

Spring Semester, 2006
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History 504: Science, Medicine, and Gender in Europe and America, 1870-1910

In the old and new worlds alike, scientific and medical intellectuals in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were massively preoccupied with the nature of femininity and masculinity. Their richly varied attempts to describe, classify, theorize, and control gender occurred in one area of disciplinary inquiry after another, including psychology, sociology, evolutionary biology, clinical psychiatry, criminology, anthropology, sexology, forensic medicine, reproductive physiology, and psychoanalysis. This course investigates a series of these “new sciences” of gender from the fin-de-siècle and aube-de-siècle generations, a period closely associated with the advent of modernity in the Western world. Analytically, the emphasis will remain on the construction of new biomedical knowledges in their historical contexts. We will examine equally issues of femininity and masculinity, and we will study authors and texts from Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, and North America.

The following books have been ordered and are available at the Illini Union Bookstore:

Freud, Sigmund, Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality (1905), Basic Books.

Krafft-Ebing, Richard, Psychopathia Sexualis (1886), Bloat Books.

Lombroso, Cesare and Ferrero, Guglielmo, The Female Offender, The Prostitute, and the Normal Woman (1894), Duke University Press.

In addition, the readings for several weeks are available in photocopied form at Notes & Quotes in the Johnstown Center at 502 East John Street in Champaign. Most assigned texts, including the photocopied materials, are also on reserve in the History and Philosophy Reading Room on the second floor of the main university library.

January 23

Introduction

Class 1) January 30

The Historical and Cultural Setting (packet #1)

Caine, Barbara and Glenda Sluga, eds., Gendering European History, 1780-1920 (2000), chap. 5; Micale, Mark S., Hysterical Males: Medicine and Masculine Nervous Illness from the Renaissance to Freud (work in progress), chap. 4.

Additional Reading: Showalter, Elaine, Sexual Anarchy: Culture and Gender at the Fin de Siècle (1990).

Class 2) February 6
Biology, Gender, and Higher Education (packet #2)

Darwin, Charles, The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex (1871), vol. 2, chaps. 19 and 20.

Maudsley, Henry, "Sex in Mind and in Education," Fortnightly Review, vol. 15 (1874), 466-483.

Brookes, W. K., "The Condition of Women from the Zoological Point of View," Popular Scientific Monthly, vol. 15 (1879), 145-155, 347-356.

Report: Russett, Cynthia, Sexual Science: The Victorian Construction of Womanhood (1989), chaps. 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7; Richards, Evelleen, "Darwin and the Descent of Woman," in Oldroyd, David R. and Langham, Ian, eds., The Wider Domain of Evolutionary Thought (1983), 57-111.

Class 3) February 13
Popular Psychology and Psychiatry (packet #3)

Beard, George Miller, A Practical Treatise on Nervous Exhaustion (Neurasthenia) (1880), chaps. 1, 2, and 5.

Gilman, Charlotte Perkins, "Why I Wrote the Yellow Wallpaper?" The Forerunner, vol. 14 (October, 1913), 271.

Report: Gijswijt-Hofstra, Marijke and Roy Porter, eds., Cultures of Neurasthenia: From Beard to the First World War (2001), Introduction, chaps. 1, 2, and 4; Sicherman, Barbara, "The Uses of a Diagnosis: Doctors, Patients, and Neurasthenia," Journal of the History of Medicine, 32 (1977), 33-54; Oppenheim, Janet, Shattered Nerves: Doctors, Patients, and Depression in Victorian Britain (1991), Introduction, chaps. 5 and 6; Micale, Mark S., "Hysteria Male/Hysteria Female: Reflections on Comparative Gender Construction in Late Nineteenth-Century France and Britain," in Benjamin, Marina, ed., Science and Sensibility: Essays on Gender and the History of Science in Nineteenth Century Britain (1991), 200-239.

Class 4) February 20
Criminology Anthropology

Lombroso, Cesare and Ferrero, Guglielmo, The Female Offender; The Prostitute, and the Normal Woman (1894), selections.

Report: Horn, David G., The Criminal Body: Lombroso and the Anatomy of Deviance

(2003); Gibson, Mary, Born to Crime: Cesare Lombroso and the Origins of Biological Criminology (2002); Wetzell, Richard F., Inventing the Criminal: A History of German Criminology, 1880-1945 (2000), chaps. 1 and 2; Pick, Daniel, Faces of Degeneration: A European Disorder, 1848-1918 (1989); Foucault, Michel, "About the Concept of the 'Dangerous Individual' in 19th-Century Legal Psychiatry," International Journal of Law and Psychiatry, 1 (1978), 1-18.

Class 5) February 27

Sexology I: A European Classic

Krafft-Ebing, Richard, Psychopathia Sexualis (1886), selections.

Report: Oosterhuis, Harry, Stepchildren of Nature: Krafft-Ebing, Psychiatry, and the Making of Sexual Identity (2000); Dreger, Alice, Hermaphroditism and the Medical Invention of Sex (1998); Rozario, Vernon A., ed., Science and Homosexualities (1999), selections.

Class 6) March 6

Sexology II: The Example of Lesbianism in America (packet #4)

Chauncey, George, "From Sexual Inversion to Homosexuality: Medicine and the Changing Conceptualization of Female Deviance," Salmagundi (1982-1983), 114-146.

Terry, Jennifer, "Lesbians under the Medical Gaze: Scientists Search for Remarkable Differences," Journal of Sex Research, 27 (1990), 317-339.

Duggan, Lisa, "The Trials of Alice Mitchell: Sensationalism, Sexology, and the Lesbian Subject in Turn-of-the-Century America," Signs, 18 (1993), 791-814.

