Course Name

Feminist and Queer Ethnography

Contact Hours/Delivery Method

Contact By Appointment via Calendly

All seminar sessions will run synchronously on Microsoft Teams

Course Instructor

Ayca Tomac

Course Description

This seminar introduces feminist and queer ethnography as distinct yet linked scholarly subfields, which constitute bodies of critical theory, literary genres, and methods for creating ethical relationships in research and social life. We will learn how scholars advance trans, queer, and feminist theories by practicing ethnography, as well as how ethnography is understood once taken up with these theoretical lenses. We study the histories of feminist and queer ethnography in anthropology and other social sciences; the ways in which the colonial and racial histories of anthropology and ethnography are confronted and transformed by feminist, queer, and trans researchers; and the importance of critically ethnographic relationships, writing, interpretation, and ethics to theories and methods in gender studies.

Required Course Materials

All course material is available through E-Reserves and OnQ

Course Objectives

- Understand theories and debates in gender studies through their articulation with the distinct subfields of feminist ethnography and queer ethnography
- Understand ethnography -- its histories, methods, ethics, applications, and effects by applying critically feminist, queer and trans perspectives
- Understand how ethnography may function as a research method, a writing genre, an arena of intellectual inquiry, a body of critical theory, or a model of ethical relationship
- Understand the importance of these qualities of ethnography to the field of gender studies

Course Evaluation

Attendance and Participation Presentation Reading Responses Final Paper

Topics in Course Outline

- -historical uses of ethnography and feminist/queer/trans critiques of them
- adaptations of ethnography to trans, queer, and feminist work
- -ethnography's importance to gender studies