#### SEMESTER AT SEA COURSE SYLLABUS

# **Colorado State University, Academic Partner**

**Voyage:** Spring 2019

**Discipline:** International Education

Course Number and Title: IE 272 World Interdependence - Current Global Issues

(Focus: Women and War)

**Division:** Lower

Faculty Name: Bonnie J. Morris

Semester Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: None

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the impact of war, militarization, and global conflict on women's lives. From past American wars to contemporary questions of terrorism and refugee migration, we will examine women's historical and ongoing roles as soldiers, revolutionaries and guerrillas, spies and traitors, wives and mothers of servicemen, sex workers and "comfort women," industrial workers and suicide bombers. Students will be asked to look beyond the conventional image of women as victims and, instead, to analyze their active roles as participants in combat, patriotism, resistance, and global peace movements, as well as diplomacy. Central to the discussion will be how racial and religious identity(ies) are causes of civil war, assigning women functions based on regional and family loyalty as much as gender.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Through readings, written assignments, in-port field outings and film footage, students will become well-versed in the following themes:

- the history of women's participation in warfare;
- gender ideology in World War II, the Cold War and the Vietnam conflict;
- racial segregation and ideology as state policy/civil conflict in the United States and apartheid South Africa;
- the global phenomenon of rape as a war crime; and
- perspectives on women, militarization, security, and regional responses to terrorism.

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS**

AUTHOR: Cynthia Enloe

TITLE: Globalization and Militarism: Feminists Make the Link

PUBLISHER: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

ISBN#: 978-1442265448

DATE/EDITION: 2016/2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

AUTHOR: Bonnie Oh and Margaret Tsetse TITLE: Legacies of the Comfort Women

PUBLISHER: M.E. Sharpe ISBN #: 0-7656-0544-9 DATE/EDITION: 2001

AUTHOR: Mine Okubo TITLE: Citizen 13660

PUBLISHER: University of Washington Press

ISBN: 0-295-95989-4

Date/Edition: 1998/most recent

### **TOPICAL OUTLINE OF COURSE**

Depart Ensenada, Mexico — January 5

A1—January 7: Introduction to the course: women's roles as soldiers, terrorists, guerrillas, patriots, spies, revolutionary heroines, martyrs, wives, mothers of soldiers, survivors of wartime rape, traitors, industrial war workers, diplomats, refugees, prostitutes and "comfort women". READINGS: Jerry Cadick, "On Being a Warrior," *Newsweek, 4/14/97*; Ron Dicker, "Mike Pence Says Disney Made MULAN to Promote Women in Combat," *Huffington Post, 7/18/16*.

A2—January 9: Women's roles during the American Revolution and Civil War as comparative political models. READING: Abigail Adams, "Remember the Ladies;" Carol Berkin interview, <a href="www.ushistory.org">www.ushistory.org</a>, Sojourner Truth, "Ain't I A Woman?"

A3—January 11: World War I as total war and the intersection of suffrage, birth control and attitudes toward socialism. READINGS: Bessie Beatty, "The Battalion of Death" and "Jeanette Rankin" in Margaret Higonnet, *Lines of Fire: Writings By Women in World War I* (on reserve.)

Honolulu, Hawaii — January 12

A4—January 14: World War II and the attack on Pearl Harbor as justification for Japanese-American internment. READING: Citizen 13660; Elizabeth McIntosh, "Honolulu after Pearl Harbor," *Washington Post*, 12/6/12.

January 16—International Date Line crossing (Lost Day)

A5—January 17: Mobilizing American women as war workers. READING: Cynthia Enloe, chapter 1; FILM: "The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter."

Study Day (No Class) — January 19

A6—January 20: "Comfort Women" and the uses of wartime or war-base prostitution. READING: Legacies of the Comfort Women, ch. 1, 3 and 4; Linda Sieg & Ruairidh Villar, "Japan's Wartime Brothels Were Wrong"

A7—January 22: The development of atomic warfare and women as atomic educators. READINGS: Lauren Hirshberg, "Nuclear Families: Reproducing 1950s Suburban America in the Marshall Islands," in *OAH Magazine of History*, v. 26, n. 4, October 2012. FILM: "The Atomic Café"

Kobe, Japan — January 24-28

A8—January 29: Cold War politics and the expansion of the U.S. into the nuclear era. READING: Cynthia Enloe, ch. 2, ch. 7.

