

History of Science 251. Feminist Science Studies

Mondays, 2:00-4:00 pm

Science Center 252

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Course description:

This interdisciplinary graduate seminar provides an introduction to central texts, theories, and research methods in scholarship on gender and science. Students will gain a foundation in the historical development of feminist science studies and encounter fundamental and emerging debates in the field. Writing assignments can be tailored to support graduate students in any discipline.

Topics of special focus:

- Sex/gender, body, and biology
- Feminist epistemology and philosophy of science
- Feminist methods for scientific research
- Race/gender/sexuality and the reproductive body

Required books (additional required and recommended readings will be available via the course website):

Epstein, Steven. *Inclusion: The Politics of Difference in Medical Research*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007.

Fausto-Sterling, Anne. *Sexing the Body: Gender Politics and the Construction of Sexuality*. New York, NY: Basic Books, 2000.

Foucault, Michel. *The History of Sexuality*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1978.

Foucault, Michel. *Society Must Be Defended: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1975-76*. New York: Picador, 2003.

Fricker, Miranda. *Epistemic Injustice: Power and the Ethics of Knowing*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

Haraway, Donna Jeanne. *The Haraway Reader*. New York: Routledge, 2004.

Longino, Helen E. *Science as Social Knowledge: Values and Objectivity in Scientific Inquiry*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1990.

Murphy, Michelle. *The Economization of Life*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2017.

Roberts, Dorothy E. *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1997.

Schiebinger, Londa L. *Nature's Body: Gender in the Making of Modern Science*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 2004.