**Course Offerings in the Pauline Jewett Institute of Women’s and Gender Studies**

**Summer 2019**

**WGST 1808: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies** **Instructor**: Emma Lind

This is an introductory course designed to familiarize students with issues and research in Women’s and Gender Studies. The course will challenge the conceptual foundations of gender and the structures that regulate our notions of women, men, femininity, masculinity and sexuality. Students will be introduced to critical thinking and feminist theories as ways of rethinking the world in which we live. The substantive concerns of Women’s and Gender Studies to be explored include: the social construction of gender; the intersectionality of gender, race, class, and sexuality; the commodification of bodies; and the gendering of violence, work, human rights, and globalization among others.

*Mon/Wed 18:05-20:55 May 6- Aug 14 1 credit*

**WGST 2800: Intersectionality** **Instructor:** Emma Lind

What is intersectionality and what role does it play in helping us understand ourselves and our relationships to the social world? This course offers a focused examination of intersectionality as a theoretical framework and lens of inquiry in Women's and Gender Studies. We will pay particular attention to the role personal narrative, memoir, and autoethnography has played in articulating intersectional perspectives and models of analysis. The class will focus on gender and its many intersections with race, ability, sexuality, sex, colonialism, body image, poverty, and citizenship status.

*Tues/Thurs 18:05-20:55 May 6- June 18 .5 credit*

**WGST 2801: Activism, Feminism, and Social Justice** **Instructor:** Jiyoung An

From its inception, feminism is inextricably linked to activism for social justice. This course aims to analyze multiple forms of oppression and women’s resistance across the world by exploring diverse local, global, and transnational feminist movements, and to discuss feminist alternatives for social change. This course explores different feminist theoretical streams including anti-racism feminism, transnational feminism, postcolonial and decolonial feminism, and ecofeminism.

*Tues/Thurs 18:05-20:55 July 2- Aug 14 .5 credit*

**WGST 3812: Special Topic, Pornography (Porn, Sex, and Sexualization)** **Instructor:** Lori Stinson

Building from a diverse array of current intersectional literature on the production and consumption of pornography, we will unpack the panic, policy, culture, and political economy of sexualization and pornification in contemporary society. We will sketch out and examine the key variables and dimensions of what exactly the porn effect is or isn’t, how we can best build more honest understanding, and therefore, what we do or don’t do about it.

*Mon/Wed 18:05-20:55 May 6- June 18 .5 credit*

**WGST 4812/5901: Advanced Topic: Decolonizing Feminisms** Instructor: Brittney Anne Bos

This course examines the intersections between (de)colonialisms and feminisms, both in theoretical discussions and activist contexts. Throughout the course, we explore the historical and contemporary relationships between feminism and colonialism and how people around the world are using feminism as a part of de-colonialism. After covering a number of post-colonial writers, we consider the importance of transnational connections in activism and how people are reaching across borders to share common struggles. We then look at the role of the “local” in feminism and the significance of grassroots activism. Finally, we focus on creative feminist contributions to de-colonial projects around the world and explore their impact. The entire course challenges us to de-colonize our own feminisms and considers how we can integrate post-colonialism in our activism and scholarship.

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