Shanghai, China — January 31 - February 1

In-Transit — February 2-3

Hong Kong, SAR — February 4-5

A9—February 6: Women in the Vietnam conflict: nurses, soldiers and civilians. READINGS: Mahako Kyourako, "Gender in War: The Case of the Vietnam War and the Vietnamese Heroic Mother," in *Social Alternatives* 29, 2010.

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam — February 8-13

A10—February 14: Widowhood as a consequence of conflict. FILM: "Regret to Inform." READINGS: Kyra Phillips, "More Women in Combat Means More Mothers with PTSD," CNN, 12/13/11; Enloe, ch. 3.

Community Programming (No Class) — February 16. (Field Class report due.)

A11—February 17: The refugee crisis and female leadership/diplomacy: Myanmar. READINGS: Hannah Beech, "I'm Struggling to Survive," *New York Times*, 12/23/17; "How Aung San Suu Kyi Sees the Rohingya Crisis," BBC News, 1/25/18.

Yangon, Myanmar — February 19-23

A12—February 24: Are women natural pacifists? What leads women to acts of violence and suicide missions? READINGS: Blanche W. Cook, "Women and Peace: the legacy," in *Ms.*, winter 2006; Melissa S. Embser-Herbert, "When Women Abuse Power, Too," *Washington Post*, 5/16/05; Enloe, chapter 5.

A13 - February 26: midterm exam

Cochin, India — February 28 – March 5

A14—March 6: The rise of the Taliban and suppression of female education in conflict zones. READINGS: Summer Wood, "Scenes from the Axis of Evil," in *Bitch*, fall 2003; *Persepolis*, *I Am Malala*, on reserve.

Community Programming (No Class) — March 7

A15—March 9: Gender-bending in wartime: passing as male, from the U.S. to Aghanistan. READINGS: Brigid Schulte, "On the Front Lines in Disguise," Washington Post 4/28/13; Jenny Nordberg, "Undercover Sister," BUST, Oct/Nov 2014, and Col. Martha McSally, "Should our uniform adapt to their culture?" in Washington Post 2/20/11.

Port Louis, Mauritius - March 11

A16—March 12: The role of race in empire-building: Hawaii, Roosevelt, Sara Baartje and apartheid. READINGS: Pat Pitzer, "The Overthrow of the Monarchy," *Spirit of Aloha,* May 1994; Justin Parkinson, "The Significance of Sarah Baartman," in *BBC News Magazine*, 1/7/16.

A17—March 14: Civil unrest: life as daily war under systems of segregation, apartheid and occupation. READINGS: Dorit Naamann, "The Silenced Outcry: A Feminist Perspective," *National Women's Studies Association Journal*, v. 18 n. 3, Fall 2006; Frank Yerby, "Health Card."

A18—March 16: Is wartime sexual violence inevitable? READ: Cohen, Green & Wood, "Wartime Sexual Violence: Misconceptions, Implications and Ways Forward." United States Institute of Peace Special Report 323, February 2013; Comfort Women, ch. 6-9.

Cape Town, South Africa — March 18-23

A19—March 24: Rape as war crime in African and European civil conflicts. READINGS: Jeffrey Gettleman, "Rape Epidemic Raises Trauma of Congo War," New York Times 10/7/07; "Making Female Bodies the Battlefield," *Newsweek*, 1/3/93

A20—March 26: Rape within military culture in the U.S. FILM: "The Invisible War." READINGS: Cynthia Enloe, ch.; Helen Benedict, "The Scandal of Military Rape," in *Ms.,* fall 2008; Brittany Stalsburg, "Military Academies," Service Women's Action Network Report, February 2011.

A21—March 28: Women uniting to defeat dictators. FILM: "Pray the Devil Back to Hell." READINGS: Enloe, ch. 4.

Tema, Ghana — March 30 - April 1

Takoradi, Ghana — April 2-3

A22—April 4: Refugee status, immigration and migration: the European crisis. READINGS: Kevin Sieff, "Europe Trying to Limit the Flow of Migrants," in *Washington Post*, 8/31/17.

A23—April 6: Terrorism, security moms, and Islamophobia after 9/11. READINGS: Inderpal Grewal, "Security Moms in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century United States," in *Women's Studies Quarterly*, v. 34, spring/summer 2006; "Women in war: should they be on the frontlines?", msnbc.com, 2/5/2009; Enloe, ch. 6; Michelle Malkin, "Candidates Ignore Security Moms at Their Peril," *USA Today*, 7/20/04.

