



*Daniel Kyri and Bea Cordelia present a special screening of their award-winning web series *The T* on Fri, Jan 18 at 7:00pm*

A Note from the Director

Dear Friends of the Center,

The beginning of 2019 reminds me of a 1970s feminist slogan – “A woman’s place is in the House . . . and the Senate.” After the midterm elections, the House of Representatives gained seventeen new women, which means there are fifteen percent more women in Congress than last year. This new configuration of the House also boasts the highest number of women of color in Congress, including the first Muslim congresswoman and the first Native American congresswoman. Notably, of the thirty-six first-term congresswomen starting in 2019, only one is a Republican – an important trend in a period in which *Roe v. Wade* is likely to come under new attack. The 116th Congress in the Senate will have the highest number of all-women delegations in history, with six states being represented by two women. In other notable Senate milestones, the Senate Judiciary Committee appointed two women to serve for the first time in its history, though both are Republicans who are committed to outlawing abortion. Like 2018,

this year looks certain to bring contestation over access to legal abortion, over transgender rights, and over gender in the workplace.

In the winter quarter, CSGS will be offering a series of programs that tie into these issues. On Monday, January 14, we will launch of new series, **Gender & Work**, that seeks to interrogate why so many professional fields, such as finance, politics, and science, remain male-dominated. This series brings women and gender minorities who have extensive backgrounds in fields such as finance, business, technology, law, or medicine to reflect on their career experiences with undergraduate and graduate students. Our first event features **Dr. Shellwyn Weston**, who built her career in finance management and, after receiving a PhD from NYU Stern, now works in the fields of neuroeconomic and behavioral finance at the NYU Center for Neural Science. Dr. Weston will be in conversation with **Megan Kelly**, who worked in healthcare strategy for 9 years, first as a management consultant and then as the manager of strategy for a commu-

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FEATURED EVENTS

Mon Jan 14

Gender & Work:
Shellwyn Weston with
Megan Kelly

Fri Jan 18

The T screening with Bea
Cordelia and Daniel Kyri

Mon Jan 28

Feminist Queer Praxis: Work-
ing in Reproductive Health

February

Care@Chicago with free
yoga on Fridays

Wed Feb 13

Alan Pelaez Lopez on the in-
tersections of Afro-Latinidad,
Immigration and Queerness

Mon Feb 18

Jennifer Wild, “How to See
One Man’s Body: An
Experiment in Historical
Perception”

Mon Feb 25

Julietta Singh, *No Archive
will Restore You*

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nity health center before receiving her MA in Sociology from the University of Chicago in 2018. This event begins at 5pm in the Community Room of the CSGS.

On January 18, the Center's **Artist's Salon** will host a screening of *The T*, an award-winning web series created by **Bea Cordelia** and **Daniel Kyri**. *The T* follows two friends navigating romance and friendship in contemporary Chicago's queer community. Jo, a trans woman craving an increasingly elusive intimacy, and Carter, a queer Black man at odds with his conservative upbringing, converge from opposite sides of Chicago for a magical New Year's Eve. Cordelia and Kyri will be in conversation with **Aymar Jean Christian** (founder of OTV, Northwestern) and **Chase Joynt** (Banting Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Chicago) after the screening. The event will take place at the Logan Center Screening Room (201) from 7-9pm.

As January is the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we will host a **Feminist/Queer Praxis** event organized around the landscape of abortion-providing in the United States today. On Monday, January 28, we will host **Amber Sollenberger**, a reproductive health assistant at Planned Parenthood and proud alum of our Gender and Sexuality Studies program. The event will take place from 5:30-7:00pm in the Community Room at CSGS. Stay tuned for updates on additional speakers and another FQP event in February.

February is also shaping up to be an exciting month for CSGS events. First, we will host our annual **Iris Marion Young Distinguished Faculty Lecture** with **Prof. Jennifer Wild** (Cinema and Media Studies). Prof. Wild's research centers on the history and theory of modernism and the avant-garde, with a specialization in French cinema. She is the author of *The Parisian Avant-Garde in the Age of Cinema, 1900-1923* (University of Chicago Press 2015), and teaches a range of courses including the very popular GNSE "Media Wars" course. She led a CSGS-sponsored faculty project on **Counter Cinema/Counter Media** for several years, and currently serves as our Director of Studies. Her talk is titled, "How to See One Man's Body: An Experiment in Historical Perception" and will take place on Monday, February 18 at 4:30 in the CSGS Community Room.

Continuing our tradition of the last three years, we have designated February as the "**Care@UChicago**" month. The series will feature free yoga sessions every Friday in February at noon, a series of social events, such as game nights, and a special event on Valentine's Day, February 14 from 5-7pm. We are also co-sponsoring "Queerness to the Front: Redefining Our Relationships," a workshop on building healthy behaviors in our interpersonal relationships and the broader LGBTQIA+ communities, with LGBTQ Student Life on the evening of February 11.

