Sociology 547: Gender and Sexuality

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This course will offer an introduction to theory and empirical research in the sociology of gender and sexuality. It will assist students in preparing for the Gender and Sexuality prelim exam, although the course will be useful for anyone with interests in these areas. We will review some of the classic pieces in the subfield as well as attend to what’s new, emerging, and exciting. We will focus on the theoretical perspectives and analytical tools that offer sociologists the most assistance in developing empirical research.

Required Readings

*Dude, You’re a Fag*, by C. J. Pascoe, University of California Press, 2007
*Just One of the Guys*, by Kristen Schilt, University of Chicago Press, 2010
*Framed by Gender*, by Cecilia Ridgeway, Oxford University Press, 2011

All other readings listed below are available via Ctools.

Assignments

• **Class participation (20%)**: You must do all the readings, come to class ready to discuss, ask questions, and engage the material in relevant and constructive ways.

• **Presentation/seminar leader for a day (20%)**: Read, meet with Karin, prepare presentation and organize discussion for the day.

• **Post 2 thoughtful discussion questions weekly (10%)** on the CTools Forum by 8pm the night before class. You don’t have to post the day you are presenting or for 1/14.

• **EXAM (50%)**: This will be a practice prelim exam given during the scheduled exam period. Students who have already taken the prelims can discuss a paper option with me.
Introductions

1/14 Studying Gender and Sexuality in Sociology


I. GENDER

1/21 Gender: Individual and Interactionist Approaches


1/28 Gender: Expectation States Theory and Institutional Approaches


2/4 Gender: Intersectional Approaches


II. SEXUALITY

2/11 Sexuality: Overviews and Classics


2/18 Sexuality: Cultural Approaches


2/25 Sexuality: Intersecting Race and Class


Moore, Mignon, “Lipstick or Timberlands: Meanings of Gender Presentation in Black Lesbian Communities,” *Signs* 2006.


3/11 Sexuality: Field Approaches


III. GENDER, SEXUALITY AND….

3/18 Gender, Sexuality, and Transgender:

**KRISTEN SCHILT WILL VISIT CLASS**


3/25 Gender, Sexuality and Who Does Paid Work, Housework, and Childcare?


4/1 Gender, Sexuality, and Parenting


**Recommended**: Stacey and Bilbarz, ASR

4/8 No Class: read for next week
4/15 Gender and Sexuality in Youth


Recommended: Garcia, Lorena. Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself.


4/21 Prelim Practice, Prelim Discussion, Exam Review

FINAL EXAM TIME SLOT: Thursday May 1 1:30-3:30.