Study Day (No Class) — April 8

A24— April 9: New recruits: women in the Arab Spring uprisings of North Africa and Central Asian conflicts. READINGS: Joshua Hammer, "The Rebellion's Secret Weapon," in *Smithsonian*, April 2012; Nick Kirkpatrick, "New female fighters in a decades-old conflict," *Washington Post*, 4/6/17; Enloe, ch. 8.

Casablanca, Morocco — April 11-15

Study day (No Class) — April 16

A25—April 17: Final Exam

# Arrive Amsterdam, The Netherlands — April 21

#### FIELD WORK

Semester at Sea field experiences allow for an unparalleled opportunity to compare, contrast, and synthesize the different cultures and countries encountered over the course of the voyage. In addition to the one field class, students will complete independent field assignments that span multiple countries.

# Field Class & Assignment

The field class for this course will be Tuesday, February 13, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Field Class attendance is mandatory for all students enrolled in this course. <u>Do not book any individual travel plans or a Semester at sea sponsored trip on the day of your field class</u>. Field Classes constitute at least 20% of the contact hours for each course, and are developed and led by the instructor.

Title: Women of the Vietnam War

Description: We will begin our day by touring the War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City for curated exhibits and reflections on the long era of US-Southeast Asian conflict. Then we will visit the Cu Chi underground tunnels of the war era for an up-close look at the conditions, survival and warfare strategies for Viet Kong guerrillas. While these are standards field trip outings for Semester at Sea's Vietnam port (and for foreign tourists generally), they can be some of the hardest-hitting sites for Americans. We will have unique opportunities to consider gender issues of the war, including the roles played by both young and old women women in guerrilla warfare and propaganda; and the right of Vietnamese children fathered by U.S. servicemen. We'll meet curators, guides and survivors who can address how we remember and teach about war; and we will see the clear gaps in ideals of protecting women and children first in wartime.

## Field Class objectives:

- 1. To immerse ourselves in both physical and historical conditions of the U.S.-Vietnam conflict.
- 2. To engage with the roles local women played in the war and compare them with the experiences and views of American servicewomen, nurses, military wives and children of veterans.
- 3. To investigate how ideals of protecting "women and children first" fail in wartime, and to expand our understanding of ways that women act as aggressors, spies, healers and diplomats, as well as curators and stewards of the past.

Field Class assignment and due date: Students will submit a four-page report reflecting on their experience, with particular attention to where and how American history and

identity might be challenged (or better understood) by what they've seen. Due by end of day on February 16.

# **Independent Field Assignments:**

This class requires students to submit 3-page reports on field outings or experiences in 6 ports. For our purposes, this includes not only specific trips but reports on images of warfare and battle victory in public sites (monuments, plaques, statues); war games or toys on sale; museums addressing revolution and reconciliation; and the idea of holy war. In all ports you will need to enact the utmost diplomacy and discretion, first and primarily observing, rather than debating with hosts and guides; news images, souvenir postcards, roles of soldiers and security guards, and street posters may offer important lessons on violent conflict in ways you can evaluate thoughtfully in your written reports.

# **SUGGESTIONS** for field outings:

Hawaii: Pearl Harbor

Japan: Hiroshima Memorial

China: Communist Revolution and relations with the West

Vietnam: War Remnants Museum; observe sale of war-era art and clothing (if on optional trip to Sian Reap, Cambodia: war museum, land mines projects)

Myanmar: observe slogans and reports on regional ethnic conflict

India: pacifist approaches of Gandhi in gaining independence; Hindu/Muslim conflict

South Africa: apartheid-era uprisings; role of Truth and Reconciliation council

Ghana: slave trade history and the connection to U.S. slavery legacies Morocco: Islam and Western concerns/stereotypes about holy war

#### METHODS OF EVALUATION

In addition to the field class and field reports, there will be a midterm and a final exam. Your class grade is evenly weighted between the experiential (field participation and reports) and the two short answer/short essay exams.

Midterm: 25%

Field reports from 4 ports: 30 % Field class participation = 20%

Final exam: 25%

### **GRADING SCALE**

The following Grading Scale is utilized for student evaluation. Pass/Fail is not an option for Semester at Sea coursework. Note that C-, D+ and D- grades are also not assigned on Semester at Sea in accordance with the grading system at Colorado State University (the SAS partner institution).

