

**WGST 4812C/5902A – Special Topic: Sexuality and Reproductive Justice in the Americas**

This course offers an interdisciplinary examination of the current state of debates about reproductive justice in the Americas. Rather than focusing on debates about individual “rights” or “choice”, this course uses the lenses of intersectionality theories, reproductive justice theories, and transnational feminism in order to explore how racism, classism, sexism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, and other forms of social oppression shape social relations of sexuality and reproductive justice. Topics may include contraception, abortion, eugenics, childbirth and child rearing, the right to parent, sex work, and reproductive technologies, among others. We will focus on the intersections of politics, religion, gender relations, colonial history and neocolonialism, social movements, governmental structures, and cultural norms in the struggles that surround reproductive justice and rights across the Americas.