Department of Gender & Women’s Studies

PhD Interdisciplinary Concentration in Health

Description

The health concentration provides PhD students with theoretical and methodological training at the intersection of gender, sexuality, and health. The concentration will equip students with key intersectional feminist, LGBTQ+ studies, and critical race frameworks as well as the methodological tools necessary to conduct cutting-edge research on gender, sexuality, and health in the US and transnationally. The faculty offer particular strengths in the history, politics, and practices of reproductive health and healthcare; sexual coercion and abuse; gendered aspects of human and nonhuman health; health and environmental racism; medical history and history of science; global and planetary health; psychological and environmental anthropology; political theories of care and health; the politics of birth and birthwork; reproductive justice, abortion, contraception, and legacies of population control; sociology of medicine and reproductive healthcare, and the sociology of race, class, gender, and health. There are three options for this concentration: 1) Gender and Health: Quantitative or Qualitative Social Science Approaches, requiring 15 credits of graduate work; 2) Gender and Health: Qualitative Approaches in Health and Humanities, requiring 15 credits of graduate work; or 3) Public Health, requiring completion of a Master of Public Health degree (MPH). Students who complete the MPH while enrolled in or prior to enrolling in the Gender and Women’s Studies PhD Program will automatically fulfill the health concentration for the latter. Some courses taken in the GWS PhD Program may meet elective requirements for the MPH degree. Separate application and acceptance to the MPH program in the School of Medicine and Public Health is required.

Core GWS Faculty:

Sara Chadwick (GWS and Psychology)
Areas: gray area sexual coercion and abuse; sexuality; masculinity; sexual desire; mixed methods

Ruth Goldstein (GWS)
Areas: gendered aspects of human and nonhuman health, a quickly heating planet, and environmental racism

Judith Houck (GWS and History)
Areas: research at the intersection of gender and women’s studies, medical history, and history of science

Maria Lepowsky (GWS and Anthropology)
Areas: Intersections of gender and women's studies with medical anthropology, global health, planetary health, psychological anthropology, and history of science
Annie Menzel (GWS)
Areas: political theory, focusing on understanding how white supremacy, colonization, and gender-based oppression shape human reproductive life, health, and care

Leigh Senderowicz (GWS and Obstetrics & Gynecology)
Areas: Gender and global health, feminist demography, sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice, mixed research methods

Kelly Ward (GWS and Sociology)
Areas: sociology of medicine, reproductive healthcare, and the sociology of race, class, and gender

**Option 1: Quantitative or Qualitative Social Science Approaches to Health Research**

Students wishing to have a concentration in Gender and Health: Quantitative or Qualitative Social Science Approaches, must complete 15 credits of graduate work as follows:

1. Two graduate-level quantitative methods courses either in Sociology or Political Science (for example Poli Sci 812 and 813; or Sociology 361 and 362)
   or
   Two graduate-level qualitative methods courses in the social sciences (e.g., Anthropology 909 Research Methods and Research Design in Cultural Anthropology; Sociology 754, Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology)

2. Elective courses totaling 9 credits from among the following.

   SOC 750: Research Methods in Sociology (3 credits)
   SOC 754: Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology
   SOC 773: Intermediate Classical Theory
   SOC/POP HEALTH 797: Introduction to Epidemiology (3 credits)
   GEN&WS 950, Gender and Health (3 credits)
   Anthropology 365 Medical Anthropology
   Anthropology 545 Psychological Anthropology
   Anthropology 919 Anthropology and International Health

**Option 2: Qualitative Approaches in Health and Humanities**

Students wishing to have a concentration in Gender and Health: Qualitative Approaches in Health and Humanities, must complete 15 credits of graduate work from among these courses:

Anthro 365 Medical Anthropology
Anthro 545 Psychological Anthropology
ComArts 317    Rhetoric and Health
Fr 464     Literature and Medicine in French Speaking Cultures
Gen&WS/HisSci 537   Childbirth in the United States
Journ/Com Arts 617    Health Communication in the Information Age
MedHis/Phil 505    Justice and Health Care
MedHis/His 564    Disease, Medicine and Public Health in the History of Latin American and the Caribbean
Med His/Phil 558    Ethical Issues in Health Care
Med His/ Gen&WS/HisSci 531 Women and Health in US History
Med His/His/AfroAm 523 Race, American Medicine and Public Health
Public Health Ethics 515 Public Health Ethics
MedHIs/HisSci 509    Development of Public Health in America
MedHis/HisSci/His 507 Health, Disease, and Healing I
MedHis/HisSci/His 508 Health, Disease, and Healing II
Anthro 919    Anthropology and International Health

Possible electives in Gender & Women’s Studies include

Gen&WS 523 Framing Fatness: Gender, Size, Constructing Health
Gen&WS 524 Race, Health, and Medicine (not yet approved)
Gen&WS 527 The Environment of the Womb: Epigenetics and Parental/Child Health (not yet approved)
Gen&WS 530 Biology and Health
Gen&WS 533 Special Topics in Gender and Biology
Gen&WS 534 Gender, Sexuality, and Reproduction: Public Health Perspectives
Gen&WS 535 Women’s Global Health and Human Rights
Gen&WS 536 Queering Sexuality Education
Gen&WS 538 Special Topics in LGBTQ+ Health
Gen&WS 539 Special Topics in Gender and Health

Option 3: Dual Degree

Complete an MPH degree in the School of Medicine and Public Health. Requires applying to the MPH program and being accepted.