Women's Studies Department

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W.S. 102-3 R

Introduction to Western Feminisms

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D1.00 Lec T 13:30-15:20 AQ 3149 (MLS)
D1.01 Tut T 15:30-16:20 AQ 5038
D1.02 Tut W 9:30-10:20 AQ 5019
D1.03 Tut W 10:30-11:20 AQ 5019
D1.04 Tut W 11:30-12:20 AQ 5019
D1.05 Tut R 11:30-12:20 ASB 9700
D1.06 Tut R 13:30-14:20 ASB 9703
D1.07 Tut R 14:30-15:20 ASB 9703
D1.08 Tut R 15:30-16:20 ASC 9703

This course addresses the following questions: What are Western Feminisms? When can we first see evidence of a feminist consciousness? What can we learn from medieval mystical feminists, early modern humanists (or educational) feminists, or eighteenth and nineteenth century female networks? What relationship do these early "protofeminists" have to the suffragettes at the turn of the century, or liberal, radical, or socialist feminisms of the 1960's and 1970's, or to lesbian and women of colour feminisms of the 1920's through the 1990's? How can we define our own feminist perspectives, while respecting the diversity of historical and contemporary feminist positions? What does a feminist position offer for the future?

REQUIRED READINGS:

Lerner, Gerda. The Creation of Feminist Consciousness From the Middle Ages to Eighteen-Seventy. (Oxford University Press, 1993).


ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING:

Tutorial Participation 15%
2 short (5 pages) papers (Due weeks 4 and 10) 20% each
(one on a feminist and the other on a feminist issue).
Mid Term Examination, Week 7 20%
Final Examination 25%

DESIGNATED CREDIT:

Students may apply to the Liberal Arts Department to obtain 3 lower division credits toward a Certificate in Liberal Arts.
Tutorial and Assignment Schedule  WS 102  Western Feminisms

Week 1: January 10 — 12
Introductions

Week 2: January 17 — 19
Reading assignment: Gerda Lerner, The Creation of Feminist Consciousness: From the Middle Ages to Eighteen-Seventy. (Oxford University Press, 1993). Chapters One through Three, pp. 3-64.

Week 3: January 24 — 26
Reading assignment: Lerner, Chapters Four through Six, pp. 65-137.

Week 4: January 31 — February 2
Reading assignment: Lerner, Chapter Seven, pp. 138-166.

Nb. FIRST SHORT PAPER DUE IN TUTORIAL

Week 5: February 7 — 9

Week 6: February 14 — 16
Reading assignment: Lerner, Chapters Eleven and Twelve, pp. 220-273.

Week 7: February 21 — 23
No Tutorial

 Nb. MID-TERM EXAM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, IN CLASS

Week 8: February 28 — March 2

Week 9: March 7 — 9
Reading assignment: Humm, Chapters Three and Four, pp. 51-121.

Week 10: March 14 — 16

 Nb. SECOND SHORT PAPER DUE IN TUTORIAL

Week 11: March 21 — 23
Reading assignment: Humm, Chapters Five and Six, pp. 122-180.

Week 12: March 28 — 30

Week 13: April 4 — 6
Reading assignment: Humm, Chapters Sixteen and Seventeen, pp. 367-401.

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Lecture Schedule

January 10: Definitions: Patriarchy, Feminism.
January 17: Goddesses, Saints, and Spiritual Feminisms, pre 1400.
January 24: Intellectual and Educational Feminisms in the Renaissance and Reformation (1400-1700).
January 31: Individualism and Feminism? The Enlightenment (18th Century).
February 7: Revolutionary Feminism? Condorcet, Olympe de Gouges, and Mary Wollstonecraft.
February 14: Romanticism and Free Love Feminism, 1830’s - 1840’s.
February 21: Mid Term Examination
March 7: Suffragettes and Suffragists, 1860’s - 1920’s/45.
April 4: Feminism Today