WS 301-3  Special Topic: Reproductive Autonomy  
WS 824-5  Graduate Seminar on Women and Social Policy  
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Course Description:
This course will examine historically how the state and society regulates reproduction. Issues that will be examined include patriarchy, the private/public sphere, ideology, medical model/social models of health, pregnancy, birth, midwifery, birth control, abortion, eugenics and reproductive technology. The criminalization/decriminalization of reproduction will be explored. Seminar topics will include historical and contemporary perspectives on: state regulation of reproduction, fetal rights, fetal neglect; maternal rights and paternal rights; the “criminalization of pregnancy” and maternal drug use. Ideology, social control, and race, class and gender, will be considered in relation to the regulation of reproduction. The regulation of reproduction will be examined from a Canadian perspective, although research and policy from the USA, and abroad, will be included to gain a global perspective.

Required Texts:


3. Reserved readings.

Course Evaluation:
The final grade will be determined as follows:

Participation: 10%  
Article review and presentation (4 pages) 20%  
Midterm exam 35%  
Term Paper (12 pages) 35%

Graduate component:  
Graduate student’s Article review and presentation will be 5 pages and a one page outline. The term paper will be 20-25 pages.

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.