

HIST 4337 - US History Through Biography: Methods and Approaches with a Gender Focus
WGSS 4395 - Selected Topics in Women's Studies: Biography, Gender & Identity
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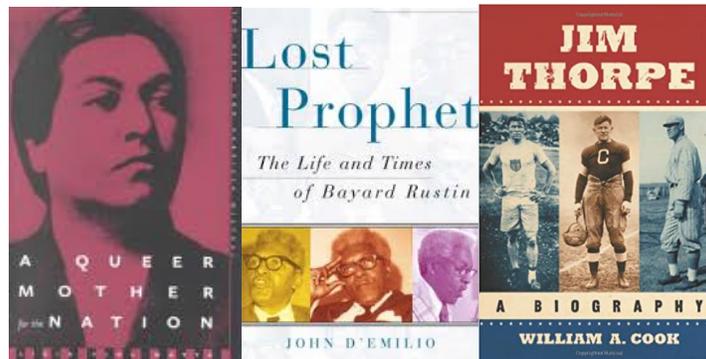
Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Contact Hours: 3

Prerequisite: ENGL 1304 and junior standing or consent of instructors

This course is offered by both History and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies

What kinds of sources do biographers use to craft stories about life experience? What details about a person's life do you look for in biography? Whose stories get told—and whose do not?

This course considers the possibilities and limitations of the genre of biography and life narrative as a lens through which to analyze gender. Taking an intersectional approach, in this interdisciplinary course we will think about how gender relates to race, class, sexuality, local politics and more, in the lives we examine.. Looking at US biographies as well as beyond national borders, we will consider the details of how lives are lived and how life experience is shaped by gender. Through scholars' writings about their experience as biographers, we will study the craft and method of biography as much as we will explore biographies themselves. Not least of all, students in this class will be "doing" biography as much as exploring the genre, and engaging in individual and group biographical research.



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