This seminar explores the social construction of gender under conditions of industrialization in the United States. Beginning with the artisan tradition of the late eighteenth century, we will inquire into the ways in which the process of industrialization both shaped and was shaped by evolving conceptions of gender. Such a study necessarily entails the analysis of a broad range of social dynamics in the industrializing United States, most particularly race and the emerging class structure of America society.

Students will read all assigned materials carefully and participate thoughtfully in class discussions, lead the class discussion for one set of readings, prepare an annotated bibliography on a specific aspect of the subject of industrialization and gender (due in class on October 30), and write a 15-20 page review essay based on the annotated bibliography. Drafts of the review essay are due in class on November 30. Final drafts are due on the first day of the examination period.

All assigned readings are on reserve in the Historical Society.

Required Texts:

Benson, *Counter Cultures: Saleswomen, Managers, and Customers in American Department Stores, 1890-1940*

Gilman, *Women and Economics*

Hareven, *Family Time and Industrial Time*

Janiewski, *Sisterhood Denied: Race, Gender, and Class in a New South Community*

Jensen, *Loosening the Bonds: Mid-Atlantic Farm Women, 1750-1850*

Jones, *Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow*

Milkman, *Gender at Work: The Dynamics of Job Segregation during World War II*

Ryan, *Cradle of the Middle Class: The Family in Oneida County, New York, 1790-1865*

Stansell, *City of Women: Sex and Class in New York, 1789-1860*

Tentler, *Wage-Earning Women: Industrialization and Family Life in the United States, 1900-1930*

Schedule of Meetings:

Sept. 7: Introduction
Sept. 14: Gender and the Division of Labor: Theoretical Considerations

Judith K. Brown, "Iroquois Women: An Ethnohistoric Note" in Rayna Reiter, ed., Toward an Anthropology of Women.


Nancy Chodorow, "Family Structure and the Female Personality" in Michelle Zimbalist Rosaldo and Louise Lamphere, eds., Woman, Culture, and Society.

Additional Suggested Readings:


Frederick Engels, The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State.

Annette Kuhn and AnnMarie Wolpe, eds., Feminism and Materialism: Women and Modes of Production.


Sept. 21: Gender and the Artisan Tradition

Sean Wilentz, "Artisan Republicanism" in Chants Democratic.


Additional Suggested Readings:


Thomas Dublin, Women at Work.

Alan Dawley, Class and Community: The Industrial Revolution in Lynn.


Barbara Taylor, "'The Men are as Bad as their Masters...': Socialism, Feminism, and Sexual Antagonism in the London Tailoring Trade in the Early 1830s," Feminist Studies 5/1 (Spring 1979).

Sept. 28: The Household and the Transformation to a Market Economy

Joan M. Jensen, Loosening the Bonds: Mid-Atlantic Farm Women, 1750-1850.


Additional Suggested Readings:


**Oct. 5:**  Gender and the Making of a Working Class

Christine Stansell, *City of Women*

**Additional Suggested Readings:**


Margaret Byington, *Homestead: The Households of a Mill Town*


Roy Rosenzweig, *Eight Hours for What We Will: Workers and Leisure in an Industrial City, 1877-1919.*


**Oct. 12:** Gender and the Making of a Middle Class

Mary Ryan, *Cradle of the Middle Class*

**ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY DUE IN CLASS**

**Additional Suggested Readings:**


Karen Halttunen, *Confidence Men and Painted Women: A Study of Middle-Class Culture in America, 1830-1870.*


Additional Suggested Readings:


Barbara Ehrenreich, The Hearts of Men.

Oct. 26: The Meaning of Housework


Additional Suggested Readings:


Nov. 2: From Slavery to the Wage-Labor Market

**Jacqueline Jones, Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow**

Additional Suggested Readings:


Nov. 9: Industrialization and Sexuality

Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Women and Economics

Additional Suggested Readings:


Michel Foucault, The History of Sexuality: Introduction.


Nov. 16: Work Culture/Gender Culture

Susan Porter Benson, Counter Cultures

David Montgomery, "Workers’ Control of Machine Production in the Nineteenth Century" in Workers’ Control in America.

Additional Suggested Readings:


Alice Kessler-Harris, "Where Are the Organized Women Workers?" Feminist Studies 3 (Fall 1975).


Nov. 23: Women's Consciousness/Women's Work

Leslie Tentler, Wage-Earning Women

Additional Suggested Readings:


Cynthia Costello, "Working Women’s Consciousness: Traditional or Oppositional?" in Carol Groneman and Mary Beth Norton, eds., "To Toil the Livelong Day": America’s Women at Work, 1780-1980.

Sarah Eisenstein, Give Us Bread but Give Us Roses: Working Women’s Consciousness in the United States, 1890 to the First World War.


Nov. 30: Family Structure and Industrialization

Tamara K. Hareven, Family Time and Industrial Time

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Additional Suggested Readings:


Michael Katz, *The People of Hamilton, Canada West: Family and Class in a Mid-Nineteenth-Century City*.


Carol Stack, *All Our Kin: Strategies for Survival in a Black Community*.


Louise Tilly and Joan Scott, *Women, Work, and Family*.

Virginia Yans-McLaughlin, *Family and Community: Italian Immigrants in Buffalo, 1880-1930*.

Dec. 7: Industrialization, Gender, and Race

Dolores E. Janiewski, *Sisterhood Denied*

Additional Suggested Readings:


Jacqueline Dowd Hall, *Revolt Against Chivalry: Jesse Daniel Ames and the Women's Campaign against Lynching.*

David M. Katzman, *Seven days a Week: Women and Domestic Service in Industrializing America.*

**Dec. 14:** Mechanization and Gender

Ruth Milkman, *Gender at Work*

**Additional Suggested Readings:**


Corlann Gee Bush, "He Isn’t Half So Cranky as He Used to Be’: Agricultural Mechanization, Comparable Worth, and the Changing Farm Family" in Carol Groneman and Mary Beth Norton, eds., *"To Toil the Livelong Day": America’s Women at Work, 1780-1980.*

June Nash and Maria Patricia Fernandez Kelly, eds., *Women, Men, and the International Division of Labor.*
