B250 Interdisciplinary Analysis of Women's Role (E625)

Spring 1983: Revised Calendar

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- Note 1: The calendar is subject to changes. CHANGES IN THE CALENDAR are posted on the Women's Bulletin Board, just outside the IUSB Library, and at the Women's Center, 913 S. 20th Street (237-4494).
- Note 2: The Michiana public is cordially invited to the lectures and presentations.
- TIME & PLACE: Lectures are held on Mondays and Wednesdays in North-side 009 from 11:30 A.M. to 12:45 P.M.
- Jan 12 W First Class: Course procedures explained.
- Jan 17 M "Bias against Women: Historical Perspectives"

 Gloria Kaufman, Ph.D., Brandeis University; Associate Professor of English, IUSB; Fulbright Award in the Philosophy of Science, Munich, Germany; co-author of Pulling Our Own Strings: Feminist Humor & Satire.
- Jan 19 W "History of Women in Russia"

 Karen Rasmussen, Ph.D., University of California at
 Berkeley; Assistant Dean of Faculties and Associate
 Professor of History, IUSB; author of papers & articles
 on Russia-Soviet Union; past coordinator of B250.
- Jan 24 M "Women in India"

 Meena Khorana, Ph.D., Agra University; Director of Freshman Composition & Adjunct Assistant Professor of English, IUSB; former coordinator of B250; makes regular trips to India.
- Jan 27 W "Black Women and the Blues"

 Samuel Shapiro, Ph.D., Columbia University; Associate Professor of History, Notre Dame University; author, former foreign correspondent for the Economist (London), New Republic, and Nation; wrote the entry on "Tango" for the Encyclopedia Britannica.
- Jan 31 M DISCUSSION MEETING

 Class meets at the Women's Center, 913 S. 20th St.

 Be prepared to raise any questions you have about either the assigned readings or the lectures. Discuss assigned questions with your discussion partner before class.

Feb 2 W "Women and Math"

Edward Specht, Ph.D., University of Minnesota; Professor of Mathematics, IUSB; frequent participant at meetings of the International Congress of Mathematicians and the International Congress of Mathematical education.

Feb 7 M Meeting with discussion partners. See assignment sheet.

Feb 9 W "Women and Art"

Marsha McSweeney, Ph.D., Brown University; Assistant Professor of Art History, St. Mary's College.

Feb 14 M VIDEOTAPE: "Women Artists Here & Now"

Documentary of a summer workshop with prominent women artists including Alice Neel, Mary Miss, Selina Trieff, and Mary Stoppard. Film shows how artists inspired and empowered their students by creating a unique atmosphere.

Feb 16 W "History of Feminism in France"

Anne-Marie Poinsatte, Ph.D., University of Chicago; Associate Professor of French; planning an anthology of French feminist literature; one of the co-founders of B250.

Feb 21 M Discussion Meeting

Held at the Women's Center, 913 S. 20 Street.
ALL MUST ATTEND: MIDTERM EXAMINATION will be described.

Feb 23 W MIDTERN EXAMINATION: OPEN BOOK
Course Booklets must be handed in.

Feb 28 M SPRING RECESS. Relax & have fun. Mar 2 W

Mar 7 M "Biology and Women"

Sandra Winicur, Ph.D., California Institute of Technology; Associate Professor of Biology, IUSB; Director of Honors Program, IUSB; one of the co-founders of B250.

Mar 9 W "Problems of Sexually Abused Children"

RuthAnn Parvin, Ph.D, Clinical Psychology, University of Nebraska; J.D., University of Nebraska Law College; Assistant Professor of Psychology, IUSB; Staff consultant on rape, incest, and sex education for various service organizations; author of several papers on sexual assault and incest.

Mar 14 M FILM: "Margaret Mead's New Guinea Journal"

NOTE: This film is somewhat longer than class time. We plan to start showing it at 11:20 and run until 12:50 P.M. Don't be surprised if you arrive early in class & the film is already running.

Mar 16 W Discussion Meeting at the Women's Center, 913 S. 20 St.

Mar 21 M "Women Writers"

Eileen Bender, Ph.D., Notre Dame University; Assistant Professor of English, Notre Dame; Member, Indiana Committee for the Humanities; author of numerous articles and a forthcoming book on Joyce Carol Oates; feminist critic.

Mar 23 W "The Psychology and Politics of Humor"

Gloria Kaufman, coordinator of panel on Feminist Humor at the upcoming National Women's Studies Association Meetings, June, 1983; author of articles on feminist humor.

Mar 28 M "Feminist Theology & the New Testament"

Elizabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame; author of many articles on early Christianity and the New Testament; internationally recognized authority in her field; prominent speaker at world-wide conferences.

Mar 30 W FILM: "With Babies and Banners"

Apr 4 M "Women in China"

Jean Robinson, Ph.D., Cornell University; Assistant Professor of Political Science & East Asian Studies, Indiana University - Bloomington; former Director of Women's Studies, Indiana University - Bloomington (1977-82); latest research in China, May-July, 1982; author of articles on women in China & on teaching women's studies.

Apr 6 W "The Post-Feminist Generation--Another Myth in the Making"

Mary Kay Blakely, M.A., Northern Illinois University; Contributing Editor, MS. Magazine; current & past columnist for Vogue, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Atlanta Constitution, and other publications; co-author Pulling Our Own Strings: Feminist Humor & Satire; popular ketnote speaker at many conventions and conferences.

