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introduce Bonnie Kanter, our new student affairs administrator. Bonnie joins the Center after a distinguished career in the Col-
lege, where she worked as a college adviser. While at the College, Bonnie was a faculty member of the College Bridge Program, which enrolls Chicago Public High School students in college courses at the University of Chicago. She also played a big role in the creation of the inaugural programs for low-incomeTxer generation college students on campus. Before coming to Chi-
icago, she ran the Women’s Center at the University of Oregon.
We are thrilled that she will be bringing her community building skills to help us continue to grow and welcome our new Center members at our welcome party, co-hosted with the Center for the Study of Race, Culture, and Politics, from 4:30-6pm on Wednesday, October 10th.

This year also features exciting faculty-led projects. Our Banting postdoctoral fellow, Chase Joynt, will be running the Artist’s Sa-
on October 17 at 4:30 pm at the Gray Center. This series will focus on “Activism as Work,” and bring in an array of activists to discuss the meaning of activism and how it relates to their everyday work in the communities they serve. We also feature ways to do the community building work that is an inevitable part of activism through conversations about current issues, such as workplace sexual harassment, but also about how students can get involved on campus. Our theme for programming this year is “work.” We selected this theme not only because it is our College News

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

This year, we are going to be adding in some programming and outreach designed to build community with our undergraduate students. Bonnie Kanter, the new Student Affairs Administrator, is hoping to create a series of social programs and an Advisory Board to help undergraduates get more involved in the Center and get to know each other. It’s going to be an exciting academic year – with much more to come as we go forward.

Autumn 2018 Courses

This quarter, Kristen Schilt and Lauren Berlant will be offer-
ing our Theories of Gender and Sexuality Course, which will also be co-taught by Jenn Jackson from the Political Science depart-
ment. Our Feminist Praxis Series, which this year will be taught by Jina Singh (University of Richmond/English & Women, Gender and Sex-
ualities Studies) to talk about her new book, No Archive will Restitute Us (Pumbook Books, 2018), a hybrid memoir that blends theory, experience, and poetry to offer meditations on the body. Prof. Singh will be in conversation about hybrid writing practice with postdoctoral Fellow Chase Joynt, author of You Only Live Twice (Carriage House Books, 2016).

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Help us imagine a new arts initiative for undergraduate students! The CSGS will be hosting an Arts Collective beginning in the Winter Quarter to support undergraduate students across disciplines in developing and creating art projects of any kind. We will hold brainstorming and informational town halls at the end of October and beginning of December to lay the foundations for a workshop in the Winter and Spring Quarters, culminating in an Artist’s Salon at the end of the year. If you are interested in receiving updates about these events, please contact Bonnie Kanter at bonniek@uchicago.edu.

Undergraduate Summer Internships

This past summer CSGS funded summer internships undertak-
en in different parts of the world. This year all of our awardees happen to be GNE majors and they worked on a wide variety of projects. One team of students worked in Chicago, but also interned at several different sites. For the first time, we helped support a student to pursue an intern-
ship abroad. Fourth year Kendall Lucero worked at the Grosh School Hospital in Capetown, South Africa. Kendall was able to observe the cervical cancer clinic as well as assist them in a large database project. Third year Madeline Birmingham interned on campus at Game Changer Chicago Lab (GCC) at the Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry & Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health (C3) as a Junior Game Researcher working on a healthy relationships video game. And third year Madison Johnson worked at the Chicago Women’s Aid Project, assisting with outreach and data collection. A call for applications for 2019 summer internships will go out (and be posted on the CSGS webs-
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Undergraduate Major/Minor

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ments while also studying another discipline. Currently, we have students who are majoring in psychology, chemistry, English, Cinema and Media Studies and many other areas. We’ll be holding an Information Session for anyone interested in the major at 4:30 p.m. on October 16 at the Center. Come by to learn about the major/minor and how it might work for you. In the meantime, if you have questions about the major or minor or about our speakers and other events, please reach us via email at (773-702-2365) or student Affairs Administrator Bonnie Kanter at bonniek@uchicago.edu. Chocolate and more. Have a great quarter!

Graduate Student News

CSGS Graduate Fellows

Please join us in welcoming our Fellows for 2018-19: Ebenezer and Carla Hancock (Graduate Fellows in Asian Languages and Literatures) whose research centers on inversion in the writings of Alonso Hernández-Catá, and Annie Heffernan (Political Science) whose dissertation brings disability studies into conversation with political theory by drawing upon the resources of feminist political theory, science and technology studies, and economics are our Dissertation Fellows this year. Lance Keene (Sociology), a Center representative in the intersections of race, gender, and sexuality, urban inequality and LGBTQ youth development, with emphasis on health equity, is a joint dissertation fellow with the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture. Mariana Brandman (History), Omis Hsu (Political Science), Lara Janson (Sociology), Caroline Séquin (History), Agatha Stupel (Political Science), and Alexander Wolfson (Divinity School) are all Residential Fellows at this year.

Workshop and Working Group

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Teaching

Fifteen graduate students from ten PhD programs will teach for the Center this year. Levy Hanieh (Sociology) serve as our Gender and Sexuality Studies BA preceptor once again. Jenn Jackson (Political Science) will co-teach “Theories of Gender and Sexuality” with Faculty Director Kristen Schilt and Prof. Lauren Berlant. Lara Janson (Sociology) will co-teach “Problems Media Wars” with Prof. Jennifer Wild. Marcus Lee (Political Science) will co-teach Prof. Linda Zerrill’s “Advanced Theories of Gender and Sexuality” as a Junior Game Researcher working on Gender and Sexuality in World Civ.” will be taught by Tien-Tien Jong (Cinema and Media Studies). The following students will be teaching free-standing courses: funded by the Center Anna Bad (History, “Gender and Sexuality in Jewish Society”), Vish Cash (English, “The Politics of Life Itself”), Cate Foguzola (Sociology, “Transnational Queer Pol-
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December 4: Lance Krome, CSGS/CSRPC Dissertation Fellow/PhD Candidate, Social Services Administration, “More Than Risk: Toward a New Narrative of ‘Care’ within Social Work Discourse About Black Gay Men” Discussant: Professor Sharon Hicks-Barlett, Sociology.

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Wed Oct 10
5733 Open House
The Thu Oct 11
Before Stonewall screening
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Guerrilla Girls On Tour: PUSH/PUSHBACK
The Nov 1
Chris E. Vargas: Introducing Museum of Trans History & Art (MOTA)
The Nov 8
Karen Orenn, author of The Woman Question in France, 1450-1670
The Nov 8
Nahir Gracia, “Counter-narratives and the Middle Ages: Woman and Power in the Global North Atlantic”
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Michael Nava, Carved in Bone
Mon Nov 25
Julietta Singh, No Archive will Restore You

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