

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S STUDIES AND FEMINIST RESEARCH
Women's Studies 1021F
Introduction to Sexuality Studies
Fall 2013

Instructor: Chris Roulston

Lecture times: Wednesdays 2:30-4:30 & 1 hour tutorial

Room: SH334

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Assignment Submission: All assignments must be submitted in hard copy, to the instructor, in -box, located outside the WSFR main office in Lawson Hall, room 3260. Assignments will NOT be accepted via email or on OWL.

Late Assignments: Late assignments will only be accepted without penalty if a prior agreement with the instructor has been made, or if a valid medical certificate is provided. In the event that a student is unable to meet a deadl to negotiate an alternate deadline with the instructor, prior to

This course will:

- * provide an understanding of how sexuality functions as a social practice
- * help to develop a critique of normalizing discourses in our society
- * provide the critical tools to understand how the categories of sexuality, race and class intersect

Week 7: Wednesday, 23 October
TEST (1.5 hours) (15%)

NO TUTORIAL

Week 8: Wednesday, 30 October

Sexuality and Its Hierarchies

Gayle Rubin, "Thinking Sex"

Week 9: Wednesday, 6 November

Intersectionalities: Sexuality and Race I

Gloria Anzaldua, "La conciencia de la mestiza," "Interface" from *Borderlands/La Frontera*

Tutorial: Anzaldua

Long essay topic handed out (20%)

Week 10: Wednesday, 13 November

Intersectionalities: Sexuality and Race II

Jasbir Puar, "Queer Times/Queer Assemblages"

VIDEO CLIP: Vaginal Davis

Tutorial: Puar

Week 11: Wednesday, 20 November

Transsexualities

Susan Stryker, "A Hundred Years of Transgender History" from *Transgender History*

FILM CLIPS: *TransAmerica* (2006), *Boys Don't Cry* (1999), Julia Serano, *Cocky*

Tutorial: Stryker

Week 12: Wednesday, 27 November

Intersexualities

Anne Fausto-Sterling, "Of Gender and Genitals," from *Sexing the Body*

FILM: *Is It a Boy Or a Girl?*

Tutorial: Fausto-Sterling, film

Long essay topic due

Week 13: Wednesday, 4 December

Conclustions, Questions, Exam Review

Tutorial: Debate (10%)

December 2012 Final Examination (30%)