

Professors Mumme and Hellwarth
INTDS 306: A Cultural and Evolutionary History of Sexuality
 T Th 9:30-10:45
 221 Oddfellows

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Course Description: This discussion-based course is an examination of sexuality and sexual behavior from evolutionary, historical, and cultural perspectives. It provides an interdisciplinary approach to understanding the biological and cultural basis of human sexuality, sexual identities, and sexual practices. Topics include marriage and monogamy, polygamy, homosexuality, bisexuality, intersexuality, transgender and transexuality, sexual renunciation, the medicalization of sexuality, cultural control of sexual expression, female orgasm, and adultery.

Required Texts:

1. *The History of Sexuality Sourcebook*. Matthew Kuefler, ed. Broadview Press, 2007.
2. *Evolution's Rainbow: Diversity, Gender, and Sexuality in Nature and People*. Joan Roughgarden. University of California Press, 2009.

Recommended Texts:

1. *Sex at Dawn: Sex at Dawn: How We Mate, Why We Stray, and What It Means for Modern Relationships*. Christopher Ryan and Cacilda Jethá. Harper Perennial, 2011.
2. *Dr. Tatiana's Sex Advice to All Creation: The Definitive Guide to the Evolutionary Biology of Sex*. Olivia Judson. Holt Paperbacks, 2003.

Grading:

Your grade in the class will be determined as follows:

Assignment	Percent of Grade
Short writing assignments (4 @ 5% each)	20%
Midterm exam (Tuesday, October 25)	15%
Final exam (Saturday, December 17, 7 p.m.)	20%
Term paper (due Friday, December 9)	25%
Attendance/participation	20%
Total	100%

Short writing assignments – Four short (1-2 page) writing assignments will be required throughout the

semester; details on each of these assignments will be provided separately.

Midterm exam – The midterm exam will be held during our normal class meeting on Tuesday, October 25. It will involve a mix of short-answer and short-essay questions.

Final exam – The final exam will be similar to the mid-term in style and format but will be longer, comprehensive, and administered during the official final exam period for the course: Saturday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

Term paper – Term paper, you can examine any topic in human sexuality that interests you. The only requirement is that you examine the topic from a synthetic, interdisciplinary framework. Detail on the term paper (length, style, etc.) will be provided later in the semester.

Attendance/Participation –

A Note About Plagiarism:

Sakai Web Site

Along with the required texts we will make frequent use of additional supplemental readings. These will be available for viewing and download from the INTDS 306 web page on **Sakai**, Allegheny’s web-based course management system (<https://sakai.allegheny.edu/portal/>).

Please Note: The syllabus is subject to change. Please pay attention to announcements regarding any changes in course readings and assignments!

Class Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Topic	Readings
Th Sept 1	Introduction: female vs. male, sex vs. gender, feminine vs. masculine	
Tu Sept 6	Sex Happens Black-horned Crickets Lab	Roughgarden, Intro. and Chapters 2-5
Th Sept 8	Theories of Sexuality	Halperin, “Is there a history of sexuality” (416-431); <i>HSS</i> “Sex and the uses of history”; Anne Fausto-Sterling, “Dualing dualisms” (6-21)
Tu Sept 13	Evolutionary History of Sex: The First Two Billion Years. Evolutionary origins of sexual reproduction, gender, internal fertilization.	Zimmer 2009. On the origins of sexual reproduction; Dennis 2008. The oldest pregnant mum; Roughgarden, Chapter 1.
Th Sept 15	Sexuality and Human Evolution: What Humans Actually Do Assignment Due in Class: Evolution of Primate Genitalia	Ryan and Jetha, Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 1-45); deWaal 1995. Bonobo sex and society.
Tu Sept 20	(Human) History of Sexuality:	<i>HSS</i> , Chapter 1, “Patriarchy,” sections

