

**Sexuality and the Christian Body Class**  
**Dr. Robert Dykstra**

**Required Reading**

Brueggemann, Walter et al., *Struggling with Scripture*  
Carnes, Patrick et al., *In the Shadows of the Net*  
Davidson, Arnold I., *The Emergence of Sexuality*  
De La Torre, Miguel A., *A Lily Among the Thorns*  
Doehring, Carrie, *Taking Care*  
Douglas, Kelly Brown, *Sexuality and the Black Church*  
Hooper, Anne, *Sexopedia*  
Hunter, Mic, *Abused Boys*  
Jordan, Mark D., *Telling Truths in Church*  
Kort, Joe, *Gay Affirmative Therapy for the Straight Clinician*  
Leslie, Kristen J., *When Violence is No Stranger*  
Myers, David G., and Letha Dawson Scanzoni, *What God Has Joined Together*  
Rudacille, Deborah, *The Riddle of Gender*  
Schaeffer, Frank, *Sex, Mom, & God*  
Schnarch, David, *Passionate Marriage*

**Further Reading**

Aarons, Leroy, *Prayers for Bobby: A Mother's Coming to Terms with the Suicide of Her Gay Son*  
Abelove, Henry, *Deep Gossip*  
Abelove, Henry, ed., *The Lesbian and Gay Studies Reader*  
Adams, Carol, and Marie Fortune, eds., *Violence Against Women and Children: A Christian Theological Sourcebook*  
Angelides, Steven, *A History of Bisexuality*  
Biale, David, *Eros and the Jews: From Biblical Israel to Contemporary America*  
Black, Daniel, *Perfect Peace* (a novel on transgender issues in an African American family and community)  
Blank, Hanne, *Straight: The Surprisingly Short History of Heterosexuality*  
Boyarin, Daniel, *Carnal Israel: Reading Sex in Talmudic Culture*  
Boyarin, Daniel, *Unheroic Conduct: The Rise of Heterosexuality and the Invention of the Jewish Man*  
Brown, Peter, *The Body and Society: Men, Women, and Sexual Renunciation in Early Christianity*  
Brueggemann, Walter, William C. Placher and Brian K. Blount, *Struggling with Scripture*  
Brumberg, Joan Jacobs, *Fasting Girls: The History of Anorexia Nervosa*  
Brumberg, Joan Jacobs, *The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls*  
Butler, Judith, *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*  
Carnes, Patrick, *In the Shadows of the Net: Breaking Free of Compulsive Online Sexual Behavior*  
Carnes, Patrick, *Out of the Shadows: Understanding Sexual Addiction*  
Clark, Don, *Loving Someone Gay*  
Colapinto, John, *As Nature Made Him: The Boy Who Was Raised as a Girl*  
Comstock, Gary David, *A Whosoever Church: Welcoming Lesbians and Gay Men into African American Congregations*  
Constantine-Simms, Delroy, ed., *The Greatest Taboo: Homosexuality in Black Communities*  
Cooper, Al, ed., *Cybersex: The Dark Side of the Force*  
Cooper, Al, ed., *Sex and the Internet: A Guidebook for Clinicians*  
Cooper-White, Pamela, *The Cry of Tamar: Violence Against Women and the Church's Response*  
Crompton, Louis, *Homosexuality and Civilization*  
Davidson, Arnold I., *The Emergence of Sexuality: Historical Epistemology and the Formation of*

