal and Annotated Bibliography 20%
- Research Paper 35%
- Peer Review 10%