

Western University, Department of English and Writing Studies
English 2210G: Contemporary Theory and Criticism.
Section 001 January 2015
Tu. 11:30-1:30; Th. 11:30-12:30

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Mar 24 The history of sexuality and queer theory. Foucault from *The History of Sexuality* (1502-1521)

Mar 26; Sedgwick from *Epistemology of the Closet* (2470-2477); Butler from *Gender Trouble* (2540-2553). **Response paper #7**

Mar 31 Post-colonial theory. Said from *Orientalism* (1866-1888).

April 2 Spivak from *A Critique of Postcolonial Reason* (2114-2372).

April 7 Conclusions: Poems

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word paper due.

Assignments:

--Complete the reading assignments listed above by the dates specified. **Come to class prepared to ask and answer questions about the assigned readings.**

--During the course of the term I will assign seven response questions, each based on the reading you will be doing that week. Please write a paper answering the question. Your response papers **must not exceed 2 double-spaced pages** in length, and are due at the beginning of the classes marked on the schedule above. You may if necessary turn them in earlier by email, though I would prefer to have hard copy. **Late submission of response papers will not be allowed.**

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Students must pass *both* term work and the final examination in order to pass the course. Students who fail the final examination will automatically fail the course.

Plagiarism: Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see

