Missing! Marginal! Misrepresented! In delineating the experiences of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgender people, this course draws on various bodies of scholarship – historical, social scientific, and literary – to reveal the multiple and intersecting social forces that have shaped their place, or lack thereof, in U.S. society. Notably, this course also pays attention to how gays, lesbians, and bisexuals themselves have resisted and questioned dominant notions of place, based on the racial and sexual hierarchy.

Because students will be exposed to (and contribute from) a wide variety of perspectives on the subject, this course is appropriate for students in the traditional social sciences (e.g. sociology, anthropology, psychology, urban education, and history) as well as more contemporary ones (e.g. women’s studies, race studies, American studies, cultural studies, lesbian and gay studies).

Grading – Grading will be a combination of a paper or proposal (40%); presentation(s) (40%); and class participation, assessment of which is the sole discretion of the professor (20%).

Prerequisite – None.

Required Texts:

Coursepack(s)


Delaney, Sam. Times Square Red, Times Square Blue.


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Social Movements

(Homo)Sexuality Theoretical Perspectives

Critical Moments & Timeline:  http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0761909.html

Read:


Suggested Readings:


Week 2 – Sept. 10

Survey of Gender

Read:


36 Chase, Cheryl. 1998. “Hermaphrodites With Attitudes: Mapping the Emergence of Intersex Activism.” GLQ 4(2): 189-211


Suggested Readings:


Week 3 – Sept. 24

Survey of Sexuality

Read:


Suggested Readings:


Week 4 – Oct. 1

**Historical Perspectives**

Read:


Suggested Readings:


Week 5 – Oct. 10 (Wed.)

**Post Modernity & the Social Construction of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Identities**

Read:


Suggested Readings:


Week 6 – Oct. 15

**Compulsory Heterosexuality & Homonormativity**

Read:


Suggested Readings:


Week 7 – Oct. 22

**Latinos**

Read:


Suggested Readings:


Week 8 – Oct. 29

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Week 9 – Nov. 5

**Blacks**

Read:


Suggested Readings:

Week 10 – Nov. 12

**N. Americans & Asians (South, East, & Southeast)**

Read:


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Global Perspectives: Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East

Read:


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Gender Variant Movement, Expressions, and Experiences

Read:


Queer Bodies

Read:


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**Life Course Experiences**

Read:


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Week 15 – Dec. 17

**Sex, Sex Work, and more …**

Read:

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References:

