

HIS 201Q Youth and Gender in the Modern World
Seminar in Cross-Cultural Women and gender History, Fall 2012
Mondays 2-5 p.m., SSH 2202

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Course Description:

This year's Cross-Cultural Women and gender History (CCWgH) course examines the history of youth and gender in the modern world. The global discourse on adolescence begins in earnest in the twentieth century. From G. Stanley Hall's groundbreaking psychological study of adolescence in the late nineteenth century to the role of the younger generations in the Arab Spring, teenagers and youth have often been the barometer of national cultures and crises. The fact that young people are often the first to embrace global trends adds to their problematization. We will discuss shifting theories of adolescence as a gendered social category, as well as the role of sexuality, politics, economics, and culture in the history of youth in the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

This year's Guest of Seminar will be Lynn Thomas, Professor and Chair of the Department of History at the University of Washington. During her visit on October 15th she will speak about her participation in the "Modern Girl Around the World" project resulting in the publication of *The Modern Girl Around the World: Modernity, Consumption, and Globalization* (Duke, 2008). She will also give a talk on her current research on Monday, October 15th at 12:00 p.m. in 2203 SSH.

For more information about the CCWgH please go to
<http://old.history.ucdavis.edu/ccwh/>.

Required Books:

Betty Anderson, *The American University of Beirut: Arab Nationalism and Liberal Education* (University of Texas, 2011)
Rachel Devlin, *Relative Intimacy: Fathers, Adolescent Daughters, and Postwar American Culture* (University of North Carolina Press, 2005)
James Farrer, *Opening Up: Youth Sex Culture and Market Reform in Shanghai* (University of Chicago, 2002)
Mark Fenemore, *Sex, Thugs and Rock 'N' Roll: Teenage Rebels in Cold-War East Germany* (Berghahn Books, 2009)
Clive Glaser, *Bo-Tsotsi: The Youth Gangs of South Africa, 1935-1976* (Heinemann, 2000)
Andrew Ivaska, *Cultured States: Youth, Gender, and Modern Style in 1960s Dar es Salaam* (Duke, 2011)
Richard Jobs, *Riding the New Wave: Youth and the Rejuvenation of France After the Second World War* (Stanford University Press, 2007)

Margaret Mead, *Coming of Age in Samoa: A Psychological Study of Primitive Youth for Western Civilisation* (William Morrow Paperbacks, 2001)

The Modern Girl Around the World Research Group, Weinbaum, Thomas, Ramamurthy, Poiger, Dong, and Barlow, eds., *Modern Girl Around the World: Consumption, Modernity, and Globalization* (Duke University Press, 2008)

Course Requirements:

- 50% Class participation including:
 - Informed, regular engagement in seminar discussion.
 - Presentation on one week's readings. On the day of your presentation, you will work with the professor to facilitate discussion.
 - Written 2-page response on the readings posted to SmartSite Forums by 5 p.m. every Sunday before class.
- 50% 15-20-page paper due at the end of the quarter consisting of either:
 - Historiographical discussion of readings in your field on a theme related to the course, or
 - Research paper that builds on literature from the course and contributes to our understanding of the history of adolescence or youth.

Schedule of Readings

October 1: Discovering and Defining Adolescence

Margaret Mead, *Coming of Age in Samoa: A Psychological Study of Primitive Youth for Western Civilisation* (William Morrow Paperbacks, 2001 [1928])

G. Stanley Hall, "Initiation into Adolescence," *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* 12 (1897-1898), 376-401

John Demos and Virginia Demos, "Adolescence in Historical Perspective," *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 31:4 (November 1969), 632-638

Mary Bucholtz, "Youth and Cultural Practice," *Annual Review of Anthropology* 31 (2002), 525-553

October 8: "Deviant" Boys

Clive Glaser, *Bo-Tsotsi: The Youth Gangs of South Africa, 1935-1976* (Heinemann, 2000)

Don Romesburg, "'Wouldn't a Boy Do?': Placing Early-Twentieth-Century Male Youth Sex Work into Histories of Sexuality," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 18:3 (September 2009), 367-392

October 15: Modern Girls

***Guest of Seminar: Lynn Thomas**

The Modern Girl Around the World Research Group, Weinbaum, Thomas, Ramamurthy, Poiger, Dong, and Barlow, eds., *Modern Girl Around the World: Consumption, Modernity, and Globalization* (Duke University Press, 2008)

Joan Jacobs Brumberg, "'Something Happens to Girls': Menarche and the Emergence of the Modern American Hygienic Imperative," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 4:1 (1993), 99-127

October 22: Postwar Politics of Youth

Richard Jobs, *Riding the New Wave: Youth and the Rejuvenation of France After the Second World War* (Stanford University Press, 2007)

