

Getting to Know Each Other: GWS Experience

Have you previously taken GWS 3000: Feminist Theories?

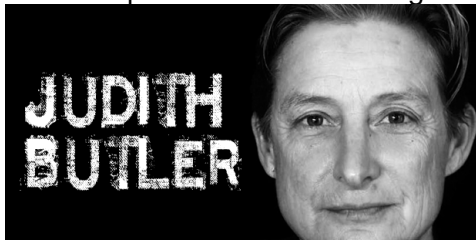
- a) yes
- b) no
- c) unsure



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- *We act and walk and speak and talk in ways that consolidate an impression of being a man or being a woman.*
- *...identity is performatively constituted by the very "expressions" that are said to be it's results.*
- normative definitions of gender and heterosexuality
- admires *Gender Trouble* invited by cultural icons such as Madonna, famous for her reflexive, fluid, and often disruptive constructions of gender and sexuality



a founder of queer theory

Stuart Hall's Encoding & Decoding Model

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- Representations are deliberately constructed by producers
- Flow and interpretation of messages from producers to audience is complex
- Audiences may make their own meaning:
preferred (by producers), oppositional, negotiated

