

Department of Philosophy / Program in Women's and Gender Studies
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PHIL 22/WGST 46: FEMINISM AND PHILOSOPHY

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Office: 312 Thornton, x6-3133
Office Hours: Th 1:00-3:00
(and at other times by appointment)

Class meets: Tu/Th 10:00-11:50
(The x-hour, W 3:00-4:05,
will rarely be used.)
Classroom: Dartmouth 206

This course will examine the relationship between feminism and philosophy, focusing primarily on the following questions: What is feminism? What is sexism? What is oppression? What is gender? Is knowledge gendered? Is value gendered? What is a (gendered) self? and What would liberation be? In exploring these issues, we will examine the ways feminist theorists have rethought basic concepts in core areas of philosophy such as ethics, social and political philosophy, metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of law, and philosophy of mind.

Text: *Feminist Theory: A Philosophical Anthology*, edited by Ann E. Cudd and Robin O. Andreasen (2005) **C&A**. Available at Wheelock Books.
Additional readings will be posted on Blackboard (**B**).

Schedule of Topics and Readings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Readings (from textbook unless otherwise indicated)</i>
Jan. 6	Introduction: Feminism and Philosophy	
Jan. 8	What Is Feminism?	Wollstonecraft; Mill, C&A , 11-26
Jan. 13	"	De Beauvoir; Millett, C&A , 27-59; Brison, "Beauvoir and Feminism: Interview and Reflections" B
Jan. 15	Intersectionality	hooks, C&A , 60-68; Lorde, "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House;" B Collins, "The Social Construction of Black Feminist Thought" B
Jan. 19, 7pm, Spaulding – MLK Keynote Address – Sherman Alexie		
Jan. 20	What Is Sexism?	Cudd & Jones; Frye, C&A , 73-90
Jan. 21, 6pm, Mayer Room, Howe Library, "Working Poor" discussion w/Sweet Honey in the Rock		
Jan. 22	What Is Oppression	Young; Bartky, C&A , 91-113
Jan. 23, 4:30pm, Brace Commons – Panel on Gay Rights as Civil Rights		

Jan. 27	What Is Gender?	Lloyd; Antony, C&A , 119-144
Jan. 29	“	Fausto-Sterling, “The Five Sexes: Why Male and Female Are Not Enough” and “The Five Sexes, Revisited” B ; Butler, C&A , 145-153
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Feb. 3	What Are Gender and Race?	Haslanger, C&A , 154-170
Feb. 5	Is Value Gendered?	Baier; Tronto; Kittay, C&A , 243-279
Feb. 10	“	Hampton; Nussbaum, C&A , 280-324

Feb. 11, 3:00pm – 103 Thornton – talk by Professor Elizabeth V. Spelman

Feb. 12 Discussion with Professor Elizabeth V. Spelman
First paper due in class Thursday, Feb. 12.

Feb. 17	Is Knowledge Gendered?	Lloyd; Anderson, C&A , 177-209
Feb. 19	“	Longino; Harding, C&A , 210-236
Feb. 24	What Is a Self?	Grimshaw; Friedman, C&A , 329-351
Feb. 26	“	Allen; Brison C&A , 352-376
Mar. 3	Transgendered Selves	Boylan; Herman B
Mar. 5	What Would Liberation Be?	De Beauvoir; MacKinnon, C&A , 383-402
Mar. 10	“	Okin; Cornell, C&A , 403-421

Tuesday, Mar. 17 – Final paper due in my mailbox in Thornton Hall by 4:00 p.m.

Requirements:

- Completion of readings by the date assigned.
- Class participation, including occasional one page responses to readings and public lectures/panels (worth 25% of final grade).
- One short (6-8 page) paper (worth 25% of final grade): **due in class Thursday, Feb. 12.**
- One longer (10-12 page) paper (worth 50% of final grade): **due Tuesday, Mar. 17 by 4:00.**

I encourage students with disabilities, including "invisible" disabilities such as chronic diseases and learning disabilities, to discuss with me after class or during my office hours appropriate accommodations that might be helpful to them.

You are hereby reminded of your obligation to uphold the Academic Honor Principle. Please see me if you have any questions about how it applies to this class.