

Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Spring 2024 Graduate Courses

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WGSS COURSE OFFERINGS

WGS 4500

Decolonial Feminisms

Decolonial feminisms consider how the combined social and political processes of racialization, gender dichotomization, and heteronormativity are entwined with the occupation and colonization of Turtle Island/the Américas and the emergence and maintenance of the U.S. settler state. This course will ask the questions: What is decolonization? What does it mean to decolonize feminism? What are the social, political, and theoretical commitments of various traditions of decolonial feminism(s) emerging from Native, Chicana, and Latinx resistance movements?

Ashley Mack

T/Th 12:00-01:20

WGS 4500

Female Friendships: Fictional and Critical Perspectives

Women have often been told that we are terrible at being friends because we are unkind and competitive in relation to each other. It is commonly assumed, moreover, that we will abandon our women friends for romantic relationships. "Female Friendship: Fictional and Critical Perspectives" will address these issues by engaging students in detailed readings of primary and secondary sources portraying friendships between two girls or women and requiring that they think analytically about the ways the authors studied characterize female friendships.

Kate Jensen

T/Th 03:00-04:20

WGS 4500

Foucault's History of Sexuality

This course takes as its point of departure the first volume of French philosopher Michel Foucault's *History of Sexuality* (along with two recently published lectures). We will consider his critiques of the science of sex of his day and his analyses of how this scientific knowledge informed the political and social institutions of his day. Following Georges Canguilhem and more recently Arnold Davidson, we will try to understand Foucault's project as articulating a novel "historical epistemology" with important consequences not only for our understanding of ab/normality and sexuality, but also scientific knowledge and concept formation more generally.

Deborah Goldgaber

W 03:00-05:50

7000 Level Elective Courses

ELRC 7290

Educational Research Methodology Case Study Topics

The focus of this class is to engage in an in-depth exploration of case study design through readings, discussion, reflection, exploration of published research, and structured activities in a seminar format.

Margaret-Mary Sulentic Dowell

Th 4:30-7:30