

Women's Work and Family Life
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How and why have the lives of women and families in Latin America changed (or not) over time? What is the significance of such changes in terms of social consciousness, political awareness, and power constellations in society? (Keep these questions in mind while you do your readings and as we engage in our class discussions and in our week 9 panel/roundtable.

The expected reading (and note taking thereof) on your side will be (on average) 100 pages per week. There will be no mid-term and no final exam. Mid-term requirement: a one-page research proposal for your final paper, due the last day of class. Min. pages: 10. Preliminary conclusions on your research paper will be presented during our roundtable discussion in week 9, 11/25/2013.

Readings:

Week 1:

As a general/theoretical introduction: Michel Foucault. 1978. *The History of Sexuality*

Asuncion Lavrin (ed.). 1989. *Sexuality & Marriage in Colonial Latin America*

- Introduction: The Scenario, the Actors, and the Issues

Week 2:

Case Scenarios

- Sexuality in Colonial Mexico: A Church Dilemma (Lavrin in Lavrin: 47-95)
- Honor, Sexuality, and Illegitimacy in Colonial Spanish America (Twinam in Lavrin: 118-155)
- Sexual Witchcraft, Colonialism, and Women's Powers: Views from the Mexican Inquisition (Behar in Lavrin: 178-208)

Week 3:

Marriage

- Acceptable Partners: Marriage Choice in Colonial Argentina, 1778-1810 (Socolow in Lavrin: 209-251)
- The Warmth of the Hearth: Seventeen-Century Guadalajara Families (Calvo in Lavrin: 287-312)
- Women. La Mala Vida, and the Politics of Marriage (Boyer in Lavrin: 252-286)

Week 4:

Marriage going Wrong

- Divorce in Colonial Brazil: The Case of Sao Paulo (Nizza da Silva in Lavrin: 313-340)
- The Sinners and the Bishop in Colonial Venezuela: The Visita of Bishop Mariano Marti, 1771-1784 (Waldron in Lavrin: 156-177)

Week 5:

Slaves and Servants

- Barbara Bush. 1990. Slave Women in Caribbean Society, 1650-1838
- Sandra Lauderdale Graham. 1992. House and Street. The Domestic World of Servants and Masters in Nineteenth-Century Rio de Janeiro

Week 6:

Gender and Ideologies

- Liberalism in the Bedroom? (Christine Hunefeldt. 2000.)

Week 7:

Gender and Property

- The Importance of Gender and Property (Carmen Diana Deere and Magdalena Leon. 2001. Empowering Women. Land and Property Rights in Latin America): 1-31
- Land and Property in a Feminist Agenda (ibid.:330-352)

Week 8:

Women and Social Change

- Women, Daily Life and Politics (Teresa Pires de Rio Caldeira. 1990. in Elizabeth Jelin (ed.), Women and Social Change in Latin America): 47-78
- Citizenship and Identity (Jelin in Jelin: 184-206)

Week 9-10:

Rebelling and Organizing

- Women in the Transition to Democracy (Maria del Carmen Feijoo and Monica Gogna in Jelin: 79-114)
- Chile: Women and the Unions (Thelma Galvez and Rosalba Todaro in Jelin: 115-134)
- Bartolina Sisa: The Peasant Women's Organization in Bolivia (Rosario Leon in Jelin: 135-150)

Roundtable Discussions: Continuities and Change in Women's and Families' Lives. (90 minutes, on 11/25)