ASA 113-Asian American Sexuality

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This course will demonstrate the centrality of culture, society, and the forces of history in shaping human sexuality. Race and ethnicity will be seen as fundamental to an understanding of contemporary human sexuality. Specifically, a comprehensive knowledge of Asian American sexuality will be arrived at through the study of US Imperialism, colonization and empire, white supremacy, and global capitalism. Primary emphasis will be placed on contemporary (post WWII) Asian American sexuality but within the context of the larger US social history beginning in the mid-19th century. Asian American sexuality will be examined as distinct yet intertwined with the larger “dominant” mainstream US society and culture as it has evolved particularly since the 1960s. In addition, the varied sexual cultures of the diverse Asian societies will be referenced with the objective of interrogating misperceptions and false characterizations of “traditional” mores, behavior, and beliefs among Asian Americans.

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