



## Senior Seminar: British Gender History – Prof. Upchurch

The methodologies associated with gender history can be used to investigate everything from the high politics of parliamentary debate, the efforts of women to move into the professions, the strategies of the Abolition movement, the forms of resistance to systems of enslavement, the private lives of individuals within families, and the nature of military culture. This course will teach students how gendered analysis works, and how it has been used to gain new insights into almost every aspect of history since it was first developed as a methodology. Our focus will be primarily on Britain between 1688 (the first modern revolution, setting the stage for Britain's rapid military, economic, political and cultural development) and 1918 (the First World War, which brought to an end the period of Britain's greatest ascendancy). FSU has an amazing array of databases and other resources for conducting original historical research on Britain in this period, and this class will show students how to use those tools, and how to frame, research, and write a work of original research on a topic of their own choosing. Emphasis will be placed on creating a cooperative and egalitarian collective among the class members, where we all work together to help one another produce the best possible work. Two of my students have won a national award, The North American Conference on British Studies Undergraduate Essay Contest, for research papers produced in my classes, using the techniques taught in this is class. I will nominate the best paper produced in this class for that same award.

