

History 3106
WOMEN IN U.S. HISTORY, 1870 TO THE PRESENT
Spring 2005 Tues, Thurs – 12:30-1:45 pm McBryde 224

COURSE SCHEDULE (with Week 4 revisions)
(subject to slight adjustments over the course of the semester)

Week 1: Women, Gender, and Women's History

Jan 18 *Introduction to the Course*

Jan 20 *Gender, History, and Sources*

“The Women's Centennial Agenda, 1876,” K&D 265-268

PART I – NEW WOMEN IN A CHANGING WORLD

Week 2: From True Woman to New Woman

Jan 25 *The 19th Century Feminine Ideal*

Barbara Sicherman, “Reading *Little Women*: The Many Lives of a Text”,
K&D 252-264

Jan 27 *The Emergence of the New Woman*

MAW: 3-11(top), 17-20(top), 23-34

(documents by: Nellie Bly, Bertha Palmer, Frances Willard, Edith
Eudora Ammons, and Molly Dewson)

Written Reflection #1 due in class

Week 3: Race and Black Womanhood in the Age of the New Woman

Feb 1 *Oppression and Resistance in the Lives of Black Women*

Patricia Shechter, “Ida B. Wells and Southern Horrors,” K&D 268-274
in-class video: “Ida B. Wells: A Passion for Justice”

Feb 3 “*Lifting as We Climb*”: *Femininity and Activism on Behalf of the Race*

MAW: 11-14 (top), 40-43

(documents by Anna Julia Cooper and Mamie Garvin Fields)

Glenda Gilmore, “Forging Interracial Links in the Jim Crow South, K&D
286-296

Darlene Clark Hine, “Rape and the Inner Lives of Black Women,” K&D
299-302

Written Reflection #2 due in class

Week 4: From the Old World to the New: The Experiences of Immigrant Women (revised)

Feb 8 *The Challenges of Immigrant Womanhood*

Anzia Yezierska, *Bread Givers*, 1-151

Feb 10 *Joining the Ranks of the New Woman?*
 Anzia Yezierska, *Bread Givers*, 155-297

Written Reflection #3 due in class

Week 5: Entering the Forbidden Sphere of Politics

Feb 15 *The Mighty Realm of Philanthropy: The Case of the WCTU*
 *Online Reading: "African-American Women and the Women's Christian
 Temperance Union"*
<http://www.alexanderstreet6.com/wasm/wasmopen/teacher/wctu2.htm>

Feb 17 *Municipal Housekeeping and the Maternalist State*
 MAW: 34-39, 43-46
 (documents by Jane Addams, Alice Hamilton, Mary Beard)
 Kathryn Kish Sklar, "Florence Kelley and Women's Activism in the
 Progressive Era," K&D 327-339
 "Protecting Women Wage-Workers," K&D 340-344

Written Reflection #4 due in class

Week 6: Feminism and Suffrage

Feb 22 *Feminism and Woman's Rights in the Early 20th Century*
 MAW: 74-76(top), 78-114

Feb 24 *The Politics of Suffrage*
 Ellen Carol DuBois, "The Next Generation of Suffragists: Harriot Stanton
 Blatch and Grassroots Politics," K&D 358-364
 *Online Reading: "The National Woman's Party and the Enfranchisement
 of Black Women"*
<http://www.alexanderstreet6.com/wasm/wasmopen/teacher/nwp.htm>

Written Reflection #5 due in class

Week 7: Suffrage and Feminism

Mar 1 *Conflict and Resistance in the Woman's Movement*
 in-class video: Iron Jawed Angels

Mar 3 *Can Political Activism Redefine Womanhood?*
 in-class video: Iron Jawed Angels

SPRING BREAK (No class Mar 8-10)

PART II: MODERNITY AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AMERICAN WOMANHOOD

Week 8: The Emergence of the Modern Woman

Mar 15 *The Modern Woman: Image vs. Reality*
Library Work Session and Discussion

Mar 17 *The Cultural and Political Implications of Modernity*
MAW: 117-130
(documents by Carrie Chapman Catt, Doris Stevens & Alice Hamilton, Dorothy Dunbar Bromley)
Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, "Disorderly Women: Gender and Labor Militancy in the Appalachian South," K&D 410-422

"Images of Women in the 1920s" assignment due in class
Written Reflection #6 due in class

Week 9: The Sky's the Limit: Amelia Earhart and Women's Rising Expectations

Mar 22 *A Model of Modern Femininity*
Susan Ware, *Still Missing*, 11-116

Mar 24 *Feminism and Women's Politics in the Modern Age*
Susan Ware, *Still Missing*, 117-238

Written Reflection #7 due in class (question to be distributed)

Week 10: The Modern Woman in Times of Crisis

Mar 29 *Gender and the Great Depression*
Leslie Reagan, "When Abortion Was a Crime: Reproduction and the Economy in the Great Depression," K&D 423-428
Jacqueline Jones, "Harder Times: The Great Depression," K&D 429-432
MAW: Chap 7: 143-174

Mar 31 "*For the Duration*": *Women and the Second World War*
Ruth Milkman, "Gender at Work: The Sexual Division of Labor during World War II," K&D 466-477
Valerie Matsumoto, "Japanese-American Women during World War II," K&D 459-465

in-class video: The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter

Written Reflection #8 due in class

Written Reflection # 12 due in class

Week 15: Women's History in Retrospect

May 3 *Continuity and Change in Women's Lives since the Late 1800s*

Final Portfolio due: Tuesday, May 10th, 9:45 AM