

Appendix 1
WOMS 180: Final Assignment (Spring 2013)

Your goal in this paper is to develop your own argument based on a critical evaluation of various theories of feminism, and their contribution to your understanding of women's studies scholarship. Develop specific comparisons between **3** different theoretical frameworks from a minimum of 6 different essays you have read in this course, starting from standpoint theory up to the end of the semester, including readings on globalization/neo-liberalism, transnationalism and war & violence. Identify specific issues/ themes/ questions around which you can develop your comparisons.

Apply these theories of feminism to a specific institution/cultural group/social issue of your choice: such as, marginalized communities, the school system, higher education; hospital; legal establishment (such as the district attorney's office OR legal aid services, etc.); government; homeless or domestic violence shelters; childcare centers; private corporation; state government services, sports, cultural festivals, global economic practices, media, multi-cultural centers, immigration reform, reproductive rights, revolutions, etc.

Here are some Questions to get you thinking: How do feminist theories help you understand this particular institution and the structuring of power relations within it? What strategies do theories offer in challenging and dismantling intersecting discourses of gender, race, class, and culture? What possibilities for global feminist identity politics can you come up with based on your feminist reading of this particular institution?

Try to come up with a specific conclusion regarding the effectiveness of these theories and their contribution to the advancement of feminist scholarship.

Paper should be minimum 10-12 pages long in 12 font, double spaced with 1" margins all around in a format of your choice. Use both in class and outside sources to develop your analysis. Minimum 8 sources required. Email or talk to me if you need help/clarification developing your analysis. Enjoy writing the paper!