

# Senior Seminar: Inclusive Feminisms

Phil 4010, Fall 2018  
Tuesdays 2 - 5pm, 459 CTIHB  
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**Course description:** In this course, we will examine the history of feminism in the U.S. and the quest for a truly inclusive feminism. We will begin by examining the questions: What is feminism? What does it mean to be a feminist? The rest of the course is divided into three subjects: sex & gender, race & ethnicity, and sexuality. Each segment begins with historical case studies, which illustrate failures of inclusion within the feminist community. After examining these case studies, we explore how theorists have attempted to forge more inclusive communities and theories, as well as critical responses to these attempts.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

### Theoretical goals

Students will gain knowledge of...

- The history of feminism in the U.S. as well as conflicts among feminists
- Philosophical analyses of gender and sex
- Philosophical analyses of how social positioning and embodiment affects the ways in which we know about and understand the world
- Philosophical analyses of epistemic discrimination & oppression
- Philosophical analyses of sexual orientation/sexuality
- Philosophical analyses of pornography
- The ways in which inclusivity matters, philosophically & politically.

### Practical goals

Students will improve their ability...

- to read and interpret philosophical texts.
- to recognize and evaluate arguments
- to communicate ideas clearly in speech and writing
- to engage respectfully with conflicting points of view

## GRADES & ASSIGNMENTS

**Evaluation in this course is based on:**

- weekly online journal entries/key word entries
- participation and attendance
- 2 class presentations: one on a historical topic, one on a philosophical topic
- two writing assignments (5 -7 pages): one assigned to everyone, one of your choice.

# COURSE MATERIALS & TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## Required to Buy:

[bell hooks, ain't i a woman: black women & feminism](#)

routledge 2014, ISBN: 9781138821514

[bell hooks, feminism is for everybody](#)

south end press 2000, ISBN: 9780896086289

[chimamanda ngozi adiche, we should all be feminists](#)

anchor books, 2015, ISBN: 9781101911761

Please take care to buy the correct edition of the text. I have linked to the correct editions on Amazon, but you can pick them up anywhere, including the bookstore. We'll need 1 - 3 immediately, so buy them before class begins!

**All other required readings/course material will be available on Canvas.**

**Note to Students:** The syllabus in its final form with dates, deadlines, etc. will be posted mid-August. You'll see that part 1 starts with the an investigation of feminism & inclusivity, part 2 focuses on social metaphysics (specifically the metaphysics of sex & gender), part 3 is focused on social epistemology and intersectionality, part 4 concerns the ethics of sexuality and pornography. Be forewarned that we'll be thinking and reading about highly charged topics such as sexual violence, transgender & queer exclusion/experience, pornography, and the history of racism & sexism in the U.S

## PART 1—What is Feminism?

### Readings:

bell hooks, *Feminism is for Everybody*, Excerpts

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *We Should All Be Feminists*

Kate Manne, *The Logic of Misogyny*, Excerpts

## PART 2—Sex & Gender

### Readings:

Susanne Sreedhar & Michael Hand, "The Ethics of Exclusion: Gender and Politics at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival."

Alison Stone, "Sex"

Ásta (Sveinsdóttir), *The Categories We Live By*, Excerpts

Sally Haslanger, "Gender and Race: (What) Are They? (What) Do We Want Them to Be?"

Katharine Jenkins, "Amelioration and Inclusion: Gender Identity and the Concept of Woman"

Iris Marion Young, "Throwing Like a Girl"

### **PART 3—Race & Ethnicity**

#### **Readings:**

bell hooks, *ain't i a woman?* Excerpts

Cherrie Moraga & Gloria Anzaldúa, *The Bridge Called My Back*, Excerpts

Audre Lorde, *Sister Outsider*, Excerpts

Kimberle Crenshaw, “Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race & Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory, & Antiracist Politics”

Anna Carastathis, “The Concept of Intersectionality in Feminist Theory”

Tommy Curry, *The Man Not*, Excerpts

Naomi Zack, *Inclusive Feminism: A Third Wave Theory of Women's Commonality*

Miranda Fricker, *Epistemic Injustice*, Excerpt

Kristie Dotson, “Conceptualizing Epistemic Oppression”

Alison Bailey, “On Intersectionality and the Whiteness of Feminist Philosophy”

Rebecca Tuvel, “In Defense of Transracialism”

### **PART 4—Sexuality**

#### **Readings:**

Andrea Dworkin, *Intercourse*, Excerpts

Talia Mae Bettcher, “Getting “Naked” in the Colonial/Modern Gender System”

A.W. Eaton, “Feminist Pornography”

Alison Love, “Queer Critique, Queer Refusal”