Gender Bibliography in Preparation for
M.A. Comprehensive Exam for Specialization in Gender

3 Books (placed in bold print)
15 Articles

This list of literature on “Gender” is by no means comprehensive and exhaustive, but gives a taste of the breadth of subjects with which a gender scholar should be familiar. There are classic works omitted from this list and empirical works which are not represented—not to slight those important contributions, but to hone in on the range of theoretical works and controversial ones that have shaped important debates in the discipline over the past twenty years. General topics, themes and tensions that a graduate student should be comfortable discussing include, but are not limited to, the below areas of gender studies.

Here are two sample gender comprehensive exam questions. Please use these as a guide to the kind of questions we will ask on the gender comprehensive exam:

1) Gender researchers work from the basic premise that “gender” is a social construct but the core elements (the focus, relations, institutions, etc.) of that social construction can vary depending on the work. Explain what this means from the perspective of three different works in your bibliography where researchers and theorists develop different gender frameworks by addressing different aspects of society.

2) Discuss how gender researchers have theorized work? What are the main and intersecting components of their argument?

GENDER EPISTEMOLOGIES


INTERSECTIONALITY

Jones, Nikki. 2009. “‘I was Aggressive for the Streets, Pretty for the Pictures’: Gender, Difference, and the Inner-City Girl.” Gender & Society 23: 89-93.


GENDER AND THE BODY


GENDER AND WORK


SEXUALITY, GENDER & SOCIAL CONTROL


GENDER, CULTURE & RESISTANCE