We are collaborating with the Office of LGBTQ Student Life and the CSRPC to bring **Alan Pelaez Lopez**, an Afro-Indigenous poet, collage, installation and adornment artist from Oaxaca, México to campus. They will facilitate "A Reclamation of our Rights," a writing workshop for people who live at the intersection of multiple oppressions, aimed at claiming back power on February 12

at the Center for Identity and Inclusion. On February 13, they will present a public talk on the work they have done at the intersections of Afro-Latinidad, Immigration and Queerness at the CSGS/CSRPC at 5pm.

As part of our continuing series on **LGBTQ Studies**, we will also host **Prof. Julietta Singh** (University of Richmond/ English & Women, Gender and Sexualities Studies) to talk about her new book, *No Archive Will Restore You* (Punctum 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). The event will take place on Monday, February 25 from 4:30-6:30pm. This event is rescheduled from the autumn quarter.

The Center is proud to support Intimate Provocations: Theorizing Consent in the Age of #MeToo, a mini-conference organized by **Prof. Jennifer Cole** (Comp Human Development) and graduate students **Kelsey Robbins** and **Raffaella Taylor-Seymour** (CHD) on March 15 at Wilder house. The mini-conference will examine the global circulation of discourses about consent in the wake of the #MeToo movement and consider how consent discourses are shaping conceptions and practices of intimacy, bodily autonomy, and moral decision-making. Keynote talks will be given by **Prof. Ashwini Tambe** (Dept of Women's Studies, Univ of Maryland) and **Prof. Joseph Fischel** (Dept of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale Univ) and panels will feature graduate student researchers with faculty discussants.

On January 17, the Center will co-sponsor the Pozen Family Center's Festival of Human Rights, reflecting on 70 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and, on March 7-8, the South Asia Graduate Conference, South Asia: The Public, the Political, and the Popular.

Please check the calendar on our website for details and updates on these and other events coming up at the Center!

We look forward to seeing you over the winter quarter,

Kristen Schilt



Students at the holiday cookie study break on December 7, 2018

College News

Student Advisory Board

A group of College students (1st, 3rd and 4th year students) and one PhD student have joined the initial Student Advisory Board. Together they planned a highly successful study break that brought many new faces in to the Center for an afternoon of holiday cookies, warm drinks, origami and coloring books. Who knew there were so many gender-themed coloring books? We hope to bring them out again for future events. In addition, the board planned a large group outing to Court Theatre to see *Frankenstein*. Everyone enjoyed the Manual Cinema production.

Undergraduate Summer Internships for 2019

Once again, CSGS will be able to offer funding for up to four internships at gender- and LGBTQ-related service, educational, or activist organizations in the US. The deadline to apply for funding is **Friday, March 1, 2019**. An online application is available at <http://bit.ly/csgsinternship>.

Please contact Bonnie Kanter at bonniek@uchicago.edu or 773-702-2365 for more information.

Winter Courses

This Winter Quarter, three Gender and Sexuality Studies courses will be offered. Divinity School graduate student **Alex Wolfson** will teach “Taboo and Transgression,” Political Science professor **Linda Zerilli** will teach “Advanced Theories of Gender and Sexuality” and new CSGS faculty member, **C. Riley Snorton** will teach a graduate course, “Bodies of Transformation”. In addition, 5 sections of GNSE Civ will continue in Winter Quarter.

Winter Quarter Feminist Queer Praxis

Planned Parenthood representatives will speak at our first FQP of the quarter, including **Amber Sollenberger**, a recent Gender and Sexuality Studies graduate who is currently working as a reproductive health assistant and preparing to enter the field of nursing/sexual health education. The event will include a discussion about current reproductive health issues as we approach the 46th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and will be held on Monday, January 28 at 5:30pm in the CSGS Community Room.

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

The Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies offers a major, with a choice between a generalist path and discipline-based path. Many of our majors, usually those who choose the discipline-based path, also pursue and complete one or even two other majors. We also offer a minor, which makes the most sense for students whose majors have little overlap with our courses. Descriptions of major and minor requirements can be found at <http://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/academic/>. If you have questions or want to talk about how they might fit in with your general academic goals, call or email Student Affairs Administrator Bonnie Kanter (773-702-2365; bonniek@uchicago.edu).

Graduate Student News

Graduate Certificate Expansion

Our Graduate Certificate is expanding! We have worked with the MAPSS program to make their students eligible for the certificate beginning in the 2019-20 school year. Other certificate news is that students for the first time will now see the awarding of the certificate as a transcript notation. This past quarter, four students received the CSGS Certificate: **Caroline Sequin** (History), **Paula Martin** (CHDV), **Katie Hendricks** (Sociology) and **Tasneem Mandviwala** (CHDV).

