

## ENGL 6611: Genders and Sexualities

**Fall 2024 topic:** Queer and Trans Ecologies

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**Preliminary description:** Are queer and trans identities “natural”? Should we worry about pollution making frogs gay? Are people with marginalized sexualities and gender identities more likely to suffer the effects of climate change? Taking up questions like these, this course offers an introduction to the histories and methods of queer and trans studies as they have intersected with ecological activism. We will read landmark works of queer and trans theory alongside ecocriticism, while exploring their potential applications to selected primary texts. You will also have opportunities to develop your scholarly writing and knowledge of standard academic genres (e.g., conference presentations, book reviews, research essays).

Given the instructor’s expertise, primary course texts will likely be weighted toward pre-1700 material, but students are encouraged to develop their own research interests in assignments and seminar discussions. Please contact the instructor after July 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like an updated reading list.

### **Tentative methods of evaluation:**

- Discussion board posts: 15%
- Book review (1000w): 20%
- Seminar presentation: 15%
- Essay: 35%
  - Proposal (250w) and six sources: 5%
  - Final paper (4500–6000w): 30%
- In-class participation: 15%