Pluses and minuses are awarded as follows on a 100% scale:

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Satisfactory/Poor	<u>Failing</u>
97-100%: A+ 93-96%: A	87-89%: B+ 83-86%: B	77-79%: C+ 70-76%: C	Less than 60%: F
90-92%: A-	80-82%: B-	60-69%: D	

## ATTENDANCE/ENGAGEMENT IN THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Attendance in all Semester at Sea classes, including the Field Class, is mandatory. Students must inform their instructors prior to any unanticipated absence and take the initiative to make up missed work in a timely fashion. Instructors must make reasonable efforts to enable students to make up work which must be accomplished under the instructor's supervision (e.g., examinations, laboratories). In the event of a conflict in regard to this policy, individuals may appeal using established CSU procedures.

#### LEARNING ACCOMMODATIONS

Semester at Sea provides academic accommodations for students with diagnosed learning disabilities, in accordance with ADA guidelines. Students who will need accommodations in a class, should contact ISE to discuss their individual needs. Any accommodation must be discussed in a timely manner prior to implementation.

A letter from the student's home institution verifying the accommodations received on their home campus (dated within the last three years) is required before any accommodation is provided on the ship. Students must submit this verification of accommodations to <a href="mailto:academic@isevoyages.org">academic@isevoyages.org</a> as soon as possible, but no later than two months prior to the voyage.

### STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

The foundation of a university is truth and knowledge, each of which relies in a fundamental manner upon academic integrity and is diminished significantly by academic misconduct. Academic integrity is conceptualized as doing and taking credit for one's own work. A pervasive attitude promoting academic integrity enhances the sense of community and adds value to the educational process. All within the University are affected by the cooperative commitment to academic integrity. All Semester at Sea courses adhere to this Academic Integrity Policy and Student Conduct Code.

Depending on the nature of the assignment or exam, the faculty member may require a written declaration of the following honor pledge: "I have not given, received, or used any unauthorized assistance on this exam/assignment."

### RESERVE BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

AUTHOR: Mia Bloom

TITLE: Bombshell: Women and Terrorism PUBLISHER: University of Pennsylvania Press

ISBN #: 978-0812243901 DATE/EDITION: 2011

AUTHOR: Marjane Satrapi

TITLE: Perseoplis: The Story of a Childhood PUBLISHER: Pantheon Graphic Novels

ISBN #: 978-0375714573

DATE/EDITION: 2004/1st Edition

AUTHOR: Keith Walker

TITLE: A Piece of My Heart: The Stories of 26 American Women Who Served in Vietnam

PUBLISHER: Presidio Press; ISBN #: 978-0891416173

DATE/EDITION: 1997/ Reprint edition

AUTHOR: Malala Yousafzi

TITLE: I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

PUBLISHER: Back Bay Books ISBN #: 978-0316322423

DATE/EDITION: 2015/Reprint edition

I will bring my own books for reserve use in the library:

AUTHOR: Li Fu-ching

TITLE: Island Militia Women

PUBLISHER: China Books & Periodicals, Incorporated

ISBN #: 978-0835101202 DATE/EDITION: 1975

AUTHOR: Margaret Higonnet, Ed.

TITLE: Lines of Fire: Women Writers of World War I

PUBLISHER: Plume ISBN #: 978-0452281462 DATE/EDITION: 1999 AUTHOR: Mary Reynolds Powell

TITLE: A World of Hurt: Between Innocence and Arrogance in Vietnam

PUBLISHER: Greenleaf Book Group LLC

ISBN #: 978-0966531954 DATE/EDITION: 2000/1st Edition

### **FILM REQUEST:**

TITLE OF FILM: Atomic Café DISTRIBUTOR: Docurama

TITLE OF FILM: Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter DISTRIBUTOR: Clarity Educational Productions

TITLE OF FILM: Pray the Devil Back to Hell

**DISTRIBUTOR: Passion River Films** 

TITLE OF FILM: Regret to Inform

DISTRIBUTOR: Docurama

TITLE OF FILM: "73 Year Old Teaches Sword Fighting-Kerala"

DISTRIBUTOR: YouTube

TITLE OF FILM: The Invisible War

DISTRIBUTOR: Docurama

## **ELECTRONIC COURSE MATERIALS**

**AUTHOR: BBC News** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: How Aung San Suu Kyi Sees the Rohingya Crisis

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE:

VOLUME: DATE: 1/28/18

PAGES:

AUTHOR: Hannah Beech

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: I'm Struggling to Survive

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: New York Times

VOLUME:

DATE: 12/23/17

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Helen Benedict** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: The Scandal of Military Rape

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Ms.

