

## *Sociology of Sexuality*

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Professor Héctor Carrillo

Room: Parkes Hall 222

Wednesday 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Office hours: T 11AM-12PM and Th 4-5 PM

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This graduate seminar asks the following questions: What do we learn about society by studying sexuality? What do we learn about sexuality by studying society? We will focus on sociological approaches to studying sexuality and link sexuality studies to broader sociological questions about culture, social interaction, social inequality, globalization, social movements, science, health, and public policy. We will explore various theoretical and methodological approaches that have been used in sociological studies of sexuality—including those that guide sexuality-related analyses of meanings and identities, practices and behaviors, politics, power, relationships, population movement, collective identities and social movements, and morality and social control.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Students will be expected to:

- Do all required readings prior to each class session and participate in class discussion.
- Submit a term paper electronically and in hard copy (20-25 pages in length) by 3:00 PM on Monday, December 5.

You must get my approval of your proposed topic by submitting a short written description electronically by no later than Friday, October 21 and meeting with me individually soon thereafter. Include an initial bibliography with your description. The bibliography for the term paper must expand beyond the readings for the seminar.

- Circulate discussion questions in advance of one or two seminar sessions during the semester. These questions must be posted by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday before class. A sign-up sheet will be circulated.
- Read weekly posted discussion questions before class and be prepared to discuss them.
- Make sure that your own submitted questions are addressed during our discussion of the readings.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:****Grading:**

In this class you will earn a grade by completing the following assignments:

Term paper	75% of the final grade
Class participation and discussion questions	25% of the final grade

**Attendance Policy:**

You are expected to attend class seminars on a regular basis.

**Syllabus is Subject to Change:**

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to check whether any announcements were made while you were absent.

**Academic Integrity:**

Academic integrity is fundamental for this course and plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please review the Graduate School's policy on academic integrity at <http://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/studentsvcs/ethics/>.

**Accessibility:**

Any student with a documented disability needing accommodations is requested to speak directly to the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) (847-467-5530) and the instructor as early as possible in the quarter (preferably within the first two weeks of class). All discussions will remain confidential.

**Other Policies:** Turn off your pager and cell phones during class.

**SCHEDULE AND READINGS:**

You must buy the following four books:

- Foucault, Michel. 1990 [orig. 1979]. *History of Sexuality, Volume 1: An Introduction*. New York: Vintage.
- Carrillo, Héctor. 2002. *The Night Is Young: Sexuality in Mexico in the Time of AIDS*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Stein, Arlene. 2001. *The Stranger Next Door: The Story of a Small Community's Battle over Sex, Faith, and Civil Rights*. Boston: Beacon Press.
- Bernstein, Elizabeth. 2007. *Temporarily Yours: Intimacy, Authenticity, and the Commerce of Sex*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

The rest of the required readings will be available in PDF format through Blackboard.

**Class 1 – September 21: Foundations**

- Weber, Max (1915[1946]). *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*. Edited by H.H. Gerth and Wright Mills. New York: Oxford University Press. Chapter XIII - Religious Rejections of the World and Their Directions, Section 7 - The Erotic Sphere (pp. 343-350).
- Freud, Sigmund. 1963. *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, Vol. XVI: Introductory Lectures on Psycho-Analysis. London: Hogarth, read 303-38 (“The Sexual Life of Human Beings” and “The Development of the Libido”).
- Kinsey, Alfred C., Wardell B. Pomeroy, and Clyde E. Martin. 1948. *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders (pp. 3-9, 335-63, and 636-41).
- Kinsey, Alfred C., et al. 1953. *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*. Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders (pp. 4-11).

**Class 2 – September 28: The Social Construction of Sexuality**

- Simon, William and John H. Gagnon. 1986. “Sexual Scripts: Permanence and Change.” *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 15, no. 2: 97-120
- Green, Adam Isaiah. 2008. “The Social Organization of Desire: The Sexual Fields Approach.” *Sociological Theory* 26, no.1: 25-50.
- Green, Adam Isaiah. 2008. “Erotic Habitus: Toward a Sociology of Desire.” *Theory and Society*. 37:597–626.
- Laumann, Edward O., John H Gagnon, Robert T. Michael, and Stuart Michaels. 1994. *The Social Organization of Sexuality: Sexual Practices in the United States*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter 1: Theoretical Background (pp. 3-34) and Chapter: 14: Normative Orientations toward Sexuality (pp.509-540).

