Theories of Gender, Bhattacharya, Spring 2015

In this course will study theories of gender that connect individuals to identities through the various matrices and vectors of SOMOS (the body), AESTHETICS AND AFFECT, and POLITICS. In that context, naturally, we will move beyond euro-centric assumptions about how gender gets theorized by incorporating diverse voices across the world. We will look at some foundational twentieth-century texts and enrich and complicate them by other, later and more interdisciplinary work on gender. It is likely that on the first day of the course, students will choose texts and construct assignments from various options presented.

There might, however, be one research presentation (20 points), two shorter papers (20 points each), and a final research paper (40 points).

Texts that might be read include:

Berlant, Lauren. *The Queen of America Goes to Washington* (or other)
Cornell, Drucilla. *At the Heart of Freedom: Feminism, Sex and Equality.*
Foucault, Michel. *History of Sexuality.* Selections.
Halberstam, Judith. *In a Queer Time and Place: Transgender Bodies, Subcultural Lives.*
Protevi, John. *Political Affect.*
Ranciere, Jacques. Various selections.
Wilson, Elizabeth. *Psychosomatic: Feminism and the Neurological Body.*
Smith. Bonnie G. *Global Feminisms Since 1945.* Selections
Wolf, Joan. *Is Breat Best?* Selections.

and various articles.