	Patriarchy: it's a Man's World?	2-8; 37, 48, 141
Th Sept 22	Behaviors and Practices: Birds do it? Marriage and monogamy	<i>HSS</i> , Chapter 5: Intro, and sections 1-9; and sections 16-18; 43, 56-58, 62, 63, 65, 68, 71, 84, 88, 107, 146, 158; Walker et al. 2011. Evolutionary history of hunter-gatherer marriage practices.
Tu Sept 27	Polygamy: polygyny	<i>HSS</i> , 36, 62, 64, 65, 72, 85, 97, 136; Nazareth and Machado 2010. Mating system and paternal care in harvestmen; Jankowiak et al. 2005. Co-wife conflict and cooperation.
Th Sept 29	Polygamy: polyandry	<i>HSS</i> , 84; Mumme et al. 1983. Mate guarding in the Acorn Woodpecker; Goldstein 1987. When brothers share a wife.
Tu Oct 4	Homosexual behavior in animals	Bailey and Zuk 2009. Same-sex sexual behavior and evolution; Roughgarden, Chapter 8.
Th Oct 6	Homosexuality and human biology	Savolainen and Lehmann 2007. Genetics and bisexuality; Roughgarden, Chapter 14; <i>HSS</i> , Chapter 3; Nye, "The Gay Gene and the Sexual Brain" (285-305)
Tu Oct 11	Homosexuality: Ancient and early modern cultural aspects of homosexuality	Roughgarden, Chapter 20; add <i>HSS</i> , Chapter 3 Intro, sections 19-22, 30, Chapter 8 Intro and sections 75, 160,
Th Oct 13	Homosexuality: Modern Cultural Issues	<i>HSS</i> , Sections 113, 152-155, 169, 177-179, 183; "Carl Wittman Issues a Gay Manifesto, 1969-1970" (419-422)
Tu Oct 18	Fall Break	
Th Oct 20	Homosexuality	Rust, "The Politics of Sexual Identity" (366-86); Woolfe, "It's Not What you Wear" (502-4)
Tu Oct 25	*** Midterm Exam ***	
Th Oct 27	Bisexuality	Rosenthal et al. 2011. "Sexual arousal patterns of bisexual men revisited"; Tuller, "No Surprise for Bisexual Men" NYT; Tescavage and Alexander, "Muddying the Waters" (21-31); <i>HSS</i> , sections 16, 90, 128, 171, 181
Tu Nov 1	Medicalization of Sex	<i>HSS</i> , Chapter 11; Chapter 13 Intro and sections 143-144 ; Roughgarden Chapter 16-17
Th Nov 3	Female orgasm	Blackledge, "The Function of the

		Orgasm" (273-84); Koedt 1968. "Myth of the vaginal orgasm"; Gould 1991. "Male nipples and clitoral ripples"; 2005 piece in NY times on Elisabeth Lloyd book'; Brody and Weiss, "Vaginal Orgasm is Associated with Vaginal (Not Clitoral) Sex" (2774-2781)
Tu Nov 8	Controls on sexuality and sex outside of marriage	Ron do something! Animal paper; readings on mutilation, HSS sections 68, 156
Th Nov 10	Adultery and extra-marital sex	HSS, 23, 36, 76, 82, 90, 101; Ron do something! ; [Ridley, "Female Adultery"]; Oppenheimer 2011. "Married, with infidelities" (NY Times piece)
Tu Nov 15	Renunciation 90 million years without sex: a dry spell.	Judson, Chapter 13, HSS Chapter 6 "Sexual Renunciation" and section 67
Th Nov 17	Intersexuality	Roughgarden, Chapter 6; Judson, Chapter 12; Nye, Hermaphroditism/Intersexuality (224-239)
Tu Nov 22	Intersexuality "Is is it a boy or girl" (54 min video)?	Preves, "Intersex Narratives" (32-43); Chase, "Hemaphrodites with Attitude" (300-413)
Th Nov 24	Thanksgiving Break	
Tu Nov 29	Intersexuality	Nanda, "Hijros as Neither Man nor Woman" (542-552); Butler, "Doing Justice to Someone"
Th Dec 1	Gender and gender identity in humans	Roughgarden, Chapters 10-13
Tu Dec 6	Transgender and Transexuality	Roughgarden, Chapters 18-22; HSS, section 27, 28; Nye, "Transexuality"; Hernandez "Holding my Breath Underwater"
Th Dec 8	Transgender and Transexuality (modern societies?)	Roughgarden, Chapter 15; Roen, "Transgender Theory and Embodiment"; Towle and Morgan, "Romancing the Transgender Narrative"
Fri Dec 9	Final Paper due: noon to either Prof. Hellwarth or Mumme	
Tu Dec 13	Sex Happens, whether we like it or not. Last Day of Class	Maybe revisiting and/or complicating the notions of sex, gender, sexuality cross-culturally and human and animal

		world?
Sat Dec 17	7:00 pm – Final exam	

Transgendered Section:

Michael Hernandez. "Holding my Breath Underwater" (182-185) *GSS*

"Privileges held by non-trans people" (300-301) in *GSS*

Movie: Transamerica? <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0407265/>

