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Sem: Gender & Sexuality

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Seminar: Gender and Sexuality (Fields: European History and Gender History) This course is designed to provide graduate students with a foundation in some of the central problems and historiographical debates surrounding the study of gender and sexuality, drawing primarily on works of British history and the more theoretical works that have shaped the study of gender and sexuality more broadly. The methodologies of gender history are now applied in all fields of history, including political, economic, social, cultural, religious, and military history, just as the theories that have shaped gender history are shared broadly within the profession, especially among social and cultural historians. Students will produce an original research paper for the class. The research paper can be on British gender history, or it can be based on the primary and secondary sources that the student expects to work with in their dissertation, but interpreting those sources with either a gendered analysis or a theoretical framework they had not yet considered. A significant amount of time will be spent workshopping student papers, and identifying which theoretical frameworks or methodological approaches might best enhance the analysis of the sources and questions. In addition, as time permits, there will be an ongoing discussion throughout the semester on how to make the best use of digital resources, not only to research a topic, but also to create professional connections within your field, to enhance publication and presentation options.