

**SP.401 – Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies
Homework Assignment #3**

Date Due: Tuesday, April 19

Length: 1-2 pages, or approximately 300-600 words

In a short essay, consider how *race, class, and gender stereotypes* impact the *representation* of women. Explain why they are oppressive. How is the identity “woman” represented differently for people of different races? classes? ethnicities? You may wish to consider how conventional standards of beauty relate to the representation of women in the media and popular culture. Appropriate essays to draw from in this homework assignment include Richardson, Kleinman, Gimlin, Galler, Banks, hooks, Onishi, or Le Espiritu – a good strategy for a short response is to choose one and respond to it in light of the question(s) above. Don’t forget to include a coherent **thesis statement** and to support your argument with concrete examples from the text(s) you choose.