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# **Geog 8920 Seminar** **Spring 2010**

## **Geographies of Feminist Transnationalism**

**Dr. Amy Trauger** — Meeting time to be arranged

This course is dedicated to exploring the concept that gendered identities and spaces are discursively (re)produced across, between and on borders. In a globalizing world the primacy of the state in shaping identity and subjectivity are increasingly called into question. Transnational identities also create new challenges for research epistemologies and ontologies. We will read feminist scholarship that emphasizes the intersections between gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, class and other social identities and divisions that transcend national boundaries. This seminar will explore the theoretical underpinnings of transnationalism (including those that characterize differences in race, national origin and ethnicity with the boundaries of the United States) and grapple with how to methodologically engage with being, working with and understanding transnational subjects and subjectivities. Proposed texts include Grewal's *Transnational America*; Mohanty's *Feminism Without Borders*; Behar's *Translated Woman* and Alexander's *Pedagogies of Crossing*.