

Download Femininity Played Straight : Gender, Sexuality, Subjectivity

Gender is the range of characteristics pertaining to, and differentiating between, masculinity and femininity. Depending on the context, these characteristics may include biological sex (i.e., the state of being male, female, or an intersex variation), sex-based social structures (i.e., gender roles), or gender identity. Masculinity (also called manhood or manliness) is a set of attributes, behaviors, and roles associated with boys and men. As a social construct, it is distinct from the definition of the male biological sex. Acknowledgements. This article has benefited greatly from the thoughtful suggestions offered by Lynn Chancer of Fordham University, Mona Danner of Old Dominion University, and Helen Eigenberg of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Overview. Whiteness theory is intended to make white cultural and political assumptions and privileges visible so that whites do not assume that their own position is neutral or normal.