

GWSS 464

Queer Desires

This course sets out to trace a genealogy of the terms "queer" and "to queer" through the fields of feminist and queer studies. We will be examining the ways in which these fields interrogate institutions of power, such as medicine, education, the law and the family, that continue to produce and reinforce stabilized categories of binary gender and sex. Our primary texts will examine "queering" as a framework and an instrument of critique. We will be reading foundational texts in queer theory, such as Michel Foucault's *The History of Sexuality, Vol. 1*, and Cathy Cohen's "Punks, Bulldaggers, and Queens" as well as more recent texts such as José Esteban Muñoz's *Cruising Utopia* and Dean Spade's *Normal Life*. Through these texts, we will develop a foundational understanding of queer theory as well as its application to critique and future-building.



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