Catherine Ellis, "The Younger Generation: The Labour Party and the 1959 Youth Commission," *Journal of British Studies* 41:2 (April, 2002), 199-231

October 29: Fathers and Daughters

Rachel Devlin, *Relative Intimacy: Fathers, Adolescent Daughters, and Postwar American Culture* (University of North Carolina Press, 2005)

Corrie Decker, "Fathers, Daughters, and Institutions: Coming of Age in Mombasa's Colonial Schools," in *Girlhood: A Global History*, ed by Helgren and Vasconcellos (Rutgers, 2010), 268-288

November 5: Sexual Revolutions

Andrew Ivaska, *Cultured States: Youth, Gender, and Modern Style in 1960s Dar es Salaam* (Duke, 2011)

Valeria Manzano, "Sexualizing Youth: Morality Campaigns and Representations of Youth in Early 1960s Buenos Aires," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 14:4 (October 2005), 433-461.

Beth Bailey, "Prescribing the Pill: Politics, Culture, and the Sexual Revolution in America's Heartland," *Journal of Social History* 30:4 (Summer 1997), 827-856

November 12 – Veteran's Day, No Class

November 19: Counter-Culture

Mark Fenemore, *Sex, Thugs and Rock 'N' Roll: Teenage Rebels in Cold-War East Germany* (Berghahn Books, 2009)

Kevin Mattson, "Did Punk Matter?: Analyzing the Practices of a Youth Subculture During the 1980s," *American Studies* 42:1 (Spring 2001), 69-97

Optional: Film, "This is England" (2007) on reserve in Shields Library

November 26: Youth and Politics in the Middle East

Betty Anderson *The American University of Beirut: Arab Nationalism and Liberal Education* (University of Texas, 2011)

Omnia El Shakry, "Youth as Peril and Promise: The Emergence of Adolescent Psychology in Postwar Egypt," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 43 (2011), 591-610

Mohammad Al-Momani, "The Arab 'Youth Quake': Implications on Democratization and Stability," *Middle East Law and Governance* 3:1-2 (2011), 159-170

December 3: Global Markets and Youth Culture

James Farrer, *Opening Up: Youth Sex Culture and Market Reform in Shanghai* (University of Chicago, 2002)

Jean Comaroff and John Comaroff, "Reflections on Youth, from the Past to the Postcolony," in Fisher and Downey, eds., *Frontiers of Capital: Ethnographic Reflections on the New Economy* (Duke, 2006), 267-281

Recommended Readings:

- Beth L. Bailey, *From the Front Porch to the Back Seat: Courtship in Twentieth-Century America* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1989)
- Joan Jacobs Brumberg, "Chlorotic Girls, 1870-1920: A Historical Perspective on Female Adolescence," *Child Development* 53:6 (December 1982)
- Miriam Forman-Brunell and Leslie Paris, eds., *The Girls' History and Culture Reader: The Twentieth Century* (University of Illinois, 2011)
- Thomas Burgess, "Remembering Youth: Generation in Revolutionary Zanzibar," *Africa Today* 46:2 (Spring 1999), 29-50
- Stephen Burt, *The Forms of Youth: 20th-Century Poetry and Adolescence* (Columbia University Press, 2007)
- Sarah E. Chinn, *Inventing Modern Adolescence: The Children of Immigrants in Turn-of-the-Century America* (Rutgers University Press, 2009)
- H. G. Cocks, "'Sporty' Girls and 'Artistic' Boys: Friendship, Illicit Sex, and the British 'Companionship' Advertisement, 1913-1928," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 11:3 (July 2002), 457-482
- Cynthia Comacchio, *The Domination of Youth: Adolescence and the Making of Modern Canada, 1920-1950* (Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2006)
- DeLuzio, Crista, *Female Adolescence in American Scientific Thought, 1830-1930* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007)
- Jennifer Helgren and Colleen Vasconcellos, eds., *Girlhood: A Global History* (Rutgers, 2010)
- Stephen A. Lassonde, "Should I Go, Should I Stay?: Adolescence, School Attainment, and Parent-Child Relations in Italian Immigrant Families of New Haven, 1900-1940," *History of Education Quarterly* 38:1 (Spring 1998), 37-60
- Emma Latham, "The Liverpool Boys' Association and the Liverpool Union of Youth Clubs: Youth Organizations and Gender, 1940-70," *Journal of Contemporary History* 35:3 (July 2000), 423-437
- R. P. Neuman, "Masturbation, Madness, and the Modern Concepts of Childhood and Adolescence," *Journal of Social History* 8:3 (Spring 1975), 1-27.
- Generations in East African History
- Robert G. Waite, "Teenage Sexuality in Nazi Germany," *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 8:3 (January 1998), 434-476
- Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* (Johns Hopkins University Press)