

**Women Studies**  
**Spring 2007**  
**Course Schedule**

**WOMEN 200 A Introduction to Women Studies (5) (T TH 10:30-12:20)** *Instructor: Kristy Leissle* Feminist analysis of the construction and enforcement of gender differences and gender inequalities in various contexts. Emphasis on the intersection of race, class, sexuality, and nationality in the lives of women. Topics include feminist theory, motherhood, popular culture, sexual autonomy, racism, and activism in the United States, Asia, Latin America.

**WOMEN 200 B Introduction to Women Studies (5) (M W 2:30-4:20)** *Instructor: Sydney Lewis* See description above.

**WOMEN 290A Native North American Women (5) (M W 1:30-3:20)** *Instructor: Mary C. Wright* Indian women in the social structure; historical and contemporary roles; changes in male-female relationships; problems and opportunities of contemporary women; the feminist movement and Indian rights.

**WOMEN 310 Women and the Law (5) (T TH 9:30-11:20)** *Pat Novotny* Examines how law addresses women, how the courts have made attempts to address women of color, poor women, lesbians, and women with disabilities. Topics include constitutional construction of equality, employment discrimination, reproductive rights, regulation of sexuality, families and motherhood, sexual harassment, violence against women and international women and human rights.

**WOMEN 321 (5) History of Afro-American Women and the Feminist Movement (M W 2:30-4:20)** *Mae Henderson* "Feminist Movement" from early nineteenth century to present. Treats relationship between Black and White women in their struggle for independence, at times together and at times apart. Discusses the reasons, process, and results of collaboration as well as opposition. Examines recent and contemporary attempts at cooperation. Offered: joint with AFRAM 321.

**WOMEN 322 Race, Class and Gender (5) (T TH 1:30-3:20)** *Zakiya Adair* The intersection of race, class, and gender in the lives of women of color in the United States from historical and contemporary perspectives. Topics include racism, classism, sexism, activism, sexuality, and inter-racial dynamics between women of color groups.

**WOMEN 323 History of Racial Formation in the United States: 1800-1990 (5) (M-F 9:30-10:20)** *Shirley Yee* Traces the development of the concept of race in the United States from the nineteenth century to the late twentieth century. Specific topics include paid and unpaid labor, media, reproduction, migration, social activism, and the processes of identity and community formation.

**WOMEN 333 Gender and Globalization: Theory and Process (5) (T TH 10:30-12:20)** *Serena Maurer* Theoretical, historical, and empirical analysis of how current processes of globalization are transforming the actual conditions of women's lives, labor, gender ideologies, and politics in complex and contradictory ways. Topics include feminist exploration of colonialism, capitalism, economic restructuring policies, resistance in consumer and environmental movements. Offered: jointly with SIS 333.

**WOMEN 357 Psychobiology of Women (5) (T TH 9:30-11:20) Nancy Kenney**

Physiological and psychological aspects of women's lives: determinants of biological sex; physiological and psychological events of puberty, menstruation, and menopause; sexuality; pregnancy, childbirth; the role of culture in determining the psychological response to the physiological events. Recommended: PSYCH/WOMEN 257. Offered: jointly with PSYCH 357.

**WOMEN 427 A Women and Violence (5) (M W 1:30-3:20) Angela Ginorio** Multi-disciplinary explorations of the continuum of violence which affects women's lives, ranging from experience in personal settings (family violence) to cultural or state policies (prisons, wars). Violence against women explored in the context of societal, political, and state violence. Recommended: WOMEN 200.

**WOMEN 427 B Women and Violence (5) (T TH 4:30-6:20) Angela Ginorio** See description above. Recommended: WOMEN 200.

**WOMEN 438 Jewish Women in Contemporary America (5) (T TH 12:30-1:50) K.**

*Friedman* Examines how Jewish women's identities are socially constructed and transformed in contemporary America, using social histories, memoirs, and ethnographies to analyze scholars' approaches to Jewish women's lives. Topics include the role of social class, religion, migration, the Holocaust, and race relations in Jewish women's lives. Offered: jointly with SISJE 438.

**WOMEN 456 Feminism, Racism, and Anti-Racism (5) (T TH 9:30-11:20) Rebecca**

*Aanerud* Examines meaning of racism and feminism in women's lives in an international context. Building upon an analysis of racial hierarchies and institutionalized racism, explores strategies used by women engaged in feminist and anti-racist activism. Prerequisite: WOMEN 200.

**WOMEN 459 (5) Gender Histories of Modern China, 18th to 20th Centuries (T TH 11:30-**

**1:20) Tani Barlow** Emergence of modernist social, political, intellectual gender formations in social activism, revolutionary writing, scientific ideologies, economic globalization. Stresses gender difference in colonial modernity, revolutionary movement, communism, post-socialist market society. Relates modern Chinese women to global flows, new division of labor, local and regional experience. Offered: jointly with HSTAS 459.

**WOMEN 494 Women Studies Capstone (5) (M W 1:30-3:20) Serena Maurer** Provides

graduating seniors with the opportunity to demonstrate facility with writing, critical thinking, documentation of scholarly work, research/gathering of information, and the ability to disseminate ideas to intended audiences via the creation of a capstone project.

**WOMEN 503 Feminist Research and Methods of Inquiry (5) (M W 1:30-3:20) Sasha**

*Welland* Explores appropriate research methodologies for interdisciplinary work. Asks how scholarship is related to feminism as a social movement and to the institutions in which we work. Focuses on how similar objects of study are constituted in different disciplines for feminist scholars.