Apr 11 M "Women and the Labor Force: 1890-1983"

Collette Moser, Ph.D., Ph.D., University of Wisconsin; Labor Economist; Consultant for U.S. Dept. of Labor & for Governor Milliken of Michigan; author of many papers in her field; currently teaching at Michigan State University.

Apr 13 W No class meeting.

Apr 18 M "Sexual Abuse of School-Age Children"

Gloria Gillespie & Robin Zollor Smietanka, Consulting Therapists; train judges, police, doctors, nurses in how to deal with sexual abuse of children; have spent seven years researching and doing therapy in this area; facilitators of many professional workshops on incest and sexual assault of children.

Apr 20 W "Women and the Law Today"

Sharon Wildey, J.D., Indiana University Law School; attorney-at-law, South Bend; co-founder of the Women's Legal Clinic (in South Bend, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and spreading to other states).

Apr 25 M "Lesbianism"

Speaker is a performing musician who has also done graduate work in sociology; producer-director of a 30-minute interview radio program on feminist culture & ideas.

Apr 27 W Last class meeting; ALL MUST ATTEND.
Reports on Special Projects.

Monday May 2 11:30-1:30 P.M. FINAL EXAMINATION HAND IN COURSE BOOKLETS

June 26-30 The Fifth Annual National Women's Studies Association Convention, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

An exciting and stimulating program of workshops, panel discussions, and cultural events. Scholars from all disciplines with make presentations. Cultural events will include feminist musicians and artists. (One program, "Women's Voices," will have readings by Margaret Atwood, Nikki Giovanni, June Jordan, Marge Piercy, & May Sarton--all on one program!)

There will be special appearances by Nicole Hollander, feminist cartoonist; Tatiana Mamanova, exiled Soviet feminist; Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, and others. There will be a feminist art exhibit, free nightly dances, a nightly coffeehouse featuring local musicians & poets, in addition to feminist theatre & music at admission prices. There will be free films, morning runs, an extensive exhibit of feminist books.

Watch the Women's Bulletin for more details. Plan now on attending. Room & board in a suite for 4 people costs about \$110--all meals. (Room = bedroom with 4 bunk beds + connecting sitting room + private bath.) There will also be some free housing. Advance registration for IUSB students is \$40.

TEXTS & KEY:

Julia O'Faolain & Laura Matines, eds., Not in God's Image (NGI).
New York: Harper, 1973.

Florence Rush, The Best Kept Secret (BKS). McGraw Hill, 1980.

Barbara Ehrenreich & Deidre English, For Her Own Good: 150 Years of the Experts' Advice to Women. (FHOG) Anchor, 1979.

Merlin Stone, When God Was a Woman. (WGW) Harcourt, 1976.

Rita Mae Brown, Rubyfruit Jungle. Bantam, 1977. (RJ)

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Note 1: All assigned readings are subject to change. CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS ONLY ONCE.
- Note 2: In addition to readings assigned below, there will be a number of handouts that are required reading. If you miss a class, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for securing all handouts. Extra copies of handouts are routinely placed in the B250 envelope outside my office door.
- Jan 17 HANDOUT by Zillman & Stocking. (Hand in Question sheet, NGI, "Witches," pp. 207-217.

 NGI, "The Cristianity Context," pp. 128-133, 137-143.

 WGW, Chaps. 1 &2, pp. 1-29.
- Jan 19 WGW, p. x. Also "Preface" & "Introduction," pp. xi-xxvii. NGI, "Islam," pp. 108-115.
- Jan 24 WGW, Chap. 4, pp. 62-102. BKS, pp. 74-79.
- Jan 27 BKS, pp. x-15.
- Jan 31 FHOG, Chaps. Two & Three, pp. 30-98.
- Feb 2 NGI, pp. 118-126.
- Feb 7 BKS, pp. 16-73, 80-104. Meet with your discussion partner (no class meeting), and discuss today's reading. Come up with a list (to hand in Feb 9) of what you both think are the most significant issues raised. Where you disagree, you can indicate that only one of you has picked that particular issue.
- Feb 9 NGI, "Prostitutes," pp. 291-303.
- Feb 14 BKS, pp. 134-197.
- Feb 16 NGI, pp. 304-316, 220-226, 276-281.
- Feb 21 WGW, Chap. 3, pp. 30-61.
- Feb 23 Midterm EXAMINATION: Open Book (Bring texts.)

 Hand in Course Booklets.
- Mar 7 FHOG, "The Sexual Politics of Sickness," pp. 101-140.

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- Mar 9 WGW, Chap. 5, 103-128.
- Mar 14 RJ, pp. 3-97.
- Mar 16 RJ, pp. 98-110.
- Mar 21 NGI, pp. 180-193. RJ, pp. 111-168.
- Mar 23 RJ, pp. 169-177.
- Mar 28 NGI, pp. 194-206, 175-178. RJ, 181-221.
- Mar 30 RJ, 222-246.
- Apr 4 To be assigned.
- Apr 6 FHOG, "Motherhood as Pathology," 211-265, and HANDOUT.
- Apr 11 FHOG, Chap. 1, 1-29.
- Apr 13 WGW, 129-152.
- Apr 18 FHOG, Chap. 8, 269-311.
- Apr 20 FHOG, 313-324.
- Apr 25 WGW, 153-241.
- Apr 27 Reports on special topics (for those who have them).
- May 2 Hand in Course Booklet. FINAL EXAMINATION DAY. 11:30-1:30 P.M.