

2010-2011 IRW Seminar Schedule
The Art and Science of Happiness

September 09: Introductions

September 16: Readings

September 23: 2nd Reading Day

September 30: Alex Warner

“Don’t Ask Don’t Tell: Feminism Comes to Terms
With S/M”

Respondent: Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel

October 7: NO SEMINAR

October 14: Briavel Holcomb

“RU Happy?: An undergraduate, interdisciplinary course on
happiness”

Respondents: Jeannette Haviland-Jones and Ioana Cirstocea

October 21: Karen Alexander & Peter Mickulas

Scholarly Publishing Workshop

October 28: Ioana Cirstocea

“Transnational feminism in the making: the
East European example (1990’s-2000’s)”

Respondent: Neha Gondal

November 4: Jeannette Haviland-Jones

“Secret Ecology of Happiness”

Respondent: Ben. Sifuentes-Jáuregui

November 11: Laura Lovin

“Opening Space? The Production of Transnational Subjects
and Spaces through Contemporary Visual Arts”

Respondent: Claudia Brazzale

November 18: Monika Rogowska

Respondent: Susana Galan

November 25: NO SEMINAR; Thanksgiving

December 2: Lincoln Addison

“Happiness at a Distance: Sex, Money and Migration on a
South African Border Farm”

Respondent: Kristen Springer

December 09: Susana Galán

“Arab Women in the Blogosphere: Spaces for the Expression
of (Un)Happiness in the Net”

Respondent: Damaris Otero-Torres

January 20 & 27: NO SEMINAR

February 3: Damaris Otero-Torres

“Happiness and the pursuit of human understanding:
intersections among the body, the emotions and creative
spirituality”

Respondent: Karen Zurlo

February 10: Claudia Brazzale

“Engendering and Degendering Cosmopolitanism:
Globalization and the Family Firms of the Italian
Nordest”

Respondent: Valeria Garrote

February 17: Ben. Sifuentes-Jáuregui

Screening and recap

February 24: Ben. Sifuentes-Jáuregui

“Happily Ever After?: Melodramatic Latin America”

Respondent: Laura Lovin

March 3: Kristen Springer

“Happiness, Psychological Well-Being, and Marital
Satisfaction: Exploring the Gendered Effects of Spousal
Income Dynamics Across the Life Course”

Respondent: Samantha Costanzo

March 10: Karen Zurlo

“Financial Well-Being as a Source of Happiness for Older
Women”

Respondent: Briavel Holcomb

March 17: Spring break

March 24: Valeria Garrote

“The strategy of joy in the underground artistic movements
during the dictatorship and post dictatorship in Argentina
and Spain”

Respondent: Lincoln Addison

**March 31: Virginia Yans, Rudy Bell (History, Rutgers)
and Deborah Carr (Sociology, Rutgers) discussion about
their book “Women on Their Own”**

April 7: Yvette Taylor

“Fitting into place? Class and gender geographies and
temporalities”

Respondent: Sarah Tobias

April 14: Samantha Costanza

“Luigi Pirandello: A literary exploration of Theosophy,
Spiritualism and Parapsychology”

Respondent: Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel

April 21: Neha Gondal

“Family Size, Relationship Structure and (Un)Happiness: A
Culturally Situated and Gendered Phenomenon”

Respondent: Alex Warner

April 28: Final discussion and evaluation