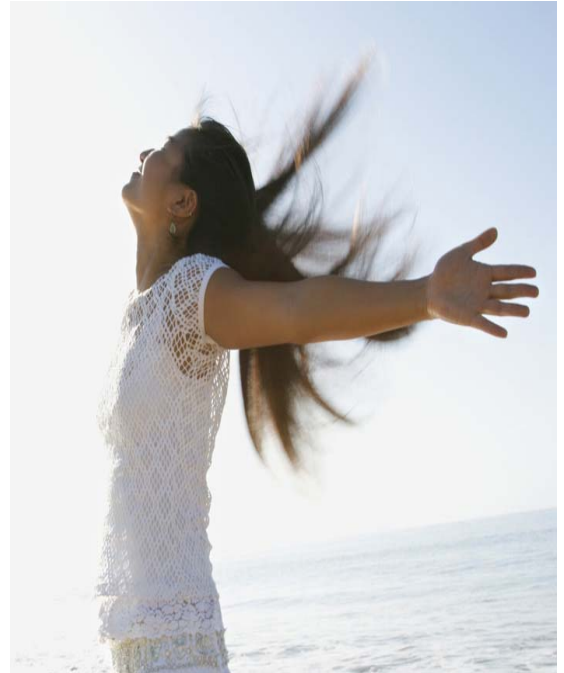




UNC Asheville WMST 273: *Theorizing Women's Lives*

Course Description: This course investigates feminism and feminist thought through an examination of both academic and documentary/grassroots analysis, theory and practice. For the first two thirds of the course, students build their foundation of knowledge and understanding of basic concepts in feminist theory after which they begin to identify and evaluate the major arguments and claims advocated by feminists. The latter third of the course focuses upon feminist ethics and women's moral thought and behavior. We will read, discuss and analyze the theories of Carol Gilligan through a close reading of her book: *In a Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development*.

This course begins with the work of De Beauvoir and ends with an examination of current feminist theories. There is a particular focus upon an understanding and appreciation of the complexity of the intersection of race, class and gender and on an examination of the divisions within feminism and their effect upon feminism as a movement. This historical approach includes not only an examination of the content of feminist thinking, but information pertaining to the natural evolution and process of most movements for social change. Attention then will be given to these other movements for social change in order to put feminist thought into context.



Instructor: Ms. Marie Stephens, MA, UNC Asheville adjunct

Dates/Time: On-line Asynchronous, beginning January 14 through May 6, 2010

Required Texts: *Radical Feminism: A Documentary Reader*. Edited by Barbara A. Crow NYU Press, 2000
The Second Wave: A Reader in Feminist Theory. Edited by Linda Nicholson, 1997
In a Different Voice. Carol Gilligan, Harvard University Press, 1982

Costs: \$20 non-refundable application fee for visiting students plus \$267.30 for the three (3) credit hour course for *in-state students*. *Non-resident student* tuition and technology fee is \$1454.82 for a three (3) credit hour course.

Registration: An application is available at: <http://www.unca.edu/agc/online.asp> for further information call UNCA Extension and Distance Learning at (828)232-5122 or email fox@unca.edu

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