SEXUAL ECONOMICS
[Or, All the Feminist Arguments You Need to Win an Economic Debate]

Course Description
Economics is about values, wealth, power and money. It is also about sexual domination. How these issues are related will be part of this new and experimental course to explore and develop feminist analyses of the economic issues which affect the way we live.

The intent is to shape the course around three main themes:
1. to understand something about the cast-iron grip that conservative economic theory seems to hold over every economic issue.
2. to understand how a feminist approach could be different
3. to understand the debates on leading economic issues in Canada

Finally, the course will provide an opportunity to discuss ways in which men and women committed to a more equal society might think about economic strategies for change. This course is designed for feminists: students need not have taken courses in economics to succeed in this course.

Required Reading

Grant, John, Handbook of Economic Indicators. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1992

Recommended Readings (Students need not purchase these books. Selected articles from the books will be on reserve in the library.)

Feminist Economics [A quarterly journal]

Course Requirements and Grading Structure
Class participation 10%
Class presentation 10%
Short assignment (3 pages) 10%
Midterm test (on readings) 20%
Essay (12 pages) 25%
Final Exam 25%

Women’s Studies Graduate courses are offered in conjunction with undergraduate courses. Graduate students are requested to meet with the instructor to
discuss the increased workload and grading expectations.