Sociology 6019 Gender I (Survey)
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Course Description

This is one of the ‘core’ courses in the Gender area. It is mostly a survey of the sociology of gender focusing on various ways of thinking about gender and recent research in key sub-areas of the field. There are many ways to organize a survey of the field. The comprehensive exam list is one way. Here I’ve given you another window into the field. I use the now widely accepted guiding principle of intersectional analysis and invite you to contrast different levels of intersectional analyses. Then, we will delve into what Raewyn Connell (1987:97) argues are “empirically the key structures of the field of gender relations”: labour, power and cathexis.

I have assigned, usually four, required articles or chapters a week. I also include recommended readings, which will be most useful for those who are taking the Gender Comprehensive Exam since they link the required readings to some of the broader conversations they are engaging. Reading them will help you use this class to begin to formulate ideas about the literature in conversation with others, and to craft your own approach. Where you see an * it denotes the reading is on the comprehensive exam list.

I have deliberately included both Canadian and international work and work by women of colour. I have also included both theoretical work and empirical exemplars, with more theory earlier in the course and more empirical work later in the course.

The required readings will be available on the Quercus website. There is one book we will read in entirety (Francisco-Menchevez) and another we will read 4 chapters from with several others recommended (Maynard). So you might want to purchase these books and both are available at Indigo.ca.

Course Components and Evaluation
Course requirements emphasize critical reading, thinking and writing. The aim is to help you gain a deep understanding of the readings, and develop your own insight into the readings including how it might, or might not, be useful in your own work.

**Class participation: 10%**

This class is run as a seminar that requires active student participation each week. I will provide context for the readings and connect them to broader conversations, but students should come prepared to discuss and evaluate the readings each week. Like most faculty, I am not an expert in all of these areas. In this class we will learn with and from each other. It is also important that we respect differing points of view to facilitate respectful discussion.

After the first week, one student will lead class discussion that week (possibly twice, depending on the size of the class). Your job that week will be to ensure that we cover the main argument and theory engaged, and to generate questions that prompt critical reflection and discussion.

Active participation in class discussion will be facilitated by weekly Reading Keys that will guide your active reading and thinking.

**Weekly Reading Keys: 2% per week for a total of 24%**

Each week, you will hand in a weekly Reading Key to encourage active reading and reflection. For the first week, you only need to do this for the Simpson reading. For subsequent weeks, you need to hand in a Reading Key for each of the assigned readings. These assignments will ask you to identify briefly the main question, theory engaged, with whom the author is in conversation, data, findings or argument, to reflect critically on the work, consider how it might be useful in your own work, and to generate a discussion question. See the template Reading Key on the Quercus website. Your Reading Keys should be submitted by the beginning of class each week, through the Quercus website.

**Short reflection paper: 20% See below for choice of due dates**

You will one short, 5-6 double-spaced page, critical reflection paper on intersectional analysis and how it is relevant to your own work. Pick one level of analysis to focus on and critically assess how scholars using this approach/level analyse intersecting inequalities. Your paper will be due the week the chosen level of analysis is discussed (so either Jan. 38, Feb. 4 or Feb. 11), before class on Quercus. Alternatively, you can hand in this paper at the end of reading week – Feb. 19 at 5pm. If you do hand in the paper after we have discussed the readings in class, you will be expected to incorporate relevant insights from class discussion into your paper.

**Review of (Sub)Field or Proposal 40% Due April 19 at noon (15-20 double spaced pages)**

**Option 1: Literature Review Article**

Pick one of the three empirical structures of gender that most interests you – labour, power or cathexis. Write a critical review paper that engages the required readings as well as some of the recommended readings, readings on the comprehensive exam, and/or other related literature. This paper should be in the style of an Annual Review of Sociology article in that it should
critically review a set of questions and debates in existing literature and propose directions for further research. If you would like to write about an area that is not reflected in the syllabus, come talk to me about it.

Option 2: Syllabus and Reflection on Comprehensive Exam Reading List
This assignment will required you to critically examine the most recent Comprehensive Exam Reading List and consider how to teach a survey of the field. Discuss what you would put on the Comprehensive Exam List, and what you would delete, and why. Then write an annotated syllabus for a gender survey course, with required readings as well as recommended readings linking to your preferred comprehensive exam.

Option 3: Research Proposal
Write a proposal for your dissertation research or MRP. The proposal should have a clear substantive/theoretical research question, a critical literature review, a well defined methodology and methods as technique sections that operationalize the substantive question. Before you choose this option, you should consult with your dissertation supervisor or department appointed advisor.

One memo and two meetings with me about your longer paper: 3% for memo, 3% for meetings
Write a one page, double spaced Memo outlining which paper option you will pick and, within the option, the direction you will take. For example, if you pick the literature review, identify which empirical structure you will address. If you pick the syllabus/comp. exam reflection identify your working critique of the existing list. If you pick the proposal, identify your research question and data. Due by March 26 at noon (or earlier).

