Sociology 4105 YA/YAO/Women’s Studies 4105YA  
Women and Sociological Theory  
2016/17

Tuesdays 2:30-5:30 p.m.  
ATAC 2021/OA 2006 (VID)

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Overview

In this course we will examine ideas about women and gender, and the contributions of women theorists to the development of the field from the late 19th century to the present day. In the first semester we will explore the writings of influential and yet often neglected contributors such as Harriet Martineau, Jane Addams, Charlotte Perkins-Gilman, Anna Julia Cooper and Marianne Weber. In the second semester, we will explore the revitalization of feminist sociology in the late 20th century through the work of Dorothy Smith, Patricia Hill Collins, Arlie Hochschild and Sylvia Walby, and the contributions of diverse contemporary feminist thinkers to debates on gender, race, class, indigeneity and globalization.

The course will follow a seminar format. Students will be expected to have completed weekly readings prior to class and to actively and respectfully contribute to class discussion. Small group presentations will be done on a weekly basis in both semesters and will provide students an opportunity to further develop research and oral communication skills.

A D2L website site has been set up for the course and will be used to post course materials, resource materials, class announcements and supplementary information. Please check it regularly.

Attendance is mandatory for this class. Absences must be documented or attendance marks will be deducted.

Required Text (fall semester)

Evaluation (detailed guidelines will be reviewed in class week 2)

Critical response papers (due Oct. 4 and Feb. 13) 2 x 5% 10%
Mid-year in-class test (Nov. 22) 20%
Group or individual presentation (max. 2-3 students) dates to be assigned 2nd week of classes 25%
Research paper or creative project (due March 28) 25%
Class participation (10% per semester) 20%

Accommodations

Lakehead University is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and register as early as possible. For more information, please visit:
http://studentaccessibility.lakeheadu.ca

Weekly Reading Schedule -Fall 2016

Sept. 6 – Introduction/Orientation

Sept. 13 - “Where are the Foundational Women and Why is Important to Bring Them Back in?”

Sept. 20 – Classical Social Thought and the Place of Women

Sept. 27 - Harriet Martineau (1802-1876)
Reading: Lengermann and Niebrugge, pp. 23-63.

Oct. 4 – Jane Addams (1860-1935)
**Reading:** Lengermann and Niebrugge, pp. 65-104.

**Oct. 11 – Fall term break**

**Oct. 18** - Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1860-1935)
**Reading:** Lengermann and Niebrugge, pp. 105-148.

**Oct. 25** - Anna Julia Cooper (1858-1964) and Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931)
**Reading:** Lengermann and Niebrugge, pp. 149-192.

**Nov. 1** - Beatrice Potter Webb (1858-1943)
**Reading:** Lengermann and Niebrugge, pp. 277-306.

**Nov. 8** - Marianne Weber (1870-1954)
**Reading:** Lengermann and Niebrugge, pp. 193-228.

**Nov. 15** – The Chicago Women’s School of Sociology (1890-1920)
**Reading:** Lengermann and Niebrugge, pp. 229-276.

**Nov. 22** – Mid-year test (short answer and essay questions)

**Nov. 29** – Feminist Transformations and the Academy; Orientation for Winter Semester

A course pack will be prepared for the winter semester and available through the LU bookstore.