

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History  
Fall, 1984

History 901

Sexuality and Reproduction

Gordon

READING ASSIGNMENTS

For Sept. 18

William Leach, True Love and Perfect Union  
discussion of porn?

Recommended:

Edward Shorter, History of Women's Bodies [sic]  
Linda Gordon, Woman's Body, Women's Right, chapters 4-6  
Peter Cominos, "Late Victorian Respectability and the Social System,"  
International Journal of Social History 8, 1963, pp. 18-48 and  
216-250.

Two books on sex in utopian experiments may be of interest:

Louis J. Kern, An Ordered Love, 1981  
Lawrence Foster, Religion and Sexuality, 1981

On the Frankfurt school:

David Held, Introduction to Critical Theory: Horkheimer to Habermas  
Max Horkheimer, Critical Theory; Selected Essays, esp. essay on  
authority and the family.

For Sept. 25

Michael Foucault, History of Sexuality, Vol. I

Recommended:

Martha Vicinus, review essay, Feminist Studies 8 #1  
Jeffrey Weeks, Sex, Politics and Society, relevant sections  
Judith Walkowitz, "Jack the Ripper," Feminist Studies 8 #3, Fall 1982

For Oct. 2

a group of articles:

Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, both articles in the Cott and Pleck anthology  
Nancy Cott, "Passionless," Cott and Pleck anthology  
Herbert Gutman and Richard Sutch, "Victorians All? The Sexual Mores  
and Conduct of Slaves and their Masters," in Reckoning with  
Slavery, eds. Paul a. David et al., 1976, pp. 134-162; or  
Gutman, The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, passim, passages  
on slave sexual conduct  
Carroll Smith-Rosenberg, "Davey Crockett as Trickster," Journal of  
Contemporary History 17, #2, April 1982

Recommended:

Blanche Cook in Cott and Pleck anthology

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For Oct. 9Judith Walkowitz, Prostitution and Victorian Society

Other works on prostitution:

Ruth Rosen, The Lost Sisterhood, rather descriptiveLucie Cheng Hirata, "Free, Indentured, Enslaved," Signs 5 #1 (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)Proposed remaining schedule:

- Oct. 16 Wilhelm Reich, The Sexual Revolution\*  
DuBois and Gordon article, Feminist Studies 9 #1
- Oct. 23 Jeffrey Weeks, Coming Out
- Oct. 30 Reed, The Birth Control Movement
- Nov. 6 Ewen, Captains of Consciousness  
discussion of Frankfort School approach
- Nov. 13 Robinson, Modernization of Sex\*  
D'Emilio, Sexual Politics, Sexual Communities\*
- Nov. 20 Lasch, Culture of Narcisism
- Nov. 27 (just after Thanksgiving) General discussion of lesbian history/  
historiography based on various articles
- Dec. 4 Ehrenreich, The Hearts of Men
- Dec. 11 General discussion of current pornography discourse based on  
various articles

\*Please note these are the books not easily available for purchase; read ahead to make sure you get them done; search all libraries for copies  
D'Emilio may arrive in paperback in October.