

# Spring 2012

## Variable Topics in Women's Studies

### Queer Migration

WS 3998, Section 002

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Mondays & Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:15 PM

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During the past decade, there has been a substantial growth of academic scholarship in the humanities and social sciences that focuses on the relationship between gender, sexuality, and migration. This course will take such literature as its main point of departure in order to think more about the question of what it means to conceptualize gender and sexuality from a transnational perspective.

During the course of the semester, we will explore the issue of queer migration across a number of different cultural sites, including travel and tourism, AIDS activism, human rights discourses on gender and sexuality, and immigration law. In doing so, we will examine the production and reception of a variety of texts—literary, cinematic, and legal—in relation to a series of key concepts within queer and sexuality studies. These include, but are by no means limited to: the social construction of gender and sexuality; what it means to “come out” as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered; the intersection of race, class, and nation in the production of sexual subjectivities and desires; and the impact of digital media and cultural advocacy on the globalization of sexual rights discourses.

As this course will suggest, approaching sexuality through the lens of migration studies raises important questions about the limits and possibilities of articulating sexual citizenship rights within, between, and beyond the boundaries of the nation-state.

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