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This is a new course, designed as an advanced women's-history course, recommended for those who have already taken History 520 and 521.

The social movements we will cover:
Abolition
Woman Suffrage
Sexual Liberation
Labor
Socialism and "Progressivism"
Communism
Civil Rights
The New Left
Women's Liberation
Gay Liberation
The New Right

Requirements: a heavy load of reading; regular attendance at lecture and at a discussion section; one multiple-choice mid-term exam; two short (4-5 page) papers on topics to be assigned; final exam.

Required for purchase: a xeroxed reader available at Kinko's

Books recommended for purchase:
--Sara Evans, Personal Politics
--Meredith Tax, The Rising of the Women

Books you may wish to purchase, of which we only read parts:
--Kristin Luker, Abortion and the Politics of Motherhood
--Barry Adam, The Rise of a Gay and Lesbian Movement
--Angela Davis, Women, Race and Class
--Charlotte Nekola ed, Writing Red
--Mari Jo Huhle, Women and Socialism
--Linda Gordon, Woman's Body, Woman's Right: A History of the Birth Control Movement
--Marilyn Richardson, Maria W. Stewart, America's First Black Woman Political Writer
--Paula Giddings, When and Where I Enter
All books except the xeroxed reader will be on reserve either at Helen C. White or the State Historical Society Library.

Tentative lecture schedule. Note: readings are to be done BEFORE the date for which they are listed. X means the item is in the xeroxed reader.

Jan. 26. INTRODUCTION: What is a social movement? Are women's movements or women's roles in movements unique?

Read:
Temma Kaplan. "Female Consciousness and Collective Action", X. (Start on next week's heavy reading assignment.)

Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 9. Abolition and Women's Rights (Feb. 2 No class.)

Read:
--excerpts from Richardson and Stewart, X.
--DuBois, "The Radicalism of the Woman Suffrage Movement," X.
--Davis, Women, Race and Class, chaps. 2-7
--excerpts from Rossi and Stanton, X.
--"Suffrage Militant Alice Paul Goes to Jail," X.

Recommended:
--Daring to Dream. Utopian Stories by US Women, 1836-1919, ed. Carol Farley Kessler


Read:
--Gordon, chapters 5, 9, 14 (other chapters optional)
--DuBois and Gordon, X.
--selections from Diana, X.

Paper #1 due February 21, on one of a choice of topics to be assigned.

Feb. 21-March 2. Labor

Read:
--Meredith Tax. The Rising of the Women, all.
--Alice Kessler-Harris, "Where Are the Organized Women Workers?" X.
--Dolores Janiewski. "Seeking 'a New Day and a New Way'", X.

Recommended:
--Jacqueline Hall, "Disorderly Women," X.
--Leslie Woodcock Tentler. chapter III of Wage-earning Women, X.
Film sometime during this unit: Babies and Banners

March 7-14. Socialism and Progressivism

Read:
--Buhle. chapters 3-4, 6. more if possible.
--Freedman. "Separatism as Strategy", X.
--Paula Giddings, chapters 1 and 5. on reserve.
--Bettina Aptheker. "Woman Suffrage and the Crusade Against Lynching," X.

Recommended:
--Terborg-Penn. "Discontented Black Feminists", X.

March 16: Mid-term exam.

March 21-23. Vacation.

March 28-30. Communism

Read:
--Lynd. Rank & File, stories of Christine Ellis and Sylvía Woods. X.
--Robert Shaffer. "Women and the Communist Party USA, 1930-1940", X.
--selections by Ramona Lowe, Elizabeth Thomas, Aunt Molly Jackson. Florence Reece, Tess Slesinger from Writing Red, on reserve.

Recommended:
--more from Writing Red.
--Amy Swerdlow. "Ladies' Day at the Capitol: Women Strike for Peace versus HUAC." X.

8:30 PM, Tuesday, March 28, REQUIRED Film: Salt of the Earth, in Science 180.

April 4-6. Civil Rights

Read:
--Sara Evans, chaps. 1-4
--Jacqueline Jones, chap. 8, chap 7 recommended. X.
--Carl Brauer. "The 'Old Feminism' and the Civil Rights Act of 1964." X.
--"Civil Rights Activists Rosa Parks and Virginia Foster Durr." X.
--Anne Moody. "Coming of Age in Mississippi," X.
--Susan Mitchell. "A Personal Tribute to Ruby Doris Smith Robinson. X.

April 11: Paper #2 due.
April 11-13. New Left

Read: Sara Evans, chaps. 5-9.

April 18-20. Women's Liberation

Read:
--Linda Gordon and Ann Popkin, "Women's Liberation: Let Us Now Emulate Each Other," X.
--Kate Shanley, "Thoughts on Indian Feminism," X.
--Combahee River Collective, "Black Feminism," X.
--Michele Wallace, "A More Personal View of Black Feminism," X.
--Johnnie Tillmon, "Women on Welfare," X.

Read:

April 25-27. Gay Liberation

Read:
--Barry Adam, The Rise of a Gay and Lesbian Movement, chapters 4-5, more if possible.

May 2-4. New Right

Read:
--Kristin Luker, chapter 7 from Abortion and the Politics of Motherhood, X.
--Rebecca Klatch, "Coalition and Conflict Among Women of the New Right," and "Portraits of Two Women," X.
--Ros Petchesky, "Fetal Images," X.

May 9-11. Conclusion.