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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Department of History

Senior Comprehensive Exams

WOMEN AND GENDER

Please answer each question separately. Your answer to each question must not exceed five double-spaced typewritten pages. **On the cover of each answer be certain to indicate your name, the appropriate comprehensive field (i.e., The United States, The United Kingdom), as well as the number of the question you have answered.** Your answer should be written in your own words and include the correct citations for any sources you use, as in any paper or final exercise. Be sure to include at the end of your essay the statement "This represents my own work in accordance with University regulations" and sign your name.

All answers must be turned in at the History Department office by **3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th.** **There will be no extensions.** For further explanation of the Grading of Departmental Comprehensive Exams, see page 5 of "Information for Majors."

Answer ONE question from Part I and ONE question from Part II.

Part I

1. How did gender relations in households shape colonial development in the Americas?
2. Discuss how ideas of woman's place changed between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries.
3. In post-World War II period, what were the relationships between the civil rights movement and the women's movement?
4. What are some historical explanations for the emergence of gay and/or lesbian identities and subcultures in the modern period in the United States and/or Europe?

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Part II

5. Taking either the American Revolution or the Civil War, discuss the change the war brought about in the lives of women and/or in gender relations.
6. What were the goals of the woman's movement from 1848-1920? In what ways did they shift over time?
7. How did ideas from medicine and/or the new field of psychology enter into ideas of women's nature in the twentieth century?
8. What social and cultural changes in women's lives account for the politicization of gender roles in the rise of the New Right and associated political contests?
9. What were the wider political and social repercussions of women's growing participation in the paid labor force? You can take either the nineteenth- or the twentieth-century period.