

DISSERTATION WORKSHOP ON GENDER STUDIES: SYLLABUS

June 23-July 10, 2014

WEEK I What is Gender?

June 23. Introducing Ourselves as Instructors

Lisa Rofel. "From Sacrifice to Desire: Cosmopolitanism with Chinese Characteristics," in *Desiring China: Experiments in Neoliberalism, Sexuality and Public Culture*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2007. Pp. 111-134.

Deborah Rosenfelt, "Feminisms and Literatures," in Paul Lauter, ed. *A Companion to American Literature and Culture*. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010. Pp. 528-562.

Wang Zheng, "State Feminism: Gender and Socialist State Formation in Maoist China," *Feminist Studies* 31, 3 (2005):519-551.

June 24: What Is Gender?

Joan Scott, "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis," *American Historical Review* 91,5 (1986): 1053-75.

Lydia H. Liu, et al., "Introduction: Toward a Transnational Feminist Theory," in Lydia Liu, et al., eds., *The Birth of Chinese Feminism: Essential Texts in Transnational Theory*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2013. Pp. 1-26.

He-Yin Zhen, "On the Question of Women's Liberation." (1907). In Liu, et al., eds., cited above. Pp. 53-71.

Recommended:

Lydia H. Liu, et al., "The Historical Context: Chinese Feminist Worlds at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," in Liu, et al., cited above. Pp. 27-48.d

Judith Butler, "Performative Acts and Gender Constitution: An Essay in Phenomenology and Feminist Theory," in Sue-Ellen Case, ed., *Performing Feminisms: Feminist Critical Theory and Theatre*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1990.

June 25: Inflecting gender and knowledge across identity and experience

Avery Gordon, Ch. 1, "Her Shape and His Hand," in *Ghostly Matters: Haunting and the Sociological Imagination*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1997. Pp. 3-28.

Patricia Hill Collins, "Some Group Matters: Intersectionality, Situated Standpoints, and Black Feminist Thought," in *Fighting Word*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1998.

Recommended:

Yan Hairong, "Mind and Body, Gender and Class" (Part I: "'Intellectuals' Burdens' and Domestic Labor"; Part II; "Searching for the Proper Baomu," in *New Masters, New Servants: Migration, Development, and Women Workers in China*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2008. Pp. 53-108

June 26: Gender and Sexuality

Gayle Rubin, "Thinking Sex: Notes for a Radical Theory of the Politics of Sexuality" in Carole S. Vance, ed., *Pleasure and Danger: Exploring Female Sexuality*. Boston: Routledge, 1984. Pp. 267-319.

Stevi Jackson, "Gender, Sexuality and Heterosexuality: The Complexity and Limits of Heteronormativity." *Feminist Theory: Special Issue: Interchanges: Gender, Sexuality and Heterosexuality: The Complexity and Limits of Heteronormativity*, 7,1 (2007): 105-121.

Recommended:

Wendy Harcourt, Ch. 5. "Sexualized Bodies," in *Body Politics in Development*. London: Zed Books, 2009. Pp. 130-160.

Week II Gender, Class, Sexuality, and Nation

June 30 Masculinities

R. W. Connell, "Masculinities and Globalization," *Men and Masculinities* 1,1 (July 1998): 3-23.

Cynthia Enloe, "Nationalisms and Masculinities," from *Bananas, Beaches, and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*, 2nd ed. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2014. Pp. 83-124.

Recommended:

Marc L. Moskowitz, Ch. 4, "Becoming Men: Children's Training in Contemporary China," in *Go Nation: Chinese Masculinities and the Game of Weiqi in China*. Pp. 71-96.

Charlie Y. Zhang, "Deconstructing National and Transnational Hypermasculine hegemony in Neoliberal China" *Feminist Studies* 40 (1): 13-38.

July 1 Queer Identities

Leila Rupp, "Toward a Global History of Same-Sex Sexuality," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 10, 2 (2001): 287-302.

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Recommended:

Katie King, "'There are No Lesbians Here': Lesbianisms, Feminisms, and Global Gay Formations," in Arnaldo Cruz-Malavé and Martin F. Manalansan IV, eds., *Queer Globalizations: Citizenship and the Afterlife of Colonialism*. New York: New York University Press, 2002. Pp. 33-45.

