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CSB 002

Sociology 118: Sociology of Gender

This course examines the social construction of gender. During the first two weeks we will explore the meaning of gender and the analytic framework of social constructionism. The remainder of the course focuses on the reproduction of gender on both the individual and the structural levels in contemporary American society. Topics covered include cultural images and the media production of gender; beauty and the body; interpersonal behavior; and rape. We then turn to the worlds of paid and unpaid labor by analyzing gender and the labor force as well as work in the home. The last two weeks of the course we discuss the effects of globalization on gender in the work force, at home, and in terms of sexual trafficking. We conclude by considering the future of gender. Throughout the class we will examine the construction of both masculinity and femininity as well as the intersection of gender with race and class.

Course Requirements

Students are expected to complete all assigned readings each week and to attend all lectures. It is very important that you take notes on all lecture material as well as the readings. The assigned readings average fifty pages per week, ranging from 25-85 pages, depending on the week. **Class attendance** is expected. Come to class having already completed the readings assigned for that week and prepared to participate. Class discussion and questions are encouraged. Also, **please turn off your cell phones** before the lecture begins.

The written requirements for this class are an **in-class midterm exam on Wednesday, October 21** which is worth 35% of your grade and an **in-class final exam on Monday, December 7 from 11:30-2:30** which is worth 65% of your grade. You will be tested on all of the course materials, including lectures, readings, and the content of films and speakers. **There will be no extensions or make-up exams given for these exams.**

All readings are available in a course reader at Cal Copy; the course reader is also on reserve at Geisel Library.

PLEASE NOTE: POLICY ON ACADEMIC DISHONESTY. You should familiarize yourself with the University's policy on integrity of scholarship. Among its key points: all academic work is to be done by the student to whom it is assigned, without unauthorized aid of any kind on either in-class or take-home exams. The question has arisen in the past of the degree of collaboration among students that is allowed in preparing for these exams. Collaboration in studying is allowed; collaboration in writing is not. All written work for this class must be completely your own work. Work submitted by two or more students that is substantially the same will not be accepted and, if the violation is considered serious, will be treated as academic dishonesty, constituting grounds for a grade of F in this course and will be

referred to the college for administrative action. The same is true of all forms of dishonesty on in-class exams as well as the use of the internet for any written work for this class. **According to university policies, plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty will result in a failing grade for the course and may lead to dismissal from the university.**

Course Schedule

Week of September 28: Nature vs. Nurture; Socialization

NOTE: There will be no class held on Monday, September 28.

Suzanne Kessler, "The Medical Construction of Gender" in Feminist Frontiers, 7th ed., Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, Leila Rupp, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 56-70.

Cynthia Fuchs Epstein, "Similarity and Difference: The Sociology of Gender Distinction" in The Meaning of Difference, 3rd ed., Karen Rosenblum and Toni-Michelle Travis, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2003: 117-125.

Patricia Hill Collins, "Toward a New Vision: Race, Class, and Gender as Categories of Analysis and Connection" in The Kaleidoscope of Gender, Joan Spade and Catherine Valentine, eds. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2004: 83-89.

Eleanor E. Maccoby, "The Socialization Component" in Masculinities: Interdisciplinary Readings, Mark Hussey ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2003: 57-68.

Paul Kivel, "The Act-Like-a-Man Box" in Men's Lives, 7th ed., Michael Kimmel and Michael Messner, eds. Boston: Allyn and Bacon: 148-150.

Lois Gould, "X: A Fabulous Child's Story" in Masculinities: Interdisciplinary Readings, Mark Hussey ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2003: 46-52.

Week of October 5: Social Constructionism

Candace West and Don H. Zimmerman, "Doing Gender" in Public and Private Families, 5th ed., Andrew J. Cherlin, ed. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2008: 47-56.

Karen Pyke and Denise Johnson, "Asian American Women and Racialized Femininities: "Doing" Gender Across Cultural Worlds," Gender & Society Vol. 17 No. 1 (February 2003): 33-53.

Michael Kimmel, "Masculinity as Homophobia: Fear, Shame, and Silence in the Construction of Gender Identity" in The Masculinities Reader, Stephen Whitehead and Frank Barrett, eds. Malden, MA: Blackwell Press, 2001: 266-287.

