

SPORT AND GENDER

WMST 154 BOYCE HALL 1471

COURSE OUTLINE AND STUDY GUIDE**WELCOME**

Welcome to Sport and Gender, an undergraduate class in Women's Studies/Sociology. The course coordinator is Professor Toby Miller. If you have any specific issues about the course or general inquiries, please make a time to see me. My room is Watkins 1140. The telephone number is (917) 7512679, and my email address is <tobym@ucr.edu>. Office hours are Mondays 2-4 pm.

RATIONALE

Sport and Gender invites students to consider the intersection of politics, economics, society, culture, and representation in sport. Combining theoretical work and applied study, it is designed for students interested in social theory and cultural studies. The course assumes that gender is a fundamental factor in sport, and *vice versa*.

ASSESSMENT

N.B. Due to a conflict with graduation ceremonies, the final examination information listed in the Spring 2007 *Schedule of Classes* for this class has changed. The new examination date is **June 11 2007, from 8 to 11 a.m. The venue is yet to be decided.** The exam will be based on material from the films, the lectures, and the textbooks, in the form of short essay questions, requiring about a paragraph's reply to each one. **It will be worth 70% of your grade.**

In Weeks 3 (class is April 16), 6 (class is May 7), and 10 (class is June 4), every person will post on i-Learn a roughly 200-word critique of the readings and screenings from the previous 3 classes. **These messages must be dispatched by 5 pm on the Sunday before Monday's class (i.e. April 15, May 6, and June 3 respectively).** We'll all participate in discussion of these postings in the class—so you'll need to read the rest of them! This part of the course will be worth 30% of your grade.

TEXTBOOKS (available in the bookshop under WMST 154)

Leslie Heywood and Shari L. Dworkin. *Built to Win: The Female Athlete as Cultural Icon*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2003.

Toby Miller. *Sportsex*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2001.

TOPICS

April 2 2007 INTRODUCTION: Class participation. SCREENING: *Pumping Iron*
 April 9 2007 METHODS OF ANALYSIS I: Laying out concepts, problems, and theories: functionalist, feminist, Marxist, socio-biological, and queer approaches. READING: Heywood and Dworkin xv-24, Miller 1-46. SCREENING: *Pumping Iron II*
 April 16 2007 METHODS OF ANALYSIS II: Feminist critique and embrace of sports. READING: Heywood and Dworkin 29-54. SCREENING: *The World at Their Feet—The Legendary Story of the U.S. Women's Soccer Team*

- April 23 2007 GUEST LECTURE—TOM SCANLON—THE ANCIENT WORLD AND SPORTS. READING: Guest's essay (on iLearn). SCREENING: *Blood and Honor at the First Olympics*
- April 30 2007 BASKETBALL: The WNBA as a zone of difference. READING: Heywood and Dworkin 76-99. SCREENING: *Love and Basketball*
- May 7 2007 MODERN OLYMPICS: Representations of gender in the major world sporting event. READING: Heywood and Dworkin 25-29, Miller 59-66. SCREENING: *Personal Best*
- May 14 2007 FEMALE MASCULINITY: How sportswomen question gender styles. READING: Heywood and Dworkin 55-75, Miller 103-26. SCREENING: *Idols of the Game 2: Babes in Boyland, Hero for Daisy*
- May 21 2007 MEDIA: The role of the media in constituting and perpetuating gendered meanings. READING: Miller 79-102. SCREENING: *Women in Sports and Adventure, Out for a Change: Addressing Homophobia in Women's Sports*
- May 28 2007 NO CLASS: MEMORIAL DAY
- June 4 2007 BODYBUILDING: What US gyms' emblematic performance of masculinity signifies about gender. READING: Heywood and Dworkin 131-59. SCREENING: *Lipstick & Dynamite: The First Ladies of Wrestling*

USEFUL REFERENCES

N.B.: THIS IS A LIST OF WEB SITES, BOOKS, AND JOURNALS. IF MATERIALS YOU NEED ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS, USE INTER-LIBRARY LOAN, ELECTRONIC SOURCES, OR OTHER REGIONAL LIBRARIES.

WEB SITES

- <http://www.sportinsociety.org/>.
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/library/ssportsite/>.
<http://www.sirc.ca/>.
<http://www.sportsbiz.bz/womensportinternational/>.
<http://fiat.gslis.utexas.edu/%7Elewisa/womsprt.html>.
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Feminist Economics
Feminist Issues
Feminist Media Studies
Feminist Studies
Feminist Theory
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Gender & Society
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Journal of African American Men 2, nos. 2-3 (1996-97)
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Men and Masculinities

Play and Culture

Quest

Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport

Sexualities

Sociology of Sport Journal

Sport, Education & Society

Sport Science Review

Sports & Entertainment Law Journal

Sports Lawyers Journal

Violence Against Women

Women's Studies International Forum