

The University of Western Ontario

Department of History

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HIST 2181A

Sexual History: Expression, Regulation, and Rights in the West since 1800

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Not solely a biological expression that is static and fixed, sexuality is ever-changing, and has a dynamic and vibrant history. This half-credit lecture course will examine the history of sexuality from the nineteenth century to the present day. It will investigate sexual desire and behavior, and sexual and gender ideologies, and will explore how they relate to a variety of topics, including perceptions of the body, marriage, reproduction, prostitution, same-sex relations, pornography, disease, and religious, medical and psychiatric intervention. All of these issues will be studied to underscore the concept that sexuality, along with connected notions of masculinity and femininity, are largely social constructions, and have been the object of intense social scrutiny and political regulation.

REQUIRED READINGS:

(available for purchase in the university bookstore; also available on two-hour reserve in Weldon Library)

Clark, Anna, ed. *The History of Sexuality in Europe: A Sourcebook and Reader*. New York: Routledge, 2011.

Peiss, Kathy, ed. *Major Problems in the History of American Sexuality: Documents and Essays*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2002.

The online articles cited below.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

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| Test 1 | October 17, 2016 | 25% |
| Test 2: | November 14, 2016 | 35% |
| Final Exam: | December 2016, TBA | 40% |

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students should be able to:

analyze the ways in which gender and sexuality are socially constructed, and thus vary over time, place, class, and cultures.

examine the ways in which the history of sex and sexuality intersect with other historical trends and movements.

explore the ways in which discourses about sex and sexuality have often been used as a tool of oppression, and as a way to promote the status quo.

PLEASE NOTE:

During all lectures, videos, and class breaks, the recreational use of lap-tops (web browsing, emailing, etc.), as well as the use of all wireless handheld devices (cell phones, etc.), is not permitted in the classroom.

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LECTURE SCHEDULE:

SEPTEMBER 12 – Introduction: Theories of Sexuality

Clark: "Introduction," 1-12

Peiss: Jeffrey Weeks, "The Social Construction of Sexuality," 2-9

SEPTEMBER 19 – Background, Part 1: The Christian Foundations of Sexuality

Vern L. Bullough, "Sex Education in Medieval Christianity," *The Journal of Sex Research*, 13, 3 (August 1977), 185-196

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3811777>

SEPTEMBER 26 – Background, Part 2: The Scientific Evolution of Sexuality

Clark: 95-97

Karen Harvey, "The Century of Sex? Gender, Bodies, and Sexuality in the Long Eighteenth Century," *The Historical Journal*, 45, 4 (December 2002): 899-916

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3133533>

OCTOBER 3 – NO CLASS (ROSH HASHANAH)

OCTOBER 10 – NO CLASS (THANKSGIVING)

OCTOBER 17 – TEST 1; Class, Race, and Victorian Ideology; The Popularity of "Female Friendships"

Clark: 115-17

Clark: "The Long Sexual Revolution: English Women, Sex, and Contraception 1800-1975," 118-29

Peiss: Nancy F. Cott, "Passionless: An Interpretation of Victorian Sexual Ideology, 1790-1850," 131-41

Peiss: Brenda E. Stevenson, "Slave Marriage and Family Relations," 159-73

Clark: 141-43

Clark: Sharon Marcus, "Between Women: Friendship, Desire, and Marriage in Victorian England," 144-55

Peiss: 187-88

Peiss: Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, "The Female World of Love and Ritual," 201-14

OCTOBER 24 - The Causes of Urban, Middle-Class Reformers

1. Obscenity and Censorship

Peiss: 238-39

Peiss: Jesse F. Battan, "The Word Made Flesh': Language, Authority, and Sexual Desire in Late Nineteenth-Century America," 252-64

2. Prostitution and Venereal Disease

Clark: 161-63

Clark: Philippa Levine, "Prostitution, Race and Politics: Venereal Disease and the British Empire," 164-?

3. Eugenics and Reproduction

Peiss: 308-09

Peiss: Molly Ladd-Taylor, "Eugenics, Sterilization, and Social Welfare," 327-36

OCTOBER 31 – Homosexuality, Heterosexuality, and the Rise of Sexologists

Peiss, 337-38

Peiss: George Chauncey, Jr. "Gay Men's Strategies of Everyday Resistance," 357-65

Clark: 183-85

Clark: Harry Oosterhuis, "Stepchildren of Nature: Krafft-Ebing, Psychiatry, and the Making of Sexual Identity," 186-97

Peiss: Jonathan Ned Katz, "The Invention of Heterosexuality," 348-56

NOVEMBER 7 – Sexuality, Nationalism, and the State

Jeff Vacante, "Writing the History of Sexuality and "National" History in Quebec," *Journal of Canadian Studies*, 39 (2005): 31-55

http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_canadian_studies/v039/39.2vacante.html

Robert G. Waite, "Teenage Sexuality in Nazi Germany," *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 8 (January 1998): 434-76

Peiss: David Harley Serlin, "Christine Jorgensen and the Cold War Closet," 384-93

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3704872>

**NOVEMBER 14 – TEST 2; Women’s Rights, Gay Rights, and the “Sexual Revolution”
in the 1960s and 70s (Part 1)**

Clark: 295-96

Clark: Lynn Walter, "The Redstocking Movement: Sex, Love, and Politics in 1968," 297-

316

**NOVEMBER 21 - Women’s Rights, Gay Rights, and the “Sexual Revolution” in the
1960s and 70s (Part 2)**

Peiss: 405

Peiss: David Allyn, "Fomenting a Sexual Revolution," 423-31

Peiss: Marc Stein, "Sex, Politics in the City of Brotherly Love," 431-43

NOVEMBER 28 – Global Protest in the 1980s and 90s (and today)

1. HIV/AIDS

Peiss: 460

Peiss: Ronald Bayer, "AIDS and the Bathhouse Controversy," 471-83

2. Female Circumcision

Clark: 233-35

Clark: Bodil Folke Frederiksen, "Jomo Kenyatta, Marie Bonaparte and Bronislaw Malinowski on Clitoridectomy and Female Sexuality," 236-51

3. Wartime Rape

Jonathan Gottschall, "Explaining Wartime Rape," *The Journal of Sex Research*, 41, 2 (May 2004): 129-36

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3813647>

Claudia Card, "Rape as a Weapon of War," *Hypatia*, 11, 4, *Women and Violence* (Autumn 1996): 5-18

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3810388>

DECEMBER 5 - Transgendered Lives; Asexual Lives; The New Hypersexuality?

Patricia Gagné and Richard Tewksbury, "Conformity Pressures and Gender Resistance among Transgendered Individuals," *Social Problems*, 45, 1 (February 1998): 81-101

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3097144>

Sam Bullington, "Transgendered Feminist Body Issues," *Off Our Backs*, 34, 11/12 (November-December 2004): 34-36

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/20838217>

Karli June Cerankowski and Megan Milks, "New Orientations: Asexuality and Its Implications for Theory and Practice," *Feminist Studies*, 36, 3 (Fall 2010): 650-664

<http://www.jstor.org.proxy1.lib.uwo.ca/stable/27919126>

Mark Griffiths, "Sex on the Internet: Observations and Implications for Internet Sex Addiction," *The Journal of Sex Research*, 38, 4 (November 2001): 333-42

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/3813457>

Heather Hartley and Leonore Tiefer, "Taking a Biological Turn: The Push for a "Female Viagra" and the Medicalization of Women's Sexual Problems," *Women's Studies Quarterly*, 31, 1/2 (Spring-Summer 2003): 42-54

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/40004551>