

HITO 165/265: Topics-LGBT History

“Queer Formations and the Global Sexual Revolution” (Winter 2015)

Tuesday, 1:00-3:50 PM

Humanities and Social Sciences 6008

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Course Description



Since the late 1960s, the world has changed dramatically, especially in making visible (if not legitimizing) gender variance and non-normative sexualities. This observation is the starting point for an exploratory seminar on the global history of the sexual revolution. By examining a myriad of social, cultural, and economic transformations across different culture-areas, the class will investigate this phenomenon in comparative and transnational terms. Was there a sexual revolution for the people we now call lesbian, gay, transgender, and bisexual? How can we compare changes across nation-states and along other spatial scales, such as urban versus rural or within

regions (i.e., Latin America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East)? What specific processes help explain the cross-border movement of ideas, practices, and goods as they relate to sexual revolutions? These are just some of the questions that the participants of this reading seminar will explore as we trace one important legacy of our incessantly politicized present.

Requirements/Grading

Attendance and Participation	28%
6 Reaction Papers (3 double-spaced pages) and 1 Group Presentation (6% each)	42%
Final Paper (9-10 double-spaced pages)	30%

Week 1: Introduction (Global) – Jan. 6

Screen Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton’s Cafeteria (2005; 57minutes; US); Clips from *Funeral Procession of the Roses* (1969; 107 minutes; Japan)

PART I: UNITED STATES AS EPICENTER

Week 2: Historical Background (United States) – Jan. 13

Required Reading: John D’Emilio, *Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities: The Making of a Homosexual Identity in the US, 1940-1970, Second Edition* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998)

Additional Reading: Heike Bauer and Matt Cook (eds.), *Queer 1950s: Rethinking Sexuality in the Postwar Years* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012); Patricia Juliana Smith (ed.), *The Queer Sixties* (London: Routledge, 1999); Martin Meeker, *Contacts Desired: Gay and Lesbian Communications and Community, 1940s-1970s* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2006); David K. Johnson, *The Lavender Scare: The Cold War Persecution of Gays and Lesbians in the Federal Government* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004)

Week 3: The Urbanity of the Sexual Revolution (United States) – Jan. 20

Required Reading: Josh Sides, *Erotic City: Sexual Revolutions and the Making of Modern San Francisco* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004)

Additional Reading: Nan Alamilla Boyd, *Wide-Open Town: A History of Queer San Francisco to 1965* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2005); Elizabeth A. Armstrong, *Forging Gay Identities: Organizing Sexuality in San Francisco, 1950-1994* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2002); David Carter, *Stonewall: The Riots That Sparked the Gay Revolution* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2004); Marc Stein, *City of Sisterly and Brotherly Loves: Lesbian and Gay Philadelphia, 1945-1972* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2004); C. Todd White, *Pre-Gay L.A.: A Social History of the Movement for Homosexual Rights* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2009); Jennifer V. Evans and Matt Cook (eds.), *Queer Cities, Queer Cultures: Europe Since 1945* (London: Bloomsbury, 2014)

Week 4: The Mediated Sexual Revolution (United States) – Jan. 27

Required Reading: Eric Schaefer (ed.), *Sex Scene: Media and the Sexual Revolution* (Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2014) [selections]

Additional Reading: Vincent Bernière and Mariel Primois, *Sex Press: The Sexual Revolution in the Underground Press, 1963-1979* (New York: Abrams, 2012); Tracy Baim, John E’Emilio, Chuck Cobert and Jorjet Harper (eds.), *Gay Press, Gay Power: The Growth of LGBT Community Newspapers in America* (Chicago: Prairie Avenue Productions and Windy City Media Group, 2012)

PART II: REVOLUTIONS ACROSS THE COLD WAR

Week 5: Capitalist Engagements (Japan) – Feb. 3

Required Reading: Katsuhiko Suganuma, *Contact Moments: The Politics of Intercultural Desire in Japanese Male-Queer Cultures* (Hong Kong: University of Hong Kong Press, 2012) [chapters 2 and 3]; Jonathan D. Mackintosh, *Homosexuality and Manliness in Postwar Japan* (London: Routledge, 2011) [chapters 1 and 2]; and Mark McLelland, *Queer Japan from the Pacific War to the Internet Age* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005) [chapters 4 and 5]

Additional Reading: Antonia Yengning Chao, “Embodying the Invisible: Body Politics in Constructing Contemporary Taiwanese Lesbian Identities,” PhD diss., Cornell University, 1996 [chapter 2]; Jens Damm, “Same Sex *Desire and Society in Taiwan, 1970-1987*,” *The China Quarterly* 181 (March 2005): 67-81; Fran Martin, *Situating Sexualities: Queer Representation in Taiwanese Fiction, Film and Public Culture* (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2003) [chapter 1]; and Fran Martin, *Backward Glances: Contemporary Chinese Cultures and the Female Homoerotic Imaginary* (Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2010) [chapter 2]

Week 6: Communist Upheavals (Cuba) – Feb. 10

Required Reading: Carrie Hamilton, *Sexual Revolutions in Cuba: Passion, Politics, and Memory* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012)

Additional Reading: Igor S. Kon, *Sexual Revolution in Russia* (New York: The Free Press, 1995)

PART III: EUROPE AND ITS FORMER EMPIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Week 7: Inter-Continental Formations (Europe) – Feb. 17

Required Reading: Gert Hekma and Alain Giami (eds.), *Sexual Revolutions* (New York: Palgrave, 2014) [selections]

Additional Reading: See “Select Bibliography” in *Sexual Revolutions* (279-283)

Week 8: Muslim Revolutions (Middle East) – Feb. 24

Required Reading: Afsaneh Najmabadi, *Professing Selves: Transsexuality and Same-Sex Desire in Contemporary Iran* (Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2013) [selections]; and Todd Shepard, “‘Something Notably Erotic’: Politics, ‘Arab Men,’ and Sexual Revolution in Post-Decolonization France, 1962-1974,” *Journal of Modern History* 84 (March 2012): 80-115

Additional Reading: Pardis Mahdavi, *Passionate Uprisings: Iran's Sexual Revolution* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008); and Joanne Meyerowitz, *How Sex Changed: A History of Transsexuality in the United States* (Cambridge and London: Harvard University Press, 2004)

PART IV: TOWARD A COMPARATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY

Week 9: Final Project Proposals – March 3

Week 10: Rough Drafts and Peer Review – March 10

Exam Week: Submission of Final Paper and House Party– March 17?