Michael Messner, "Barbie Girls versus Sea Monsters: Children Constructing Gender" in Men's Lives, 6th ed, Michael Kimmel and Michael Messner, eds. Boston: Allyn and Bacon: 87-102.

Barrie Thorne, "Girls and Boys Together...But Mostly Apart: Gender Arrangements in Elementary School" in Masculinities: Interdisciplinary Readings, Mark Hussey ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2003: 79-91.

Susan Jane Gilman, "klaus barbie, and other dolls i'd like to see" in Women: Images and Realities: A Multicultural Anthology, 4th ed. Amy Kesselman, Lily McNair, and Nancy Schniedewind, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill 2008: 72-75.

Week of October 12: Media and Cultural Images

Yen Le Espiritu, "The Racial Construction of Asian American Women and Men" in Mapping the

Social Landscape, 3rd ed., Susan Ferguson, ed. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Co., 1996: 350-362.

Cynthia Lont, "The Influence of the Media on Gender Images," in Gender Mosaics, Dana Vannoy, ed. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing Co., 2001: 114-122.

Pat Kirkham and Alex Weller, "Cosmetics: A Clinique Case Study" in The Gendered Object, Pat Kirkham, ed. New York: Manchester University Press, 1996: 196-203.

Lance Strate, "Beer Commercials: A Manual on Masculinity," in Men's Lives, eds. Michael Kimmel and Mischael Messner. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1995: 505-514.

Johnnetta Cole and Beverly Guy-Sheftall, "No Respect: Gender Politics and Hip-Hop" in Women: Images and Realities, 4th ed., 2008: 99-105.

Recommended websites: www.about-face.org

www.jeankilbourne.com

www.womedia.org

www.guerillagirls.com

Week of October 19: Beauty and the Body

Wednesday, October 21: In-Class Midterm Exam

Sharlene Hagy Hesse-Biber, The Cult of Thinness, 2nd ed. New York: Oxford University Press: chapters 7 and 8.

Eugenia Kaw, "'Opening' Faces: The Politics of Cosmetic Surgery and Asian American Women," in Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life, ed. David M. Newman. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 2000: 315-329.

Susan Bordo, "Does Size Matter?" in Masculinities: Interdisciplinary Readings, Mark Hussey ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2003: 42-45.

Norimitsu Onishi, "Globalization of Beauty Makes Slimness Trendy" in Feminist Frontiers, 7th ed., Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, Leila Rupp, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 494-495.

Recommended websites: www.edap.org

www.aedweb.org

www.anred.com

Week of October 26: Interpersonal Behavior

Nancy Henley and Jo Freeman, "The Sexual Politics of Interpersonal Behavior," in Women: Images and Realities: A Multicultural Anthology, 4th ed. Amy Kesselman, Lily McNair, and Nancy Schniedewind, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill 2008: 84-93.

Karen Adams and Norma Ware, "Sexism and the English Language: The Linguistic Implications of Being a Woman," in Women: A Feminist Perspective: 331-346.

William O'Barr, "Language and Patriarchy," in Gender Mosaics, ed. Dana Vannoy. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing Co., 2001: 106-113.

Week of November 2: Interpersonal Violence: Rape

A. Ayres Boswell and Joan Spade, "Fraternities and Collegiate Rape Culture: Why Are Some Fraternities More Dangerous Places for Women," in The Social Construction of Difference and Inequality, 3rd ed., Tracy Ore, ed. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2006: 519-532.

Nathan McCall, "Trains," in Sex, Self, and Society, Tracey Steele, ed. Belmont, CA: Thomson/Wadsworth, 2005: 376-379.

Arnold Kahn, "What College Women Do and Do Not Experience as Rape," in Women's Voices, Feminist Visions, 3rd ed., Susan Shaw and Janet Lee, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 593-601.

Kathleen Basile, "Rape by Acquiescence: The Ways in Which Women "Give In" to Unwanted Sex with their Husbands," in Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Mindy Stompler, et al., eds. Boston: Pearson Education, 2004: 436-444.

Fred Pelka, "Raped: A Male Survivor Breaks His Silence," in Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader, Mindy Stompler, et al., eds. Boston: Pearson Education, 2004: 445-449.

