Course Information
This course is designed to provide an overview of the dynamics of gender at work. Under the umbrella of work this course includes organizational theory, embodied labor and issues around work and family, occupational stratification, the gender pay gap, women in low wage work, and theories of gender and work.

Learning Objectives – Rutgers CORE
CCD-2. Analyze contemporary social justice issues and unbalanced social power systems.
SCL-1 Understand different theories about human culture, social identity, economic entities, political systems, and other forms of social organization.
SCL-2 Employ tools of social scientific reasoning to study particular questions or situations, using appropriate assumptions, methods, evidence, and arguments.

Learning Objectives – SMLR
IV. Demonstrate an understanding of relevant theories and apply them given the background context of a particular work situation.
V. Evaluate the context of workplace issues, public policies, and management decisions.

Learning Objectives – LSER Department
1. Demonstrate an understanding of perspectives, theories, and concepts in our field.
2. Apply those concepts, along with substantive institutional knowledge, to contemporary developments.
6. Analyze the degree to which forms of human difference shape a person’s experience of work

Learning Objectives of the Instructor.
This course will: (1) give students an overview of women’s labor force participation, the wage gap, and theories of gender at work, (2) make students aware of the influence of gender and (to some degree) race, class, and sexuality in structuring opportunities to work and the rewards of work, (3) help students to become critical consumers of popular and academic sources about work and to apply these abilities in written assignments, and (4) develop students’ abilities to carry out and present research on issues relevant to work.

Required Readings
Articles and chapters listed below and available on Canvas. I may change or substitute readings on this list, but I will always give you notice at least a week in advance, update the syllabus accordingly, and make the readings available on Canvas. (No Purchase Required)
Course Requirements
1. Attendance and Class Participation: 20%
   Class participation means you have done the assigned reading thoroughly and engaged in each class meeting prepared for the discussion. You are required to submit one or two talking points related to the weekly readings before every Tuesday 10 am. These can be anything, including critical questions, your opinion on the issues of the topic, reflections of your own experience, or simply what you felt and learned from the readings. Talking points will be used to facilitate class discussion. Our classroom sessions rely heavily on what you and your peers contribute to the discussion, not only from our readings but from personal experiences and distinct backgrounds. I expect all students to engage in class discussion in a thoughtful and respectful manner. If you are struggling with participating in discussions, you should e-mail me or meet with me in office hours on Zoom.

2. Work Autobiography: 5%
   You will write a short work autobiography, due week #2. Guidelines are posted on the class Canvas site and will be distributed during the first week of class.

3. Critical Reflection Papers: 20%
   There are 13 weeks with required readings to be done before class. You must prepare a critical reflection paper, at least 2 double-spaced pages each, for 4 out of our 13 sessions. Your reflection papers should not merely summarize the readings; rather, they should offer a critical assessment of, and engagement with, ideas or issues in the readings. Guidelines for preparing reflection papers are posted on the class Canvas site.

4. Quiz: 10%
   You will take two quizzes during class (5% each) that cover the assigned readings and class materials. Guidelines for preparing the quizzes will be explained in detail during class.

5. Gender and Occupation Assignment: 45%
   Your gender and occupation project is central to the goal of this course. This project requires you to collect data about an occupation, observe a workplace, and conduct an interview with a worker to critically analyze gender in that occupation. This project, worth 50% of your total grade, will be broken into three parts.
   - Occupational Data Paper and Presentation: 15%
   - Work Observation Paper and Presentation: 15%
   - Interview Paper and Presentation: 15%

   Your writing for all assignments will be assessed on the content of your arguments, your use of assigned materials, and how effectively you express your ideas in writing. For each class day late, the grade on the paper will be lowered by one letter grade. Presentations must be made on the assigned dates, and it is not possible to make up a presentation. I will not give extra credit in this course.

*Specific guidelines for work autobiography, reading questions and talking points, and gender and occupation assignments are uploaded on Canvas.
Course Materials
Posting of lecture slides
We are utilizing the Canvas learning management system to access learning materials, post announcements, submit assignments, and communicate via the Inbox feature. Be sure to check this site frequently as there will be announcements and instructions. Whenever anything is posted to Canvas, you will automatically receive a notification to your rutgers.edu email account. Checking that email account frequently is highly recommended.

Grading Scale
- A 90-100
- B+ 86-89
- B 80-85
- C+ 76-79
- C 70-75
- D 66-69
- F 65 and below

Policies
Academic Integrity
You will be held to the Rutgers Policy on Academic Integrity, which can be found online at http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/. If you have any questions regarding plagiarism or related topics, just ask. Cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, or plagiarism will be reported. Depending on the individual case, you might fail the assignment or the class, be required to take an ethics seminar, be placed on disciplinary probation, or be suspended from Rutgers for a semester or more.

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Attendance and Participation Policy
You should attend all class meetings; if you have an emergency and must miss a class meeting, then use the University self-reporting absence website https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/ to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An email with this information will be sent to your
instructor. Reporting an absence is not the same as an excused absence. I will allow one excused absence, but attendance and participation points will be deducted from the second absence. A rubric is posted on Canvas explaining how class participation is evaluated.

**Guidelines for Class Technology**

The course delivery mode will be in-person, meaning that we will meet live, at the same time, each class. Following the Covid-19 protocol, all students are required to wear face coverings in class unless there is a new announcement from Rutgers university. You can check the most updated Covid-19 protocol from https://coronavirus.rutgers.edu/fall-semester-2022-health-and-well-being-protocols/.

