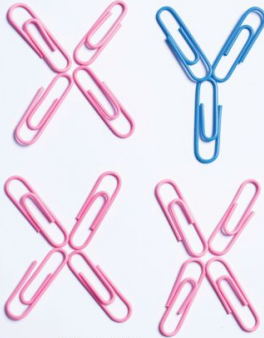


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DESCRIPTION

How does contemporary science contribute to our understanding about what it means to be women or men? What are the social implications of scientific claims about differences between "male" and "female" brains, hormones, and genes? How does culture influence scientific and medical research and its findings about human sexuality, especially so-called normal and deviant desires and behaviors? *Gender and the Science of Difference* examines how contemporary science shapes and is shaped by gender ideals and images.

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