

University of Houston, Fall 2015
Sex & Money:
Feminist/Anthropological Approaches to Sex Work
WGSS 3322 (SEC 26744) & ANTH 3306 (SEC 27046)
WGSS: Intersectionalities: Race, Class, Age, Disability, Sexuality & Gender
Anthropology: Sex & Culture



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M W 1—2:30pm
Room ARC 209

This course draws upon both feminist intersectional perspectives & anthropology to examine links between sex (and other forms of intimacy) and money (and other forms of exchange).

We will read feminist intersectional theory to analyze

- 1) the writings of sex worker activists
- 2) ethnographic research about sex workers and those who seek to “help” them. We will ask: What ethical concerns are at stake when conducting research about sex workers? How does a sex worker’s place in hierarchies of gender, sexuality, race, age, disability, and class shape their access to resources as well as their experience of sex work? How do ideologies surrounding sex work and its legal status and regulation shape life and work for sex workers in different contexts? How have colonization and neoliberalism shaped intimate and economic relationships and the meanings attached to them in different contexts throughout the world?

WGSS 3322 fulfills a requirement for the WGSS Major
& can serve as an elective for the WOST Minor and the Anthropology Major and Minor.