

Gender Studies 480 / 680 Men and Masculinities

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This class aims to introduce men as gendered beings and masculinities as sets of social practice and performance. Our first purpose will be to stop taking masculinity as a guaranteed demeanor of being physically and biologically male and to start thinking on different situations where cultural performances of masculinity become visible. Regarding the increasing significance of theory and research in the burgeoning interdisciplinary field of masculinities, theorists point that masculinity is not a grounded, core, unitary element that connects men's gender identities around the globe, but it is socially constructed vis-à-vis different axis of power such as race, ethnicity, class, body, sexuality, location, and age. Multiple masculinities can be encountered not only in different times and at different places, yet, within the same cultural milieu. These different masculinities coexist, relate, and compete through various power relations, and they inevitably change.

Grading and evaluation for GEN 480 will be based on students' attendance (10), participation to discussions (20), mid-term exam (30), and a final exam (40).

Grading and evaluation for GEN 680 will be based on students' participation to discussions (20), discussion leadership (20), presentation (20), and a final paper (40).

Week 1 / Oct 2nd – 4th / Introduction

Week 2 / Oct 9th – 11th / Introducing Sex + Gender + Sexuality

- Candace West and Don H. Zimmerman, 1987, "Doing Gender", *Gender & Society*.
- Barbara J. Risman, 2018, "Gender as Social Structure" from *Where the Millennials will Take Us?*
- Christine L. Williams and Megan Tobias Neely, 2018, "Gender Inequality and Feminism in the New Economy," from *Gender Reckonings: New Social Theory and Research*.

Week 3 / Oct 16th – 18th / Bringing in Masculinities

- C. J. Pascoe and Tristan Bridges, 2016, "Introduction," from *Exploring Masculinities*.
- Raewyn Connell, "The Social Organization of Masculinity," from *Exploring Masculinities*.
- Eric Anderson, "Inclusive Masculinities," from *Exploring Masculinities*.
- James W. Messerschmidt and Michael A. Messner, 2018, "Hegemonic, Non-Hegemonic and New Masculinities" from *Gender Reckonings: New Social Theory and Research*.
- Carol Harrington, 2021, "What is Toxic Masculinity and Why Does It Matter?", *Men and Masculinities*.

Week 4 / Oct 23rd – 25th / Growing Up Masculine

- Excerpts from Michael Kimmel, 2008, *Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men: Understanding the Critical Years Between 16-26*.

- Excerpts from C. J. Pascoe, 2007, *Dude, You're a Fag: Masculinity and Sexuality in High School*.

Week 5 / Oct 30th – Nov 1st / Masculine Identity-Work and Gendered Tensions

- Ritch C. Savin-Williams, 2010, "Memories of Same-Sex Attractions," from *Men's Lives*.
- Michael A. Messner, 2010, "Becoming 100 Percent Straight," from *Men's Lives*.
- Jessica Greenebaum and Brandon Dexter, 2018, "Vegan Men and Hybrid Masculinity," *Journal of Gender Studies*.
- Beth A. Eck, 2014, "Compromising Positions: Unmarried Men, Heterosexuality, and Two-phase Masculinity", *Men and Masculinities*.
- Jennifer Randles, 2018, "Manning Up to Be a Good Father: Hybrid Fatherhood, Masculinity, and US Responsible Fatherhood Policy", *Gender & Society*.

Week 6 / Nov 6th – 8th / Sex, Self, and Intimate Relations

- Ritch C. Savin-Williams, 2018, "An Exploratory Study of Exclusively Heterosexual, Primarily Heterosexual, and Mostly Heterosexual Young Men," *Sexualities*.
- Jane Ward, 2008, "Dude-Sex: White Masculinities and Authentic Heterosexuality Among Dudes Who Have Sex with Dudes," *Sexualities*.
- Sam de Boise, 2015, "I'm Not Homophobic, 'I've Got Gay Friends': Evaluating the Validity of Inclusive Masculinity", *Men and Masculinities*.
- Zak Foste and Tracy L. Davis, 2018, "Am I doing this right? A Qualitative Exploration of How College Men Make Meaning of Gendered Expectations," *Men and Masculinities*.

Week 7 / Nov 13th – 15th / Hegemony, the Body, and Sports

- Ramon Hinojosa, 2010, "Doing Hegemony: Military, Men, and Constructing a Hegemonic Masculinity," *Journal of Men's Studies*.
- Begonya Enguix and Erick Gomez-Narvaez, 2018, "Masculine Bodies, Selfies, and the Reconfigurations of Intimacy," *Men and Masculinities*.
- Annelies Knoppers and Anton Anthonissen, 2005, "Male Athletic and Managerial Masculinities: Congruencies in Discursive Practices," *Journal of Gender Studies*.
- Maral Erol and Cenk Ozbay, 2018, "No Andropause for Gay Men: The Body, Aging, and Sexuality in Turkey," *Journal of Gender Studies*.

