

## **Reading List 1: Feminist theories/ Interdisciplinary methods**

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I am interested in the ways in which political and social categories get constructed through, and onto, the body. And in turn, the way bodies themselves are not fixed or given, but are constantly shaped and altered through material and political means. Biopower is central to this inquiry, as is feminist theories of gender, sex, race, and dis/ability. To me, this is both material and discursive, and I honestly question the distinction between the two. For this list, I am thinking through ways in which bodies get inscribed with meaning, measured, and surveyed, as well as the ways in which they are literally shaped by these same institutions which discipline, order, and attempt to optimize them. The idea of what is to be desired or “optimized” in a body is particularly important in thinking about sports - by that I mean that the ways in which disciplining the body is also about trying to enhance it.

### **Biopower and Bodies**

Michel Foucault, *History of Sexuality Volume I*, 1978

Alexander G. Weheliye, *Habeus Viscus*, 2014

Judith Butler, *Gender Trouble*, 1990

Judith Butler, *Bodies That Matter: On the Discursive Limits of 'Sex,'* 1993

Elizabeth Grosz, *Volatile Bodies: Toward a Corporeal Feminism*, 1994

Dean Spade, *Normal Life: Administrative Violence, Critical Trans Politics and the Limits of Law*, 2011

Dorothy Roberts, *Fatal Invention*

\*\*Jasbir Puar, *Right to Maim: Debility, Capacity, Disability*, 2017

Jasbir Puar, *Terrorist Assemblages*, 2007

### **Eugenics History**

Jennifer Terry, *An American Obsession*

Julian Carter, *The Heart of Whiteness*

Stein, Melissa N. *Measuring Manhood: Race and the Science of Masculinity, 1830–1934*, 2015

Snorton, C. Riley. *Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity*, 2017

Mitchell and Snyder, "The Eugenic Atlantic: Race, Disability and the Making of an international Eugenic Science, 1800-1945" *Disability and Society*, 18.7 2003

Schuller, Kyla. *The Biopolitics of Feeling: Race, Sex, and Science in the Nineteenth Century*. 2018

### **Naming: Identity and Lived Experience**

Collins, Patricia Hill. *Black Sexual Politics: African Americans, Gender, and the New Racism*, 2004

Hammonds, Evelyn. "Black (W)holes and the Geometry of Black Female Sexuality." *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*, 1994

*Replaceable You*, David Serlin

Hortense Spillers, "Mama's Baby, Papa's Maybe," 1987

Siobhan B. Somerville, *Queering the Color Line*, 2000

Denise Riley, *Am I That Name?*, 1988

Halberstam, Jack, *Female Masculinity*, 1998

"Introduction: Trans-, Trans, or Transgender?" Susan Stryker, Paisley Currah and Lisa Jean Moore, *Women's Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 36, No. 3/4, Trans- (Fall - Winter, 2008), pp. 11-22

Transgender Studies Reader (2006):

- Cheryl Chase, "Hermaphrodites with Attitude: Mapping the Emergences of Intersex Political Activism,"
- Katrina Roen, "Transgender Theory and Embodiment: The Risk of Racial Marginalization,"
- Emi Koyama, "Whose Feminism is it Anyway? The Unspoken Racism of the Transgender Inclusion Debate,"

Transgender Studies Reader 2 (2016):

- Introduction

- A. Finn Enke, "The Education of Little Cis: Cisgender and the Discipline of Opposing Bodies"

### **Surveillance**

Simone Brown, *Dark Matters: On the Surveillance of Blackness*, 2015

Rachel Dubrofsky and Shoshana Magnet, *Feminist Surveillance Studies*, 2015

Beauchamp, Toby. "The Substance of Borders: Transgender Politics, Mobility, and US State Regulation of Testosterone," *GLQ* (2013) 19 (1): 57-78. 2013

Beauchamp, Toby. *Going Stealth: Transgender Politics and U.S. Surveillance Practices*, forthcoming (2018!)

