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## WGS 200: Introduction to Gender Studies OER Curation

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## Overview

### Scope Notes

The instructor likes that their current text is an anthology as it provides a variety of voices, but the anthology also limits what can be included semester by semester. Open educational resources that require few changes are desired and the instructor wants a more dynamic collection of resources so that readings can be more easily changed.

### Current textbooks and materials

Gillis, Melissa J and Andrew T. Jacobs, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press, 2020. ISBN: 978-0190064235 \$85

DeMuth, Mason and Weekley, Unsexng Gender, Engendering Activism: Readings in Gender Studies, 2nd ed- Revised Printing, Kendall Hunt Publishing Company, 2019. ISBN: 978-1465268235 \$10

### Search Notes

The search consulted OER commons, Pressbooks, Open Textbook Library, OpenStax, and Merlot. The results were surprisingly limited with just a few specific OER texts published for gender studies. Since this is a readings-focused class and the instructor would like a variety, a course specific reader could easily be compiled out of existing OER and appropriately licensed readings. All listed options will permit the instructor to pick and choose specific readings to pull



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for the course with some exceptions if there is a desire to create a compiled course specific textbook of readings. Additionally, many readings that would round out the course will likely be free for students to read through either online newspapers/magazines or the Library, but won't be included in CC-licensed open education materials.

## Gap Analysis

There are a few strong OER textbooks focused on gender studies. However, there is room for more development of OER for this discipline, particularly for collected readings.

## Promising OER Options

### Introduction to Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies

- Miliann Kang et al, Introduction to Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies, University of Massachusetts at Amherst (2017).
- Available from [Open Textbook Library](#)
- PDF, online, ebook, XML
- CC BY
- Comments: This textbook introduces key feminist concepts and analytical frameworks for the gender studies field. The OER is organized in five units with focus on introducing the theoretical frameworks and concepts first to students, then challenging constructs, discusses institutions and instructors, gender and work in the global economy, and then ending with feminist social movements. This textbook can be applied as the main class textbook, or specific chapters pulled as readings.

### Introduction to Women and Gender Studies

- Deborah Holt, Introduction to Women and Gender Studies, VIVA
- Available from [VIVA](#)
- PDF, Online book, epub, XML, Common Cartridge
- CC BY
- Comments: This OER draws on art, literature, religion, philosophy and music to broaden understanding on women and gender studies. The text contains 4 sections and 33 chapters. Although the entire text is unlikely to be applied to an already established course, many of the individual chapters are suitable for assigned readings for the course.

### Intro to Women's Studies

- Katie Coleman, Introduction to Women's Studies, College of the Canyons
- Available from [OER Commons](#)
- PDF

- CC BY
- Comments: This OER textbook was designed for a 200 level sociology course for introduction to women's studies and is a strong candidate to address items for the WGS 200 course. The text contains 11 chapters that examine sociology, policies, crime, sexuality, and religion. The OER provides an overview of the academic field of women's studies and explores the consequences of living in a "gendered world."

## Stretch Resource Options

### Gender, Race, and the Construction of the American West

- Karen V. Hansen, Marilyn Johnson, and Louis Rudnick, Gender, Race, and the Construction of the American West, MIT (2014).
- Available from [Merlot](#)
- Online course
- CC BY-NC-SA
- Comments: This OER is a course that explores how gender shaped the historical experiences in the North American West when it was being explored, settled, and colonized. This is considered a stretch resource, because the contents may potentially be a fantastic talking point or readings for this course.

### Gender and Sexualities: An Inquiry

- Damron, Jason Gary and Reitenauer, Vicki L., "Gender and Sexualities: An Inquiry" (2014). PDXOpen: Open Educational Resources.
- Available from [PDX Scholar](#)
- PDF, online book
- CC BY-NC
- Comments: This OER textbook was created for a Gender and Sexualities course at Portland State University. Discussion of sexualities is a strong focus of the text and the resource may not fit the primarily gender focus of the course.

### Equality Archive

- [equalityarchive.com](http://equalityarchive.com)
- Website
- License varies, but the archive operates primarily under fair use and Creative Commons licensing.
- Comments: The Equality Archive is an open source archive and publication from a collective of feminist specialists. This could be a rich resource for students or provide class readings.

## Lady Science

- Leila McNeill and Anna Reser, Lady Science (2021).
- [ladyscience.com](http://ladyscience.com)
- Website
- CC BY-NC-ND
- Comments: Lady Science is an online publication on the history of women in science and technology. There are specific articles and podcast episodes that explore gender more broadly than just the scientific field context. The publication recently ended in December 2021, but has seven years of published articles and podcasts that may be useful for the course.