*Also Recommended:*

- Vance, Carole S. [orig. 1989] 1998. “Social Construction Theory: Problems in the History of Sexuality.” Pp. 160-170 in *Social Perspectives in Lesbian and Gay Studies*, ed. Peter M. Nardi and Beth E. Schneider. London: Routledge.
- Gagnon, John and William Simon. 2005 [1973]. *Sexual Conduct: The Social Sources of Human Sexuality*. Chicago: Aldine Pub. Co.

**Class 3 – October 5: Eroticism, Intimacy, and the Sexual Moment**

- Shilling, Chris and Philip A. Mellor. 2010. “Sociology and the Problem of Eroticism.” *Sociology* 44:435-452.
- Weitman, Sasha. 1998. “On the Elementary Forms of the Socioerotic Life.” *Theory, Culture & Society* Vol. 15(3-4): 71-110
- Lorde, Audre. 1984. “Uses of the Erotic: The Erotic as Power.” In *Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches by Audre Lorde* (Berkeley: The Crossing Press, pp. 53-59).
- Carrillo, Héctor. 2002. *The Night Is Young: Sexuality in Mexico in the Time of AIDS*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter 8 (pp. 180-211).

*Also Recommended:*

- Giddens, Anthony. 1992. *The Transformation of Intimacy: Sexuality, Love & Eroticism in Modern Societies* (Stanford: Stanford University Press).
- Fontdevila, Jorge. 2009. "Framing Dilemmas during Sex: A Micro-Sociological Approach to HIV Risk." *Social Theory & Health* 7, No.3: 241–263.
- Robinson, Keith. 2003. The Passion and the Pleasure: Foucault's Art of Not Being Oneself. *Theory, Culture & Society* 20(2): 119–144.
- Bataille, Georges. 1962 [1957]. *Eroticism*. (London: John Calder [Publishers]).
- Paz, Octavio. 1995 [1993]. *The Double Flame: Love and Eroticism*. Translated by Helen Lane. (New York: Harcourt Brace & Company).

**Class 4 – October 12: Foucault and Queer Theory in Sociology**

- Foucault, Michel. 1990 [orig. 1979]. *History of Sexuality, Volume 1: An Introduction*. New York: Vintage. Parts I, II, III, chapters 2 and 3 of part IV, and part V (pp. 1-73, 92-114, and 135-159).
- Epstein, Steven. 2003. An Incitement to Discourse: Sociology and *The History of Sexuality*. *Sociological Forum* 18, no. 3 (September): 486-500
- Gamson, Joshua and Dawne Moon. 2004. "The Sociology of Sexualities: Queer and Beyond." *Annual Review of Sociology* 30, no.1: 47-64.

*Also recommended:*

- Stein, Arlene, and Ken Plummer. 1994. "'I Can't Even Think Straight': 'Queer' Theory and the Missing Sexual Revolution in Sociology." *Sociological Theory* 12, no. 2: 178-87.

**Class 5 – October 19: Adopting Individual Sexual Identities**

- Weeks, Jeffrey. "The Sexual Citizen" *Theory, Culture & Society* 1998 15, nos. 3-4: 35-52.
- Hammack, Phillip L. 2005. "The Life Course Development of Human Sexual Orientation: An Integrative Paradigm." *Human Development* 48: 267–290.
- Carrillo, Héctor. 2002. *The Night Is Young: Sexuality in Mexico in the Time of AIDS*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 2 to 5 (pp.31-128).
- Young, Rebecca M. and Ilan H. Meyer. 2005. "The Trouble with 'MSM' and 'WSW': Erasure of the Sexual-Minority Person in Public Health Discourse." *American Journal of Public Health* 95, no. 7: 1144-1149.

