322.01 Twentieth Century American Sexualities
Fall 2017
Mears 217 MW 2:00-3:50

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Scheduled office hours: Tuesday 1:30-3:00 pm

No appointment necessary for office hours. To schedule a meeting for a different time, see instructions below.

Please note that there may be a puppy in my office. If you would prefer not to have a puppy present, please do not hesitate to let me know! You can email me in advance. Or, when you arrive, we can either move to another location or I can ask a colleague to puppysit. I promise, this is in no way offensive or inconvenient to me.

This seminar explores the history of sex and sexuality in the 20th century United States. We will identify changes, contradictions, and continuities in sexual ideals as well as the even more complicated realities of Americans' sexual experiences. Topics will include desire, pleasure, violence, marriage, dating, identity, laws, cultures, and more. Students enrolled in this course will formulate an original research question, conduct the relevant primary and secondary source research, and write a coherent article-length paper on this topic.

This is the syllabus for this course. As such, it is our plan for the semester, but I reserve the right to make any changes that I find to be necessary. Please review the material included here. I expect you to be familiar with and understand the policies and assignments listed here. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask for help.

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Accommodations:

I encourage students with documented disabilities,

Wednesday, 9/21 Containing Sex/uality

Reading:

- Jennifer Brier, “Reproducing Sexuality in the Postwar United States,” Journal of Women’s History 25.1 (Spring 2013), 207-216. [Project Muse]
- Kevin Allen Leonard, “Containing ‘Perversion’: African Americans and Same-Sex Desire in Cold War Los Angeles,” Journal of the History of Sexuality 20.3 (September 2011), 545-567. [Project Muse]
- Robert Hill, “’We Shared a Sacred Secret’: Gender, Domesticity, and Containment in ‘Transvestia’s Histories’ and Letters from Crossdressers and Their Wives,” Journal of Social History 44.3 (Spring 2011), 729-750. [JSTOR]
- Frank Costigliola, “’Unceasing Pressure for Penetration’: Gender, Pathology, and Emotion in George Kennan’s Formation of the Cold War,” The Journal of American History 83.4 (March 1997), 1309-1339. [JSTOR]

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Reading:

- Bieke GBMC Fly the Turn of the Twentieth Century,” Journal of Social History (Summer 2014), 251-268 [Project Muse]
- Anne E. Bowler, Tc 0.hrysanthLson, and Terry G. Lilley, “’What Shall We Do with the Your Prostitute? Reform Her or Neglect Her?’: Domestication as Reform at the New York State Reformatory for W(G.)Tj9(4/D24CS/J251-268 [Project Muse] -0.004 Tc 0.004 Tw 0.26 0 Td(at)
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