

Anthropology 324: Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective  
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**Required Texts:**

Daughters of the Dreaming by Diane Bell

Laughter Out of Place by Donna Goldstein

In Amma's Healing Room

Mama Lola by Karen Brown

Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula LaQuinn

**Class Structure:**

Book Analysis papers (5)	15% each	75%
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Attendance and Participation		20%
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Final Reflection essay		5%
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We will meet Fridays from 2-4. As there are only four of you in this course/group independent study, I will expect you all to be ready to discuss the readings in depth each week. As we go I will discuss gender theories in anthropology, as well as the cultural practices of gender in the cultures we are examining. I will give you questions for the book Analysis papers the week before they are due. These papers will be 5-6 pages each, and will be your analysis of the ethnographies we are reading, particularly from a perspective of gender theory and gender practices.

**Tentative Course schedule:**

Week one: (Jan 23)	Articles on feminist anthropology and anthropology of gender. <i>Women, Culture and Society</i> By Michelle Rosaldo <i>Is Woman to Nature as Man is to Culture?</i> By Sherry Ortner
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Week two: (Jan 30)	Chapters intro-3 in <i>Laughter Out of Place</i>
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Week three: (Feb 13)	Chapters 4-7 in <i>Laughter</i> First book analysis due
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Week four: (Feb 20)	Chapters 1-4 in Daughters of the Dreaming
Week five: (Feb 27)	Chapters 5-8 in Daughters Book analysis due
Week six: (March 6)	Prefaces (both), Intro, chapters 1-4 of Mama Lola
Spring Break..... keep reading Mama Lola!	
Week seven: (March 20)	Mama Lola chapters 5-12 Book analysis due
Week eight: March 27	First half of Amma's Healing Room
Week nine: April 3	Second half of Amma's Healing room Book Analysis due
Week ten: April 10	First half of Left Hand of Darkness
Week eleven: April 17	Second half of Left Hand of Darkness Book analysis due Final reflection assignment passed out
Week twelve: April 24	Wrap up discussion and final reflection due