

SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER II  
SOC 272 and WS 272  
Spring 2010

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**Overview**

In this half of the course we will examine men's roles in more depth, discuss the history and impact of the women's movement and read a fictional account of gender roles in the future. To be enrolled in this course, you must have completed SOC 271 or WS 271.

**Texts**

Atwood, Margaret. 1998. *The Handmaid's Tale*. New York: Anchor Books.

Kimmel, Michael S. 2008. *The Gendered Society (3<sup>d</sup> Edition)*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Kindlon, Dan and Michael Thompson. 2000. *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*. New York: Ballantine Books.

There will also be several handouts that I will distribute in class.

**Course Requirements**

Exam	80
Movie	60
In Class Writing (6 X 10 points)	60
Total	200 points

I use a standard grading scale: 93% = A, 90% = A-, 87% = B+, and so on.

**Schedule**

- Mar 4      Theories of Difference: Social Learning  
              Reading: Kimmel, Chap 4
- Mar 9      Theories of Difference: Structural and Anthropological  
              Reading: Kimmel, Chap 3 and Chap 5  
              In-Class Writing #1
- Mar 11     Theories of Difference: Biological  
              Reading: Kimmel, Chap 2

Mar 16 Homosexuality  
Reading: Kimmel, pp 234 - 241; Handout

Spring Break: March 19 - 28

Mar 30 History of the Women's Movement

Mar 26 Body Image, Miss America and Reality TV

April 1 No Class: Professional Conference

April 6 Raising Cain  
Reading: Kindlon and Thompson, Chap 1 - 3  
In-class Writing #2

April 8 Raising Cain  
Reading: Kindlon and Thompson, Chap 4 - 6  
In-class Writing #3

April 13 Raising Cain  
Reading: Kindlon and Thompson, Chap 7 - 9

April 15 Raising Cain  
Reading: Kindlon and Thompson, Chap 10 - 12  
In-class Writing #4

Watch King of Masks before next class meeting!

April 20 Discussion of King of Masks  
Reading: Handout  
Due: Summary/Reaction to King of Masks

April 22 The Handmaid's Tale  
Reading: Atwood, Chapters 1 - 18  
In-class Writing #5

April 27 The Handmaid's Tale  
Reading: Atwood, Chapters 19 - 30

April 29 The Handmaid's Tale  
Reading: Atwood, Chapters 31 - end (including Historical Notes)  
In-class Writing #6

May 5 3:00 - 5:00 Final Exam