Dean Spade, "Resisting Medicine, Re/Modeling Gender," *Berkely Women's Law Journal*, 2003

Grabham, Emily. "Citizen Bodies, Intersex Citizenship." *Sexualities* 10(1):29-48. 2007

- Dean Spade, "Mutilating Gender," TSR
- Michelle O'Brien, "Tracing This Body: Transsexuality, Pharmaceuticals & Capitalism"

## **Reading List 2: Methods, Critical Disability Studies**

Chair: Pamela Block

### **Gender and Health track**

This list is comprised of critical disability studies texts, and texts that critique norms or standards of health and fitness. These texts provide important frameworks and analytics for my project, as well as thinking through methods more broadly. In thinking through the rationale behind having a concentration in disability studies, I will be “cripping” (to echo McRuer, Kafer, and Kim) a debate about gender and sports that generally focuses on able-bodied athletes, and does not perhaps consider some of the ableist and normative ideas about bodies that are being put forward in these debates. While my project centers on the policing of athlete’s bodies in terms of gender in sports, disability studies has generated analytics for thinking about the ways in which abilities or technologies become deviant, and how the dominant medical model locates the “problem” in an individual’s body, rather than in society or a structure.

### **Critical Disability Studies**

\*\*Jasbir Puar, *The Right to Maim: Debility, Capacity, Disability*, 2017

Nirmala Eruvelles, *Disability and Difference in Global Contexts: Enabling a Transformative Body Politic*, 2011

Alison Kafer, *Feminist Queer Crip*, 2013

Rosemarie Garland-Thomson, *Extraordinary Bodies*, 1997

Ellen Samuels, *Fantasies of Identification*, 2014

Jina B Kim, “Toward a crip of color critique: Thinking with Minich’s ‘Enabling Whom?’” *Lateral, Journal of the Cultural Studies Association*, Spring 2017

### **Contesting Medical Conceptions of the Body**

Harriet A Washington, *Medical Apartheid*, 2008

Anmarie Mol, *The Body Multiple: Ontology in Medical Practice*, 2002

Margrit Shildrick, “‘Why should our bodies end at the skin?’: embodiment, boundaries and somatechnics”, *Hypatia* (2014. DOI: 10.1111/hypa.12114)

Margrit Shildrick, “Re-imagining Embodiment: Prostheses, supplements and boundaries’, *Somatechnics*(2013) 3.2: 270–286

Alexandre Baril, “transness as debility: rethinking intersections between trans and disabled embodiments” *Feminist Review*, 2015

Aimi Hamraie. “Crippling Feminist Technoscience,” *Hypatia: journal of feminist philosophy* 30.1 (Winter 2015): 307-313. DOI: 10.1111/hypa.12124

Alyson Patsavas, “Recovering a Cripistemology of Pain: Leaky Bodies, Connective Tissue, and Feeling Discourse” *Journal of Literary and Cultural Disability Studies*, 2014

Hilary Malatino, “Queer monsters: Foucault, ‘hermaphroditism’ and disability studies,” *The Imperfect Historian: Disability Histories in Europe*, eds. Sebastian Barsch, Anne Klein & Pieter Verstraete. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2013. 113-132

“Intolerable Ambiguity: Freak as/at the Limit,” Elizabeth Grosz, *Freakery: Cultural Spectacles of the Extraordinary Body* edited by Rosemarie Garland Thompson. 1996

“A Postmodern Disorder: Moral Encounters with Molecular Models of Disability,” *Disability/Postmodernity: Embodying Disability Theory*. edited by Mairian Corker, Tom Shakespeare, 2002

Mitchell and Snyder, “Introduction” *Narrative Prosthesis*, 2000

Susan Wendell, *The Rejected Body: Feminist Philosophical Reflections on Disability*, 1996

### **Sports, Fitness, Health**

Aimi Hamraie, “Designing Collective Access: a feminist disability theory of Universal Design,” *Disability Studies Quarterly* 33.4 (2013): <http://dsq-sds.org/article/view/3871/3411>.

Danielle Peers, “Patients, Athletes, Freaks: Paralympism and the Reproduction of Disability,” *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*, 2012

Danielle Peers, "Interrogating disability: The (de)composition of a recovering Paralympian." *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health*, 2012

Karisa Butler-Wall, "Risky Measures: Digital Technologies and the Governance of Child Obesity", *Women's Studies Quarterly*, (2015), pp. 228-245

Kathleen LeBesco, "Quest for a Cause: The Fat Gene, the Gay Gene, and the New Eugenics" (pp. 65-74), *The Fat Studies Reader*, edited by Esther Rothblum and Sondra Solovay, 2009

Philip White, Kevin Young & James Gillett, "Bodywork as a Moral Imperative: some Critical Notes on Health and Fitness" *Society and Leisure*, 2013

James H. Rimmer, Riley BB, Rimmer JH, Wang E, Schiller WJ. A conceptual framework for improving the accessibility of fitness and recreation facilities for people with disabilities. *J Phys Act Health*. 2008 Jan;5(1):158-68.

