

# Sex And Power In History

**Work, Sex, and Power** - Willie Thompson 2015-02-13

The forces that shape our history are always contentious, yet our fascination with what drives the actions of the human race is inexhaustible. In *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, Jared Diamond proposed one set of forces; Willie Thompson, in *Work, Sex, and Power*, suggests a far more radical and fundamental trio. Deploying decades of experience as a historian, Thompson re-establishes a materialist narrative of the entire span of human history, drawing on a vast range of contemporary research. Written in a clear and compelling style, this sweeping, ambitious history is accessible to audiences who are new to Marxism. Thompson discusses and explains the foundations of social structures and themes that have recurred throughout the phases of

global history in the interaction between humans and their environment. From communities of Paleolithic hunter-gatherers to the machine-civilization of recent centuries, Thompson takes us on a journey through the latest thinking in regard to long-term historical development.

**Sex and Power** - Rita Banerji 2008-11-14

'Sex underlies human existence, and if human life is sacred, how can sex not be?' As squeamish as India is today about sex, this is also the land where queens once copulated with head horses at religious ceremonies, where the art of love-making was declared the revelation of the gods and recorded in elaborate detail in the *kama sutras* and prostitution was a form of sacred offering at temples adorned with erotic sculptures. Using India as a paradigm, Rita

Banerji illustrates that sexual morality is not an absolute but a facet of living that undergoes periodic upheavals. She delineates four major periods in Indian history when there were significant shifts in the collective social perception of sex and sexuality, and the associated customs and beliefs. What causes this revision in sexual ethos? To explain this, *Sex and Power* proposes a modified version of Nietzsche's slave versus master morality theory. The theory, which is tested against the dynamics of each of the four defined periods, establishes that the moral overview of any given period is determined not by a set of pre-existing ethics but by the existent power structure of the period in question. The accepted moral code actually serves the party in power. How would this theory play out in the context of India today? Banerji examines this question at length as one of extreme urgency, and concludes that the three most burning issues facing the country today—population explosion,

AIDS and female genocide—are the manifestations of a collective sexual malfunctioning of society and need to be redressed in the context of an existent social and economic power hierarchy. [The Sexual Dynamics of History](#) - London Feminist History Group 1983

*Women and Power in History* - Amaury De Riencourt 1989

[Between Sex and Power](#) - Göran Therborn 2004

The institution of the family changed hugely during the course of the twentieth century. In this major new work, Göran Therborn provides a global history and sociology of the family as an institution and of politics within the family, focusing on three dimensions of family relations: on the rights and powers of fathers and husbands; on marriage, cohabitation and extra-marital sexuality; and on population policy. Therborn's empirical analysis uses a multi-disciplinary approach to show how the major family systems

of the world have been formed and developed. Therborn concludes by assessing what changes the family might see during the next century. This book will be essential reading for anybody with an interest in either the sociology or the history of the family.

Sexuality in China - Howard Chiang 2018-06-15

What was sex like in China, from imperial times through the post-Mao era? The answer depends, of course, on who was having sex, where they were located in time and place, and what kind of familial, social, and political structures they participated in. This collection offers a variety of perspectives by addressing diverse topics such as polygamy, pornography, free love, eugenics, sexology, crimes of passion, homosexuality, intersexuality, transsexuality, masculine anxiety, sex work, and HIV/AIDS. Following a loose chronological sequence, the chapters examine revealing historical moments in which human desire and power dynamics came into play.

Collectively, the contributors undertake a necessary historiographic intervention by reconsidering Western categorizations and exploring Chinese understandings of sexuality and erotic orientation.

Passion and Power - Kathy Lee Peiss 1989

Passion and Power brings together some of the most recent and innovative writings on the history of sexuality and explores the experiences, ideas, and conflicts that have shaped the emergence of modern sexual identities. Arguing that sexuality is not an unchanging biological reality or a universal natural force, the essays in this volume discuss sexuality as an integral part of the history of human experience. Articles on sexual assault, homosexuality, birth control, venereal disease, sexual repression, pornography, and the AIDS epidemic examine the ways that sexuality has become a core element of modern social identity in the nineteenth- and twentieth-century United

States. It is only in recent years that historians have begun to examine the social construction of sexuality. This is the first anthology that addresses this issue from a radical historical perspective, examining sexuality as a field of contention in itself and as part of other struggles rooted in divisions of gender, class, and race. Author note: Kathy Peiss is Associate Professor of History and Women's Studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and author of *Cheap Amusements: Working Women and Leisure in Turn-of-the-century New York* (Temple). >P>Christina Simmons is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati-Raymond Walters College.

