WGS 101 SESSION #11

1. The “Second Wave” of American Women’s Rights Activism (1960s -):
The Language of Feminism: HW Exercise/Discussion

2. The Feminine Mystique and the Formation of NOW: Legal Change Predates the Movement—Law as Mirror, Law as Tool
   a. Passage of Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964
   NOW’s 1966 Statement of Purpose: Comparisons with Declaration of Sentiments: Writing Exercise

3. The “Second Wave” Feminist Movement: Liberal and Radical Strands of Activism
   a. Building upon the accomplishments of the “First Wave”: Maslow’s “hierarchy of needs”- from survival to self-actualization
   b. Traditional forms and avenues of activism: equal rights organizations, enforcement of equal rights legislation; issues of workplace and educational equity; women and citizenship/political representation
   Unfinished business of the first wave of women’s rights activism (1848-1920)
   c. New issues: Sexual self-determination: sexuality, sexual orientation, reproductive rights, media representation, language and culture – “personal is political”-emphasis on gender socialization
   Race, class, gender, age and the new feminism
   d. New Forms of activism---leaderless, consensual groups
   Consciousness raising
   e. “Mainstream” feminism and cultural politics—NOW and the late 1960s stewardess/flight attendant cases—changing definition of a “BFOQ” (“Bona Fide Occupational Qualification”) under Title VII
   f. The Question of a Gateway Issue: workplace equality (symbolized by wage), reproductive rights?

4. The Growth and Development of Women’s and Gender Studies:
   Multidisciplinary/Anti-disciplinary Field – from Colleges and Universities Influence on K-12 Education