

# Women and Peace

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## Course Description

Requirements:

Reading assignments

Class participation

Assignments (see below)

Mid-term essay exam

15 to 20 page paper

Final essay exam

Books (available in bookstore):

Alonso, Harriet Hyman, *Peace as a women's issue: a history of the U.S. movement for world peace and women's rights*.

Enloe, Cynthia Bananas, *beaches & bases: making feminist sense of international politics*.

Jones, Lynne, Editor, *Keeping the Peace: Womens Handbook*

Krasniewicz, Louise, *Nuclear Summer: The Clash of Communities at the Seneca Women's Peace Encampment*.

Other readings on reserve in McCabe Library under Peace Studies 40

## Course Schedule

### Week One

Introduction to course

Discussion of course topics, assignments, course requirements.

Women and Peace

Reading: Dinnerstein, Dorothy, "What Does Feminism Mean?" in *Rocking the Ship of State: Toward a Feminist Peace Politics*. (On reserve in McCabe)

Chandler, Zara. "Antiracism, Antisexism, and Peace (Sapphire's Perspective)," in *Rocking the Ship*

Carroll, Bernice, "Feminism and Pacifism: Historical and Theoretical Connections," in *Women and Peace*, ed. by Ruth R. Pierson. (On reserve)

### Week Two

Women and the Nineteenth Century Peace Movement

Reading: Ladd, William, *On the duty of females to promote the cause of peace*, by Philanthropos, 1 836. (On Reserve in McCabe Library).

Alonso, Harriet Hyman. *Peace as a women's issue: a history of the U.S. movement for world peace and women's rights*. Chapters 1 and 2.

Chmielewski, Wendy E. "Binding Themselves the Closer to Their Own Peculiar Duties: Gender and Women's Work for Peace, 1818-1860," *Peace and Change*, October 1995, pp. 466-490.

Mothers and Citizens

Reading: Howe, Julia Ward "Woman's Peace Congress," 1870 (On reserve)

Bailey, Hannah "Woman's Place in Peace Reform," (On reserve)

Jane Addams and Ida B. Wells *Lynching and rape: an exchange of views* (On reserve)

### **Week Three**

Class will meet in Peace Collection for bibliographic and reference instruction. Half of class will on Tuesday, other half on Thursday. Discussion of research and how to prepare paper topic.

### **Week Four**

The Birth of a Separate Women's Peace Movement and World War I

Reading: Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapter 3.

Addams, Jane *Peace and Bread in Time of War*. (On reserve)

Women's Peace Groups, Feminist Heritage and Perspective, in the Interwar Years .

Reading: Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapter 4.

Terrell, Mary Church, "Colored Women and World Peace," (On reserve).

Attacks on the women's peace movement. Various articles on reserve.

### **Week Five**

Research Proposals Due

World War II, the UN and the new Atomic World

Reading: Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapters 5 and 6.

Thurlow, Setsuko "The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," in *Women and Peace*, ed. by Ruth R. Pierson. (On reserve).

Reading: Garrison, Dee "Our Skirts Gave Them Courage" The Civil Defense Protest Movement in New York City, 1955-1961." in *Not June Cleaver* (On reserve)

Reynolds, Barbara, "Sailing into Test Waters," in *Reweaving the web of life: feminism and nonviolence* / edited by Pam McAllister. (On reserve)

### **Week Six**

Civil rights and Nonviolence

Reading: Alonso, *Peace as a Women's Issue*, Chapter 7.

Kling, "Fannie Lou Hamer: Baptism By Fire"  
Washington, "We Started From Opposite Ends of the Spectrum."  
Evans, "Women's Conscience and the Southern Black Movement,"  
all in *Reweaving the web of life: feminism and nonviolence* / edited by Pam McAllister. (On reserve)  
Selections from Robinson, Jo Ann Gibson, *The Montgomery bus boycott and the women who started it*,  
(on reserve).

#### Motherhood and Maternal Politics

Reading: Ruddick, "Mothers and Men's Wars" in *Rocking the Ship of State: Toward a Feminist Peace Politics*.  
Ruddick, Sara "Maternal Thinking," *Feminist Studies* 6 No. 2 (Summer 1980) (copy also on reserve)  
Swerdlow, "Pure Milk, Not Poison: Women Strike for Peace and the Test Ban Treaty of 1963," in *Rocking the Ship of State*.

#### **Week Seven**

Review for Mid-Term exam

Mid-Term Exam

#### **Week Eight**

Women and the Vietnam War

Reading: Swerdlow, Amy. "Not my son, not your son, not their sons": mothers against the draft for Vietnam."  
Echols, Alice, "Women Power and Women's Liberation: Exploring the Relationship Between the Antiwar Movement and the Women's Liberation Movement"  
Adams, Nina, "The Women Who Left Them Behind"  
all in *Give Peace a Chance* (On reserve)

Bibliography for Papers due

Feminism, nonviolence, and the peace movement

Reading: Alonso, *Peace as a women's issue*, Chapters 8 and 9.  
Readings in *Reweaving the web of life: feminism and nonviolence* edited by Pam McAllister. (On reserve)  
(Readings will be assigned in class)

#### **Week Nine**

Greenham Common, and Women's Peace Politics in Europe

Reading: Kirk, "Our Greenham Common: Feminism and Nonviolence," in *Rocking the Ship of State*.  
Jones, *Keeping the Peace*, (Entire book, except for Chapter 5)

Women's Peace Camps-Seneca/Romulus

Reading: Linton, "Seneca Women's Peace Camp: Shape of Things to Come" in *Rocking the Ship of State*.  
Krasniewicz, *Nuclear Summer*, pp. 1-98.

## **Week Ten**

Peace, Patriotism, Feminism, Sexuality, and the Camp at Seneca

Reading: Krasniewicz, *Nuclear Summer*, pp. 99-240.

Women and the Anti-Nuclear Movement

Reading: Reading on Helen Caldicott to be assigned  
Position statements from: WAND, WAMM,  
(All on reserve)  
Jones, *Keeping the Peace*, Chapter 5

## **Week Eleven**

Outline of Research Paper due

Peace Women vs. the Military

Reading: Beneria and Blank, "Women and the Economics of Military Spending," in *Rocking the Ship of State*. Lindsey, "Women and the Draft" in *Reweaving the Web*  
Michalowski, "The Army Will Make a Man Out of You" in *Reweaving the Web*  
Cohn, Carol. "Clean Bombs and Clean Language," in *Women, Militarism, and War* by Elshtain and Tobias  
(On reserve)

Reading: Enloe, Cynthia H., *Bananas, beaches & bases: making feminist sense of international politics*  
Coronel, Sheila. "For the boys: Filipinas expose years of sexual slavery by the U.S. and Japan," *Ms.* v. 4  
(Nov./Dec. '93) p. 10-15 (Copy on reserve)

## **Week Twelve**

Invited Speakers-Women who have been involved with peace work

## **Week Thirteen**

Women and Violence

Reading: Issue of *Peace and Freedom*, from the Women's International League for  
Peace and Freedom March/April 1994. articles on violence (On reserve and in the Peace Collection)  
Other readings to be assigned.

Women and War

Readings: Jeanne Vickers, "The Impact of War on Women," in *Women and War*,  
(On reserve)  
Articles on women war victims in Africa, Eastern Europe, (to be assigned)

## **Week Fourteen**

Review for final exam

Research Papers due, Final exam in class