WS 302-4: Special Topic: Intersexuality

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Course description and objectives
Are we born with a sex; are we given one; can we choose one – or none? Where does sex end and gender begin? How are we sexed, and who sexes us? Can sex be a verb and a noun? The goal is to examine intersexuality in an interdisciplinary fashion from various standpoints and intersections. Therefore, this course will include topics ranging from biological development of sexual organs, clinical 'management', media treatments of intersexuality, activism, how intersexuality is objectified in teaching, and gender theory among others. Note: This course is designed to meet the guidelines of 'Teaching Intersex', from the Intersex Alliance of North America.

Required Readings
- Alice D. Dreger. (1999). *Intersex in the Age of Ethics*

Grading and evaluation
10% Article presentations (5-10 min)
10% Active participation
20% Open-book quizzes
10% Activism
20% Paper (5-8 pgs)
10% Research Proposal (2 pgs)
20% Take-Home Final exam

Prerequisites: Six credits in Women's Studies including WS 101 and/or WS 102.

The Department of Women's Studies encourages clarity of thought and expression and good writing. Students will be evaluated on these skills in all courses given by the Department.