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Graduate Studies

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A Note from the Director

Dear Friends of the Center,

As we continue our year-long celebration of the Center’s 20th anniversary, I would like to invite you to a very special event to commemorate the founding in 1996 and to reflect on where gender and sexuality studies might be headed in the future. Beginning with a reception and panel at 6:00pm on Thursday, May 19th, we will hear from several of the key people involved in the struggle for, and the original design of, the Center for Gender Studies. On Friday, May 20th, we will continue with three panels: one discussing some of the transformative books that have been written by the Center’s faculty and students; another focusing on Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSS) alumni on how GSS impacted their education and how it has informed what they are doing now; and one addressing the intersectional work that is currently underway and how it might influence future research and teaching trajectories. Both days will feature our talented faculty, students, and alumni, and this being CSGS—you can count on great conversation, food, and wine. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

I am also delighted to report that we are on our way to realizing our fundraising goals! In order for the Center to serve as a permanent place for gender and sexuality scholarship at the University of Chicago, we have established an endowment fund with a goal to raise $500,000. It is crucially important to the future of gender and sexuality studies at UChicago to put the Center on firm financial ground. We are especially eager to secure permanent funding for our many graduate dissertation and residential fellowships and to open new funding opportunities for our steadily growing undergraduate population. You can help us reach our goal! Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Center, large or small. Visit our website at gendersexuality.uchicago.edu or speak with Associate Director Gina Olson (goloson@uchicago.edu), 773-834-8831 for information on contributing.

Finally, this is my last quarter as director of the Center and thus my last “Director’s Note.” I have been honored to serve in this capacity and especially touched by the generosity with which you, our devoted students, staff, and faculty, have given of yourselves to make CSGS all that it is. Please keep the flame burning!

Warmly,
Linda Zerr
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