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English 9124A: Ugly Feelings, Bad Behaviour: Notable American Women  
Fall 2017 Tuesdays, 12:30:30  
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Weekly Reading Schedule:

Sept

Term Paper (due 15 December 2017) 75%

- 5000-6000 words
- open topic, with the following strictures:
  - must be significantly different from the short paper
  - must engage with the theory read for the course
- NB: students whose teaching stints and short essays fall within the last 4 weeks of class should speak to me about earlier due dates for long essays. You really don't want all the major writing for the course to fall upon you at once.

Class Participation: 10%

- Please see "Thinking" description in Evaluation Key below

Evaluation Key:

Thinking (as per class participation grade)

As this is a graduate seminar meeting only once a week, your attendance is mandatory and your participation before and during the seminar is presupposed. You are expected in each class to contribute to the discussion and to be able to draw on both primary and secondary texts to further the conversation. In so participating, you must observe the following protocols of collegiality – that is, "good behavior," regardless of what you may be feeling:

- Full attention to the conversation at hand. Surprising as it may seem (and embarrassing as it is to say), some students in recent years have devoted their class time to Facebook, emailing, games, or things extraneous to the course and won't have it. Such behavior, if detected, will result in a forfeiting of the participation grade, and, if repeated, removal from the course. Technology may of course be used to contribute to the intellectual pursuits of the class (not to be used for anything else).



degree. For example, to support physical activity, all students, as part of their registration,