*Also Recommended:*

- Diamond, Lisa M. 2006. "What We Got Wrong about Sexual Identity Development: Unexpected Findings from a Longitudinal Study of Young Women." In *Sexual Orientation and Mental Health: Examining Identity and Development in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People*, edited by Allen M. Omoto and Howard S. Kurtzman, 73-94. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

- Diamond, Lisa M. 2008. *Sexual Fluidity: Understanding Women's Love and Desire*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Anderson, Eric. 2008. "Being Masculine Is Not About Who You Sleep With...'" *Heterosexual Athletes Contesting Masculinity and the One-time Rule of Homosexuality.*" *Sex Roles* 58: 104–115.
- Parker, Richard G. 2009 [orig. 1991]. *Bodies, Pleasures, and Passions: Sexual Culture in Contemporary Brazil*. Boston: Beacon Press, 67-97.
- Ponse, Barbara. 1978. *Identities in the Lesbian World: The Social Construction of Self*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
- Stein, Arlene. 1997. *Sex and Sensibility: Stories of a Lesbian Generation*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

### **Class 6 – October 26: Sexual Rights, Collective Identities, and Social Movements**

- Richardson, Diane. 2000. "Constructing Sexual Citizenship: Theorizing Sexual Rights." *Critical Social Policy* 20: 105-135.
- Gamson, Joshua. 1995. "Must Identity Movements Self-destruct? A Queer Dilemma." *Social Problems* 42, no. 3: 390-407.
- Armstrong, Elizabeth A. 2002. *Forging Gay Identities: Organizing Sexuality in San Francisco, 1950-1994*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter 1 (pp.1-28).
- Ghaziani, Amin. 2011. "Post-Gay Collective Identity Construction." *Social Problems* 58, no. 1: 99-125.

#### *Also Recommended:*

- Ghaziani, Amin and Gary Alan Fine. 2008. "Infighting and Ideology: How Conflict Informs the Local Culture of the Chicago Dyke March." *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* 20, no.1-4: 51-67.
- Ghaziani, Amin. 2008. *The Dividends of Dissent: How Conflict and Culture Work in Lesbian and Gay Marches on Washington*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Halberstam, Judith. 1998. "Transgender Butch: Butch/FTM Border Wars and the Masculine Continuum." *GLQ* 4, no. 2: 287-310.
- Valentine, David. 2007. *Imagining Transgender: An Ethnography of a Category*. (Durham: Duke University Press).
- Ward, Jane. 2003. "Producing 'Pride' in West Hollywood: A Queer Cultural Capital for Queers with Cultural Capital." *Sexualities* 6 (1):65-94.
- Adam, Barry D., Jan Willem Duyvendak, and André Krouwel (eds.). 1999. *The Global Emergence of Gay and Lesbian Politics: National Imprints of a Worldwide Movement*. Philadelphia : Temple University Press.
- Fetner, Tina. 2005. "Ex-Gay Rhetoric and the Politics of Sexuality." *Journal of Homosexuality* 50(1): 71-95.

**Class 7 – November 2: Social Change through Politics, Policy, and Legislation**

Stein, Arlene. 2001. *The Stranger Next Door: The Story of a Small Community's Battle over Sex, Faith, and Civil Rights*. Boston: Beacon Press. Introduction and chapters 6 and 7 (pp. 1-38, 110-164).

Carrillo, Héctor. 2007. "Imagining Modernity: Sexuality, Policy, and Social Change in Mexico." *Sexuality Research & Social Policy* 4, No.3: 74-91

Epstein, Steven. 2006. "The New Attack on Sexuality Research: Morality and the Politics of Knowledge Production." *Sexuality Research and Social Policy* 3, no. 1: 1-12.

*Also recommended:*

Fields, Jessica. 2005. "'Children-Having-Children': Race, Innocence, and Sexuality Education." *Social Problems* 52, no.4:549-71

Cantú Jr., Lionel, Eithne Luibhéid, and Alexandra Minna Stern. 2005. "Well-Founded Fear: Political Asylum and the Boundaries of Sexual Identity in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands." In *Queer Migrations: Sexuality, U.S. Citizenship, and Border Crossings*, edited by Eithne Luibhéid and Lionel Cantú Jr., 61-74. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

DiMauro, Diane and Carol Joffe. 2009. "The Religious Right and the Reshaping of Sexual Policy: Reproductive Rights and Sexuality Education during the Bush Years." In *Moral Panics, Sex Panics: Fear and the Fight over Sexual Rights*, edited by Gilbert Herdt, 47-103. New York: New York University Press.