**Student Resources**

For students who need help in the areas of (a) mental health, (b) academic coaching, and (c) financial assistance, refer to the following link: [https://smlr.rutgers.edu/about-smlr/fall-2022-information-smlr-students](https://smlr.rutgers.edu/about-smlr/fall-2022-information-smlr-students) For SMLR scholarship opportunities, refer to the website [https://smlr.rutgers.edu/academic-programs/scholarships](https://smlr.rutgers.edu/academic-programs/scholarships)

**Schedule of Readings and Assignment Due Dates**

**Week 1. Course Overview**

**Part 1:** (Tuesday, September 6)

* Distribute guidelines for assignments.
* Class Survey

**Part 2:** (Thursday, September 8)

* Submit Talking points 1 due at 9/8 10AM. related to the following required readings:

  * Required Readings:
    
    

**Week 2 – The Gender Wage Gap**

**Part 1:** (Tuesday, September 13)

* Submit Talking points 2 due at 9/13 10AM. related to the following required readings:

  * Required Readings:


Recommended (Not required):


* Work autobiographies due 9/15 (Thursday) at 10 AM.
* Group assignments made for remainder of semester.

**Part 2: (Thursday, September 15)**
* Role-play simulation
* Discuss insights from autobiography.

**Week 3 – Theorizing Gender at Work**
**Part 1: (Tuesday, September 20)**

Submit Talking points 3 due at 9/20 10AM. related to the following required readings:

* Required Readings:


Recommended (Not required):
Part 2: (Thursday, September 22)
* Occupational data assignment out and discussed.

Week 4 – The Intersection between Race and Gender at Work

Part 1: (Tuesday, September 27)

Submit Talking points 4 due at 9/27 10AM. related to the following required readings:

* Required Readings:


  Recommended (Not required):

Part 2: (Thursday, September 29)
* Individual occupational data assignment due 9/29 at 10AM
* Group work session for occupational data group presentation

Week 5 – Gender Bias
Part 1: (Tuesday, October 4)

Submit Talking points 5 due at 10/4 10AM. related to the following required readings:

* Required Readings:


  Recommended (Not required):

* Job Posting In-Class Exercise
Part 2: (Thursday, October 6)
* Group presentations: occupational data
* Occupational data project presentation slides due 10/6 10AM

Week 6 – Anti-discrimination and Sexual harassment politics
Part 1: (Tuesday, October 11)

Submit Talking points 6 due at 10/11 10AM. related to the following required readings:
* Required Readings:
  


Part 2: (Thursday, October 13)
*Observation data assignment out and discussed.
* In-class survey
*Training_Micromessaging

Week 7 – Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation at Work
Part 1: (Tuesday, October 18)

Submit Talking points 7 due at 10/18 10AM. related to the following required readings:
* Required Readings:


  Recommended (Not required):
Part 2: (Thursday, October 20)
*In-class quiz 1
*Critical reflection paper 1 and 2 due 10/20 10 PM

Week 8 –Balancing Work and Family
Part 1: (Tuesday, October 25)

Submit Talking points 8 due at 10/25 10AM. related to the following required readings:

* Required Readings:


   Recommended (Not required):


Part 2: (Thursday, October 27)

* Individual workplace observations due 10/27 10AM
* Group work session for Workplace observation presentations

Week 9 –Women’s Reproductive Health and Economic Empowerment
Part 1: (Tuesday, November 1)

Submit Talking points 9 due at 11/1 10AM. related to the following required readings:

* Required Readings:


Part 2: (Thursday, November 3)
* Group Presentation: Workplace observations
* Workplace observation presentation slides due 11/3 10AM

Week 10 – Women in High-Level Positions
Part 1: (Tuesday, November 8)
Submit Talking points 10 due at 11/8 10AM. related to the following required readings:
* Required Readings:
  Sheryl Sandberg, chapter 1 from Lean In; and commentary by bell hooks, in Feminist Wire, http://www.thefeministwire.com/2013/10/17973/


Part 2: (Thursday, November 10)
* Interview project distributed and discussed
* Develop interview questions together

Week 11 –Women in Profession/STEM
Part 1: (Tuesday, November 15)
Submit Talking points 11 due at 11/15 10AM. related to the following required readings:
* Required Readings:


Recommended (Not required):


Part 2: (Thursday, November 17)
*Group discussion
*Training on teamwork

Week 12 – Women and labor/working class occupations
Part 1: (Tuesday, November 22)

Submit Talking points 12 due at 11/22 10AM. related to the following required readings:

* Required Readings:


Part 2: (Thursday, November 24): No Class (Thanksgiving Recess)

Week 13- Future of Work(ers): Gender in the New Economy and Gig Work
Part 1: (Tuesday, November 29)

Submit Talking points 13 due at 11/29 10AM. related to the following required readings:

* Required Readings:


Recommended (Not required):

**Part 2: (Thursday, December 1)**
* Group work session for worker interview projects
* Individual interview papers due 12/1 10AM

**Week 14 – Interview Presentations**
**Part 1: (Tuesday, December 6)**
* In-class quiz 2 & Rap-up session

**Part 2: (Thursday, December 8)**
* Group presentations: Interview Project
* Worker interview presentation slides due 12/8 10AM

**Week 15 – Final Quiz**
**Part 1: (Tuesday, December 13)**
* Group presentations: Interview Project Continued.

**Part 2: (Thursday, December 15)**
* Supplementary class (If needed)
* Critical reflection paper 3 and 4 due 12/15 10 PM
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