

Spring 2012 * TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

ECOFEMINIST THEORIZING, SPIRITUALITY, AND ACTIVISM

WS 5283.50 * Course Code: 83404
Wednesdays 6:00-8:50 p.m.
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Society transforms those who have become symbols of Nature into objects of degradation.
-Susan Griffin

Course Description: Exploring interconnections between the exploitation of nature and subjugated peoples, this transdisciplinary graduate seminar examines ecofeminist/ ecowomanist philosophies, spirituality, and strategies for social change. Through readings, documentary films, and discussion, we'll ask questions about the meanings of environmental justice, while studying ecofeminist, ecowomanist, and indigenous perspectives on such topics as environmental racism, environmental degradation, western philosophy & science, our duties to non-human animals, corporate globalization, neocolonialism, and religious fundamentalisms. *Students from all academic disciplines are welcome.*

Readings include (but are not limited to) the following texts:

Adams, Carol J., *The Sexual Politics of Meat*, 20th anniversary edition (2010) * Bennett, Jane, *Vibrant Matter* * Bullard, Robert D., ed., *The Quest for Environmental Justice: Human Rights and the Politics of Pollution* (2005) * Cuomo, Chris J., *Feminism and Ecological Communities* (1998) * LaDuke, Winona, *All Our Relations: Native Struggles for Land and Life* (1999) * Maparyan, Layli, *The Womanist Idea* (2011) * Merchant, Carolyn, *The Death of Nature* (1990) * Mortimer-Sandilands, Catriona, and Bruce Erickson, eds., *Queer Ecologies* * Ozeki, Ruth L., *My Year of Meats* (1998) * Plumwood, Val, *Feminism and the Mastery of Nature* (1994) * Ruether, Rosemary Radford, *Integrating Ecofeminism, Globalization, and World Religions* (2005) * Shiva, Vandana, *Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace* (2005) * Recommended: Warren, Karen J., *Ecofeminist Philosophy: A Western Perspective on What It Is and Why It Matters* (2000).

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