

History 780 TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY

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Studies in Latin American Gender and Sexuality History

Course Description:

History 780 is an intensive reading course designed to introduce graduate student to major historiographical problems, historiographical controversies, and methodological changes in the field. This spring the class will read about gender and sexuality in Latin American history from the colonial period to the present. It includes studies of masculinity and well as women's history, as well as topics that affect both. Students should be thinking about how to conceptualize the intersections of gender and sexuality in Latin America.

Course Requirements:

1. Grades are based upon class participation (20%), weekly thought papers (45%) and an annotated bibliography (35%). The latter will be a theme-appropriate possible seminar or thesis topic in a country and time period of your choice. It must be submitted during the regularly scheduled time for the final exam. Class participation is defined by the scholarly analysis by each student of the week's reading assignment .
2. Members of the class will either all read the same book or they will read one book or a series of articles each week, taken from the list provided on the syllabus. Each student will be responsible for this material in class discussions, and thought papers will be presented to the instructor the week **after** class discussion of the topic. When everyone in the class reads the same book, paperback copies can be obtained at **Student Book Exchange (SBX)**, 1806 North High St.
3. Class attendance is **mandatory**. If a student misses a class meeting without an excuse or more than one of the scheduled classes (regardless of the reason), he/she must still hand in the thought paper for the next class.

Any plagiarized paper, i.e. papers that quote directly from sources without quotation marks or footnotes and/or those that summarize opinions of others without acknowledging the source in a footnote, will be subject to penalties listed in the University Code of Conduct. See this web site for information on plagiarism and writing handouts: <http://cstw.osu.edu/>especially http://cstw.osu.edu/writing_center/handouts/index.htm. Be forewarned that I will pursue cases of academic misconduct to the appropriate University committee.

Suggested Background Readings:

Susan Socolow, The Women of Colonial Latin America. (2000)
 Ann Pescatello, Female and Male in Latin America (1979)
 June Nash, Helen I. Safa, Sex and Class in Latin America (1983)
 Gertrude Yeager, ed. Confronting Change, Challenging Tradition: Women in Latin American History (1994)
 Francesca Miller, Latin American Women and the Search for Social Justice (1991)
 June E. Hahner, Women in Latin American History, Their Lives and Views (1980)
 Online Latin American Gay and Lesbian Bibliography at <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/hasrg/latinam/balder.html>

Schedule of Class Topics and Reading Assignments:

Week 1: Discussion of course goals and expectations and discussion of theory readings-available on my web site <http://www.history.ohio-state.edu/people/quy60/>

Class Assignment:

_____ Guy and Balderston, Introduction Sex and Sexuality in Latin America
 (1997)
 Lancaster, Life is Hard, Ch. VII (?) On Honor and Shame (1992)

Week II. The Colonial Period

Class Assignment:

Richard T rexler, Sex and Conquest: Gendered Violence, Political Order, and the European Conquest of the Americas (1995)
 Asunción Lavrin, Sexuality and Marriage in Colonial Latin America,
 (1992)
 Pete Sigal, From Moon Goddesses to Virgins: The Colonization of Yucatecan Maya Sexual Desire (2000)
 Inga Clendinnen, Aztecs: An Interpretation (1991)
 Irene Silverblatt, Moon, Sun and Witches (1987)
 Ann Twinam, Public Lives, Private Secrets: Gender, Honor, Sexuality and Illegitimacy in Colonial Latin America (2001)
 Lyman Johnson and Sonia Lipsett Rivera, The Faces of Honor: Sex, Shame and Violence in Colonial Latin America (1998)
 Richard Boyer, Lives of the Bigamists: Marriage, Family and Community

in Colonial Mexico (2001)

Ramón Gutiérrez, When Jesus Came the Corn Gods Went Away (1991)

Alexandra Parma Cook and Noble David Cook, Good Faith and Truthful

Ignorance: A Case of Transatlantic Bigamy (1992)

María Emma Mannarelli, Pecados público; La ilegitimidad en Lima, Siglo

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Week III. The Independence Period-The Rise of the Nation State

George Mosse, Nationalism and Sexuality (1997)

Week V. The Independence Period in Latin America

Christine Hunefeldt, Liberalism in the Bedroom (2000)

Sarah Chambers, From Subjects to Citizens: Honor, Gender, and Politics in Arequipa, Peru 1780-1854 (1999)

Silvia Arrom, La mujer mexicana ante el divorcio eclesiástico, 1800-1850

Verena Martínez Alier, Marriage, Class, and Colour in nineteenth-century Cuba : a study of racial attitudes and sexual values in a slave society

Fernanda Gil Lozano, Valeria Silvina Pita y María Gabriela Ini, Historia de las mujeres en la Argentina: Colonia y siglo xix, Tomo !. (2000)

Week VI.. Linkages between the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Guy and Balderston, Sex and Sexuality in Latin America, all

Week VII. The Formation of Bourgeois Sexual Ideals

Sueann Caulfield, In Defense of Honor, Sexual Morality, Modernity, and the Nation in Early Twentieth-Century Brazil (2000)

Or

Silvana Paternostro, In the Land of God and Man: Confronting our Sexual Culture (1999)

Week VIII. Prostitution–Bibliographic Reviews

Guy, “Stigma, Pleasures, and Dutiful Daughters,” (Review Article) Journal of Women’s History (Autumn 1998), pp. 181-191.

Guilfoyle, Timothy, “Prostitution in History: From Parables of Pornography to Metaphors of Modernity.” Peace Research Abstracts 37, no. 5 (2000)

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Week IX. Prostitution in Latin America

Guy, Sex and Danger in Buenos Aires: Prostitution, Family and Nation in

Argentina (1999)

_____ Katherine Bliss, Compromised Positions: Prostitution, Public Health and Gender Politics in Revolutionary Mexico City (2002)

Eileen Findlay, Imposing Decency: The Politics of Sexuality and Race in Puerto Rico, 1870-1920. (2000)

Annik Prieur, Mema's House (transvestite prostitutes, Mexico) (1998)

Nencel, Lorena, Ethnicity and Prostitution in Peru (2001)

There are several books on prostitution in Brazil in Portuguese for students with these skills

Week X. Homosexuality in Modern Latin America

Joseph Carrier, De los otros: Intimacy and Homosexuality Among Mexican Men (1995)

Stephen O. Murray, ed., Latin American Homosexualities (1995)

James Green, Beyond Carnival: Homosexuality in Twentieth Century

Brazil (2001)

Irwin, Robert, ed. The Famous 41 (2003)

Don Kulick, Travesti (1998)

Richard Parker, Beneath the Equator : Cultures of Desire, Male Homosexuality, and Emerging Gay Communities in Brazil (1998)

Roger Lancaster, Life is hard : machismo, danger, and the intimacy of power in Nicaragua (1992)

Annotated Bibliography due during the Final Exam period for this course.