#### WOMEN AND WORK

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# [PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN ABBREVIATED SYLLABUS. THE FULL SYLLABUS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS]

FALL 2013 – THURSDAYS, 7:20-10:00 Labor Education Center, Room 130/131 Professor Dorothy Sue Cobble cobble@rutgers.edu; Office Hours: after class and by appointment.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The entrance of women into paid employment is one of the most significant revolutions of our time. This course focuses on the implications of that revolution for women and for the larger society. Course topics include, among others, changes in women's work and societal status over time; the forces sustaining gender and other workplace inequalities; and how best to address issues such as income inequities, the devaluation of care work, workplace segregation and discrimination, and job-family conflict.

**COURSE READINGS**: All required articles are available on sakai.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:**

- 1. Attendance: 10%
- 2. Classroom Participation: 15%.
- 3. Response Papers: 60%
- 4. Final Project: 15%

## **SCHEDULE OF CLASS TOPICS:**

Class 1 (Sept 5) Class and Course Introductions

Class 2 (Sept 12) The Long Road to Equality

Class 3 (Sept 19) Contemporary Inequalities

Class 4 (Sept 26) Theories of Inequality: Beyond the "Pink Blanket"

Class 5 (Oct 3) Family Work

Class 6 (Oct 10) Sex Segregation in the Workplace

Class 7 (Oct 17) Women and Men in Non-Traditional Jobs

Class 8 (Oct 24) Final Project Proposals

Class 9 (Oct 31) Glass Ceilings

Class 10 (Nov 7) Bodies at Work

Class 11 (Nov 14) The Job-Family Dilemma

Class 12 (Nov 21) Women and Labor Movements

**Class 13 Effective Social Policies** 

**Class 14 (Dec 5) Presentation of Final Projects**