Somerville, Siobhan, "Scientific Racism and the Emergence of the Homosexual Body," Journal of the History of Sexuality, 5 (1994), 243-266.

Report: Terry, Jennifer, American Obsession: Science, Medicine, and Homosexuality in Modern Society (1999); Ellis, Havelock and Arthur Symonds, Sexual Inversion (1894); Carpenter, Edward, The Intermediate Sex: A Study of Some Transitional Types of Men and Women (1912); Hirschfeld, Magnus, Sexual Anomalies (1948).

March 13: No class

Class 7) March 27

Reproductive Physiology (packet #5)

Steinach, Eugen, Sex and Life: Forty Years of Biological and Medical Experiments (1940), chaps. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8.

Report: Sengoopta, Chandak, The Most Secret Quintessence of Life: Sex, Glands, and Hormones, 1850-1950 (2006); Fausto-Sterling, Anne, Sexing the Body: Gender Politics and the Construction of Sexuality (2000); Oudshoorn, Nelly, Beyond the Natural Body: An Archeology of Sex Hormones (1994); Laqueur, Thomas, Making Sex: Body and Gender from the Greeks to Freud (1990); Sengoopta, Chandak, "Glandular Politics: Experimental Biology, Clinical Medicine, and Homosexual Emancipation in Fin-de-siècle Central Europe," Isis, 89 (1998), 445-473.

Class 8) April 3

Legal Medicine (packet #6)

Cardyn, Lisa, "The Construction of Female Sexual Trauma in American Mental Medicine at the Turn of the Century," in Micale, Mark S. and Lerner, Paul, eds., Traumatic Pasts: History, Psychiatry, and Trauma in the Modern Age, 1870-1920 (2001), chap. 7.

Andrews, Judson B., "Case of Excessive Hypodermic Use of Morphia. Three Hundred Needles Removed from the Body of an Insane Woman," Journal of Insanity, vol. 29 (July, 1872), 13-20.

Robertson, Stephen, "Signs, Marks, and Private Parts: Doctors, Legal Discourses, and Evidence of Rape in the United States, 1823-1930," Journal of the History of Sexuality, 8 (1998), 345-388.

Report: Dean, Eric T., Shook Over Hell: Post-Traumatic Stress, Vietnam, and the Civil War (1997), selections.

Class 9) April 10

Early Psychoanalysis

Freud, Sigmund, Three Essays on a Theory of Sexuality (1905).

Report: Sulloway, Frank, Freud: Biologist of the Mind (1979), chap. 8; Bullough, Vern L., Science in the Bedroom: A History of Sex Research (1994), chap. 3.

April 17: no class

Class 10) April 24

Social and Cultural Criticism (packet #7)

Weininger, Otto, Sex and Character: The Intimate Psychology of Men and Women (1903), Foreword, Part I, Part II (chaps. 1 and 12).

Report: Sengoopta, Chandak, *Sex, Science, and Imperial Vienna* (2000); Janik, Allan, *Essays on Wittgenstein and Weininger* (1985); David Luft, *Eros and Inwardness in Vienna: Weininger, Musil, and Doderer* (2003), chap. 1.

Late April to mid-May:

independent consultations
researching and writing essays

Monday, May 15: essays due

Books placed on reserve for History 504B

- Elaine Showalter, Sexual Anarchy (1990)
- Barbara Caine and Glenda Sluga, eds., Gendering European History (2000).
- Cynthia Russett, Sexual Science: The Victorian Construction of Womanhood (1989)
- Janet Oppenheim, Shattered Nerves: Doctors, Patients and Depression in Victorian Britain (1991)
- Cesare Lombroso, The Female Offender (1894)
- David G. Horn, The Criminal Body: Lombroso and the Anatomy of Deviance (2003)
- Daniel Pick, Faces of Degeneration: A European Disorder, 1848-1918 (1989)
- Richard Krafft-Ebing, Psychopathia Sexualis (1886)
- Alice Dreger, Hermaphroditism and the Medical Invention of Sex (1998)
- Edward Carpenter, The Intermediate Sex: A Study of Some Transitional Types of Men and Women (1912)
- Havelock Ellis and Arthur Symonds, Sexual Inversion (1894)
- Eugen Steinach, Sex and Life (1940)
- Anne Fausto-Sterling, Sexing the Body: Gender Politics and the Construction of Sexuality (2000)
- Nelly Oudshoorn, Beyond the Natural Body: An Archeology of the Sex Hormones (1994)
- Otto Weininger, Sex and Character: The Intimate Psychology of Men and Women (1903)
- Chandak Sengoopta, Sex, Science, and Imperial Vienna (2000)
- Frank Sulloway, Freud, Biologist of the Mind (1979)
- Jennifer Terry, American Obsession: Science, Medicine, and Homosexuality in Modern Society (1999)
- Gibson, Mary, Born to Crime: Cesare Lombroso and the Origins of Biological Criminology (2002)
- Charles Darwin, The Descent of Man (1871)
- Mark S. Micale, Approaching Hysteria: Disease and Its Interpretations (1996).
- Marina Benjamin, Science and Sensibility: Essays on Gender and the History of Science in Nineteenth-Century Britain (1991)
- Sigmund Freud, Three Essays on a Theory of Sexuality (1905)
- Vernon A. Rozario, ed., Science and Homosexualities (1999)
- Thomas Laquer, Making Sex: Body and Gender from the Greeks to Freud (1990).
- Harry Oosterhuis, Stepchildren of Nature: Krafft-Ebing, Psychiatry, and the Making of Sexual Identity (2000).