Week 8 / Nov 20th / Mid-Term Exam

Week 9 / Nov 27th – 29th / Work, Class, and Labor

- Christine L. Williams and Catherine Connell, 2010, "Looking Good, Sounding Right: Aesthetic Labor and Social Inequality in Retail Industry," *Work and Occupations*.
- Christine L. Williams, 2010, "The Glass Escalator: Hidden Advantages for Men in the 'Female' Professions," from *Men's Lives*.
- Kristen Schilt, 2010, "Just One of the Guys? How Transmen Make Gender Visible at Work," *Men's Lives*.
- Carolyn Jackson and Steven Dempster, 2009, "I Sat Back on my Computer with a Bottle of Whisky next to me: Constructing Cool Masculinity through Effortless Achievement in Education," *Journal of Gender Studies*.
- Matthew Desmond, 2016, "Becoming a Firefighter," from *Exploring Masculinities*.

Week 10 / Dec 4th – 6th / Neoliberal Masculinities

- Leslie Salzinger, 2016, "Re-Marking Men: Masculinity as a Terrain of the Neoliberal Economy," *Critical Historical Studies*.

- Ben Barry and Nathaniel Weiner, 2019, "Suited for Success? Suits, Status, and Hybrid Masculinity," *Men and Masculinities*.
- Gul Ozyegin, 2015, "Making a New Man: Recognition, Romance, Sex, and Neoliberal Masculinity", from *New Desires, New Selves: Sex, Love, and Piety among Turkish Youth*.
- Cenk Ozbay, 2017, "Rent Boys' Intimacies in Neoliberal Times" from *Queering Sexualities in Turkey: Gay Men, Male Prostitutes, and the City*.

Week 11 / Dec 11th – 13th / Political Masculinities

- Cenk Ozbay and Ozan Soybakis, 2020, "Political Masculinities: Gender, Power, and Change in Turkey", *Social Politics*.
- Dorit Geva, 2019, "A Double-Headed Hydra: Marine Le Pen's Charisma, Between Political Masculinity and Political Femininity," *Norma*.
- Pierce Dignam et al. 2021, "Valorizing Trump's Masculine Self: Constructing Political Allegiance during the 2016 Presidential Election," *Men and Masculinities*.
- Alexandra Novitskaya, 2017, "Patriotism, Sentiment, and Male Hysteria: Putin's Masculinity Politics and the Persecution of Non-Heterosexual Russians," *Norma*.

Week 12 / Dec 18th – 20th / Contesting Normativities and Homophobia(s)

- Tristan Bridges and C. J. Pascoe, 2016, "Masculinities and Post Homophobias", from *Exploring Masculinities*.
- Tristan Bridges, 2014, "A Very Gay Straight? Hybrid Masculinities, Sexual Aesthetics, and the Changing Relationship Between Masculinity and Homophobia," *Gender & Society*.
- Cenk Ozbay, 2022, "Living Like a Hetero: Southern Homonormativity in Istanbul," *Sexualities*.
- Lindsey Gaston, Rory Magrath and Eric Anderson, 2018, "From Hegemonic to Inclusive Masculinities English Professional Football: Marking a Cultural Shift," *Journal of Gender Studies*.
- Nassim Hamdi, Monia Lachheb, and Eric Anderson, 2017, "Masculinity, Homosexuality, and Sport in an Islamic State of Increasing Homophobia," *Journal of Gender Studies*.

Week 13 / Dec 25th – 27th / Risk, Danger, and Violence

- Jennifer Carlson, 2014, "Mourning Mayberry: Guns, Masculinity, and Socioeconomic Decline," *Gender & Society*.
- Maria N. Saptura and Kaitlin M. Boyle, 2022, "Protecting Manhood: Race, Class, and Masculinity in Men's Attractions to Guns and Aggression," *Men and Masculinities*.
- Mike Hartill, 2009, "The Sexual Abuse of Boys in Organized Male Sports," *Men and Masculinities*.
- Radhika Govinda, 2020, "From the Taxi-Drivers' Rear-view Window: Masculinity, Marginality, and Sexual Violence in Delhi," *Gender, Place & Culture*.

Week 14 / Jan 3rd / Presentations & Wrapping Up

Final Exam TBA