*The Routledge History of American Sexuality* - Kevin P. Murphy 2020

The Routledge History of American Sexuality brings together contributions from leading scholars in history and related fields to provide a far-reaching but concrete history of sexuality in the United

States. This interdisciplinary group of authors explores a wide variety of case studies and concepts to provide an innovative approach to the history of sexual practices and identities over several centuries. Each chapter interrogates a provocative word or concept to reflect on the complex ideas, debates, and differences of historical and cultural opinions surrounding it. Authors challenge readers to look beyond contemporary identity-based movements in order to excavate the deeper histories of how people have sought sexual pleasure, power, and freedom in the Americas. This book is an invaluable resource for students or scholars seeking to grasp current research on the history of sexuality and is a seminal text for undergraduate and graduate courses on American History, Sexuality Studies, Women's Studies, Gender Studies, or LGBTQ Studies. Work, Sex and Power - 2015

**Sex among the Rabble -**

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Clare A. Lyons 2012-12-01  
Placing sexual culture at the center of power relations in Revolutionary-era Philadelphia, Clare A. Lyons uncovers a world where runaway wives challenged their husbands' patriarchal rights and where serial and casual sexual relationships were commonplace. By reading popular representations of sex against actual behavior, Lyons reveals the clash of meanings given to sex and illuminates struggles to recast sexuality in order to eliminate its subversive potential. Sexuality became the vehicle for exploring currents of liberty, freedom, and individualism in the politics of everyday life among groups of early Americans typically excluded from formal systems of governance--women, African Americans, and poor classes of whites. Lyons shows that men and women created a vibrant urban pleasure culture, including the eroticization of print culture, as eighteenth-century readers became fascinated with stories of

bastardy, prostitution, seduction, and adultery. In the post-Revolutionary reaction, white middle-class men asserted their authority, Lyons argues, by creating a gender system that simultaneously allowed them the liberty of their passions, constrained middle-class women with virtue, and projected licentiousness onto lower-class whites and African Americans. Lyons's analysis shows how class and racial divisions fostered new constructions of sexuality that served as a foundation for gender. This gendering of sexuality in the new nation was integral to reconstituting social hierarchies and subordinating women and African Americans in the wake of the Revolution. *Sex and Power* - Donald B. Meyer 1989  
First paper reprint of the 1987 Wesleyan edition. Meyer (history, Wesleyan) elucidates the relationship between economic and political power and the rise of women from subordinate status in four countries. He tells of male

dominant during the decades since industrialization, the invisibility of women

**Sex and the Office** - Julie Berebitsky 2012-04-17

In this engaging book—the first to historicize our

understanding of sexual harassment in the

workplace—Julie Berebitsky

explores how Americans' attitudes toward sexuality and gender in the office have

changed since the 1860s, when women first took jobs as clerks in the U.S. Treasury office.

Berebitsky recounts the actual experiences of female and male

office workers; draws on archival sources ranging from

the records of investigators looking for waste in

government offices during

World War II to the personal papers of Cosmopolitan editor

Helen Gurley Brown and Ms.

magazine founder Gloria

Steinem; and explores how popular sources—including

cartoons, advertisements, advice guides, and a wide array

of fictional accounts—have represented wanted and

unwelcome romantic and

sexual advances. This range of evidence and the study's long scope expose both notable transformations and startling continuities in the interplay of gender, power and desire at work.

*Sex and Power in History* - Amaury De Riencourt 1974

"How the difference between the sexes has shaped our destinies"--Jacket subtitle.

*Sex and the Goddess* - Karin E Weiss Ph.D., PhD 2019-11-25

It has been over twenty years since the full manuscript of my

book was edited for publication in 1998. I had begun writing it

in the previous decade, the

1980's... a period of flourishing women's liberation movements

against the patriarchal status quo. Books about women's

sexuality and spirituality were flooding the bookstores, and

many writers were producing profound studies of the untold

heroism of women throughout history. I was a pioneer in the

burgeoning field of Sex therapy and education at the University

of Minnesota Medical School's "Program in Human Sexuality."