### Concepts

- Diamond, Lisa M., *Sexual Fluidity: Understanding Women's Love and Desire*
- Dean, Terrance, *Hiding in Hip Hop: On the Down Low in the Entertainment Industry*
- De La Torre, Miguel A., *A Lily Among the Thorns: Imagining a New Christian Sexuality*
- Denizet-Lewis, Benoit, *America Anonymous: Eight Addicts in Search of a Life*
- Doehring, Carrie, *Taking Care: Monitoring Power Dynamics and Relational Boundaries in Pastoral Care and Counseling*
- Douglas, Kelly Brown, *Sexuality and the Black Church: a Womanist Perspective*
- Dykstra, Robert C., Allan Hugh Cole, Jr., and Donald Capps, *Losers, Loners, and Rebels: The Spiritual Struggles of Boys*
- Dykstra, Robert C., "Rending the Curtain: Lament as an Act of Vulnerable Aggression," in Sally A. Brown and Patrick D. Miller, eds., *Lament: Reclaiming Practices in Pulpit, Pew, and Public Square*
- Eilberg-Schwartz, Howard, *God's Phallus and Other Problems for Men and Monotheism*
- Eilberg-Schwartz, Howard, *The Savage in Judaism: An Anthropology of Israelite Religion and Ancient Judaism*
- Elliott, Dyan, *Fallen Bodies: Pollution, Sexuality, and Demonology in the Middle Ages*
- Erzen, Tanya, *Straight to Jesus: Sexual and Christian Conversions in the Ex-Gay Movement*
- Fortune, Marie, *Love Does No Harm: Sexual Ethics for the Rest of Us*
- Fortune, Marie E., *Sexual Violence: The Sin Revisited*
- Freud, Sigmund, *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality*
- Freud, Sigmund, *The Psychology of Love* (Penguin Classics edition)
- Friedman, David M., *A Mind of Its Own: A Cultural History of the Penis*
- Gaddam, Sal, and Odi Ogas, *A Billion Wicked Thoughts: What the World's Largest Experiment Reveals about Human Desire*
- Garber, Marjorie, *Bisexuality and the Eroticism of Everyday Life*
- Glennmullen, Joseph, *Sexual Mysteries*
- Gollaher, David L., *Circumcision: A History of the World's Most Controversial Surgery*
- Graham, Larry Kent, *Discovering Images of God: Narratives of Care Among Lesbians and Gays*
- Greenberg, David F., *The Construction of Homosexuality*
- Hamer, Dean, and Peter Copeland, *The Science of Desire: The Search for the Gay Gene and the Biology of Behavior*
- Hardy, Clarence E., *James Baldwin's God: Sex, Hope, and Crisis in Black Holiness Culture*
- Harris, E. Lynn, *Invisible Life: A Novel (Down-Low Culture)*
- Harris, E. Lynn, *What Becomes of the Brokenhearted: A Memoir*
- Herman, Judith Lewis, *Father-Daughter Incest*
- Hooper, Anne, *Sexopedia: Everything You Wanted to Know*
- Hunter, Mic, *Abused Boys: The Neglected Victims of Sexual Abuse*
- Irvine, William B., *On Desire: Why We Want What We Want*
- Jacobs, Janet Liebman, *Victimized Daughters: Incest and the Development of the Female Self*
- Jensen, Robert, *Getting Off: Pornography and the End of Masculinity*
- Johnson, Mark, *The Meaning of the Body: Aesthetics of Human Understanding*
- Johnson, William Stacy, *A Time to Embrace: Same-Gender Relationships in Religion, Law, and Politics*
- Jordan, Mark D., *Telling Truths in Church*
- Jordan, Mark D., *The Invention of Sodomy in Christian Theology*
- Jordan, Mark D., *The Ethics of Sex*
- Jordan, Mark D., *Recruiting Young Love: How Christians Talk about Homosexuality*
- Jung, Patricia Beattie, and Ralph F. Smith, *Heterosexism: An Ethical Challenge*
- Jung, Patricia Beattie, M. Hunt, and R. Balakrishnan, *Good Sex: Feminist Perspectives from the World's Religions*
- Kahr, Brett, *Who's Been Sleeping in Your Head? The Secret World of Sexual Fantasies*

Kamitsuka, Margaret (ed.), *The Embrace of Eros: Bodies, Desires, and Sexuality in Christianity*

Katz, Jonathan Ned, *The Invention of Heterosexuality*

King, J. L., *On the Down Low: A Journey into the Lives of 'Straight' Black Men Who Sleep with Men*

Knust, Jennifer Wright, *Unprotected Texts: The Bible's Surprising Contradictions About Sex and Desire*

Kort, Joe, *Ten Smart Things Gay Men Can Do to Improve Their Lives*

Kort, Joe, *Gay Affirmative Therapy for the Straight Clinician*

Koshy, Susan, *Sexual Naturalization: Asian Americans and Miscegenation*

Laqueur, Thomas W., *Solitary Sex: A Cultural History of Masturbation*

Lelwica, Michelle Mary, *Starving for Salvation: The Spiritual Dimensions of Eating Problems among American Girls and Women*

Leslie, Kristen J., *When Violence is No Stranger: Pastoral Counseling with Survivors of Acquaintance Rape*

Levine, Judith, *Harmful to Minors: The Perils of Protecting Children from Sex*

Marshall, Joretta L., *Counseling Lesbian Partners*

Martin, Dale B., *The Corinthian Body*

Martin, Dale B., *Sex and the Single Savior: Gender and Sexuality in Biblical Interpretation*

McCarthy, Barry W., and Michael E. Metz, *Men's Sexual Health: Fitness for Satisfying Sex*

McLure, John S., and Nancy J. Ramsay, eds., *Telling the Truth: Preaching About Sexual and Domestic Violence*

McEwan, Ian, *On Chesil Beach* (a novel)

Meyerowitz, Joanne, *How Sex Changed: A History of Transsexuality in the United States*

