Transnational Gender and Sexuality Comprehensive Exam
August 2018

Instructions: Please select one question from each set of the following three sets of questions.

Set One (select one)

1. Analyze <u>transnational sexuality studies</u> and <u>queer theory</u>'s relation to <u>transnational feminist theory and studies.</u>

2. Describe potential impact of <u>transnational studies of gender and sexuality</u> on epistemological and methodological issues among qualitative researchers (e.g. global ethnography, Africana feminist methodology, queer methods, feminist methodology, intersectionality, etc..) within the discipline of sociology. Use examples of studies from the reading list.

Set Two (select one)

1. Outline and explain <u>three major components</u> necessary for the study of <u>transnational gender and sexuality</u>. (Feel free to draw on any section from the reading list). Following that, evaluate three exemplary studies from your reading list- they can be articles or books. Then, explain why you consider these studies exemplary (e.g. theoretical, methodology, case, etc..)

2. Select one book from the reading list that particularly interests you. Discuss the major contributions of that book, theoretically and/or empirically. Then, select three other scholars from the reading list and discuss how those three scholars would critique the book that you selected. What would they consider to be the book's contributions as well as its limitations? Why do you think so? Include in your answer at least one improvement that each scholar would recommend to the author to improve the contributions of their work.

Set Three (select one)

1. What are the possibilities for transnational feminism for resistance? What identities are effectively mobilized in moments of resistance? What are the barriers to such mobilization?

2. Describe the ongoing significance, if any, of the state in the social and cultural processes that construct transnational feminism and sexualities. Provide empirical examples from the reading list.