“Political freedom . . . means ‘the right to be a participator in government,’ or it means nothing.”
—Hannah Arendt

Course Description
This course, team taught by Professors Linda Zerilli and Ann Orloff, will examine several aspects of the gendered character of citizenship: political participation and representation, social rights and economic rights. We aim to understand citizenship from both "top down" and "bottom up" perspectives. What do states do, via citizenship rights, to shape gender relations? How do gender relations influence the nature of citizenship? How has feminism emerged as a radical challenge to the androcentrism and restricted character of the democratic public sphere? We expand on conventional conceptions of political participation and citizenship rights to include the grassroots democratic activism that gave birth to the modern women's movement. We explore how women's political efforts have given rise to the creation of counter-public spheres and alternative visions of democracy, social provision and economic participation, as well as reshaping formal politics and policies.

Course Requirements
Attendance is mandatory. Participation counts as 20% of your grade. You take a midterm and a final, each of which counts for 40% of your grade.

Course Readings
The readings will be available in a reader at Quartet Copies. Read “required texts” and “documents” for each class session. Read the texts and documents in the order in which they appear on this syllabus.

(April 2)
I. Gender as a Significant Political Difference
Documents:
Women in Elective Office
Sex Differences in Voter Turnout
The Gender Gap (various)
Young Women and Politics

Website Visits:
www.cawp.rutgers.edu (examine the web site for more information on American women and politics)
http://www.iwpr.org/index.cfm (examine web site for more information about women’s economic and social conditions and social entitlements)
www.idea.int (examine web site for more information on democracy and gender relations in an international context)

Class will view “Iron Jawed Angels”
(2 hours)
(April 9)

II. The Gendering of Modern Citizenship and the Public Sphere
Required Texts:
Joan Scott, *French Feminists and the Rights of Man*, ch. 1
Iris Marion Young, “Impartiality and the Civic Public: Feminist Critiques of Moral and Political Theory”
Joan Landes, “The Public and the Private Sphere: A Feminist Reconsideration”

Recommended:
Thomas Laqueur, “Orgasm, Generation and the Politics of Reproductive Biology”
Carole Pateman, *The Sexual Contract*

(April 16)

III. First-Wave Struggles: Abolitionism, Feminism, and the Demand for Political Freedom
Required Texts:
Ellen Carol Dubois, “Introduction: The Invention of Women’s Rights”
Hannah Arendt, “What is Freedom?”

Documents:
History of Woman Suffrage in the United States
The Declaration of Independence
The Declaration of Sentiments
Sojourner Truth’s Speech to the Akron Convention, 1851
Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s Speech to the Anniversary of the American Anti-Slavery Society”

Recommended:
Barbara Berg, *The Remembered Gate: Origins of American
Feminism
Shirley Yee, *Black Women Abolitionists*
Karen Sanchez-Eppler, *Touching Liberty: Abolition, Feminism, and the Politics of the Body*

(April 23)
IV. Gender, Social Citizenship, and the Emergence of the Welfare State (2 weeks)
Required Texts:
Theda Skocpol, *Protecting Soldiers and Mothers*, Part III (chs. 6-9).

Recommended:
Ann Orloff, “Gender in the Welfare State”
Nancy Naples, “Contradictions in the Gender Subtext of the War on Poverty: The Community Work and Resistance of Women from Low Income Families”

(April 30)
V. Gender, Social Citizenship… Continued
Required Texts:
Rianne Mahon “Child Care: Toward What Kind of "Social Europe"? *Social Politics* 2002 9: 343-379

Film: Mom’s Rising.org

(May 7)
VI. MIDTERM
(May 14)
VII. Reproduction, Citizen Rights, and State Power
Required Texts:
O’Connor, Orloff and Shaver, *States, Markets, Families*, chapter 5

(May 21)
VIII. The Second-Wave Feminist Movement
Required Texts:
Ann Snitow, “A Gender Diary” from Conflicts in Feminism
Alice Echols, *Daring to Be Bad*, Intro. and chs. 1-3.

Becky Thompson, *Multiracial Feminism: Recasting the Chronology of Second Wave Feminism,*” Feminist Studies, Vol. 28, No. 2 (Summer 2002)

Film: Step By Step: Building a Feminist Movement, 1941-1977 (56 min.)

(May 28)
IX. The Global Movement for Women’s Human Rights
Required Texts:
Charlotte Bunch and Samantha Frost, “Women’s Human Rights”
Florence Butegwa, “International Human Rights Law and Practice: Implications for Women”
Valentine M. Moghadam, “Islamic Feminism and Its Discontents: Toward a Resolution of the Debate”
Leila Ahmed, “The Discourse of the Veil,” in *Women and Gender in Islam*

Documents:
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

Film: The Vienna Tribunal (48 min.)

Recommended:
Web Site Visit:
[www.cwgl.rutgers.edu](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu) (explore the web site and related links.)
[www.idea.int/women/parl/annex.htm](http://www.idea.int/women/parl/annex.htm) (“International Women’s Human Rights
Legislation”)