

## Women's Studies 440 Capstone Seminar

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This course is for graduating seniors in Women's Studies. Its aim is to examine your training in Women's studies and feminist theory and their relationship to your life beyond graduation. Included are such life topics as work choice and intergrating work and life outside of work, partnering, reproduction, parenting, and aging. Because this is a seminar, a high level of student preparedness and participation is crucial to its success.

Writing assignments:

This course fulfills the upper level writing requirement; all students are required to complete every assignment.

Proposal for final paper Due Jan. 25 1-2 pp.

The purpose of the final paper is to combine reflection on a paper from a required women's studies course with extended thought about one of the themes of our capstone seminar. Your proposal should reflect your initial thoughts about what you plan to accomplish in the final paper.

Interview response Due Feb. 22 3-5 pp

In late January and early February, groups of 5 students each (roughly) will meet with women in the community we have pre-selected who represent a range of professions. We will organize the groups based on interests you express early in the term. After your group interview, you will write an individual response to the interview, reflecting on the content as it relates to the future you project for yourself. Concepts in course readings should be incorporated where appropriate.

Outline of final paper plus one section of the paper Due March 8 3-4 pp.

Draft of work on final paper

Due March 22 8-10pp

Final paper workshop and discussion

April 5 and 12

Each student will make a 10 minute presentation on the status of their paper followed by a 5 minute discussion by another student. Discussants will be matched to papers on March 22.

Final papers

Due April 19 12-15pp.

Note: All readings below are in a coursepack available at Accucopy on E. William except as noted.

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
January 11	Introduction	
January 18	Work Life (Advance) Epstein CF, Seron C, Oglensky B, Saute R: The part-time paradox (Chapter 1 and 4) Moen ,Sweet: Time-Clock: Work-Hour Strategies (CTools) Clarkberg, Merola:Competing Clocks (CTools) Meyerson DE, Scully MA: Tempered radicalism and the politics of ambivalence and change. (Organization Science 6:585-600, 1995.) Hirshman L: Homeward Bound. Am Prospect, Nov. 21, 2005. Located at <a href="http://www.prospect.org/web/view-web.wv?id=10659">http://www.prospect.org/web/view-web.wv?id=10659</a>	Janet Malley
January 25	Interviews Reinharz S: Feminist methods in social research Boggs interview (Global Feminisms) <i>Final paper proposal due</i>	Deborah Keller-Cohen
February 1	Partnering Readings TBA- will be available on CTools	Deborah Keller-Cohen
February 8	Planning Families A life course approach to women's reproductive health (Rich-Edwards J. - Chapter 2) Emuveyan EE: Advances in Contraception. Comprehensive Gynaecology in the Tropics, 2005 Riley LE, Yawetz S: Case 32-2005: A 34-year-old HIV-positive women who desired to become pregnancy. NJEM 353:1725-1732, 2005.	Timothy R.B. Johnson
February 15	ART/Ethics Queenan JT, Whiman-Elia G: An appreciation of modern ART. (Clin Obstet 43:942-957, 2000)	Senait Fisseha
February 22	Parenting In-class panel Bem SL: An unconventional family Epstein CF, Seron C, Oglensky B, Saute R: The part-time paradox (Chapter 13) <i>Interview response paper due</i>	Deborah Keller-Cohen
March 1	NO CLASS	

(Winter Break)		
March 8	Abortion/Activism Legal Birth Definition Act and other documents <i>Outline plus one section of final paper due.</i> <i>Please make individual appointments with Purvi to discuss your draft between March 10 and 17.</i>	Timothy R.B. Johnson
March 15	Midlife/Menopause/Transitions A life course approach to women's reproductive health (Hardy H, Kuh D, Crawford S, Johannes C - Chapter 4)	Timothy R.B. Johnson
March 22	Sexuality Foley S, Kope S, Sugrue D: Sex matters for women – A complete guide to taking care of your sexual self- Selections <i>Draft of final paper due</i>	Sallie Foley
March 29	Aging Murphy B: Why women bury men – The longevity gap in Canada Friedman B: The fountain of age Handbook on women and aging (Torrez DJ – Chapter 9)	Deborah Keller-Cohen
April 5	Presentations	
April 12	Presentations	
April 19	Final papers due	

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