

# History of Sexuality

Professor Hartman

Winter 2013, on-line

HIST 462 UWR

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## What we will read:

*Devices and Desires: A History of Contraception*, Andrea Tone

*What Comes Naturally: Miscegenation Laws and the Making of Race in America*, Peggy Pascoe

*Major Problems in the History of American Sexuality*, Kathy Peiss, ed.

## What we will watch:

*Traffic in Souls, 1913*

*Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton Cafeteria*

*Venus Boyz*

*Paris is Burning*



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## COURSEWORK

**Class Discussion.** The heart of any upper-division history course, this is where we explore the course materials through dialogue, analysis and debate. Attendance (and for online courses that means engaging in Discussion Board at least 2-3 times per week) is expected. Class will be more successful if everyone completes the assigned reading before class. (50%)

**Book Review.** Three to five page scholarly review of either Pascoe's or Tone's book. Students will produce two drafts of the review, one of which will receive feedback from both the professor and a classmate. (20%)

**Due: 2/15**

**Term Paper.** You will be able to select a theme or issue from the course and, using both primary and secondary sources, produce a 10-12 page paper which examines a topic in some depth. (30%) **Due: 3/20**

<b>Week one (1/7-1/13)</b> <b>Sexuality in History &amp; New World encounters</b>
Read: Major Problems, Chapters 1 & 2
Michel Foucault, <i>The History of Sexuality</i> , 3-13
Lecture on Thomas Jefferson, Sally Hemings, and historian Annette Gordon-Reed

<b>Week two (1/14-1/20)</b> <b>Regulating sexuality in colonial America</b>
Read: Major Problems, Chapter 3; pp. 109-112, 120-131
Sharon Block, "Bringing Rapes to Court," <i>Common-Place</i> 3:3 (April 2003) <a href="http://common-place.org/vol-03/no-03/block/">http://common-place.org/vol-03/no-03/block/</a>
Lecture on Intersex in America

## Week three (1/21-1/27)

### Victorians and Utopias

Read: Major problems, pp. 107-108, 112-119, 131-141, 187-197, 201-237

Review: Foucault from week one

Read: article excerpts in BB, including Julie Dunfey, "Living the Principle of Plural Marriage: Mormon Women, Utopia, and Female Sexuality...." and Suzanne Thurman, "Shaker Women and Sexual Power."

Read: Sarah Barringer Gordon, "Chapel and State," *Legal Affairs* [http://www.legalaffairs.org/issues/January-February-2003/review\\_gordon\\_janfeb2003.msp](http://www.legalaffairs.org/issues/January-February-2003/review_gordon_janfeb2003.msp)



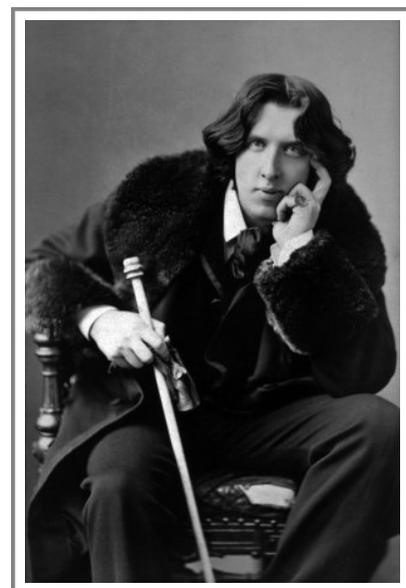
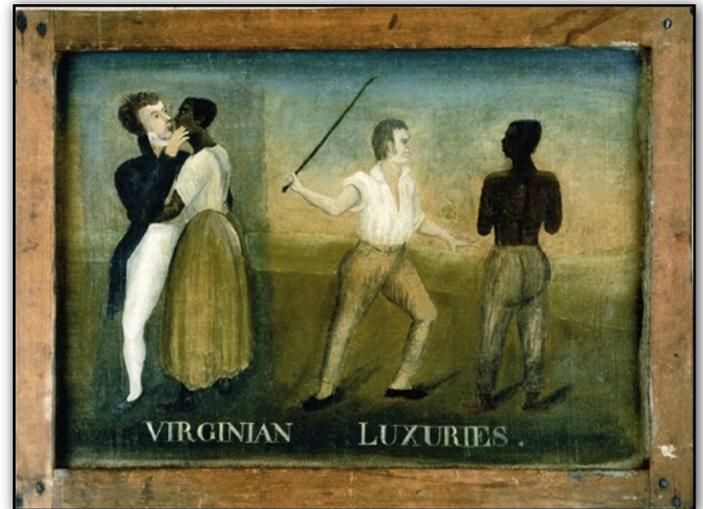
## Week four (1/28-2/3)

