Soc 293
SOCIOLGY OF SEXUALITY
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course introduces students to the central concepts, theories, and significant research in the sociology of sexuality, with a particular emphasis on history, social deviance/conformity, and gender. During the course, we will explore the many ways that sexuality, sexual practices, and sexual identities change both throughout history and cross-culturally. Contemporary theories of sexuality, as well as classic sociological theory, will be considered as we seek to explain our present-day relationship to sexuality by thinking about and researching the past. Although this course mainly focuses on the history and theory of sexuality in the U.S., we will briefly touch on sexual behaviors and norms in other times and places, such as ancient Rome and the Indonesian Isles. Such a perspective will allow us to interrogate Western constructions of sexuality, and to comprehend how sexuality may be seen as a social and sociological phenomenon.

REQUIRED TEXTS
- Additional course readings will be made available online.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND RESPECT
My role as an instructor is to facilitate cooperative discussion through lecture material and by elaborating on course readings. I encourage broad student participation and believe the more prepared you are for class, the more we all learn. Although you should not hesitate to express divergent viewpoints, personal attacks, rude comments, offensive jokes, and/or harassing statements will not be tolerated. In other words, challenge the idea, do not attack the individual. Respectful debate and dialogue will feature prominently in our discussions, and I expect even controversial topics to be talked about rationally and intelligently. Please be courteous to others in class, do not interrupt one another (or me), and refrain from whispering during class or while others are speaking.

GRADING AND REQUIREMENTS
Essay 1 20%
Essay 2 20%
Midterm Exam 25%
Final Exam 25%
Participation 10%
**COURSE SCHEDULE**

[Section 1] Introduction to the Sociological Study of Sexuality

W 9/3  Introduction to Course

F 9/5  Studying Sexuality in Sociology

[Section 2] Sexuality and Social Construction

M 9/8  Historical Contexts of Sexuality

W 9/10  Cross-Cultural Contexts of Sexuality

F 9/12  Media and Discussion
  - *Guardians of the Flutes*

[Section 3] American Sexuality in the Colonial Period

M 9/15  Settling in the New World
  - D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 1: Cultural Diversity in the Era of Settlement”

W 9/17  Social Boundaries and Religious Cohesion
  - D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 2: Family Life and the Regulation of Deviance”

F 9/19  Seminar
  - Supplemental Readings (online)

[Section 4] American Sexuality in the Industrial Period, Part I

M 9/22  Transitions Toward Industrialization
  - D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 3: Seeds of Change”

W 9/24  The Creation of Love, Female Purity, and Sexual Health
  - D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 4: Within the Family”
F 9/26 Seminar

[Section 5] American Sexuality in the Industrial Period, Part II
M 9/29 Race Relations, Sexuality, and Power in the 19th Century
• D'Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 5: Race and Sexuality”

W 10/1 The Economy of Sexuality: Wage Labor and Prostitution
• D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 6: Outside the Family” [only pp. 121-138]

F 10/3 Media and Discussion
• The Life and Times of Sarah Baartman

[Section 6] American Sexuality in the Industrial Period, Part III
M 10/6 The Middle-Class and Moral Reform Movements
• PAPER 1 DUE
• D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 7: Sexual Politics” [only pp. 139-145; 150-156]

W 10/8 Social Norms and Moral Panics
• D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 7: Sexual Politics” [only pp. 156-167]
• D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 8: Civilized Morality Under Stress” [only pp. 188-201]

F 10/10 Seminar

Midterm Week
M 10/13 NO CLASS (Mid-Semester Break)
W 10/15 Midterm Review
F 10/17 MIDTERM EXAM
### Section 7: Sexology and the Invention of “Sexuality”

**M 10/20**  
Sexology and the Study of Sex  
- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 10: Breaking with the Past” [only pp. 222-228]  

**W 10/22**  
Creating Sexual Identities  

**F 10/24**  
Media and Discussion  
- *The celluloid Closet*  

### Section 8: American Sexuality in the 20th Century, Part I

**M 10/27**  
The Contraceptive Revolution  
- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 10: Breaking with the Past” [only pp. 229-235]  
- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 11: Beyond Reproduction” [only pp. 239-255]  

**W 10/29**  
Emerging Sexual Subcultures  
- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 11: Beyond Reproduction” [only pp. 256-264]  

**F 10/31**  
Seminar  
- Supplemental Readings (online)  

### Section 9: American Sexuality in the 20th Century, Part II

**M 11/3**  
Kinsey and the Medicalization of Sexuality  
- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 12: Redrawing the Boundaries” [only pp. 275-288]  

**W 11/5**  
Race, Sexuality, and Medical Social Control  
- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 12: Redrawing the Boundaries” [only pp. 295-300]  
F 11/7  Seminar

- Supplemental Readings (online)

**[Section 10] Sexuality & Social Movements, Part I**

M 11/10  Post-War Sex Panics

- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 12: Redrawing the Boundaries” [only pp. 288-300]

W 11/12  Women’s Lib & The Sexual Revolution

- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 13: Sexual Revolutions” [only pp. 301-318]

F 11/14  Seminar

- Supplemental Readings (online)

**[Section 11] Sexuality & Social Movements, Part II**

M 11/17  The Homophile Movement & Gay Liberation

- D’Emilio & Freedman, “Ch. 13: Sexual Revolutions” [only pp. 318-325]

W 11/19  Sexual Hierarchies & Social Change


F 11/21  Media and Discussion

- The Times of Harvey Milk

*** THANKSGIVING BREAK 11/22 – 11/30 ***

**[Section 12] Contemporary Issues in Sexuality, Part I**

M 12/1  Sex Work

W 12/3  Pornography

F 12/5  Seminar

[Section 13] Contemporary Issues in Sexuality, Part II

M 12/8  Marriage Equality
  •  PAPER 2 DUE

W 12/10  A Post-Identity World?

F 12/12  Final Exam Review

**FINAL EXAM**
**DATE: TUESDAY, DEC. 16TH**
**TIME: 2PM – 4PM**