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Foucault and The History of Sexuality

Introduction and Background (3 classes)

Michel Foucault, "Nietzsche, Genealogy, History", on reserve.

Michel Foucault, "The Abnormals" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

Michel Foucault, "Schizo-Culture: Infantile Sexuality", on reserve.

Michel Foucault, "Society Must Be Defended" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

The Repressive Hypothesis (2 classes)

Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality*. Vol. I, Parts One and Two.

The Science of Sexuality (3 classes)

Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality*, Vol. I, Part Three

Ian Hacking, "Making Up People", on reserve

Arnold I. Davidson, *The Emergence of Sexuality*, Chapters 1-2

Interlude on Psychoanalysis and Sexuality (2 classes)

Sigmund Freud, *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality*.

Arnold I. Davidson, *The Emergence of Sexuality*, Chapter 3 and Appendix.

Teresa de Lauretis, "Freud, Sexuality, Perversion", on reserve.

The Analysis of Power and the Era of Biopower (4 classes)

Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality*, Vol. I, Parts Four and Five.

Michel Foucault, "The Confession of the Flesh", on reserve.

Ethics, the Self, and Sex (3 classes)

Michel Foucault, "Preface to The History of Sexuality, Volume Two" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*. (Also recommended is "Introduction" to *The Use of Pleasure*).

Michel Foucault, "On the Genealogy of Ethics: An Overview of Work in Progress" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

Michel Foucault, "Sexuality and Solitude" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

Michel Foucault, "The Battle for Chastity" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

Paul Veyne, "Homosexuality in Ancient Rome", on reserve.

David M. Halperin, "Historicizing the Sexual Body: Sexual Preferences and Erotic Identities in the Pseudo-Lucianic *Erôtes*", on reserve.

Politics, Cultural Forms and Sex (3 classes)

Michel Foucault, "Friendship as a Way of Life" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

Michel Foucault. "Sexual Choice, Sexual Act" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

Michel Foucault, "The Social Triumph of The Sexual Will" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

Michel Foucault, "Sex, Power, and the Politics of Identity" in *Ethics. Subjectivity and Truth*.

Recommended: David M. Halperin, *Saint Foucault*. Chapter on "The Queer Politics of Michel Foucault".

Requirements:

There will be a midterm (taken in class) and a final paper (12-15 pages) for all students. Papers must be written on a topic covered on the syllabus.

Students will be expected to attend a discussion section and to participate actively in class discussions.

If you need to contact me, do not send me e-mail. Leave me a phone message or a note in my mailbox.

No late papers, no incompletes.