This seminar considers the history and contemporary practice of feminist anthropology and archaeology. The course is organized chronologically via first, second, and third wave feminism within anthropology, and readings will address the major developments and key debates attendant to each. Although the first two sections of the seminar will cover what are widely acknowledged as some of the seminal texts and figures of early feminist anthropology, the third section will turn to what can arguably be referred to as feminist scholarship/practice on the edges of what is still a marginalized field of study. Topics that will be addressed include: intersectional analysis, feminist methodologies, activist scholarship, feminist critiques of science and knowledge production, and racial and cultural politics.

This seminar fulfills a core course requirement for the graduate program in Anthropology.

**SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS**

**Written Assignments:**
- Paper #1 (topic to be assigned), 8 pp. due: Friday, March 12 at 5:00 p.m. (35 pts)
- Paper #2 (topic to be assigned), 8 pp. due: Friday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. Submit via email to both professors. (35 pts)
- Weekly written responses to readings are required on Blackboard Journal (10 pts each)

**Participation:**
- Two co-led seminar discussions + preparation of one-page list of discussion questions for class. Be sure to make enough copies for the class and to email a copy of the guide to M. Franklin for posting on Blackboard prior to class (5 pts. each/10 pts)
- Participation in seminar discussion *every week* is required. (10 points)

Attendance is required; unexcused absences will negatively affect one’s final grade.

**BLACKBOARD**

Grades, readings, and discussion guides will be posted on Blackboard: https://courses.utexas.edu.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

The following texts have been ordered from the Monkey Wrench Bookstore:


COURSE SCHEDULE

August 24: Introduction to seminar

PART I: THE FIRST WAVE

August 31: Anthropology and first wave feminism

General introductions to feminist anthropology:

First wave feminism and anthropology:

September 7: The Ethnography of Zora Neale Hurston

- Zora Neale Hurston, Mules and Men.

Commentary:

PART II: THE SECOND WAVE

September 14: Cultural anthropology

- Rubin, Gayle. The traffic in women: Notes on a “political economy” of sex. In Rayna Rapp


**September 21: Feminist Archaeology’s Entry**

*Overviews and Critiques:*

- Gilchrist, Roberta. Gender and Archaeology: Contesting the Past. Routledge, London. (Ch 1&2)

*Case studies:*


**September 28: Critiques and changing perspectives**


**PART III: THE THIRD WAVE: CONTEMPORARY FEMINIST ANTHROPOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY**

**October 5: U.S. Third World Feminism**

- Anzaldua, Gloria. La conciencia de la mestiza. In *This Bridge Called my back: Writings by*
October 12: Feminism in Latin American


(Reminder: First paper due Friday, October 14 by 5:00 pm)

October 19: Indigenous Feminism


Optional:

October 26: Gender Politics, Feminist Theories, and Archaeology


November 2: Gender and Sexuality

November 9: Black Feminist Theory and Practice
Jacqui M. Alexander, Pedagogies of Crossing: Meditations on Feminism, Sexual Politics...

November 16: Agency and Embodiment
Saba Mahmood, Politics of Piety: The Islamic Revival and the Feminist Subject.

November 23: Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30: Feminist Organizing
Chandra Mohanty, Feminism without Borders: Decolonizing Theory, Practicing Solidarity.

(Reminder: Second paper due Monday, December 5 at 5:00 pm.)