

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History  
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History 571

Undergraduate Studies in US History:  
Gender and American Labor History, 1860-1960

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Office Hours: T, Th 9:30-10:30 am, or by appointment  
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Wednesday, 10 am-12 noon

This course will explore how the concept of gender -- analyzed as a set of social and cultural values/assumptions which extend beyond whatever biological differences may exist between men and women -- shaped the labor and lives of American workers in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We will discuss the complex links between gender ideology, labor markets, and skill levels at the workplace; as well as the impact of gender on working-class families, neighborhoods, and communities. We will also consider how American labor historians strive to use gender as a key analytical category in studying the experiences of working men and working women, and the relationships between them.

Requirements: In addition to attendance at and participation in each week's seminar; every student will write three papers (7-10 pages each) on topics related to course readings and discussion. Topics will be distributed in advance.

All books are available for purchase at the University Bookstore; they are also on reserve, along with the articles to be read for the first week, at the State Historical Society Library.

January 20	Introduction to the Seminar
January 27	Gender as a Concept in Historical Analysis Joan Wallach Scott, "Gender, A Useful Category of Analysis," (photocopy on reserve)  Ava Baron, "Gender and Labor History," (photocopy on reserve)
February 3	Gender and Work Relations Mary Blewett, <u>Men, Women and Work</u> , pp. xiii-141
February 10	Blewett, pp. 142-352
February 17	Gender and Work Culture Susan Porter Benson, <u>Counter Cultures</u> , pp. 1-176
February 24	Porter Benson, pp. 177-294
March 3 <u>paper due</u>	Gender and Working-Class Culture Kathy Peiss, <u>Cheap Amusements</u>

March 17 Roy Rosenzweig, Eight Hours for What We Will, pp. 1-126

March 24 Rosenzweig, pp. 127-228

March 31 Gender, Working-Class Activism, and the Emergence of the "Modern"  
paper due American Labor Movement  
Steven Norwood, Labor's Flaming Youth, pp. 1-155

April 7 Norwood, pp. 156-313

April 14 Elizabeth Faue, Community of Suffering and Struggle, pp. xiii-99

April 21 Faue, pp. 100-193

April 28 Nancy Gabin, Feminism in the Labor Movement, pp. 1-110

May 5 Gabin, pp. 111-236  
paper due