**Class 8 – November 9: The Political Economy of Sexuality**

Bernstein, Elizabeth. 2007. *Temporarily Yours: Intimacy, Authenticity, and the Commerce of Sex*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

*Also recommended:*

Padilla, Mark. 2007. *Caribbean Pleasure Industry: Tourism, Sexuality, and AIDS in the Dominican Republic*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Cantú Jr., Lionel. 2001. "A Place Called Home: A Queer Political Economy of Mexican Immigrant Men's Family Experiences." In *Queer Families, Queer Politics: Challenging Culture and the State*, edited by Mary Bernstein and Renate Reimann, 112-136. New York: Columbia University Press.

**Class 9 – November 16: Intersectionality: Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality**

McCall, Leslie. 2005. "The Complexity of Intersectionality." *Signs* 30, no. 3: 1771-1800.

Viveros Vigoya, Mara. 2002. Dionysian Blacks: Sexuality, Body, and Racial Order in Colombia. *Latin American Perspectives* 29, No. 2: 60-77

Nagel, Joane. 2000. "Ethnicity and Sexuality." *Annual Review of Sociology* 26: 107-133.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2005. Doing Gender, Doing Class: The Performance of Sexuality in Exotic Dance Clubs. *Gender & Society* 19 No. 6: 771-788.

*Also recommended:*

- Nagel, Joane. 2003. *Race, Ethnicity, and Sexuality: Intimate Intersections, Forbidden Frontiers*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Cohen, Cathy. 2009. "Black Sexuality, Indigenous Moral Panics, and Respectability." In *Moral Panics, Sex Panics: Fear and the Fight over Sexual Rights*, edited by Gilbert Herdt, 104-129. New York: New York University Press.
- Frank, Katherine. 2002. *G-Strings and Sympathy: Strip Club Regulars and Male Desire*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press. Chapter 6 "Hustlers, Pros, and the Girl Next Door: Social Class, Race, and the Consumption of the Authentic Female Body" (pp.203-28).
- González-López, Gloria. 2006. "Heterosexual Fronteras: Immigrant Mexicanos, Sexual Vulnerabilities, and Survival." *Sexuality Research & Social Policy* 3, no.3: 67-81.
- Bowleg, Lisa. 2008. "When Black + Lesbian + Woman ≠ Black Lesbian Woman: The Methodological Challenges of Qualitative and Quantitative Intersectionality Research." *Sex Roles* 59:312–325

**Class 10 – November 23: Sexual Globalization, Migration, and Sexual Cultures**

- Altman, Dennis. 2004. "Sexuality and Globalization." *Sexuality Research & Social Policy* 1, no.1: 63-68.
- Wonders, Nancy A., and Raymond Michalowski. 2001. "Bodies, Borders, and Sex Tourism in a Globalized World: A Tale of Two Cities: Amsterdam and Havana." *Social Problems* 48, no. 4: 545-71.
- Boellstorff, Tom. "The Perfect Path: Gay Men, Marriage, Indonesia." *GLQ* 5, no. 4: 475-510.
- Carrillo, Héctor. 2004. "Sexual Migration, Cross-Cultural Sexual Encounters, and Sexual Health." *Sexuality Research & Social Policy* 1, no. 3: 58-70.

*Also recommended:*

- Altman, Dennis. 2001. *Global Sex*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Cantú, Lionel Jr. 2009. *The Sexuality of Migration: Border Crossings and Mexican Immigrant Men*, edited by Nancy A. Naples and Salvador Vidal-Ortiz. New York: New York University Press.
- González López, Gloria. 2005. *Erotic Journeys: Mexican Immigrants and their Sex Lives*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press.
- Jackson, Peter. 2000. "Critical Regionalities and the Study of Gender and Sexual Diversity in South East and East Asia." *Culture, Health & Sexuality* 2, no. 4: 361-375.
- Manalansan IV, Martin F. 2003. *Global Divas: Filipino Gay Men in the Diaspora*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Boellstorff, Tom. 2005. *The Gay Archipelago: Sexuality and Nation in Indonesia*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Espiritu, Yen Le. 2001. "'We Don't Sleep around Like White Girls Do': Family, Culture, and Gender in Filipina American Lives." *Signs* 26, no. 2: 415-440.

**December 5 – Term paper due by 3:00 PM**