

J-3: Gender Equity Issues in Education

Instructor: K.Pepper-Smith/M.Madsen

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Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This Institute will explore the historical and cultural background of gender and equality issues as well as gender equity in the workplace, especially educational settings. Emphasis will be placed on non-sexist classroom practices including analyzing curriculum, evaluating learning resources, and developing classroom and school strategies.

INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

Katherine Pepper-Smith has taught in northern B.C. and downtown Toronto. She received her M.A. ('86) and Ph.D. ('92) in Philosophy of Education from the University of Toronto. She specializes in philosophical analyses of educational gender issues. Katherine currently supervises Malaspina student-teachers during their six-week placements, offers Gender Equity workshops to local school districts, and will teach a Feminist Ethics course at Malaspina College in the Fall.

Mary Madsen holds a Master of Education degree in Women's Studies Curriculum Development from SFU where she taught as a Sessional Instructor in the Women's Studies Department for four years. Recently she has taught W.S. 380 (Women's Health: Men's Medicine) at Malaspina College. She Co-Chairs the Status of Women Committee in Nanaimo School District where she currently works as a Resource Room teacher.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance and equitable participation in class discussion and activities 10%
2. Reflective journal on gender equity; critical analysis and subjective response to readings 30%
3. Small group presentations; focus and lead discussion on the readings, including:
 - "what is" (The Presence of Absence)
 - "what could be" (The Absence of the Present)
 - "the links" (Strategies for Change) 30%
4. Test on all course material 30%

READINGS

Gaskell, J. and McLaren, A., eds. *Women and Education*, 2nd ed. Calgary: Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 1991.

Gaskell, J., McLaren A., and Novogrodsky, M. *Claiming an Education: Feminism and Canadian Schools*. Toronto: Garamond Press, 1989.

Klein, Susan, ed. *Handbook for Achieving Sex Equity Through Education*. Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1989.

Various handouts.