

HIST 8810A: SEMINAR IN GENDER HISTORY
WST 8920C: SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES
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GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN MODERN BRITAIN

This reading seminar explores gender identities and relations, c. 1780-1918. Special attention is given to formations of femininity and masculinity; social class and separate spheres; women, race, and empire; subjectivity and sexuality; and the politics of suffrage feminism.

This syllabus provides a general plan for the seminar; deviations may be necessary. Members of the seminar are expected to be critical readers, writers, and discussants. It is understood that students will be honest about the written work they submit for credit, and that in turn the convenor will be fair in grading such work. The course grade is derived from one paper (60%) and participation (40%). Participation includes preparing discussion questions and co-chairing seminar meetings.

The seminar meets 4:45-7:30 PM Monday and Wednesday in 421-G. Office hours are 3:45-4:45 PM Monday and Wednesday and by appointment (404/231-7964) in 834-G.

BOOKS

- Jennifer DeVere Brody, *Impossible Purities: Blackness, Femininity, and Victorian Culture* (1998)
- Antoinette Burton, *Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women, and Imperial Culture, 1865-1915* (1994)
- Anna Clark, *The Struggle for the Breeches: Gender and the Making of the British Working Class* (1995)
- Leonore Davidoff and Catherine Hall, *Family Fortunes: Men and Women of the English Middle Class, 1780-1850* (1987)
- Sandra Stanley Holton, *Suffrage Days: Stories from the Women's Suffrage Movement* (1996)
- Lata Mani, *Contentious Traditions: The Debate on Sati in Colonial India* (1998)
- Clare Midgley, *Women Against Slavery: The British Campaigns, 1780-1870* (1992)
- Mary Poovey, *Uneven Developments: The Ideological Work of Gender in Mid-Victorian England* (1988)
- Judith Walkowitz, *City of Dreadful Delight: Narratives of Sexual Danger in Late-Victorian London* (1992)

MEETINGS, READINGS, ETC.

- 14 JUNE** **INTRODUCTION**
- 16 JUNE** **TBA**
- 21 JUNE** **THE MAKING OF THE ENGLISH MIDDLE CLASS**
Davidoff and Hall, *Family Fortunes*
- 23 JUNE** **TUTORIAL 1.1: COLONIAL DIFFERENCE**
Mani, *Contentious Traditions*
- 28 JUNE** **THE PROLETARIAT OF THE PROLETARIAT?**
Clark, *The Struggle for the Breeches*
- 30 JUNE** **TUTORIAL 1.2: COLONIAL DIFFERENCE**
Mani, *Contentious Traditions*
- 5 JULY** **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**
- 7 JULY** **ANTI-SLAVERY**
Midgley, *Women Against Slavery*
- 12 JULY** **TUTORIAL 2.1: METROPOLITAN HYBRIDITIES**
Brody, *Impossible Purities*
- 14 JULY** **EXPANDING SEPARATE SPHERES**
Poovey, *Uneven Developments*
- 19 JULY** **TUTORIAL 2.2: METROPOLITAN HYBRIDITIES**
Brody, *Impossible Purities*
- 21 JULY** **SEX WARS**
Walkowitz, *City of Dreadful Delight*
- 26 JULY** **TUTORIAL 3.1: IMPERIAL FEMINISM**
Burton, *Burdens of History*

28 JULY **VOTES FOR WOMEN**

Holton, *Suffrage Days*

2 AUG. **TUTORIAL 3.2: IMPERIAL FEMINISM**

Burton, *Burdens of History*

7 AUG. **PAPER DUE IN OFFICE (5:00 PM)**

9 AUG. **GRADES DUE TO REGISTRAR**