Political Science 316-001  Instructor: Jennifer E. Horan
Women and Politics Office: Leutze Hall 258
Spring Semester 2004 Phone: 962.7929
TR 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. E-mail: horanj@uncw.edu
Leutze Hall 111 Office: TR 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., & by appointment
This course will examine women “in” politics, as participants, political leaders as well as women “and” politics, their representation in politics and the impact of politics and public policy on women, their everyday lives and their families (especially their children). Most of the course will focus on women “and” politics in the United States in the areas that most impact women’s lives: 1) parenting (over 80% of all women are mothers) and 2) reproduction and reproductive health. We will also study general theories of feminist politics, election theory and the electability of female candidates, economic theory as it pertains to women and the political roles and status of women in other areas of the world.

**Grades will be based on:**

1) Class participation. Students who do not participate in class beyond attendance will not earn an “A” in the course. Students will choose a topic during the semester to act as discussion leader as part of the participation grade.
2) Documentary Review "Not For Ourselves Alone"
3) Assessment papers (four -- each one is due on Thursday of the week indicated on the syllabus)
4) Final Examination

**The following books are required**: 


**The following online reserve readings are required:**

1) Simmons, Rachel. *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls* Chapters 1 and 7 online reserves.
2) Edwards, Louise 2000.*Women in Asia.* Chapters 1, 4 and 12.
3) Mills, Linda G. 2003. *From Insult to Injury: Rethinking our Responses to Intimate Abuse* Prologue, Chapters 1, 2 & 8.

**The following books are recommended (but are not available in the University bookstore, most are in Randall Library):**

Press.

*A note on the books: We do not have one particular "text" for the class. All of these books are in paperback and will be available at the University bookstore, the Seahawk bookstore (off campus) and online at Amazon.com or other book retailers (half.com, etc). I recommend using any of these sources for purchasing your books for this course. The recommended reading books are generally available in the library and you should go browse the stacks occasionally during the semester to see what these authors have to offer.

**Course Schedule:**

**Week 1:** January 8
- No Class - Southern Political Science Association Meeting

**Week 2:** January 13, 15 - Early American Feminism (suffrage)
- Ken Burns Documentary, “Not For Ourselves Alone”

**Week 3:** January 20, 22 - Introduction – What is Feminism? Women and the U.S. Constitution; The Equal Rights Amendment

**Week 4:** January 27, 29 - The Women's Movement as a Social Movement Feminist Political Theory
- *Documentary Review due*

**Week 5:** February 3, 5 –Women and Elections: Organization and Money
- Clift, Introduction, Chapters 1,2 & 3 Francia in O'Conor, pages 7-20.
- Clift, Chapter 4
- Hoffman et.al in O'Connor, pages 37-58
- Palmer & Simon in O'Connor, pages 59-

**Week 6:** February 10, 12 - Competing to Win: Obstacles

**Week 7:** February 17, 19 - Economic Resources: Work, Family and the Feminization of Poverty
- GAO Report: "Women's Earnings Partially Explain Difference Between Men's and Women's Earnings"
Employment Opportunity Policy; Economic Equity: Credit, Housing, Retirement Income, and Insurance.

**Week 8**: February 24, 26 - Family

Conway, Chapters 6 & 7: Family Law & Child Care

Simmons (online reserve) Chapters 1 & 7

Angier, Chapter 14 “Women & Testosterone” pp 275-279 (recommended)

**Week 9**: March 2, 4 Women and Aggression

**Week 10**: March 7- 14 Spring Break

**Week 11**: March 16, 18 – Girlhood to Womanhood, Media Imagery for Children & Media Coverage of Female Candidates

films and television (my list but feel free to bring something additional to class!)

*Chitty-Chitty Bang-Bang*
*The Wizard of Oz*
*The Little Mermaid*
*Dora The Explorer*
*The Return of the King*

reading: Niven and Zilber in O'Connor, pages 147-166.

**Week 12**: March 23, 25- Globalization & Women, An Economic Overview

Beneria, Chapters 1 & 2

*Assessment paper on Women and Media due*

**Week 13**: March 30 - April 1 – Women, Markets and Labor

Beneria, Chapters 3 & 5

**Week 14**: April 6 (April 8, Easter Break)

Privacy: Reproduction and Abortion

Conway, Chapter 3

Alderman & Kennedy, Privacy and Your Self, pgs 53-126 (recommended)

*Assessment paper on Women and Work due*
Week 15: April 13, 15 – Reproduction and Abortion Conway, Chapter 3
Women, Violence and Criminal Justice Mills, all

Week 16: April 20, 22 – Domestic Violence: Mills versus the status quo Mills, all
* Assessment paper on Women and Violence due

Final Exam: Tuesday, May 4, 2004 11:30-2:30 p.m. Leutze Hall 111
Students who wish to take their earned course grade to date may opt out of the final exam.