This course takes as its starting point the definition of feminist academic scholarship given by Ann-Louise Shapiro (“History and Feminist Theory”): “in its broadest outlines, feminist work seeks to produce a set of destabilizing questions that generate a reexamination of the content, methods, and epistemology of existing academic paradigms as it theorizes the meaning of sexual difference.” Without attempting to address all major areas of inquiry within feminist historiography, or to cover all geographic fields, the readings explore some of these “destabilizing questions” and their implications for historical scholarship.

Assignments:
Each student will give an oral presentation introducing one week’s reading and raising issues for discussion. For the other weeks, everyone must write a short (less than one page) summary of that week’s readings and be prepared for informed participation in discussions. Finally, each student must submit a 10-15 page essay which discusses one week’s readings in greater depth.

Readings:
Required books will NOT be ordered at the bookstore, but must be found and purchased individually. Copies of the articles will be placed in the graduate reading room. The “additional readings” are suggestions for future reading and will not be discussed in class.

Required Books:
Joan Scott, Gender and the Politics of History
Denise Riley, ‘Am I that Name? Feminism and the Category of Women in History
Judith Butler, Bodies that Matter and Undoing Gender
Joan Scott, Only Paradoxes to Offer
Ann Farnsworth-Alvear, Dulcinea in the Factory: Myths, Morals, Men and Women in Columbia’s Industrial Experiment, 1905-1960
Margot Canaday, The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in 20th Century America
Ann Stoler, Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Race and the Intimate in Colonial Rule
Judith Surakis, Sexing the Citizen: Morality and Masculinity in France, 1870-1920

Week 1) Foundational Texts: Joan Scott
Joan Scott, Gender and the Politics of History, Parts 1-3
Joan Scott, “Experience” in Feminists Theorize the Political
AHR Forum on Joan Scott, “Gender and the Politics of History”, December 2008 V.113(5)
Laura Downs, “If woman is just an empty category...”, CSSH, v. 35, #2, April 1993

Additional Readings:
Ann-Louise Shapiro, “History and Feminist Theory: or, Talking Back to the Beadle”, in Feminists Revision History
Catherine Hall, “Feminism and Feminist History”, in White, Male and Middle Class
Judith Allen, “Evidence and Silence: Feminism and the Limits of History”, in Feminist Challenges
Kathleen Canning, “Feminist History after the Linguistic Turn”, Signs v.19, n.21, 1994
Susan Bordo, “Feminism, Postmodernism and Gender-Scepticism”, in Feminism/Postmodernism
Judith Butler, “Contingent Foundations: Feminism and the Question of Post-Modernism”, in Feminists Theorize the Political
Mary Poovey, “Feminism and Deconstruction”, Feminist Studies 14(1988)
Linda Nicholson, ed. Feminism/Postmodernism

Week 2) Foundational Texts: “Difference” and the Feminist Subject
Denise Riley, ‘Am I that Name? Feminism and the Category of Women in History’, ch.1,2,5
Chandra Mohanty, “Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses”
Norma Alarcón, “Traddutora, Traditora: A Paradigmatic Figure of Chicana Feminism”, Cultural Critique 13 (fall 1989)

Additional Readings:
Rosalind C. Morris, “Three Sexes and Four Sexualities: Redressing the Discourses on Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Thailand”, Positions: East Asia Cultures Critique (v.2) 1994
Chandra Mohanty, “Under Western Eyes Revisited: Feminist Solidarity Through Anticapitalist Struggles”, Feminism Without Borders
Chandra Mohanty and Jacqui Alexander, Introduction to Feminist Genealogies, Colonial Legacies, Democratic Futures

Week 3) Gender Trouble: Judith Butler
Judith Butler, Bodies that Matter, Intro, ch.1, 3,4,8
Judith Butler, Undoing Gender, Intro, chs.2,3,9,10

Week 4) Gender and Sexuality
Michele Foucault, History of Sexuality, V.1, p1-13, 36-50, 57-73
Margot Canaday, The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in 20th Century America

Additional Readings:
Thomas Laqueur, Making Sex: The Body and Gender from the Greeks to Freud
Catherine Gallagher and Thomas Laqueur, eds., Feminism and Foucault: The Making of the Modern
Body: Sexuality and Society in the 19th Century
Judith Butler, Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity
Elizabeth Grosz, “Bodies and Knowledges: Feminism and the Crisis of Reason”, in Space, Time and Perversion

