

Human Sexuality SOCY/PSYC 3023

Updated Reading List & Schedule

- ❖ Readings/summaries of readings for the week are due by **Tuesday** at the beginning of class.
- ❖ Readings marked with * can be found on our D2L course website.
- ❖ “Chapter” readings are found in your textbook.
- ❖ *Note: Readings and scheduled items are subject to change.*

Week 1 (8/26-8/30): Introduction & Course Concepts

Readings: *Mills: *The Sociological Imagination*

*Terminology

Due & Events: In-class assignment: group summaries of readings

Week 2 (9/2-9/6): Studying Sexuality: A Constructionist Approach

Readings: -Chapter 1: Why a Course in Human Sexuality?

*Gute, Gary, Elaine M. Eshbaugh, & Jacquelyn Wiersma. 2008. “Sex for You, But Not for Me: Discontinuity in Undergraduate Emerging Adults’ Definitions of ‘Having Sex’.”

Due & Events: Summary #1 due

Week 3 (9/9-9/13): Experiencing Sexuality: Physical Bodies & Social Beings

Readings: -Chapter 2 & 3: Anatomy & Hormones (*Recommended, not required*)

-Chapter 4: Sexual Response

*Cera, Michelle J., Jessie Ford, and Paula England. 2017. “Social pressure to appear masculine leads straight men to have unwanted sex.” *Contexts*.

*Cera, Michelle J., Jessie Ford, and Paula England. 2017. “College women seen as a ‘slut’ if they have sex on a hookup, ‘bitch’ or ‘prude’ if they don’t.” *Contexts*.

Due & Events: Summary #2 due

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Week 4 (9/16-9/20): Historical Transformations & Sexual Distinctions

Readings: *Blanke, Hanne. "Sexual Disorientation" in *Straight: The Surprisingly Short History of Heterosexuality*

*D'Emilio, John. "Capitalism and Gay Identity"

Due & Events: Summary #3 due

Week 5 (9/23-9/27): Heteronormativity, Gender, & the "Othering" of Sexuality

Readings: -Chapter 8: Gender Identity and Gender Roles (*Recommended, not required*)

*Schilt, Kristen, and Laurel Westbrook. 2009. "Doing Gender, Doing Heteronormativity: 'Gender Normals,' Transgender People, and the Social Maintenance of Heterosexuality." *Gender & Society* 23: 440-464

*Better, Alison and Brandy L. Simula. "How and for whom does gender matter? Rethinking the concept of sexual orientation." *Sexualities*.

Events & Due: Summary #4 due

Week 6 (9/30-10/4): Social Inequalities: Race, Class, and Sexuality

Readings: *Armstrong, Elizabeth A., Laura T. Hamilton, Elizabeth M. Armstrong, and J. Lotus. 2014. "Good Girls: Gender, Social Class, and Slut Discourse on Campus." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 77(2): 100-122.

*Collins, Patricia Hill. Chapter 1: Introduction "Sex Matters: Why Black Sexual Politics?" New York: Routledge.

Events & Due: Summary #5; Film: *Beyond Beats and Rhymes*
PAPER TOPIC & APPROVAL DUE

Week 7 (10/7-10/11): Developing Sexual Identities: Childhood & Adolescence

Readings: *Thorne, Barrie and Zella Luria. 1986. "Sexuality and Gender in Children's Daily Worlds." *Social Problems* 33(3):176-190.

*Robertson, Mary. "How Do I Know I'm Gay?: Understanding Sexual Orientation, Identity, and Behavior Among Adolescents in an LGBT Youth Center."

Events & Due: Summary #6

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Week 8 (10/14-10/18): Exam Review & Exam #1 (Midterm)

Readings: N/A

Events & Due: **EXAM #1 (MIDTERM) ON THURSDAY**

Week 9 (10/21-10/25): Agents of Sexual Socialization: Institutions (Part 1)

Readings: *Schalet, Amy T. "Raging Hormones, Regulated Love: Adolescent Sexuality and the Constitution of the Modern Individual in the United States and the Netherlands." *Body & Society* 6, no. 1 (2000): 75-105.

*Garcia, Lorena. 2009. "'Now Why Do You Want to Know About That?': Heteronormativity, Sexism, and Racism in the Sexual (Mis)Education of Latina Youth." *Gender & Society* 23(4): 520-541.

Events & Due: Summary #7 due

Week 10 (10/28-11/1): Agents of Sexual Socialization: Peers (Part 2)

Readings: *Pascoe, C. J. 2007. "Dude, You're a Fag: Adolescent Masculinity and the Fag Discourse." *Sexualities* 8(3): 329-346.

*Hamilton, Laura, and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. 2009. "Gendered Sexuality in Young Adulthood: Double Binds and Flawed Options." *Gender & Society* 23(5): 589-616.

Events & Due: Summary #8 due (Tuesday)

PAPER DUE (IN CLASS, THURSDAY)

Week 11 (11/4-11/8): Sexual Violence, Coercion, & Consent

Readings: -Chapter 15: Sexual Victimization: Rape, Coercion, Harassment, and Abuse of Children

*Armstrong, Elizabeth, Laura Hamilton, and Brian Sweeny. 2006. "Sexual Assault on Campus: A Multilevel, Integrative Approach to Party Rape." *Social Problems* 53(4): 486-499.

Events & Due: Summary #9 due

Week 12 (11/11-11/15): Sexual Health: Sexually Transmitted Diseases/Infections

Readings: -Chapter 5: Sexually Transmitted Infections and Sexually Related Diseases

**Reich, Jennifer A. 2016. "Neoliberal Parenting, Future Sexual Citizens, and Vaccines Against Sexual Risk." Sex Research Social Policy 13:341-344.*

Events & Due: Summary #10 due

Week 13 (11/18-11/22): Sexual Health: Contraception

Readings: -Chapter 6: Birth Control

**Dalessandro, Cristen, Laurie James-Hawkins, and Christie Sennott. 2019. "Strategic Silence: College Men and Hegemonic Masculinity in Contraceptive Decision Making." Gender & Society, Forthcoming*

Events & Due: Summary #11 due

Week 14 (11/25-11/29): Selling Sex: Sex Work in Contemporary Society

Readings: -Chapter 16: Selling Sex: Social and Legal Issues

**Barton, Bernadette. "Dancing on the Mobius Strip: Challenging the Sex War Paradigm." in Gender & Society.*

Events & Due: Summary #12 due
NO CLASS ON THURSDAY (Fall Break)

Week 15 (12/2-12/6): Sexuality Across the Life Course

Readings: -Chapter 10: Life-Span Sexual Development

**Waite, Linda J. 2010. "Sexuality has no expiration date."*

Events & Due: No summary this week
NO CLASS ON THURSDAY (Online/Alternative Assignment TBA)

EXAM #2 (FINAL): TBA (TAKEN DURING FINALS WEEK)

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