

**WMGS 205a: Graduate Foundational Course in Women's and Gender Studies**  
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**Spring 2006 Booklist**

I've broken the list down into two groups. The first group is books that we will definitely be discussing. The second group is books that I hope that we will have time to discuss. You might want to hold off ordering the books on the second list until it's clear that we will be getting to them. Additionally, there will be essays, which I will either copy for you or for which I will give you links online.

The course will look at three interrelated aspects of women's and gender studies: feminism and feminist theory; women's and gender studies as fields; and theories of gender and sexuality. The readings will be balanced between broad overviews as well as historical considerations that take into account issues of class, race, multiculturalism, and globalization.

The books we will definitely be reading, in the order in which we will read them, are:

Estelle Friedman. **No Turning Back: The History of Women . . .**  
(you might want to order this book used on amazon.com.)

Bell Hooks. **Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center**  
(amazon.com's price for a new copy of the second edition is good and only about a dollar more than the used copies.)

Susan Okin. **Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women?**  
(new or used from amazon.com, makes no difference)

Wendy Kolmar and Frances Bartkowski, eds.

**Feminist Theory: A Reader**

(This book, an anthology of some 650 pages, costs \$65; there are many editions of the book and the latest can not be purchased new. I am requiring the book because it contains many seminal works in an historical context. I am ordering the book through the Brandeis Bookstore and you should buy it there, or at least make sure that you have the 2004/2005 edition of 650 pages. Note that amazon.com DOES NOT show the latest edition as available.)

Roger N. Lancaster and Micaela di Leonardo.

**The Gender Sexuality Reader**

(the paperback version of this is almost \$40. used copies start at about \$30.)

If possible, I'd also like for us to read:

Nancy C. M. Hartsock. **Money, Sex, and Power**

(this book is out of print and only used copies of this classic are available at amazon.com for short money.)

Christa Wichterich. **The Globalized Woman**

(used copies of this book start at \$6.99 at amazon.com.)