Moore, Stephen, *God's Beauty Parlor and Other Queer Spaces in and around the Bible*

Moore, Stephen, *God's Gym: Divine Male Bodies of the Bible*

Murray, Stephen O., and Will Roscoe, *Boy-Wives and Female Husbands: Studies in African Homosexualities*

Myers, David D., and Letha Dawson Scanzoni, *What God Has Joined Together: The Christian Case for Gay Marriage*

Nelson, James B., *Body Theology*

Nelson, James B., *The Intimate Connection: Male Sexuality, Masculine Spirituality*

Nelson, James B., *Embodiment: An Approach to Sexuality and Christian Theology*

Nussbaum, Martha, *From Disgust to Humanity: Sexual Orientation and Constitutional Law*

O'Hanlon, Bill, and Bob Bertolino, *Even from a Broken Web: Brief, Respectful Solution-Oriented Therapy for Sexual Abuse and Trauma*

Oosterhuis, Harry, *Stepchildren of Nature: Krafft-Ebing, Psychiatry, and the Making of Sexual Identity*

Orbach, Susie, *Bodies*

Orelus, Pierre W., *The Agony of Masculinity: Race, Gender, and Education in the Age of "New" Racism and Patriarchy*

Pagels, Elaine, *Adam, Eve, and the Serpent*

Paulsell, Stephanie, *Honoring the Body: Meditations on a Christian Practice*

Pellaur, Mary D., Barbara Chester and Jane Boyajin, *Sexual Assault and Abuse: A Handbook for Clergy and Religious Professionals*

Pinn, Anthony B., and Dwight N. Hopkins, eds., *Loving the Body: Black Religious Studies and the Erotic*

Poling, James Newton, *The Abuse of Power: A Theological Problem*

Pope, Jr., Harrison G., Katherine A. Phillips, and Roberto Olivardia, *The Adonis Complex: The Secret Crisis of Male Body Obsession*

Ramsay, Nancy J., "Sexual Abuse and Shame: The Travail of Recovery." In Glaz and Moessner, eds., *Women in Travail and Transition*

Rauch, Jonathan, *Gay Marriage: Why it is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America*

Richardson, Ronald W., *Becoming a Healthier Pastor: Family Systems Theory and the Pastor's Own Family*

Rogers, Jr., Eugene F., *Sexuality and the Christian Body*  
Roscoe, Will, *Changing Ones: Third and Fourth Genders in Native North America*  
Rose, Tricia, *Longing to Tell: Black Women Talk about Sexuality and Intimacy*  
Roughgarden, Joan, *Evolution's Rainbow: Diversity, Gender, and Sexuality in Nature and People*  
Roughgarden, Joan, *Evolution and Christian Faith: Reflections of an Evolutionary Biologist*  
Rudacille, Deborah, *The Riddle of Gender: Science, Activism, and Transgender Rights*  
Ryan, Caitlin, and Donna Futterman, *Lesbian and Gay Youth: Care and Counseling*  
Schaeffer, Frank, *Crazy for God*  
Schaeffer, Frank, *Sex, Mom, and God*  
    Schnarch, David M., *Constructing the Sexual Crucible: An Integration of Sexual  
    and Marital Therapy*  
Schnarch, David M., *Passionate Marriage*  
Schnarch, David, *Resurrecting Sex*  
Seow, Choon-Leong, ed., *Homosexuality and Christian Community*  
Soards, Marion L., *Scripture and Homosexuality: Biblical Authority and the Church Today*  
    Spahr, Jane Adams, Kathryn Poethig, Selisse Berry, and Melinda V. McLain, *Called  
    Out: The Voices and Gifts of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Presbyterians*  
Stein, Edward, *The Mismeasure of Desire: The Science, Theory, and Ethics of Sexual Orientation*  
Steinberg, Leo, *The Sexuality of Christ in Renaissance Art and in Modern Oblivion*  
Stuart, Elizabeth, *Gay and Lesbian Theologies: Repetitions with Critical Difference*  
Sullivan, Andrew, *Love Undetectable: Notes on Friendship, Sex, and Survival*  
Switzer, David K., *Pastoral Care of Gays, Lesbians, and Their Families*  
Trible, Phyllis, *Texts of Terror: Literary-Feminist Readings of Biblical Narratives*  
Tripp, C. A., *The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln:*  
    von Krafft-Ebing, Richard, *Psychopathia Sexualis: With Especial Reference to the  
    Antipathic Sexual Instinct – A Medico-Forensic Study*  
Williams, Walter L., *The Spirit and the Flesh: Sexual Diversity in American Indian Culture*  
Wink, Walter, ed., *Homosexuality and Christian Faith*