

# WS 5353-01/NURS 6903-02 FEMINIST PEDOGAOGIES SPRING 2010

**Course code: 38001**

Thursdays, 2:30-5:20 pm (1/21, 2/18, 3/25, and 4/22 and the rest online)

I am a teacher at heart, and there are moments in the classroom when I can hardly hold the joy. When my students and I discover uncharted territory to explore, when the pathway out of a thicket opens up before us, when our experience is illumined by the lightning of life of the mind –then teaching is the finest work I know.

Parker Palmer

Engaged pedagogy has been essential to my development as an intellectual, as a teacher/professor because the heart of this approach to the learning is critical thinking. Conditions of radical openness exist in any learning situation where students and teachers celebrate their abilities to think critically, to engage in pedagogical praxis.

bell hooks

**Course Description:** This graduate seminar examines theoretical writings on feminist pedagogy and also addresses practical issues related to teaching Women's Studies. Participants will develop familiarity with feminist pedagogies and their significance for the field of Women's Studies; interpret their own educational experiences within the context of feminist reflections on education; formulate their own philosophies of education; and develop and test pedagogical strategies for developing critical consciousness about social inequalities.

**Texts required for all students:**

Crabtree, Sapp & Licon, *Feminist Pedagogy: Looking Back to Move Forward* (2009)  
Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* (30<sup>th</sup> anniversary ed.)  
hooks, *Teaching to Transgress: Education as the Practice of Freedom* (1994)  
Keating, *Teaching Transformation: Transcultural Classroom Dialogues* (2008)

Choose one of the following:

Fisher, *No Angel in the Classroom: Teaching through Feminist Discourse* (2001) or  
Palmer, *The Courage to Teach* (2007)

Additional reading will be discussed on the first day of class

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