Course Description:

The overall aims of this course are to have students (a) examine the ways in which gender is socially constructed; (b) explore the various interests and investments in these social constructions; (c) explore how socially-constructed categories of difference such as race, class, and sexual orientation intersect with gender to shape group perspectives, experiences and relationships to social, economic, and institutional power; (d) connect the course concepts to their own lives, work, and gendered positions and (e) explore how gender roles may be reinforced or challenged in schools.

The primary way we will explore these issues is through weekly readings and films, and short-answer quizzes. The readings and films are all on-line – there is no textbook for this class.

This course meets three times over the course of the semester, on Monday Jan. 27th, March 17th, April 28th from 3:50 - 6:20. The rest of the course is held on-line.