In addition, I conducted

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women's self-enrichment groups and workshops in my private practice... "Woman's Discovery Institute" ... where I also gave professional Astrology readings and classes. This rich mix of psychology, philosophy, spirituality, and a knowledge of the cyclic patterns of life shown by astrology created within me an avid interest in researching women's unsung heroism throughout history. It brewed in me a heady fascination to stitch it all together in a circle montage that connects all women and all aspects of our multi-layered lives. I based my theory on the lunar cycle, which is eternally linked to women's menstrual, emotional, and psychic cycles. With a friend, I created a series of workshops for women to celebrate their many-faceted selves and gain confidence to pursue their goals. Yet for various reasons my book manuscript remained in my own bookshelf, never getting published. Until now... the times again call for women to claim their autonomy and gain

equality in an overly male-dominated and viciously callous world. I am blessed to find in Xlibris a publisher ready to take on the project with me. I am thrilled to finally see my "Life's Masterwork" in print. You will find many divergent ideas in these two volumes. No single woman encompasses all that are described, but as you read and recognize these characters in yourselves and your friends, I hope it will help you gain a full appreciation of your own awesome erotic spirit and sacred sexual powers.

### **Sex, Power, and Slavery -**

Gwyn Campbell 2014-12-10

Sexual exploitation was and is a critical feature of enslavement. Across many different societies, slaves were considered to own neither their bodies nor their children, even if many struggled to resist. At the same time, paradoxes abound: for example, in some societies to bear the children of a master was a potential route to manumission for some women. Sex, Power, and Slavery is the first history of slavery and bondage to take

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sexuality seriously. Twenty-six authors from diverse scholarly backgrounds look at the vexed, traumatic intersections of the histories of slavery and of sexuality. They argue that such intersections mattered profoundly and, indeed, that slavery cannot be understood without adequate attention to sexuality. *Sex, Power, and Slavery* brings into conversation historians of the slave trade, art historians, and scholars of childhood and contemporary sex trafficking. The book merges work on the Atlantic world and the Indian Ocean world and enables rich comparisons and parallels between these diverse areas. Contributors: David Brion Davis, Martin Klein, Richard Hellie, Abdul Sheriff, Griet Vankeerberghen, E. Ann McDougall, Matthew S. Hopper, Marie Rodet, George La Rue, Ulrike Schmieder, Tara Iniss, Mariana Candido, James Francis Warren, Johanna Ransmeier, Roseline Uyanga with Marie-Luise Ermisch, Francesca Ann Louise Mitchell, Shigeru Sato, Gabeba

Baderoon, Charmaine Nelson, Ana Lucia Araujo, Brian Lewis, Ronaldo Vainfas, Salah Trabelsi, Joost Coté, Sandra Evers, and Subho Basu

**Sex Power Money** - Van Hugo  
2021-10-25

I want to let my readers and audiences to know that this book is not written to discriminate against anyone regardless of the sexes, races, classes, and genders, as well as anyone's religions. I wrote this book because of a lot of awareness and concern that some of us are having in this world without knowing what is really going on within them. I want to say that viewer discretion is advised.

**Agrippina** - Anthony A. Barrett  
2002-01-04

In this dynamic new biography - the first on Agrippina in English - Professor Barrett uses the latest archaeological, numismatic and historical evidence to provide a close and detailed study of her life and career. He shows how Agrippina's political contribution to her time seems in fact to have been positive,

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and that when she is judged by her achievements she demands admiration. Revealing the true figure behind the propaganda and the political machinations of which she was capable, he assesses the impact of her marriage to the emperor Claudius, on the country and her family. Finally, he exposed her one real failing - her relationship with her son, the monster of her own making to whom, in horrific and violent circumstances, she would eventually fall victim.

**Woman and Power in History** - Amaury De Riencourt 2014

**The History of Sexuality** - Michel Foucault 1990-04-14  
Why we are so fascinated with sex and sexuality—from the

preeminent philosopher of the 20th century. Michel Foucault offers an iconoclastic exploration of why we feel compelled to continually analyze and discuss sex, and of the social and mental mechanisms of power that cause us to direct the questions of what we are to what our sexuality is.

**Sex, Power, and Politics** - Tiffany Howard 2016-03-02  
Sex, Power, and Politics is a deconstruction of the historic femme fatale that serves to highlight the women who occupied perceived subordinate roles and how they were systematically calculating and strategic in the utilization of their femininity and sexuality to engage in politics, influence powerful men, and ultimately shape history.

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