

**HI 200: The Historian's Craft
Fall 2018
Section B-1. M 2:30-5:30. HIS 304**

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This course differs from most of the history classes you have taken so far. Rather than presenting you with a body of material to absorb and analyze, this course invites you to be destructive: we will read several monographs and subject each to an evaluation of its evidence and argument. Our aim is to decide, for each book, whether or not it proves the case it is trying to make. As a seminar, it is essential that you come to class each week. Everyone gets one free missed class, no questions asked. More than that, however, and your class-participation grade will drop one full grade (i.e., from an A to a B) for each class missed.

Hopefully, our topic will keep you interested enough to want to come each week. I have selected five books on the influence of sex in American history. This topic may not be to everyone's liking – so I urge you to consider whether or not you want to dedicate fifteen weeks to discussing it; if not, please consider signing up for a different section of HI 200.

Course grades will be determined by the following formula:

Class participation:	33%
Exercises	33%
Paper	33%

Attendance is not the same thing as participation. Coming to class regularly and doing all the assigned readings and exercises is the minimum of what we expect of you; doing so, but never contributing to class discussion, will warrant a "Participation" grade of D. I recognize that some people are shy; consequently, I never call on students who are not volunteering to speak. If you wish to remain silent, I will respect your privacy. But you must be prepared to accept the consequence of your choice not to participate in class.

There are five required books, which are available at the BU Barnes and Noble.

1. Canaday, Margot. The Straight State: Sexuality and Citizenship in Twentieth-Century America (9780691149936).
2. Horowitz, Helen. Attitudes Towards Sex in Antebellum America (9780312412265).
3. Johnson, Paul E. and Sean Wilentz. The Kingdom of Matthias: A Story of Sex and Salvation in 19th-Century America (9780199892495).
4. McGuire, Danielle. At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape and Resistance – A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power (9780307389244)
5. Roberts, Mary Louise. What Soldiers Do: Sex and the American GI in World War II France (9780226923116).

Some Important Dates:

Last day to add classes: 17 Sept.
 Last day to drop w/o a W grade: 9 Oct.
 Last day to drop w/ a W grade: 9 Nov.
 Last day to withdraw from the university: 27 Nov.

A note on Incompletes. CAS policy requires you to fill out a “Request for an Incomplete” form – they are available online at the CAS webpage – and hand it in to me before the last class of the semester, which for us is **Wednesday, 12 December**. Without such a form in hand, I am not allowed to grant an Incomplete to any student except in the case of medical- or family emergency.

My Schedule for Fall 2018

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
8:00-8:50					
9:05-9:55	Office hour	Core lecture	Office hour		Office hour
10:10-11:00	CC 101	at 9:30	CC 101		CC 101
11:15-12:05			Dept. mtg.		
12:20-1:10	Committee		Dept. mtg.		Committee
1:25-2:15	HI 101		HI 101		HI 101
2:30-3:20	HI 200				
3:35-4:25	HI 200				
4:40-5:30	HI 200				

If you cannot make my office hours, we can schedule a separate appointment.

Email is the best way to reach me. I check it twice a day – except on weekends, when I never go near it.

Seminar Schedule

10 Sept.	Introduction.
17 Sept.	Horowitz, <u>Attitudes towards Sex in Antebellum America</u> .
24 Sept.	In-class exercises.
1 Oct.	Johnson and Wilentz, <u>The Kingdom of Matthias</u> .
8->9 Oct.	In-class exercises.
15 Oct.	Roberts, <u>What Soldiers Do</u> .
22 Oct.	Mini-lecture: The Schools of History.
29 Oct.	Canaday, <u>The Straight State</u> .
5 Nov.	Roundtable: What you can do with a B.A. in History.
12 Nov.	In-class exercises.
19 Nov.	McGuire, <u>At the Dark End of the Street</u> .
26 Nov.	<i>No class today. Stay in bed and recover from Thanksgiving weekend.</i>
3 Dec.	Update on your papers.
10 Dec.	Conclusion and review.

Your final papers are due by 12:00 noon on Monday, 17 Dec. You are welcome to submit it as an email attachment. I will send out a confirmation-of-receipt email later that day.

Some Ideas for a Book to Review

You are welcome to pick one of these, or to come up with your own.

- Blair, Cynthia. “I Got to Make My Livin’”: Black Women’s Sex Work in Turn-of-the-Century Chicago.
- Boswell, John. Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality.
- Same-Sex Unions in Pre-Industrial Europe.
- Boureau, Alain. The Lord’s First Night: The Myth of the ‘Droit de cuissage’.
- Brundage, James. Law, Sex, and Christianity in the Middle Ages.
- Bullough, Vern and Bonnie Bullough. Women and Prostitution: A Social History.
- Bunzi, Matti. Symptoms of Modernity: Jews and Queers in Late 20th-Century Vienna.
- Burg, B.R. Sodomy and the Pirate Tradition: English Sea-Rovers in the 17th-Century Caribbean.
- Calimach, Andrew. Lovers’ Legends: The Gay Greek Myths.
- Crompton, Louis. Homosexuality and Civilization.
- Darnton, Robert. The Forbidden Best-sellers of Pre-Revolutionary France.
- Douglas, Ann. The Feminization of American Culture.
- Douglas, Susan. Where the Girls Are: Growing Up Female with the Mass Media.
- Engelstein, Laura. Castration and the Heavenly Kingdom: A Russian Folktale.
- Farrell Brodie, Janet. Contraception and Abortion in 19th-Century America.
- Garza Carvajal, Federico. Butterflies Will Burn: Prosecuting Sodomites in Early Modern Spain and Mexico.
- Gay, Peter. Education of the Senses.
- The Tender Passion.
- Hinsch, Bret. Passions of the Cut Sleeve.
- Hyam, Ronald. Empire and Sexuality: The English Experience.
- Juster, Susan. Disorderly Women: Sexual Politics and Evangelicalism in Revolutionary New England.
- Kates, Gary. Monsieur d’Eon is a Woman: A Tale of Political Intrigue and Sexual Masquerade.
- Kendrick, Walter. The Secret Museum: Pornography in Modern Culture.
- Laqueur, Thomas. Making Sex: Body and Gender from the Greeks to Freud.
- Solitary Sex: A Cultural History of Masturbation.
- Lefkowitz Horowitz, Helen. Re-Reading Sex: Battles over Sexual Knowledge and Suppression in 19th-Century America.
- Levine, Philippa. Prostitution, Race, and Politics: Policing Venereal Disease in the British Empire.
- Levy, Martin. Love and Madness: The Murder of Martha Ray, Mistress of the 4th Earl of Sandwich.
- Lowry, Thomas P. The Story the Soldiers Wouldn’t Tell: Sex in the Civil War.
- Maines, Rachel. The Technology of Orgasm.
- Rystrom, Jens. Sinners and Citizens: Bestiality and Homosexuality in Sweden, 1880-1950.
- Sivulka, Juliann. Soap, Sex, and Cigarettes: A History of Advertising in America.
- Smithers, Gregory D. Slave Breeding: Sex, Violence, and Memory in African-American History.
- Walkowitz, Judith. Prostitution and Victorian Society: Women, Class, and the State.
- Zimmerman, Jonathan. Too Hot to Handle: A Global History of Sex Education.

Mugar Library has an online subscription to the Journal of the History of Sexuality, which publishes research articles and book reviews. Consult this journal for lists of other books.