We'll focus on themes in feminist geography and geographical themes in the feminist literature. In addition to coming to grips with the literature, each student will write a term paper on a topic of special interest.

In the first 12 seminars discussion will center on the following topics:

- Power, discourse, and subjectivity
- Feminists reading Foucault
- Space, place, and gender
- Situated knowledge
- Themes in feminist geography
- Representing others
- Politics

Discussion each week will focus on a set of readings, which everyone will have read carefully. One or two students will lead the discussion for each article; this involves providing a brief summary of the argument and a critical assessment of it as well as some questions for discussion. We'll have space on Blackboard for posting your notes on articles before class. We'll try to vary the discussion protocol so class doesn’t get too boring.

In the final weeks of the semester, we'll focus on student papers, which will include a mock AAG session (presentations of your papers). One week before your presentation you will need to distribute your paper to the class; each of you will also act as discussant for another student’s paper. You'll receive feedback from your presentation, from your discussant, and from me and then have the chance to revise your paper accordingly.

Evaluation will be based on class participation, your oral presentation, and the term paper.
My official office hours are Mon & Tues 2-3:30, but I’m happy to meet with you at other times as well. Office location is JAC 212; office phone 793-7323; home 508-320-4317 (before 8:30 pm please!), e-mail shanson@clarku.edu.

Books and readings—the following books should be available at the Clark U bookstore. We’ll read all of Foucault and Pratt and most of Massey.


First meeting (8/30): Course overview; why focus on gender and geography? What’s feminist geography, anyway?

Week 1 (9/6): Power, discourse, and subjectivity


Week 2 (9/13): Feminists (and others) reading Foucault


Mustafa Emirbayer and Ann Mische. 1998. What is agency? *American Journal of Sociology* 103(4): 962-1023. [These authors are not feminists reading Foucault, but the topic fits here.]
Week 3 (9/20): Space, place, and gender


Week 4 (9/27): Space, place, and gender


Audre Lorde, 1979. The master’s tools will never dismantle the master’s house.


Week 5 (10/4): Situated Knowledge


Week 6 (10/11): Themes in feminist geography—environment


**Week 7 (10/18): Themes in feminist geography—economy**


**Week 8 (10/25): Themes in feminist geography—Globalization**


**Week 9 (11/1): Themes in feminist geography—Mixing methods**


**Week 10 (11/8): Representing others**


Visweswaren, Kemala. 1994. “Betrayal” (pp 40-59) and “Refusing the subject” (pp 60-72) in her *Fictions of Feminist Ethnography*. Minneapolis: Univ of Minnesota Press.


  - Catherine Lutz. “The gender of theory”
  - Aihwa Ong, “Women out of China: Traveling tales and traveling theories in postcolonial feminism”


**Week 11 (11/15): Politics**

Suzanna Danuta Walters. 1996. “From here to queer: Radical feminism, postmodernism, and the lesbian menace (or, why can't a woman be more like a fag?)” *Signs* 21: 831-69.


Chantal Mouffe. 1992. “Feminism, citizenship, and radical democratic politics” in Judith Butler and Joan Scott (eds) *Feminists Theorize the Political*


Doreen Massey. *Space, Place, and Gender*, ch 11.


**Week 12 (11/22): Thanksgiving week, no class**

**Week 13 (11/29): Politics**


**Week 14 (12/6): student papers (we may have to schedule 2 sessions)**

December 15: Term papers due