

Making and Breaking Waves:



Feminist Thought in Anthropology's History



I think feminism has had a major impact on anthropology

— Clifford Geertz —

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Free Zoom Presentation by
University of Arizona
Anthropologist
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In some circles, “the F-word” is “feminism” – a dirty word not to be discussed in good company.

Yet, feminism, the political movement advocating for women’s rights on the grounds of political, social, and economic equality, is an important concept to discuss as it is influenced by the social context in which we live. Feminism has impacted our day-to-day lives as well as anthropology as a discipline.

This presentation provides a brief history of feminism in the United States, considers how feminism has impacted anthropology, and concludes with a discussion of how anthropology has impacted feminism.



This month’s Third Thursday presenter Dr. Ruth Burgett Jolie is Associate Curator of Education at the Arizona State Museum and affiliated Associate Professor of Anthropology in the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona. She earned her MA in anthropology from the University of Reno, Nevada, and her PhD from the University of New Mexico. Her dissertation advisor, Dr. Louise Lamphere, is one of the pioneering feminist anthropologists.

Dr. Jolie’s scholarly interests include museum studies and urban anthropologies, focusing on questions relating to gender and kinship. She participates in ongoing research examining ethnographic and archaeological textiles from the United States, with interest in how material culture is used by individuals to create and reinforce gender roles.

Recently, Ruth has been working with students and colleagues on Title IX-related research. She teaches a range of anthropology courses at the undergraduate level focusing on gender and museum studies, as well as survey and methods courses.

Page 1 image of students at Women’s March courtesy of Natalia Joseph

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