John Stoltenberg, "I Am Not a Rapist!": Why College Guys are Confronting Sexual Violence," in Women's Lives: Multicultural Perspectives, 4th ed., Gwyn Kirk and Margo Okazawa-Rey, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 267-273.

Recommended websites: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/vawprog
www.sportinsociety.org/mvp
www.mencanstoprape.org

Week of November 9: Gender and the Labor Force

Barbara Reskin and Irene Padavic, "Sex, Race, and Ethnic Inequality in United States Workplaces" in The Meaning of Difference, 3rd ed., Karen Rosenblum and Toni-Michelle Travis, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2003: 420-436.

Judith Lorber, "Guarding the Gates: The Micropolitics of Gender," in Questions of Gender, eds. Dina Anselmi and Anne Law. Boston: McGraw Hill, 1998: 607-628.

Christine Williams, "The Glass Escalator: Hidden Advantages for Men in the "Female" Professions" in Masculinities: Interdisciplinary Readings, Mark Hussey ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2003: 231-247

Recommended websites: www.iwpr.org
www.dol.gov/wb

Week of November 16: Paid and Unpaid Labor in the Home

Scott Coltrane and Adams, Michele, "Men, Women, and Housework," in Gender Mosaics, ed. Dana Vannoy. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing, 2001: 145-154.

Pierette Hondagneu-Sotelo, "Maid in L.A." in Feminist Frontiers, 7th ed., Verta Taylor, Nancy Whittier, Leila Rupp, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 232-249.

Kathleen Gerson, "Moral Dilemmas, Moral Strategies, and the Transformation of Gender: Lessons from Two Generations of Work and Family Change" in The Kaleidoscope of Gender, Joan Spade and Catherine Valentine, eds. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2004: 413-424.

Recommended websites: www.nationalpartnership.org
www.umbc.edu/wmst

Week of November 23: Globalization and Issues of Gender

NOTE: There will be no class on November 25 or 27.

Rhacel Salazar Parrenas, "Mothering From a Distance: Emotions, Gender, and Intergenerational Relations in Filipino Transnational Families," in Shifting the Center: Understanding Contemporary Families, 3rd ed., Susan Ferguson, ed. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 404-415.

Anton Foek, "Sweatshop Barbie: Exploitation of Third World Labor" in Windows on Society,

6th ed. Robert Lauer and Jeanette Lauer, eds. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing Company, 2002: 189-193.

Maria Patricia Fernandez-Kelly, "Maquiladores: The View from Inside" in Women's Lives: Multicultural Perspectives, 4th ed., Gwyn Kirk and Margo Okazawa-Rey, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 407-425.

Andrea Marie Bertone, "Sexual Trafficking in Women: International Political Economy and the Politics of Sex" in The Kaleidoscope of Gender, Joan Spade and Catherine Valentine, eds. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2004: 466-471.

Alice Leuchtag, "Human Rights: Sex Trafficking and Prostitution" in Women's Voices, Feminist Visions, 3rd ed., Susan Shaw and Janet Lee, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 581-587

recommended websites: www.captivedaughters.org

www.equalitynow.org

www.asiafoundation.org

www.catwinternational.org

www.sweatshopwatch.org

Week of November 30: The Future of Gender

Lisa Marie Hogeland, "Fear of Feminism: Why Young Women Get the Willies" in Women's Voices, Feminist Visions, 3rd ed., Susan Shaw and Janet Lee, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 718-721.

Michael Kimmel, "Real Men Join the Movement" in Women's Voices, Feminist Visions, 3rd ed., Susan Shaw and Janet Lee, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 721-726.

Allan G. Johnson, "What Can We Do? Becoming Part of the Solution" in The Meaning of Difference, 4th ed., Karen Rosenblum and Toni-Michelle Travis, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2006: 486-491.

Jennifer Baumgardner and Amy Richards, "A Day With Feminism" in Women's Voices, Feminist Visions, 3rd ed., Susan Shaw and Janet Lee, eds. Boston: McGraw Hill, 2007: 739-743.

recommended websites: www.feminist.com

www.feminist.org

www.un.org/womenwatch

Monday, December 7, 11:30-2:30 a.m.: In-Class Final Exam

No incompletes or extensions will be given for this final exam.