**VOLUME:** 

DATE: fall 2008

PAGES:

AUTHOR: Carol Berkin, interview

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE:

VOLUME: DATE:

PAGES: www.ushistory.org

AUTHOR: Jerry Cadick

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: On Being a Warrior

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Newsweek

VOLUME: DATE: 4/14/97

PAGES:

AUTHOR: Cohen, Green & Wood

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Wartime Sexual Violence

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: United States Institute of Peace Special Report 323

VOLUME:

DATE: February 2013

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Blanche Weisen Cook** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Women and Peace: the Legacy

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Ms.

VOLUME:

DATE: winter 2006

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Ron Dicker** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Mike Pence Says Disney Made Mulan to Promote Women in

Combat

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Huffington Post

VOLUME: DATE: 7/18/16

PAGES:

AUTHOR: Melissa S. Embser-Herbert

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: When Women Abuse Power, Too

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Washington Post

VOLUME: DATE: 5/16/05

PAGES:

AUTHOR: Jeffrey Gettleman

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Rape Epidemic Raises Trauma of Congo War

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: New York Times

**VOLUME:** 

DATE: 10/07/2007

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Inderpal Grewal** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Security Moms in the Early 20th Century U.S.

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Women's Studies Quarterly

VOLUME: 34

DATE: spring/summer 2006

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Joshua Hammer** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: The Rebellion's Secret Weapon

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Smithsonian

**VOLUME:** 

DATE: April 2012

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Lauren Hirshberg** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Nuclear Families

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: OAH Magazine of History

VOLUME: 26 (4) DATE: October 2012

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Nick Kirkpatrick** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: New female fighters in a decades-old conflict

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Washington Post

VOLUME: DATE: 4/6/17 PAGES:

AUTHOR: Mahako Kyourako

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Gender in War: The Case of the Vietnam War

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Social Alternatives

VOLUME: 29 DATE: 2010 PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Michelle Malkin** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Candidates Ignore Security Moms

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: USA Today

VOLUME: DATE: 7/20/04

PAGES:

AUTHOR: Elizabeth McIntosh

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Honolulu After Pearl Harbor

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Washington Post

VOLUME: DATE: 12/6/12

PAGES:

AUTHOR: Col. Martha McSally

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Should our uniforms adapt to their culture?

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Washington Post

VOLUME: DATE: 2/20/11 PAGES:

AUTHOR: n/a

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Women in War: Should they be on the frontlines?

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: MSNBC.com

VOLUME: DATE: 2/5/09 PAGES:

AUTHOR: Dorit Naaman

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: The Silenced Outcry

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: National Women's Studies Association Journal

VOLUME: 18 (3) DATE: fall 2006

PAGES:

AUTHOR: n/a

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Making Female Bodies the battlefield

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Newsweek

VOLUME: DATE: 1/3/93 PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Jenny Nordberg** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Undercover Sister

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: BUST

VOLUME:

DATE: Oct/Nov 2014

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Juston Parkinson** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: The Significance of Sara Baartman

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: BBC News Magazine

VOLUME: DATE: 1/7/16 PAGES: **AUTHOR: Kyra Phillips** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: More Women in Combat Means More Mothers with PTSD

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: CNN

VOLUME:

DATE: 12/13/11

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Pat Pitzer** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: The Overthrow of the Monarchy

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Spirit of Aloha

VOLUME:

**DATE: May 1994** 

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Brigid Schulte** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: On the Front Lines in Disguise

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Washington Post

VOLUME: DATE: 4/28/13

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Kevin Sieff** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Europe Trying to Limit Flow of Migrants

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Washington Post

VOLUME: DATE: 8/31/17

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Brittany Stalsburg** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Military Academies

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Service Women's Action Network Report

VOLUME:

DATE: February 2011

PAGES:

**AUTHOR: Summer Wood** 

ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE: Scenes From the Axis of Evil

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Bitch

VOLUME:

DATE: fall 2003

PAGES:

AUTHOR: Frank Yerby ARTICLE/CHAPTER TITLE:

JOURNAL/BOOK TITLE: Health Card

VOLUME: DATE: PAGES:

# **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

NONE