

Spring 2010 * TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

ECOFEMINIST THEORIZING, SPIRITUALITY, AND ACTIVISM

WS 5283.50 * Course Code: 36949

Online course with face-to-face meetings
on the following Saturdays: 1/30, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1,
9:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.

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Society transforms those who have become symbols of Nature into objects of degradation.
-Susan Griffin

Course Description: Exploring ecofeminist/ecowomanist philosophies, spirituality, and strategies for social change, this transdisciplinary graduate seminar examines interconnections between the exploitation of nature and the subjugation of women and people of color. Through readings, documentary films, and discussion, we'll ask questions about the meanings of environmental justice, while studying ecofeminist and indigenous perspectives on such topics as environmental racism, environmental degradation, western philosophy & science, animal rights, 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 (2009) * Bennholdt-Thomsen, Veronika, and Maria Mies, *The Subsistence Perspective: Beyond the Globalised Economy* (1999) * Bullard, Robert D., ed., *The Quest for Environmental Justice: Human Rights and the Politics of Pollution* (2005) * LaDuke, Winona, *The Winona LaDuke Reader* (2002) * Maathai, Wangari, *The Green Belt Movement* (2003) * Merchant, Carolyn, *The Death of Nature* (1990) * 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) * Sturgeon, Noël, *Ecofeminist Natures: Race, Gender, Feminist Theory, and Political Action* (1997) * Warren, Karen J., *Ecofeminist Philosophy: A Western Perspective on What It Is and Why It Matters* (2000).

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