### Sexuality, slavery & violence

Read: Major Problems, Chapter 5

Read: *What Comes Naturally*, intro and part one

Read: excerpts, Martha Hodes, "The Sexualization of Reconstruction Politics...." *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 3 (1993): 402-417 in BB



**Week five (2/4-2/10)**

**Free love, free speech, and censorship  
Sex, science & technology**

Read: Major Problems, Chapter 7 & pp. 197-201

Read: *Desires & Devices*, parts one & two, to p. 149.

Read: Rachel P. Maines, "Socially Camouflaged Technologies: the Case of the Electromechanical Vibrator," *IEEE Technology and Science Magazine*, June 1989, 3-11, 22 (in Bb)

**Week seven (2/11-2/17)**

**Sexuality, reproductive freedom and  
the state**

Read: Major Problems, chapter 9, pp. 445-451, 460-471

Read: *What Comes Naturally*, chapter 6 to p. 200.

Read: *Devices & Desires*, chapters 7& 8

**DUE: Book Review, 2/15**

**Week six (2/18-2/24)**

**Prostitution and women's sexuality  
Homosexual identities & heterosexual  
norms**

Read: Major Problems, chapters 8 & 10

Read: *What Comes Naturally*, part two

View: *Traffic in Souls*

**Week eight (2/25-3/3)**

**From Cold War secrets to Sexual  
Revolution**

Read: Major Problems, chapter 11, pp. 405-414, 423-431

Read: *Devices & Desires*, chapters 9-10

Read: *What Comes Naturally* pp. 200-204, chapter 7 & 8

Lecture: Sexual Containment on the Home Front

**Week nine (3/4-3/10)**

**Feminist and gay liberation  
movements/ Transsexual and  
transgender movements**

Read: Major Problems, pp. 414-422, 431-443

Read: Radicalesbians, "The Woman-identified Woman" (1970) and Anne Koedt, "The Myth of the Vaginal Orgasm" (1968) <http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/wlm/womid/> and

<http://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/scriptorium/wlm/notes/#myth>

Watch: *Screaming Queens*



**Week ten (3/11-3/17)**

**The AIDS crisis in American culture**

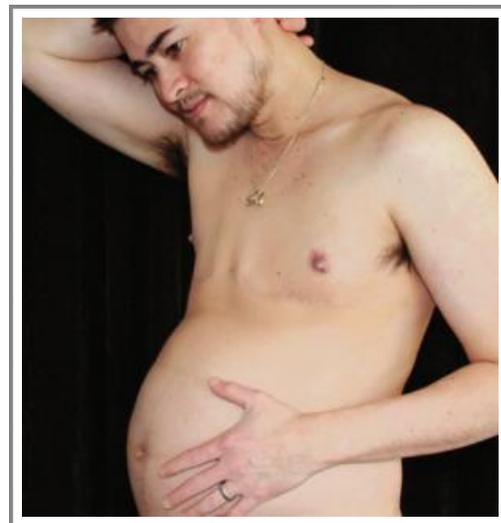
**Sexual identities, families,  
communities, post-1980**

Read: Major Problems, pp. 451-460, 471-483, chapter 14

Read: *What Comes Naturally*, chapter nine and conclusion

Explore: [www.aidsquilt.org](http://www.aidsquilt.org)

Watch: *Paris is Burning* and *Venus Boyz* (excerpts)



**Term paper due 3/20**