Week 5) The “Other” Gender: Masculinity
Jeff Hearn, “Is Masculinity Dead? A critique of the concept”, in Understanding Masculinities
Deborah Cohen, “From Peasant to Worker: Migration, Masculinity and the Making of Mexican Workers in the US”
Judith Surkis, Sexing the Citizen: Morality and Masculinity in France, 1870-1920

Additional Readings:
Michael Roper and John Tosh, “Introduction: Historians and the Politics of Masculinity”, in Manful Assertions: Masculinities in Britain since 1800
Mralini Sinha, Colonial Masculinity: the Manly Englishman and the Effeminate Bengali
Gail Bederman, Manliness and Civilization

Week 6) Gender and Citizenship
Joan Scott, Only Paradoxes to Offer, chs 1,2,4-6
Hazel Carby, “On the Threshold of Woman’s Era: Lynching, Empire and Sexuality in Black Feminist Theory”, Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Nation and Postcolonial Perspectives
Lauren Berlant, “Uncle Sam Needs a Wife”, in Materializing Democracy

Additional Readings:
Gender and History, v.13(3), 2001, Special Issue: Gender, Citizenships and Subjectivities
Pnina Werbner and Nira Yuval-Davis, eds., Women, Citizenship and Difference
Evelyn Nakano Glenn, Unequal Freedom: How Race and Gender Shaped American Citizenship
Linda Kerber, No Constitutional Right to be Ladies: Women and the Obligations of Citizenship
Catherine Hall, Keith McClelland and Jane Rendall’s introduction to Defining the British Nation: Class, Race and Gender and the British Reform Act of 1867
Vera Mackie, Feminism in Modern Japan: Citizenship, Embodiment and Sexuality

Week 7) Gender, Race and Imperialism
Clare Midgley, “Gender and Imperialism: Mapping the Connections”, (p.1-10), Gender and Imperialism
Ann Stoler, Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Race and the Intimate in Colonial Rule, Intro and part I
Nayan Shah, “Adjudicating Intimacies on U.S. Frontiers”, in Stoler, ed. Haunted by Empire

Additional Readings:
Margaret Jacobs, Engendered Encounters: Feminism and Pueblo Culture, 1879-1934
Louise Newman, White Women’s Rights
Antoinette Burton, Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women, and Imperial Culture
Antoinette Burton, ed., Gender, Sexuality and Colonial Modernities
Anne McClintock, *Imperial Leather: Race, Gender and Sexuality in the Colonial Contest*

Anne Stoler, *Race and the Education of Desire: Foucault’s History of Sexuality and the Colonial Order of Things*

**Week 8) Gender and Class**
“Labor History after the Gender Turn”, ILWCH, #63, p.6-36, Spring 2003
Ann Farnsworth-Alvear, *Dulcinea in the Factory: Myths, Morals, Men and Women in Columbia’s Industrial Experiment, 1905-1960*

**Additional Readings:**
Laura Frader and Sonya Rose, “Introduction: Gender and the Reconstruction of European Working-Class History”, *Gender and Class in Modern Europe*
Ava Baron, “Gender and Labor History: Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future”, in *Work Engendered: Toward a New History of American Labor*
Thomas Miller Klubock, *Contested Communities: Class, Gender and Politics in Chile’s El Teniente Copper Mine*
Emily Honig, *Sisters and Strangers: Women in the Shanghai Cotton Mills, 1919-1949*
Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, *Like a Family: The Making of a Southern Cotton Mill Industry*

**Week 9: Gender and Subaltern Studies**
Gayatri Spivak, “Can the Subaltern Speak?”, in *Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture*
Lata Mani, *Contentious Traditions, Intro, chs 1,5*
Illeana Rodriguez, “Reading Subalterns” in *The Latin American Subaltern Studies Reader*
Ranajit Guha, “Subaltern Studies, in “ “
Marcia Stephenson, “The Architectural Relationship between Gender, Race and the Bolivian State” in *LASSR*
Marcelo Bergman and Monica Szurmuk, “Gender, Citizenship and Social Protest: The New Social Movements in Argentina”

**Additional Readings:**
Mrinalini Sinha, “Gender in the Critiques of Colonialism and Nationalism: Locating the “Indian Woman”, in *Feminists Revision History*
Kumkum Sangari and Sudesh Vaid, eds. *Recasting Women: Essays in Indian Colonial History*
Trinh Minh-ha, *Woman, Native, Other*