You should meet with me before and after the memo. Email for an appointment.

Evaluation:
The class participation and weekly Reading Keys are marked on a pass/fail basis. All other assignments are marked on a quality scale by letter grades.

The class participation and weekly Reading Keys cannot be made-up since their intent is to generate fruitful class discussion. Note the flexible date on the short essay. If you foresee a problem with these due dates, talk to me early so we can come up with a plan.

Course Schedule and Class Format
This is a seminar with both student and faculty leadership and input. The first week of class, we will assign weeks to a student to lead the discussion. Discussion should focus on the main arguments of the assigned readings and critical evaluation of them. I will also provide context to the articles, often drawing on the recommended readings.
Course Schedule and Readings

*I recommend you read the readings each week in chronological order so you can see how later work is using, critiquing or extending earlier work.

**Week 1: January 14
Introduction to intersectional analyses of labour, power and cathexis**


Chang, Clio. “Taking Care of Each Other is Essential Work.” (Interview with Nancy Fraser). *Vice*.


**Recommended:**


**Week 2: January 21
Intersectional analyses: Black Feminist Thought, Anti-Racist Feminist Thought, Multiracial Feminism**

*Collins, Patricia Hill. 1990. Chapter 11 in *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness and the Politics of Empowerment*. London: Routledge. Also pick one short comment from the Symposium on the contributions of Patricia Hill Collins to discuss in class (articles by Higgenbotham, Choo, Baca Zinn, Moore, Yuval-Davis, Purkayastha, Bose) *Gender and Society* 2012 26 (1).*


**Recommended**


**Week 3: January 28**

**Intersectional analyses at the macro-structural level: patriarchy, capitalism, colonialism**


**Recommended**


*Armstrong, Pat and Hugh Armstrong. 1987. “Beyond Sexless Class and Classless Sex:
Toward Marxist Feminism” In The Politics of Diversity, ed. by Roberta Hamilton and Michele Barrett. Verso.


Week 4: February 4

Intersectional analyses of at the micro-interactional level: Doing gender, Doing Difference


Recommended:


**Week 5: February 11**

**Intersectional analyses at the meso-institutional level: organizations and social policies**


**Recommended:**


**READING WEEK: FEB. 15-19**

**Week 6: February 25**

**LABOUR I: CARE WORK and DIVISIONS OF LABOUR**


**Recommended:**


*Milkman, Ruth. 1987. *Gender at Work: The Dynamics of Job Segregation by Sex during World War II*. University of Illinois Press. [as much as you need to get the argument]


**Week 7: March 4**
LABOUR II: CARE LABOUR PROCESSES AND MEANINGS


*Lan, Pei-Chia. 2008. “Migrant women’s bodies as boundary markers: Reproductive crisis and sexual control in the ethnic frontiers of Taiwan.”* Signs 3,4: 833-861.


Recommended:


Week 8: March 11

POWER I: STATE VIOLENCE


Chapter 3 Pp 84-114. “Arrested Injustice: From the Streets to the Prison.”

Chapter 4 Pp. 119-127. “Law Enforcement Violence against Black Women: Naming Their Names, Telling Their Stories.”


Recommended:


Week 9: March 18

POWER II: CONTROL /REGULATION


Recommended:


**Week 10: March 25**

**CATHEXIS: Desire and erotic dimensions**


Recommended:


**Week 11: April 1**

**Care Work: Bridging Labour, Power and Cathexis I**


**Recommended:**


**Week 12: April 8**

**Care Work: Bridging Labour, Power and Cathexis II**

Other Policies and Resources

Academic Integrity Clause

Copying, plagiarizing, falsifying medical certificates, or other forms of academic misconduct will not be tolerated. Any student caught engaging in such activities will be referred to the Dean’s office for adjudication. Any student abetting or otherwise assisting in such misconduct will also be subject to academic penalties. Students are expected to cite sources in all written work and presentations. See this link for tips for how to use sources well: (http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize).

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By enrolling in this course, you agree to abide by the university’s rules regarding academic conduct, as outlined in the Calendar. You are expected to be familiar with the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/osai/The-rules/code/the-code-of-behaviour-on-academic-matters) and Code of Student Conduct (http://www.viceprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/publicationsandpolicies/codeofstudentconduct.htm) which spell out your rights, your duties and provide all the details on grading regulations and academic offences at the University of Toronto.

Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

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also understand that disabilities can change over time and will do our best to accommodate you.

Students seeking support must have an intake interview with a disability advisor to discuss their individual needs. In many instances it is easier to arrange certain accommodations with more advance notice, so we strongly encourage you to act as quickly as possible. To schedule a registration appointment with a disability advisor, please visit Accessibility Services at [http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as](http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as), call at 416-978-8060, or email at: accessibility.services@utoronto.ca. The office is located at 455 Spadina Avenue, 4th Floor, Suite 400.

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