

Linguistics 4G03: Language, Sex and Gender
McMaster University
Fall 2020

Week 2
14 Sept

Introductions



Gould, S. J. (1978, Nov 2). Women's Brains. *New Scientist*, 80(1127), 364-366.

Ainsworth, C. (2015, February 19). Sex Redefined. *Nature*, 518, 288-291.



The Allusionist, "Queer"



Complete Identity Reflection

Week 3
21 Sept

Fundamentals



Kiesling, S. F. (2019). Chapter 3 "What are gender and sexuality?" In *Language, gender, and sexuality: An introduction*. Routledge.

Eckert, P. (2014). The Problem with Binaries: Coding for Gender and Sexuality. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 8(11), 529-535.

Meyerhoff, M. (2014). Gender performativity. In A. Bolin & P. Whelehan (Eds.), *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*.



Nancy, "You've Told Me This Before"



Find & describe a podcast episode.



Week 4
28 Sept
Constructing Gender


Hall, Kira. (2014). Exceptional Speakers Contested and Problematized Gender Identities. Ehrlich, S., Meyerhoff, M., & Holmes, J. (Eds.). (2014). *The Handbook of Language, Gender, and Sexuality* (2nd ed.), 220-239.



Death, Sex & Money, "Manhood, Now"
 The Secret Life of Canada, "Crash Course on Dr. James Barry"
 The Guilty Feminist, "Femininity with Hannah Gadsby"



Record an audio test.

Week 5
5 Oct
Constructing Sex


Braun, V., & Kitzinger, C. (2001). Telling it straight? Dictionary definitions of women's genitals. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*, 5(2), 214-232.



Radiolab, "Gonads: X & Y"



Review a classmate's audio test.

Week 6
19 Oct
Constructing Sexuality


Munson, B., & Babel, M. (2007). Loose Lips and Silver Tongues, or, Projecting Sexual Orientation Through Speech. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 1(5), 416-449.



Nancy, "Return to Ring of Keys"
 Fainting Couch Feminists, "Are We All Just Pervs?"



Pitch your episode.



Week 7
26 Oct
Language Beyond the Binary


Ackerman, L. (2019). Syntactic and cognitive issues in investigating gendered coreference. *Glossa: A Journal of General Linguistics*, 4(1).

Bradley, E. D. (2019). Personality, prescriptivism, and pronouns. *English Today*, 1-12.



The Vocal Fries, "They/Them/Theirs"
 The Vocal Fries, "Todos/Todas/Todes"



Respond to a classmate's pitch.

Week 8
2 Nov
Voices


Yuasa, I. P. (2010). Creaky voice: A new feminine voice quality for young urban-oriented upwardly mobile American women? *American Speech*, 85(3), 315-337.

Zimman, L. (2018). Transgender voices: Insights on identity, embodiment, and the gender of the voice: Transgender voices. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, e12284.



The Vocal Fries, "Uppity Women"
 The Vocal Fries, "Lal-apalooza"



Finalize episode topic.



Week 9**9 Nov****Consent and Sexual Violence**

Kitzinger, C., & Frith, H. (1999). Just Say No? The Use of Conversation Analysis in Developing a Feminist Perspective on Sexual Refusal. *Discourse & Society*, 10(3), 293-316.

Ehrlich, S. (2019). 'Well, I saw the picture': Semiotic ideologies and the unsettling of normative conceptions of female sexuality in the Steubenville rape trial. *Gender and Language*, 13(2), 251-269.



Nancy, "Cameron Esposito is Reclaiming Rape Jokes"

Unladylike, "How to get a rape kit"



Draft conversation guide for your episode.

Week 10**16 Nov****Students Choose Topic**

Week 11**23 Nov****Students Choose Topic**

Complete raw recording.

Week 12**30 Nov****Students Choose Topic**

Complete transcript.

Week 13**7 Dec****Celebrate!**

Upload edited episode!

