Please Note: Some of you might want to purchase a Qur’an for your personal use as we are reading the book: Women in the Qur’an. Or you may simply want to purchase a copy online. I recommend the Yusef Ali Translation of the Qur’an as it has a very good Commentary that combines history, hadith narratives and material from the sīra (biographies) of the Prophet and his companions. Also, there are full translations online with recitations in both Arabic and English. I think these are useful as you HEAR the Qur’an which is how it is really supposed to be experienced.

Class One, Thurs. Aug. 23rd Introduction of the syllabus for the class and the members of the Class. Class viewing of part of the film: “Inside Islam.”

Class Two, Tues. Aug. 28th Topic: The cultural/religious backdrop for the emergence of Islam: Lecture On “The Muslim Community in History.”

Class Three Thurs. Aug. 30th Topic: Women’s Role & the Rise of Islam
Reading from Women and Gender in Islam

Sept. 3rd LABOR DAY –SCHOOL CLOSED

Class Four Tues. Sept. 4th Reading from Women and Gender in Islam.

Class Five Thurs. Sept. 6th Reading from Women And Gender in Islam, Part Two – Founding Discourses cont’d, Chpts 4 -5, pgs. 64- 101
Hand in or E-mail the four Dates you have selected for writing your reaction papers. Also from these four dates, give me your 1st and 2nd choice for your oral presentation of the readings for that class date. I will prepare the master list from your submissions and e-mail the list to the class.

Class Six Tues. Sept.11th Topic: Women’s Loss of Status in Islamic Societies:
Reading from Women And Gender in Islam, Chpt. 6, Medieval Islam, pgs. 102-125 and Readings from Women in the Qur’an, Introduction, pgs. 3-9.

Class Seven Thurs. Sept. 13th Topic: Women in Sacred History
Class Eight Tues. Sept. 18th  
**Topic: Women in Sacred History**

*The Book title for your first book review is due today. I suggest that this be one of the books you will use in your Research Project. The title can be given to me in writing or e-mailed to me.*

Class Nine Thurs. Sept 20th  
**Topic: - The Prophet’s Wives viewed as role models:**

Class Ten Tues. Sept. 25th  
**Topic: - Women In Islamic Societies in the Modern Era: 19th & 20th Century:**
Reading from *Women And Gender in Islam*
Part 3 “New Discourses” pgs. 125-127 & Chpt 7, “Social and Intellectual Change” pgs. 127-143,

Class Ten Thurs. Sept. 27nd  
**Topic: – Women In Islamic Societies in the Modern Era: 19th & 20th Century cont’d:**

Class Eleven Tues. Oct. 2nd  
**Topic: - Women In Islamic Societies in the Modern Era: 19th & 20th Century cont’d:**

*The Book title for your second book review is due today. I suggest that this be one of the books you will use in your Research Project. The title can be given to me in writing or e-mailed to me.*

Class Twelve Thurs. Oct. 4th  
**Topic: - Women In Islamic Societies in the Modern Era: 19th & 20th Century cont’d:**
Reading from *Women And Gender in Islam*, Chpt 11, *The Struggle for the Future & Conclusion*, pgs 208-248 & “Gender Issues & Contemporary Qur’an Interpretation” by Barbara Stowasser. Pgs. 30-44. (This reading is from *Islam, Gender and Social Change*, eds. Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad & John L. Esposito. It will be sent via the Course List)

October 4th  DEADLINE FOR STUDENTS RESEARCH PAPER TOPIC & BIBLIOGRAPHY
Class Thirteen Tues. Oct. 9th Topic: - Muslim Women’s Reflections on Islamic Texts:
Reading from Sexual Ethics & Islam, *Introduction*, Chpt 1, Marriage, Money, & Sex pgs. xii-24 & Chpt 2, Lesser Evils: Divorce in Islamic Ethics, pgs. 24-38. Additional Reading TBA


Class Fifteen Tues. Oct. 16th Topic: - Muslim Women’s Reflections on Islamic Texts cont’d:
Reading from Sexual Ethics & Islam, Chpt 5, *Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell: Same Sex Intimacy in Muslim Thought*, pgs. 75-96 & Chpt 6, *Reduce but do not destroy: Female Circumcision in Islamic Sources*, pgs 97-111. Additional Reading TBA

