In recent decades there has been a dramatic increase in people crossing borders to engage in sex, find work in other’s households, or form families. What does this do to love, intimacy and domestic life? What kinds of stigma, exploitation or inequality might be generated through the globalization of intimacy? We will examine several of the most common of these types of relationship, including: sex tourism, trafficking in women and children, international domestic work, transnational adoption, interracial marriage, and so-called “mail-order brides.” Readings will be interdisciplinary – from social science, literature and humanities and we view many feature and documentary films.