

History of Sexuality in America, 4xx

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Comprehensive survey of sexuality from colonial times to the present. Examines social trends, politics, and cultural debates over various forms of sexuality. Students will engage in discussion, research, and writing.

1. Objectives:

- a. Thorough factual knowledge of sexuality from colonial times to the present.
- b. Students will be able to analyze and discuss social trends, politics, and cultural debates over various forms of sexuality.
- c. Students will research and write reading logs, topical essays, or other writing assignments based on primary and secondary sources.

2. Topical Outline: 6.7% of course time devoted to each week.

Week 1:	Introduction: Sexuality in History
Week 2:	Colonial America: Sexual Cultures and Encounters
Week 3:	Colonial America: Regulating Sex
Week 4:	Antebellum Sex Reform and Gender Conflict
Week 5:	Sex, Slavery and Reconstruction Repression
Week 6:	Victorian Love and Courtship
Week 7:	Free Love, Free Speech, and Sex Censorship
Week 8:	Prostitution and Working Class Sexuality (1900-1920)
Week 9:	Politics of Reproduction (1880s-1930s)
Week 10:	Popular Culture and Sex (1920s-1930s)
Week 11:	Sex in Cold War America, 1950s
Week 12:	Sexual Revolutions, 1960s-1970s
Week 13:	Sexually Transmitted Diseases, 1980s-1990s
Week 14:	Redefining and Debating Marriage and Family, 1980s-1990s
Week 15:	Reflections

3. Textbook:

- a. D'Emilio and Freedman, Intimate Matters: A History of Sexuality in America. ?
- b. Reader: Peiss, Kathy, ed. Major Problems in the History of American Sexuality. Houghton Mifflin, 2002.
- c. Supplementary texts TBA.

4. Bibliography: Selective bibliography attached. Discussion will focus on required and supplemental readings, with students contributing different works weekly.