

Warring for Women: Introduction to Gender and War

On November 18, 2011, days after invasion of Afghanistan, Laura Bush took over the President's weekly radio address to underscore Afghan women's suffering under the Taliban. Last month, the *Washington Post* reported that President Trump was undecided about the decision to send additional troops to Afghanistan until National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster showed him photographs of Afghan women in miniskirts in the 1960s. This introductory history course open to students at any level situates these contemporary developments alongside a longer history of gender and war. It introduces students to the fundamentals of historical inquiry through sources that speak to how ideas about gender have been central to how states, intellectuals, and activists have framed war efforts in multiple geographic contexts.

Reading List

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Animated Introduction to Edward Said's Orientalism (digital)

Jennifer Morgan, "'Some Could Suckle over Their Shoulder': Male Travelers, Female Bodies, and the Gendering of Racial Ideology, 1500-1770" *The William and Mary Quarterly* (1997)

Jennifer Sessions, "The Blood of Brothers: Bonapartism and the Popular Culture of Conquest" in *By Sword and by Plow: France and the Conquest of Algeria* (2011)

Tara McPherson, "'Both Kinds of Arms': *The Civil War* in the Present" in *Reconstructing Dixie: Race, Gender, and Nostalgia in the Imagined South* (2003)

Kristin Hoganson, "McKinley's Backbone: The Coercive Power of Gender in the Political Debate" in *Fighting for American manhood: How gender Politics provoked the Spanish-American and Philippine-American Wars* (2002)

Martha Hodes, "Murder: Black Men, White Women, and Lynching," in *White Women, Black Men: Illicit Sex in the 19th-Century South* (1997)

Alice Conklin, "Redefining Frenchness: Citizenship, Race Generation, and Imperial Motherhood in France and West Africa, 1870-1912" and Frances Gouda, "Good Mothers, Medeas, or Jezebels: Feminine Imagery in Colonial and Anticolonial Rhetoric in the Dutch East Indies, 1900-1942" in *Domesticating the Empire: Race, Gender, and Family Life in Dutch and French Colonialism*, edited by Julia Clancy-Smith and Frances Gouda (1998)

Jennifer Anne Boittin, "Reverse Exoticism & Masculinity: The Cultural Politics of Race Relations" in *Colonial Metropolis: The Urban Grounds of Anti-Imperialism and Feminism in Interwar Paris* (2010)

- Lisa Pollard, "Domesticating Egypt: The Gendered Politics of the British Occupation" in *Nurturing the Nation: The Family Politics of Modernizing, Colonizing and Liberating Egypt* (2005)
- Gregory Mann, "Soldier's Families and Slavery's Echoes" and "A Military Culture on the Move" in *Native Sons: West African Veterans and France in the Twentieth Century* (2006)
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- Elizabeth Thompson, "Soldiers and Patriarchs: Pillars of Colonial Paternalism" in *Colonial Citizens: Republican Rights, Paternal Privilege, and Gender in French Syria and Lebanon* (2000)
- Phillippa Levine, "Contesting Empire" and "Decolonisation" in *The British Empire: Sunrise to Sunset* (2013)
- Neil Macmaster, "The Propaganda Offensive and the Strategy of Contact" in *Burning the Veil: The Algerian War and the "Emancipation" of Muslim Women, 1954-62* (2009)
- *Frantz Fanon, "Algeria Unveiled" in *A Dying Colonialism* (1965)
- *Zohra Drif, "Into the Heart of the Armed Struggle" in *Inside the Battle of Algiers: Memoir of a Woman Freedom Fighter* (2017)
- Natalya Vince, "Heroines and victims, brothers and sisters" in *Our Fighting Sisters: Nation, Memory, and Gender in Algeria, 1954-2012* (2015)
- Todd Shepard, "'Something Notably Erotic': Politics, 'Arab Men' and Sexual Revolution in Post-Decolonization France, 1962-1974" *The Journal of Modern History* 84:1 (March 2012)
- Miriam Ticktin, "Sexual violence as the language of border control: where French Feminist and Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric Meet" *Signs* 33: 4 (2008)
- Lene Hansen, "Gender, Nation, Rape: Bosnia and the Construction of Security" *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 3 (2000)
- Lila Abu-Lughod, "Do Muslim Women Really Need Saving? Anthropological Reflections on Cultural Relativism and Its Others" *American Anthropologist* 104.3 (2002)
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