2019-20 Teaching Opportunities

The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality is pleased to announce that applications are open for our 2019-20 teaching positions, which include the following: CSGS Free Standing Course (Undergraduate course); Co-Teach Theories of Gender and Sexuality (Undergraduate course); Co-Teach Advanced Theories of Gender and Sexuality (MA level course); Co-Teach Problems in the Study of Gender and Sexuality (Undergraduate courses); BA Preceptorship (Undergraduate course); and Teaching Internship in Gender Studies in World Civ (applications managed by the College).

PhD students from all divisions and professional schools are encouraged to apply. All applicants must have completed preliminary exams (or equivalent) by October 1, 2019. In addition to completing a series of application questions, applicants will be asked for the following additional materials: 1. A two-page curriculum vitae 2. A cover letter addressing qualifications to teach/co-teach a course in Gender and Sexuality.

Application materials can be found at <http://bit.ly/csgsteaching> and are due **February 24th, 2019**, with a letter of recommendation from a faculty member who can speak to your teaching abilities due by March 1st.

Contact Bonnie Kanter at 773-702-2365 or bonniek@uchicago.edu with any questions.

2019-20 Fellowships

University of Chicago PhD candidates from all disciplines who are working in the areas of gender and/or sexuality studies are encouraged to apply for a 2019-20 Residential or Dissertation Completion Fellowship at the Center for the study of Gender and Sexuality. There are three fellowships available: CSGS Dissertation Completion Fellowship; CSGS/CSRPC Joint Dissertation Completion Fellowship; and CSGS Residential Fellowship.

The application can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/csgsfellowship> (You can apply for multiple fellowships simultaneously through this application but you will only be eligible to receive one.) Applications are due **March 31, 2019** – 11:59 p.m. Recommendation letters are due April 8th.

Contact Bonnie Kanter at 773-702-2365 or bonniek@uchicago.edu with any questions.

Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Workshops and Working Group sessions are held on **Tuesdays from 5:00-6:30pm** in the first floor seminar room of the Center at 5733 S. University Avenue.

Winter 2019 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

January 15: Omie Hsu, CSGS Residential Fellow/PhD Candidate, Political Science, “Democratic Poesis: How to ParaSite on Publics, Pedagogy, and Play.” Discussant: **Michael Dango**, Post-doctoral Teaching Fellow in the Humanities and English

January 29: “Notice and Comment: Rhetorical Engagement and State Intervention in Title IX Adjudication.” Discussant: **Kristen Schilt**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the CSGS

February 12: Mariana Brandman, CSGS Residential Fellow/PhD Candidate, History, “New Bodies on Stage, New Voices on Tape: The Origins of Feminist Comedy.” Discussant: **Jane Dailley**, Associate Professor of History

February 26: Agatha Slupek, CSGS Residential Fellow/Graduate Student, Political Science, “Enter, The Furies: Democracy, Blood, and Difference in Hélène Cixous’ La Ville Parjure (1994).” Discussant: **Jennifer Wild**, Associate Professor, Cinema and Media Studies

March 12: Caroline Sequin, CSGS Residential Fellow/PhD Candidate, History, “The Brothel as Gatekeeper of Whiteness.” Discussant: **Tara Zabra**, Homer J. Livingston Professor, History

Additional workshop information and past schedules, can be found at <http://voices.uchicago.edu/genderandsexuality/>. Papers are made available in advance via our email list. To join, go to <http://lists.uchicago.edu/web/subscribe/sexuality-gender-wkshp> or contact the workshop coordinator, Annie Heffernan (Political Science) at gssworkshop@gmail.com.

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Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group welcomes students and papers from any field, discipline, or methodological tradition, as long as the research is relevant to gender and sexuality studies, broadly defined. Submitted work may be partial or rough, including rough drafts of papers or dissertation chapters, work nearing completion, survey designs, literature reviews, or methodological sections. Meeting time consists largely of discussion of the submitted research or work following brief comments from the presenter.

We ask that only students, graduate or undergraduate, attend.

January 22: Yuchen Yang, Sociology, “When Not Desiring Sex Is (Not) A Problem: Exploring Asexual Individuals’ Experiences in High School.”

February 5: Rebecca Ewert, Sociology, “TBD”

February 19: Natalie Cortez Klossner, MAPSS, “The Pleasure of Multiplicity: Memory, Inscription, and Archive of the Body”

March 5: Kyla Bourne, Sociology, “The Length of Pretrial Detention for Dropped Domestic Battery Charges in Cook County, IL”

Papers are circulated in advance via e-mail.

If you have any questions, would like to be added to the Working Group e-mail list, or are a person with a disability who may need assistance, please contact the Working Group coordinators, Cate Fugazzola and Agatha Slupek at gssworkinggroup@gmail.com.

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