Rimmer JH, Chen MD, McCubbin JA, Drum C, Peterson J. Exercise Intervention Research on Persons with Disabilities: What We Know and Where We Need to Go. *Am J Phys Med Rehabil*. 2010 Mar;89(3):249-263.

## **Special Topics List**

Chair: Lisa Diedrich

### **Queer/ Feminist Science Studies and Critical Sports Studies**

This list is a combination of critical sports studies and queer/ feminist science studies. It allows me to “zoom in” to a molecular level of bodies and their regulation in sports policy. The particular object I am interested in is: muscle memory. Muscle memory is a key concept that, I argue, lingers in the background or haunts a lot of the policy surrounding gender policing in sports. Muscularity has historically been the outward signifier that threatens the femininity of the female athlete, and by extension, the gender dichotomy and hierarchy itself. The “threat” of muscularity has also been deployed in racist ways to un-gender and dehumanize racialized athletes historically and in current cases like Caster Semenya’s. Repetitive bodily comportment, as in both athletic training and gender performativity imparts a muscle memory (or that is what I hope to explore and argue). This is of course affected by socialization, cultural and political constraints, and environment. My aim with this list is to understand how feminist scholars have approached sports and how feminist science studies has contested biology, while still working within the sciences rather than ignoring them altogether. This critical approach to long-held ideas about physiology are exactly what I need approaching scientific studies on athletic capacity and sports policy.

One of my central questions is – what capacities are naturalized in which bodies? And how does that make a particular ability in one body “normal” while in another, “deviant”? In the case of top-level athletes, the “norm” does not align with the statistical norm of most populations. That is, most elite level athletes are “anomalies” of some kind, in a way that is advantageous to their sport. This calls into question the categories of competition themselves, and what is actually being policed when an athlete’s body is deemed “ineligible for competition.”

### **Critical Sports Studies**

Susan Cahn, *Coming on Strong: Gender and Sexuality in Twentieth Century Women’s Sport*, 1994

Lindsay Parks Peiper, *Sex Testing: Gender Policing in Women's Sports*, 2016

Jayne Caudwell, *Sport, sexualities and queer/theory*, 2006

Cara Aitchison, *Sport and Gender Identities: Masculinities, Femininities and Sexualities*, 2007

Susan Birell, "Feminist Theories for Sport," *The Handbook for Sports Studies*, 2000

The Athletic Issue, GLQ, 19:4, 2013

- Introduction: Jennifer Doyle, "Dirt off Her Shoulders,"
- Erica Rand, "Court and Sparkle: Kye Allums, Johnny Weir, and Raced Problems in Gender Authenticity,"

Heather Sykes, "Transsexual and Transgender Policies in Sport," *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*, 2007

Sarah Teetzl, "On Transgendered Athletes, Fairness and Doping: An International Challenge," *Sports in Society*, 2006,

Zine Magubane, "Spectacles and Scholarship: Caster Semenya, Intersex Studies, and the Problem of Race in Feminist Theory", *Signs*, 2014

Katrina Karkazis, Rebecca Jordan-Young, Georgiann Davis, and Sylvia Camporesi, "Out of Bounds? A Critique of the New Policies in Hyperandrogenism in Elite Female Athletes." *American Journal of Bioethics*, 2012.

Hoad, Neville. 2010. "'Run, Caster Semenya, Run!': Nativism and the Translations of Gender Variance." *Safundi* 11(4):397-405.

