

## WOMEN, WORK & THE FAMILY IN EUROPE, HIS 336/WST 334

Dr. Robinson-Dunn (Office Hours – MWF 11:25- 11:55 and 1:40-2:10 in SBS S-334)  
Class Time – MWF 10:30-11:25 (Javits 110)

The grade for this course will be based on class participation (15%), the mid-term (20%), the final exam (25%) and two papers (20%) and (20%). In order to pass this class, you must take both exams and submit both papers.

The class participation grade is *not* a warm body grade. In other words you do not get credit simply for being here. You must come to class prepared to write about and/or discuss the course packet readings assigned on the dates indicated below (the course packet readings are assigned by week, so have them read by the Monday indicated). I will give periodic, unannounced in-class writing assignments, usually lasting for about 15-20 minutes and based primarily on these readings. We will also discuss them as a class. The writing assignments will give you a chance to practice organizing and effectively communicating your ideas on paper, which will help you on the exams. General attitude and demeanor count as well. Excessive absences, chronic lateness to and early departure from class, and disruptive behavior in general will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the class.

Students with disabilities must see me during the first week of class in order to make any special arrangements that might be necessary.

There will be no deadline extensions for the papers and no make-up exams except in cases of serious illness verified by a doctor's note.

Readings: *Changing Lives* by Bonnie Smith is available at the university book store. The other readings are in the course packet, which can be purchased in the history department on the third floor of the SBS building. The exams will be based primarily upon the readings from the course packet, the lectures, and the films.

Note : some weeks you will be responsible for more reading material than others. Review the assignments well in advance and plan your schedule accordingly.

### January

24-25 Introduction and pre-Industrial society

29-Feb. 2 Court Life, the Enlightenment, and the French Revolution

Reading: Lynn Hunt, "Rehabilitating the Family" from *The Family Romance of the French Revolution*, Course Packet (henceforth CP) p. 7-28.

Smith chapters 1 and 2

### February

5-9 film (room to be announced)

Olympe de Gouge, *The Declaration of the Rights of Woman* (1791) CP p. 1-6.

12-16 – Women, Work, and Industrialization/ the "Angel in the House" and its Contradictions

Sarah Stickley Ellis, *The Wives of England* and *The Daughters of England* (1850) CP p. 27-32; and John Ruskin, "Of Queens' Gardens" (1865) CP p. 32.

Smith chapters 4, 5, and 7

19-23 – Women and the Legal System/ Medical Profession

T.S. Clouston, M.D. "Female Education from a Medical Point of View," From *Popular Science Monthly* (1883) CP p. 35-40

26- March 2 – European Women and Imperialism Antoinette Burton, “The White Woman’s Burden: British Feminists and ‘The Indian Woman’ 1865-1945” CP p. 41-50  
Smith chapter 6

### March

#### **March 5 - First Paper Due**

5-9 – Evangelism and Feminisms

Harriet Taylor, “Enfranchisement of Women” from *Westminster Review* (1851) CP p. 51-53;  
Parliamentary Debates “Representation of the People Bill,” (1867) CP p. 50-53; “An Appeal Against Female Suffrage,” *Nineteenth Century*, (1889) CP p. 55-59.  
Smith chapter 8

12-16 Women and Violence/Prostitution and Anti-vice movements  
Judith Walkowitz “Jack the Ripper and the Myth of Male Violence” CP p. 61-75.

19-23 Spring Break

26-28 Women, Socialism, and the Russian Revolution  
Alexandra Kollontai, “The Social Basis of the Woman Question,” (1909), CP 93-100  
Smith chapter 9

#### **Friday 30 – Mid-term Exam**

### April

2-6 - WWI/Women and Community Politics

“Women are Cutting their Hair as a Sign of Sterility,” from *Civilization without Sexes* by Mary Louise Roberts CP p. 77-92  
Smith chapter 10

9 – No classes - Passover

11-13 Women between the wars and WWII  
Claudia Koonz, “Mothers in the Fatherland,” CP 101-116  
Smith chapter 11

16-18 -The Second Wave of Feminism /Women and Leadership in the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
Simone de Beauvoir, Introduction to *The Second Sex*, CP p.117-126  
Smith chapter 12

20 – class canceled

#### **April 23 - Second Paper Due**

23-27 Women and Marginalization – Immigration, Muslim women in Europe/ the Feminization of Poverty  
Tone Bringa, “Men Women and the House” from *Being Muslim the Bosnian Way* CP p. 127-144

30-May 4 film (room to be announced)

### May

7 –9 the Modern Woman and Consumerism - Image and Reality  
Susie Orbach, *Fat is a Feminist Issue* (1990) CP p. 149-158

#### **11 – Final Exam**