Course Description
This course teaches students to negotiate and refigure various combinations of normative forces in queer/TV culture and scholarship. We will: use a constellation of anti-identitarian and anti-assimilationist methods to critique the contemporary field and historical trajectory of television studies; examine tensions and contradictions among queer and conventional archives, sensibilities, and approaches to representation; collaborate to refine aims and strategies for queer TV history, theory, and criticism.

Course Work
Introductory close reading [10 pts.] (2 pp.) October 7
Term paper proposal [20 pts.] (2 pp.) October 28
Short essay [20 pts.] (3-4 pp.) November 9
Term paper [50 pts.] (10-12 pp.) December 9

Course Objectives
Situate scholarship on media culture (and more) within and across TV studies and queer studies. Develop and use critical methods combining queer studies and TV studies. Undertake, explore, refine, and present original research inspired by queer TV studies.

Course Schedule (subject to change)
[events + assignments]

Week 1. F September 30
close reading (OCT7)

Week 2. F October 7
José B. Capino, “Soothsayers, Politicians, Lesbian Scribes”
Anna McCarthy, “Making Queer Television History”

Week 3. F October 14
Bambi Haggins, “Homicide”
Kokumo + Cat Fitzpatrick
Cherrie Moraga
Cinema Journal: Queer Approaches to Film, Television, and Digital Media
Lynne Joyrich, “Epistemology of the Console”
Infrared Seattle
Marlon Ross, “Beyond the Closet as a Raceless Paradigm”

Week 4. F October 21
Kale Bantigue Fajardo, “Transportation”
Jennifer Nash, “Black Anality”
Warhol SF

Week 5. F October 28
term paper proposal (due OCT28) Peabody conference

Week 6. reschedule for NOV 1 or 2
Week 6.
Penny Deutscher, “Reading as Intervention”
Gary Needham, “Scheduling Normativity”
Amy Villarejo, “Queer Ascension”

Week 6. F November 4
Mimi White, “Mediating Relations”
Lucas Hilderbrand, “Diasporic Asian Video Markets in the O.C.” and “YouTube”

Week 7. F November 11
Mimi White, “Women, Memory and Serial Narrative”
José Esteban Muñoz, “Jack’s Plunger”
GLQ: Queer Media Manifestos

Week 8. F November 18
GLQ: Thinking Sex/Thinking Gender
Cathy Cohen, “Punks, Bulldaggers, and Welfare Queens”
Nicholas Browne, The Political Economy of the Television (Super) Text”

Week 9. F November 25
Lynn Spigel, “TV’s Next Season”
Charlotte Brundson, “Transformation of the Archive” and “Is TV Studies History?”
Alexander Doty, Flaming Classics, “Introduction”

Week 10. F December 2
Rachel Lee, “Pussy Ballistics”
Kirsten Marthe Lentz, “Quality versus Relevance”

term paper (DEC9)

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| All assignments are required. Contact me at least two days in advance to ask for an extension. Grades drop each day past the due date. You are responsible for meeting Student Conduct Code and Community Standards. Please discuss with me any concerns, absent yourself for trigger mitigation, and let me know of any accommodations you may need. If bad weather or an emergency requires cancelling a class, I will notify you by email or put a note on the door. Always use your own discretion in class and en route. |