John William Devine, *Gender, Steroids, and Fairness in Sport*, 2018

Helen Lenskyi, *Out of Bounds: Women, Sport and Sexuality*, 1986, Toronto Women's Press

CLR James, *Beyond a Boundary*, 1963

David Epstein, *The Sports Gene*, 2013

Harry Edwards, *The Revolt of the Black Athlete*, 1969

Ruth Padwar, "The Humiliating Practice of Sex Testing Female Athletes," NY Times, 2016  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/03/magazine/the-humiliating-practice-of-sex-testing-female-athletes.html>

Payoshni Mitra, "The Illusion of a Level Playing Field in Athletics," Livemint.com, 2015



<https://www.livemint.com/Leisure/5J3uipr9yL4XcMeGXcTb5M/Theres-no-level-playing-field-in-athletics.html>

Judith Butler, "Athletic Genders: Hyperbolic Instance and/or the Overcoming of Sexual Binarism," *Stanford Humanities Review* 6:2, 1998

### **Queer and Feminist Science Studies**

Cyd Cipolla, Kristina Gupta, David A Rubin, and Angela Willey, *Queer Feminist Science Studies: A Reader*, 2017

Elizabeth Wilson, *Gut Feminism*, 2015

Anne Fausto-Sterling, *Sexing the body: Gender Politics and the construction of sexuality*, 2000

Paul Preciado, *Testo Junkie*, 2008

Anne Fausto-Sterling, "Against Dichotomy," *Environmental Studies in Imaginative Culture*, 2017

Hilary Malatino, "BIOHACKING GENDER: *cyborgs, coloniality, and the pharmacopornographic era*," 2017

Donna Haraway, "Situated Knowledges: The Science Question in Feminism and the Privilege of Partial Perspective," 1988

Donna Haraway, *A Manifesto for Cyborgs*, 1984

Chen, Mel Y. *Animacies: Biopolitics, Racial Mattering and Queer Affect*. Duke University Press, 2012

Lynda Birke, *Feminism and the Biological Body*, Rutgers University Press, 2000

Avery Gordon, *Ghostly Matters: Haunting and the sociological imagination*, 1997

Barad, Karen: "Posthumanist Performativity: Toward an Understanding of How Matter Comes to Matter", in: *Signs. Journal of Women and Society*, 2003, No. 3, pp. 801–832, here pg. 802.

## **Muscle Memory and Embodied Knowledge**

Sara Ahmed, *Queer Phenomenology*, 2006

Bessel van de Kolk, *The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in Healing Trauma*, 2015

Gayle Solomon, *Assuming a Body: Transgender and Rhetorics of Materiality\**

Amber Jamilla Musser, *Sensational Flesh*, 2014

Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, 1952

Frantz Fanon, *Black Skin White Masks*, 1963

Vicki Kirby, *Telling flesh: The substance of the corporeal*. Routledge, 1997

Marcel Mauss, "Techniques of the Body" 1973

Iris Marion Young, "Throwing Like a Girl: A Phenomenology of Feminine Body Comportment Motility and Spatiality," 1980

Jeff Friedman, "Muscle Memory: Performing Embodied Knowledge," *Art and the Performance of Memory: Sounds and Gestures of Recollection*, 2003

Richard Shusterman, "Muscle Memory and the Somaesthetic Pathologies of Everyday Life," *Human Movement*, vol. 12, no. 1, 2011

Shari L. Dworkin, "Holding Back": Negotiating a Glass Ceiling on Women's Muscular Strength," *Sociological Perspectives*, Vol. 44, No. 3 (Fall 2001), pp. 333-350

Adam P. Sharples, Claire E. Stewart and Robert A. Seaborne, "Does skeletal muscle have an 'epi'-memory? The role of epigenetics in nutritional programming, metabolic disease, aging and exercise" *Aging Cell*, 2016

Maléne E Lindholm, Stefania Giacomello, Beata Werne Solnestam, Helene Fischer, Mikael Huss, Sanela Kjellqvist, Carl Johan Sundberg, "The Impact of Endurance Training on Human Skeletal Muscle Memory, Global Isoform Expression and Novel Transcripts," *Plos Genetics*, 2016

Kristian Gundersen, "Muscle memory and a new cellular model for muscle atrophy and hypertrophy," *Journal of Experimental Biology*, 2016

Ingrid M. Egner, Jo C. Bruusgaard, Einar Eftestøl, Kristian Gundersen, "A cellular memory mechanism aids overload hypertrophy in muscle long after an episodic exposure to anabolic steroids," *The Journal of Physiology*, 2013

Richard Thomas, Line K. Johnsen, Svend S. Geertsen, Lasse Christiansen, Christian Ritz, Marc Roig, Jesper Lundbye-Jensen, "Acute Exercise and Motor Memory Consolidation: The Role of Exercise Intensity," *Plos One*, 2016