

Syllabus: Queer Philosophy (spring/2013)

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MWF 2-3:50
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This course is designed to give students the opportunity to read complete, significant works in queer philosophy. It is not organized topically and is not intended as an introduction to queer theory. Some background in queer theory is assumed. The focus is on specific authors and specific works. This time around, we will be reading three texts:

- Didier Eribon, *Insult and the Making of the Gay Self*
- Judith Butler, *Undoing Gender*
- Jasbir Puar, *Terrorist Assemblages*

Course Calendar

<i>Week 1</i>	Eribon, to page 69
Monday 4/1:	Preface and Introduction
Wednesday 4/3:	Part I: Chapters 1-8
<i>Week 2</i>	Eribon, to page 140
Monday 4/8:	Part I: Chapters 9-13
Wednesday 4/10:	Part I: Chapters 14-17
<i>Week 3</i>	Eribon, to page 243
Monday 4/15:	Part II: Chapters 1-7
Wednesday 4/17:	Part II: Chapters 8-12
<i>Week 4</i>	Eribon, to the end
Monday 4/22:	Part III: Chapters 1-8
Wednesday 4/24:	Part III: Chapters 9-End
<i>Week 5</i>	Butler, to page 74
Monday 4/29:	Introduction – Chapter 2
Wednesday 5/1:	Chapter 3
<i>Week 6</i>	Butler, to page 160
Monday 5/6:	Chapters 4-5
Wednesday 5/8:	Chapters 6-7
<i>Week 7</i>	Butler, to the end
Monday 5/13:	Chapters 8-9
Wednesday 5/15:	Chapters 10-11
<i>Week 8</i>	Puar, to page 78
Monday 5/20:	Preface, Introduction, Chapter 1
Wednesday 5/22:	No Class, I'll be away at a conference...
<i>Week 9</i>	Puar, to page 165
Monday 5/27:	No Class, Memorial Day
Wednesday 5/29:	Chapter 2, Chapter 3
<i>Week 10</i>	Puar, to the end.
Monday 6/3:	Chapter 4: “Queer Diaspora”
Wednesday 6/5:	Conclusion

Course Requirements

Undergraduates

- Participation (30%)
 - A combination of attendance, evidence of careful reading and preparation ahead of time as demonstrated by your participation, and active participation in discussion. Warning: most students' grades are lowered, not raised, by their participation grade!
- Midterm Take-Home Exam or Classroom Presentation (30%)
 - If you are a senior **intending to go on to graduate school** with a GPA of 3.0 or above: You will do a formal, 15 minute presentation on some aspect of one class-period's reading. Presentation guidelines will be handed out in class.
 - Otherwise: You will take a mid-term take-home essay exam, handed out Wednesday of Week 4, due Friday of Week 4 by midnight.
- Final Paper Proposal (10%)
 - A 4-pge final paper proposal is due Wed. of Week 8. Guidelines will be provided.
- Final Paper (30%)
 - A 7-10 page final paper is due Wed. of Finals Week.

Graduates: Full, well-prepared participation in discussions is assumed—your grade will be lower if you do not meet this expectation but will not be higher because you do. Your grade will generally be determined by my holistic assessment of your performance on the following:

- Classroom Presentation: You will do a formal, 15 minute presentation on some aspect of one class-period's reading. Guidelines will be provided.
- Final Paper Proposal: Due Wednesday of Week 8. Guidelines will be provided.
- Final Paper: Due Wednesday of Finals Week.