

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

History 520
Spring 1985

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Women in American Society to 1870

- Tues. Jan. 22 Introduction to Course
- Thur. Jan. 24 Family, Community and Women's Status in Colonial America
Tues. Jan. 29
Required: Cott/Pleck: Walsh and Carr, "The Planter's Wife"; Cott, "Eighteenth Century Family and Social Life"; Wells, "Quaker Marriage Patterns in Colonial Perspective". Friedman/Shade: Demos, "Husbands and Wives"; Jordan, "Fruits of Passion". Root: 31-33, 59-64, 77-82.
- Recommended: Laura Thatcher Ulrich, Good Wives: Image and Reality in The Lives of Women in Northern New England, 1650-1750; Mary Beth Norton, "The Evolution of White Women's Experience in Early America", American Historical Review, Summer 1984.
- Thur. Jan. 31 Religion and Rebellion in Colonial America
Tues. Feb. 5
Required: Cott/Pleck: Ulrich, "Vertuous Women Found". Friedman/Shade: Koehler, "The Case of the American Jezebels". Root: 34-46, 65-73, 83-88.
- Recommended: John Demos, Entertaining Satan; Paul Boyer and Stephen Nissenbaum, Salem-Village Witchcraft.
- Thur. Feb. 7 Revolution and the New Nation: The Impact on Women
Tues. Feb. 12
Required: Friedman/Shade: Wilson, "The Illusion of Change"; Kerber, "Daughters of Columbia"; Cott/Pleck: Norton, "Eighteenth Century American Women in Peace and War"; Root: 91-110.
- Thur. Feb. 14 American Society Expands: Red and White Women on the Frontier
Tues. Feb. 19
Thur. Feb. 21
Required: Cott/Pleck: Faragher and Stansell, "Women and Their Families on the Overland Trail". Friedman/Shade: Riley, "Not Gainfully Employed: Women on the Iowa Frontier". Root: 223-238, 251-255. Xerox Packet: Glenda Riley, chapter one of Women and Indians on the Frontier; Cathy Luchetti, "Minority Women", "Sarah Winnemucca", "Keturah Penton Belknap" from Women of the West.
- Tues. Feb. 26 Industrialization, The Lowell Experiment and Women
Thur. Feb. 28 Wage-Earners
Required: Dublin, Women at Work: The Transformation of Work and Community in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1826-1860. Root: 126-140, 148-156.

Tues. March 5 True Womanhood, the Home and Domestic Morality
 Thur. March 7
 Tues. March 12

Required: Cott/Pleck: Lerner, "The Lady and the Mill Girl";
 Smith-Rosenberg, "Beauty, the Beast and the Militant Woman".
Friedman/Shade: Cott, "Religion and the Bonds of Womanhood".
Root: 113-125, 141-148, 157-177. Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin,
 introduction and chapters 1-9.

Review: Cott/Pleck: Faragher and Stansell, "Women and Their Families
 on the Overland Trail".

Recommended: Nancy Cott, The Bonds of Womanhood; Kathryn Sklar,
Catherine Beecher; Mary Ryan: Cradle of the Middle Class: The
 Family in Oneida, New York, 1780-1835

Thur. March 14 Take Home Mid-Terms Due in Class. No Lecture Today

Tues. March 26 Slavery: The Patriarchal Institution
 Thur. March 28

Required: Friedman/Shade: Scott, "Women's Perspective on the Patriarchy
 in the 1850s;" Schweninger, "A Slave Family in the Antebellum South."
Cott/Pleck: Genovese, "Life in the Big House;" Gutman, "Marital and
 Sexual Norms Among Slave Women." Root 186-193, 200-216. Stowe, Uncle
 Tom's Cabin, Chapters 10-21.

Recommended: Jacqueline Jones, "My Mother Was Much of a Woman: Black
 Women, Work and the Family Under Slavery", Feminist Studies, Summer, 1982.

Tues. April 2 Sex and Race in a Different Context: The Antislavery
 Thur. April 4 Movement and Free Black Society

Required: Root: 181-185, 194-199. Stanton/Anthony: 70-85.
Xerox Packet: "The Pastoral Letter and Sarah Grimke's Reply;"
 "Charlotte Forten Grimke" (from Black Women in Nineteenth Century
 American Life, eds. Lowenberg and Bogin); Suzanne Lebsock, "Free Black
 Women and the Question of Matriarchy" (from Feminist Studies, Summer, 1982)

Recommended: Sharon Harley, "Northern Black Female Workers: Jacksonian
 Era," in The Afro American Woman: Struggles and Images, eds. Harley and
 Terborg-Penn; Friedman/Shade: DuBois, "Women's Rights Before the
 Civil War"

Tues. April 9 Female Sexuality in Antebellum America
 Thur. April 11
 Tues. April 16

Required: Cott/Pleck: Cott, "Passionlessness;" Smith-Rosenberg,
 "The Female World of Love and Ritual;" Daniel Scott Smith, "Family
 Limitation, Sexual Control and Domestic Feminism in Victorian America."
Root: 263-308. Stanton/Anthony: 125-138.

Recommended: Jonathan Katz, Gay American History; Linda Gordon, Woman's
 Body, Woman's Right, chapters 3-5.

Tues. April 23 Women's Rights, The Civil War, and Reconstruction
 Thur. April 25
 Tues. April 30

Required: Stanton/Anthony, Parts I and II; Root: 256-260

Recommended: Nancy Hewitt: Women's Activism and Social Change: Rochester, New York 1822-1872. Norma Basch, In the Eyes of the Law: Women, Marriage and Property in Nineteenth Century New York

Thur. May 2 Working Women and the Working Class: America in the

Tues. May 7 Post Slavery Era

Required: Cott/Pleck: Glasgow, "Life Cycles and Household Structure."

Friedman/Shade: Walkowitz, "Working Class Women in the Gilded Age."

Root: 311-347. Xerox Packet: Christine Stansell, "Women, Children and the Uses of the Streets: Class and Gender Conflict in New York City, 1850-1860" (from Feminist Studies, Summer, 1982)

Thur. May 9 Evaluation and Review

EXAMINATIONS BEGIN MAY 12

Required Books:

Nancy F. Cott, ed. Root of Bitterness: Documents of the Social History of American Women

Nancy F. Cott and Elizabeth H. Pleck, eds., A Heritage of Her Own: Toward A New Social History of American Women

Thomas Dublin, Women at Work: The Transformation of Work and Community in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1826-1860

Ellen C. DuBois, ed., Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony: Correspondence, Writings, Speeches

Jean Friedman and William Shade, Our American Sisters

Harriet Beecher Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin or Life Among the Lowly (introduction by Ann Douglass)

Xerox Packet (at Kinkos on University Ave.): selections by Glenda Riley, Sarah Winnemucca, Keturah Penton Belknap, Sarah Grimke, Charlotte Forten Grimke, Christine Stansell, Suzanne Lebsack