

UCSC FEMINIST STUDIES GRADUATE SEMINARS 2008 - 2009

FALL 2008

Hist Con	217A	Topics in Feminist Theories	D. Haraway
Lit Modern	219	Feminist Theories/Historical Perspectives	C. Freccero

WINTER 2009

Feminist Stu	214	Feminist Science Studies	K. Barad
Feminist Stu	264	Idea of Africa (x-listed as Hist Con 264)	G. Dent
Sociology	249	Feminism and Cultural Politics	J. Bettie
Sociology	264	Science, Technology, and Medicine	J. Reardon

SPRING 2009

Feminist Stu	232	Topics in Postcolonial Studies	A. Arondekar
History	204A	History of Gender Research Seminar	M. Westerkamp

Course Descriptions (Enrollment limited to 15 graduate students.)

Feminist Studies

214. Feminist Science Studies. W
Examines feminist science studies. Topics will vary and may include: the joint consideration of science studies and poststructuralist theory; the relationship between discursive practices and material phenomena; and the relationship between ontology, epistemology, and ethics.
K. Barad

232. Postcolonial Studies. S
Variable topics that could include postcolonial approaches to questions of epistemology and knowledge production, theories of nationalism and nation-state formation, subaltern historiography, analyses of modernization and developmental theory, postcolonial approaches to globalization, and transnationalism. Significant component of feminist contributions to these literatures.
A. Arondekar

264. Idea of Africa. W
Examines the position of Africa in cultural studies and the simultaneous processes of over- and under-representation of the continent that mark enunciations of the global and the local. Themes include defining diaspora, the West as philosophy, and Africa in the global economy. (Also offered as History of Consciousness 264. Students cannot receive credit for both courses.)
G. Dent

History

204A. History of Gender Research Seminar. S
Introduction to theories and methods employed in gendered historical research. Readings are drawn from a range of chronological, national, and thematic fields and explore the intersection of gender analysis with such historical problems as the body and sexuality, modernity, national identity, and production/consumption.
M. Westerkamp

History of Consciousness

217A. Feminist Theories. F
Studies in the theory and history of feminist consciousness; analysis of the main areas of a specifically feminist interest; determination of the theoretical bases for a distinctively feminist perspective on the principal problems of the life and human sciences; examination of relations of class, race, and gender in feminist theory and practice. May be repeated for credit.
D. Haraway

Literature - Modern

219. Feminist Theories/Historical Perspectives. F
A reciprocal, critical investigation of the concerns and debates raised by contemporary gender theories (feminist, gay, and lesbian) on the one hand, and

various historically specific texts and contexts, on the other.
C. Freccero

Sociology

249. Feminism and Cultural Politics. W
Focuses on the role feminist discourses play in contemporary cultural politics with the main focus on the politics of sex, sexuality, and sex work. Begins with considerations of (mis) representations of feminisms in popular cultures; considers the relationship between academic and popular feminisms; and interrogates the meaning of terms post-feminism and third-wave feminism.
J. Bettie

264. Science, Technology and Medicine. W
Explores social and cultural perspectives on science, technology, and medicine. Analyzes theoretical approaches that open up "black boxes" of scientific and biomedical knowledge, including the politics of bodies, objects, and health/illness. Links are made to medical sociology.
J. Reardon