

Women and Peace

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Course Description:

Requirements:

- Reading assignments
- Class participation
- Assignments (see below)
- Mid-term essay exam 15 to 20 page paper
- Final essay exam

Books (available in bookstore):

- Alonso, Harriet Hyman, *Peace as a Women's Issue: a History of the U.S. Movement for World Peace and Women's Rights*.
- Enloe, Cynthia *Bananas, Beaches & Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*.
- Jones, Lynne, Editor, *Keeping the Peace: Women's Handbook*
- Krasniewicz, Louise, *Nuclear Summer: The Clash of Communities at the Seneca Women's Peace Encampment*.

Other readings on reserve in McCabe Library under Peace Studies 40

Course Schedule:

Week One

Introduction to course:

Discussion of course topics, assignments, course requirements.

Women and Peace:

Reading:

- Dinnerstein, Dorothy, "What Does Feminism Mean?" in *Rocking the Ship of State: Toward a Feminist Peace Politics*. (On reserve in McCabe)
- Chandler, Zara. "Antiracism, Antisexism, and Peace (Sapphire's Perspective)," in *Rocking the Ship*
- Carroll, Bernice, "Feminism and Pacifism: Historical and Theoretical Connections," in *Women and Peace*, ed. by Ruth R. Pierson. (On reserve)

Week Two

Women and the Nineteenth Century Peace Movement:

Reading:

- Ladd, William, *On the Duty of Females to Promote the Cause of Peace*, by Philanthropos, 1 836.(On Reserve in McCabe Library).
- Alonso, Harriet Hyman.*Peace as a Women's Issue: a History of the U.S. Movement for World Peace and Women's Rights*. Chapters 1 and 2.
- Chmielewski, Wendy E. "Binding Themselves the Closer to Their Own Peculiar

Duties: Gender and Women's Work for Peace, 1818-1860," *Peace and Change*, October 1995, pp. 466-490.

Mothers and Citizens:

Reading:

- Howe, Julia Ward "Woman's Peace Congress," 1870 (On reserve)
- Bailey, Hannah "Woman's Place in Peace Reform," (On reserve)
- Jane Addams and Ida B. Wells *Lynching and Rape: an Exchange of Views* (On reserve)

Week Three

Class will meet in Peace Collection for bibliographic and reference instruction. Half of class will on Tuesday, other half on Thursday. Discussion of research and how to prepare paper topic.

Week Four

The Birth of a Separate Women's Peace Movement and World War I:

Reading:

- Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapter 3.
- Addams, Jane *Peace and Bread in Time of War*. (On reserve)

Women's Peace Groups, Feminist Heritage and Perspective, in the Interwar Years .

Reading:

- Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapter 4.
- Terrell, Mary Church, "Colored Women and World Peace," (On reserve).
- Attacks on the women's peace movement. Various articles on reserve.

Week Five

Research Proposals Due

World War II, the UN

Reading:

- Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapters 5 and 6.
- Thurlow, Setsuko "The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," in *Women and Peace*, ed. by Ruth
- R. Pierson. (On reserve).

The new Atomic World:

Reading:

- Garrison, Dee "Our Skirts Gave Them Courage" The Civil Defense Protest Movement in New York City, 1955-1961." in *Not June Cleaver* (On reserve)
- Reynolds, Barbara, "Sailing into Test Waters," in *Reweaving the Web of Life: Feminism and Nonviolence* / edited by Pam McAllister. (On reserve)

Week Six

Civil rights and Nonviolence:

Reading:

- Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapter 7.
- Kling, "Fannie Lou Hamer: Baptism By Fire"
- Washington, "We Started From Opposite Ends of the Spectrum."
- Evans, "Women's Conscience and the Southern Black Movement," all in *Reweaving the Web of Life: Feminism and Nonviolence* / edited by Pam McAllister. (On reserve)
- Selections from Robinson, Jo Ann Gibson, *The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Women who Started it*, (on reserve).

Motherhood and Maternal Politics:

Reading:

- Ruddick, "Mothers and Men's Wars" in *Rocking the Ship of State: Toward a Feminist Peace Politics*.
- Ruddick, Sara "Maternal Thinking," *Feminist Studies* 6 No. 2 (Summer 1980) (copy also on reserve)
- Swerdlow, "Pure Milk, Not Poison: Women Strike for Peace and the Test Ban Treaty of 1963," in *Rocking the Ship of State*.

Week Seven

Review for Mid-Term exam

Mid-Term Exam

Week Eight

Women and the Vietnam War:

Reading:

- Swerdlow, Amy. "Not my son, not your son, not their sons: Mothers Against the Draft for Vietnam."
- Echols, Alice, "Women Power and Women's Liberation: Exploring the Relationship Between the Antiwar Movement and the Women's Liberation Movement"
- Adams, Nina, "The Women Who Left Them Behind" all in *Give Peace a Chance* (On reserve)

Bibliography for Papers due

Feminism, nonviolence, and the peace movement:

Reading:

- Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapters 8 and 9.
- Readings in *Reweaving the Web of Life: Feminism and Nonviolence* edited by Pam McAllister. (On reserve)
- (Readings will be assigned in class)

Week Nine

Greenham Common, and Women's Peace Politics in Europe:

Reading:

- Kirk, "Our Greenham Common: Feminism and Nonviolence," in *Rocking the Ship*

- of State.*
- Jones, *Keeping the Peace*, (Entire book, except for Chapter 5)

Women's Peace Camps-Seneca/Romulus:

Reading:

- Linton, "Seneca Women's Peace Camp: Shape of Things to Come" in *Rocking the Ship of State*.
- Krasniewicz, *Nuclear Summer*, pp. 1-98.

Week Ten

Peace, Patriotism, Feminism, Sexuality, and the Camp at Seneca:

Reading:

- Krasniewicz, *Nuclear Summer*, pp. 99-240.

Women and the Anti-Nuclear Movement:

Reading:

- Reading on Helen Caldicott to be assigned
- Position statements from: WAND, WAMM, (All on reserve)
- Jones, *Keeping the Peace*, Chapter 5

Week Eleven

Outline of Research Paper due

Peace Women vs. the Military:

Reading:

- Beneria and Blank, "Women and the Economics of Military Spending," in *Rocking the Ship of State*.
- Lindsey, "Women and the Draft" in *Reweaving the Web*
- Michalowski, "The Army Will Make a Man Out of You" in *Reweaving the Web*
- Cohn, Carol. "Clean Bombs and Clean Language," in *Women, Militarism, and War* by Elshtain and Tobias (On reserve)
- Enloe, Cynthia H., *Bananas, Beaches & Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*
- Coronel, Sheila. "For the Boys: Filipinas Expose Years of Sexual Slavery by the U.S. and Japan," Ms. v. 4 (Nov./Dec. '93) p. 10-15 (Copy on reserve)

Week Twelve

Invited Speakers-Women who have been involved with peace work

Week Thirteen

Women and Violence:

Reading:

- Issue of *Peace and Freedom*, from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom March/April 1994. articles on violence (On reserve and in the Peace Collection)

Other readings to be assigned.

Women and War:

Readings:

- Jeanne Vickers, " The Impact of War on Women," in *Women and War*, (On reserve)
- Articles on women war victims in Africa, Eastern Europe, (to be assigned)

Week Fourteen

Review for final exam. Research Papers due, Final exam in class

http://pawss.hampshire.edu/faculty/curriculum/pdf/feminist_chmielewski.pdf