Class Sixteen Thurs. Oct. 18th Topic: - Muslim Women’s Reflections on Islamic Texts cont’d Reading from Sexual Ethics & Islam, Chpt 7, *If you have touched Women: Female Bodies and Male Agency in the Qur’an*, pgs. 112–131 & *Are We Up To The Challenge? The Need for A Radical Re-Ordering of the Islamic Discourse on Women* by G. Z. Simmons, pgs 235-247, (This reading is from Progressive Muslims, ed. by Omid Safi. The chapter will be sent as a pdf file via our Course List.) Documentary TBA Additional Reading TBA

Class Seventeen Tues. Oct. 23rd Topic:- Muslim Women’s Reflections on Islamic Texts cont’d Readings from Sexual Ethics & Islam, Chpt 8, *The Prophet Muhammad, his Beloved Aishah, & Modern Muslim Sensibilities*, pgs. 135-150 & Progressive Muslims and Islamic Jurisprudence: The Necessity for Critical Engagement with Marriage & Divorce Law” by Kecia Ali, pgs 163-189. (This chapter is from Progressive Muslims, ed. by Omid Safi and will be sent as a pdf file via our Course List.)

Readings from Murder in the Name of Honor, Chpts 1-8 pgs, 1-80. Additional Reading TBA. Documentary TBA

Class Nineteen Tues. Oct. 30th - Topic: Crimes Against Women cont’d
Readings from Murder in the Name of Honor, Chpts 8-10 pgs, 68-100 & Reading TBA on Acid Burnings in India

First Book Review Due Today
Students will begin making their oral presentations of their Book Reviews with hand-outs today.

Class Twenty Thurs. Nov. 1st

- Topic: Crimes Against Women cont’d
  Readings from Murder in the Name of Honor Chpt 11 pgs, 101-156 & Reading TBA on forced marriages
  Continue with student presentation of book reviews
  View Documentary: Honey and Ashes

Class Twenty-One Tues. Nov. 6th

- Topic: Crimes Against Women cont’d
  Readings from Murder in the Name of Honor, Chpts 12, 13, pgs 157-202 & Reading TBA on Female Stonings & other punishments by the State.

Class Twenty-Two Thurs. Nov. 8th

- Topic: Crimes Against Women cont’d:
  Readings from Murder in the Name of Honor, Chpts 14 & 15, pgs 203-223 & Reading from What Men Owe to Women, Islam & Gender Justice: Beyond Simplistic Apologia pgs. 187-210 (This chapter will be sent as a pdf.)
  View documentary: Four Women of Egypt

Class Twenty-Three Tues. Nov. 13th

- Topic: Women Claiming Islam
  Readings from Women Shaping Islam, Introduction & Chpt 1, Discussing Islam, Discussing Gender pgs. 1-49
  (These readings will be sent as a pdf via e-mail)
  Second Book Review Due Today

Class Twenty-Four Thurs. Nov. 15th

- Topic: Women Claiming Islam
  Readings from Women Shaping Islam, Chpt 2, Competing in Goodness: Muhammadiyah & Nahdlatul Ulama, & Chpt 3, Aisyiah’s Jihad, pgs. 50-130.
  Additional Reading TBA

Class Twenty-Five Tues. Nov. 20th

- Class Cancelled: Attending the American Academy of Religion Meetings in Chicago – Please use the time to work on your Research Project as you will begin your oral presentations on your research after the Thanksgiving Holidays

  - Thanksgiving Holidays
  - November 21st - 25th

Class Twenty-Seven Tues. Nov. 27th

- Begin oral reports on Research Projects

Class Twenty-Eight Thurs. Nov. 29th

- Continue oral reports on Research Projects. Wrap
Up Discussion

Class Twenty-Nine Tues Dec. 4th – LAST CLASS & CLASS PARTY
Research Papers Due in my office

FRIDAY December 7th by 5:00 pm

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!

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