July 2 Putting Class and Gender at the Center of Analysis

Amy Hanser, "The Gendered Rice Bowl," *Gender and Society* 19,5 (2005): 581-600

Priti Ramamurthy, "Why is Buying a 'Madras' Cotton Shirt a Political Act? A Feminist Commodity Chain Analysis," *Feminist Studies* 30,3, (2004):734-769.

Recommended:

Sally Sargeson, "Gender as a Categorical Source of Property Inequality in Urbanizing China," in Wanning Sun and Yingjie Guo, eds., *Unequal China: The Political Economy and Cultural Politics of Inequality*. London: Routledge, 2013. Pp. 168-183.

July 3 Labor and Globalization

Pun Ngai, Ch. 1, "State Meets Capital: The Making and Unmaking of a New Chinese Working Class," in *Made in China: Women Factory Workers in a Global Workplace*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005. Pp. 23-48.

Rachel Salazar Parreñas, "Migrant Filipina Domestic Workers and the International Division of Labor." *Gender & Society* 14,4 (2000): 560-580.

Recommended:

Cynthia Enloe, Ch. 8, "Scrubbing the Globalized Tub: Domestic Servants in World Politics," in *Bananas, Beaches and Bases* (cited above). Pp. 305-342.

Week III Knowledges and Methodologies; Transnational Issues and Feminisms

July 7 A Politics of Location? Researchers Locating Themselves

Donna Haraway, "Situated Knowledges: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective," in *Simians, Cyborgs, and Women: The Reinvention of Nature*. New York: Routledge, 1991. Pp. 183-201.

Narayan, Uma. Ch. 1, "Contesting Cultures: 'Westernization,' Respect for Cultures, and Third-World Feminism," in *Dislocating Cultures: Identities, Traditions, and Third World Feminism*. New York: Routledge, 1997. Pp. 1-40.

Recommended:

Petula Sik Ying Ho and A. Ka Tat Tsang, "Introduction," *Sex and Desire in Hong Kong*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012. Pp. 1-19.

July 8 Critiquing Culture, Analyzing Film

Henry A. Giroux, "Animating Youth: The Disnification of Children's Culture," *Socialist Review* 24, 3 (1995):23-55.

http://www.humanities.mcmaster.ca/~girouxh/online_articles/animating_youth.htm

Deborah Rosenfelt, "Ideology and Structure in *Salt of the Earth*. *Jump Cut*, 12/13 (1976):19-22.

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Lu Xinyu, "West of the Tracks: History and Class-Consciousness," in Chris Berry, Lu Zinyu, and Lisa Rofel, eds., *The New Chinese Documentary Film Movement: For the Public Record*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press: 2010.

Recommended:

Jennifer Doyle and Amelia Jones, "New Feminist Theories of Visual Culture," *Signs* 31, 3 (spring 2006):607-615.

July 9 Producing and Consuming Beauty: The Case of Skin Whiteners—Local/Global Perspectives

Evelyn Nakano Glenn, "Yearning for Lightness: Transnational Circuits in the Marketing and Consumption of Skin Lighteners." *Gender and Society*, 22, 3 (June 2008):281-302.

L. Ayu Saraswati, "'Malu': Coloring Shame and Shaming the Color of Beauty in Transnational Indonesia," *Feminist Studies* 38, 1 (Spring 2012):113-140.

July 10 Transnational Feminist Movements and Visions

Geraldine Pratt, in Collaboration with the Philippine Women Centre of British Columbia and Ugnayan Ng kabataang Pilipino Sa Canada/the Filipino-Canadian Youth Alliance, "Seeing beyond the State: Toward Transnational Feminist Organizing," in Amanda Lock Swarr and Richa Nagar, eds., *Critical Transnational Feminist Praxis*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2010. Pp. 65-86.

Wang Zheng and Ying Zhang, "Global Concepts, Local Practices: Chinese Feminism since the Fourth UN Conference on Women," *Feminist Studies*, 36, 1 (spring 2010):40-70.

Recommended:

Sarah Swider, "Working Women of the World Unite? Labor Organizing and Transnational Gender Solidarity among Domestic Workers in Hong Kong," in Myra Marx Ferree and Aili Mari Tripp, eds., *Global Feminisms: Transnational Women's Activism, Organizing, and Human Rights*. New York: New York University Press, 2006. Pp. 110-140.

Myra Marx Ferree and Tetyana Pudrovska, "Transnational Feminist NGO's on the Web: Networks and Identities in the Global North and South," in Ferree and Tripp, eds., (above). Pp. 110-140.