Required Texts: Women and the American Experience (4th ed.) by Nancy Woloch
The Last Stamp by Jan Mitchell (do not purchase; instructor will loan out copy)

Attendance: It is the student’s responsibility to show up on time for class and to initiate any withdrawal from the course. Examination and quiz scores will be negatively affected by excessive absences.

Examinations: Three major examinations will be given during the semester. Test dates appear on the syllabus. The exams consist of the following:

1. Part I (40 pts. for exam #1, 80 pts. for exam #2, and 100 pts. for exam #3) covers the even-numbered chapters in the Woloch text. Each of these chapters will be worth 20 points. Answers to study questions for these chapters are due one week before the scheduled in-class exam on lecture material (see syllabus for due dates); no late papers are accepted. If possible, please use a word processor, single spacing or double spacing between your answers to each chapter’s questions. (You do not need to repeat the question. Simply list your answers by chapter and question number). Sentence fragments are permitted for this part of the exam. Excessive copying from the text will negatively affect your grade.

2. Part II (100 pts. for each exam) covers lecture material. It will be done in class on the exam day and will consist of a short essay drawn from the lecture material. Only material from the lecture notes is to be used to answer these questions.

The questions which comprise Part II of the exam will be handed out in class approximately one week prior to the exam. On the day of the test, students will bring to class the study sheet with these questions on it; the sheet may have key ideas written on it for your reference while you are writing Part II of the exam in class. Excessive notations on this “crib sheet” will negatively affect your grade. That study sheet, with the essay questions and your notes on it, will be handed in with the exam.

If a student fails to take Part II of the exam on the specified exam date, the make-up exam must be taken during the first office hour on the weekday following the in-class exam (i.e., on Thursday for the MW class and on Monday for the TTH class). No make-up exams will be given after that time. Additionally, all make-up tests incur a penalty of 20 points.

The Last Stamp: A copy of The Last Stamp will be loaned to each student and that copy will be
returned to the instructor on the day of the exam. The test (100 pts.) will consist of some multiple-choice questions and one short answer question. (Note: The make-up exam will be completely essay in format and must be taken at the class meeting that follows the scheduled test.) See syllabus for exam date.

**Final Exam**: The final exam will be given during final exam week at the end of the semester. It will consist of one question worth 50 pts. Students will be given two questions on the day of the final and they will write on whichever one they prefer. Lecture notes may be used as reference during the final.

**Quizzes**: Individual quizzes, worth 10 pts. each, will be given on the odd-numbered chapters in the Woloch text. The quizzes will be based upon the study questions for the chapters; jot down near the questions key ideas drawn from the text that answer these questions. You may use these sheets for reference when you take the in-class quiz. Quiz dates appear on this syllabus. Any make-up quiz must be taken by or at the next class meeting; it can be taken at an office hour or at the very beginning of the next class session before the graded quizzes are returned. No make-ups will be given once the quizzes are returned. All make-up quizzes incur a 5 point penalty.

**Grading Policy**: A total of 780 points--from the three major exams, the final exam, the quizzes on Woloch’s odd-numbered chapters, and *The Last Stamp*--will be possible by the end of the semester. Course letter grades will be assigned at that time based upon the following percentage breakdown:

- 100 - 93 = A
- 92 - 84 = B
- 83 - 74 = C
- 73 - 63 = D
- 62 and below = F

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**LECTURE TOPIC** | **ASSIGNMENT**

Colonial Families & Three Special Women | Ch. 2

“Mary Rowlandson’s Captivity” | Quiz Ch.1  
TTH class - Tues., Jan. 27  
MW class - Wed., Jan. 28

A Woman Who Failed to Conform--Anne Hutchinson

“Eliza Pinckney & Republican Motherhood” | Quiz Ch. 3  
MW class - Mon., Feb. 2  
TTH class - Tues., Feb. 3

Some Revolutionary Women | Ch. 4

**Answers to study questions for even-numbered chapters** due: MW class - Wed., Feb. 4  
TTH class - Thur., Feb. 5
Examination on above lecture material . . . . . . . . . MW class - Wed., Feb. 11  
TTH class - Thur., Feb. 12

“Thine in the bonds of womanhood”

“Sarah Hale and the Ladies Magazine” . . . . . . . Quiz Ch. 5  
MW class - Wed., Feb. 18  
TTH class - Thur., Feb. 19

The Cult of True Womanhood . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ch. 6
Some Western Women

“The Grimke Sisters Assail Slavery” . . . . . . . . . . . Quiz Ch. 7  
MW class - Wed., Feb. 25  
TTH class - Thur., Feb. 26

Enslaved Women . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ch. 8
The Abolitionist Movement and the Woman Question
Elizabeth Cady Stanton at Seneca Falls (1848) and in the 1890s

“The Shirtwaist Strike of 1909” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Quiz Ch. 9  
MW class - Wed., March 4  
TTH class - Thur., March 5

19th Century Working Women . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ch. 10 & Ch. 12

“The Founding of Hull House” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Quiz Ch. 11  
MW class - Wed., March 11  
TTH class - Thur., March 12

Answers to questions for even-numbered chapters due: MW class - Wed., March 18  
TTH class - Thur., March 19

Examination on above lecture material . . . . . . . . . MW class - Wed., April 1  
TTH class - Thur. April 2

Loosening the Bonds

“The Crisis of the NWSA” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Quiz Ch. 13  
MW class - Wed., April 8  
TTH class - Thurs., April 9

The Passage of the 19th Amendment . . . . . . . . . Ch. 14
“Direct Action: Margaret Sanger’s Crusade” . . . . . . . . . . Quiz Ch. 15
MW class - Mon., April 13
TTH class - Tues., April 14

Margaret Sanger and the Birth Control Movement . . . . . . . . . . Ch. 16

“Humanizing the New Deal, 1933” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Quiz Ch. 17
MW class - Wed., April 15
TTH class - Thurs., April 16

Eleanor Roosevelt . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ch. 18
Women of World War II

“Turning Points: the Early 1960s” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Quiz Ch. 19
MW class - Wed., April 22
TTH class - Thurs., April 23

The Civil Rights Movements of the 1960s. . . . . . . . . . . . Ch. 20

“The Thomas Hearings: Responses to Anita Hill, 1991” . . . . . Quiz Ch. 21
MW class - Wed., April 29
TTH class - Thurs., April 30

Women and the Vietnam War . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ch. 22

Answers to study questions for even-numbered chapters due: MW class - Wed., May 6
TTH class - Thur., May 7

EXAM on Mitchell’s The Last Stamp . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . MW class – Mon., May 11
TTH class – Tues., May 12

Examination on above lecture material . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . MW class – Wed., May 13
TTH class - Thur., May 14

Final Exam: Week of May 19th. See final exam schedule in Spring 2009, Class Schedule, p.173 for specific dates and times.