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October 12: Alicia Taylor, MAPSS Alum, TMW – Center for Early Learning + Public Health, “Constructing Refugee English Language Learners and the ‘Other’ through Institutional Language Ideologies”


November 9: Rachel Willis, English, “Montmartre Haunts the Room’: Lorraine Hansberry and Interwar Paris in the Black Queer Imaginary”

Prior to each meeting, we will send an email to our mailing list with the paper to be discussed and a sign-up link to attend the virtual meeting. For security, only those who sign-up will be provided the Zoom link and password. We also encourage you to submit written feedback to the authors, especially if you are unable to attend the Zoom conference.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the Working Group email list, please reach out to the Working Group Co-Coordinators Kat Myers (Divinity) and Sofia Smith (Political Science) at gsgworkinggroup@gmail.com.

Autumn 2021 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

We are excited to announce the Autumn 2021 schedule for the Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop. We have a fabulous lineup of authors and discussants, and we hope you will join us!

October 5: Western Privilege: Work, Intimacy, and Postcolonial Histories in Dubai Book Salon with author Amelia Le Roi Renard and discussant Rhacel Salazar Parreñas

October 19: Eva Pensa, PhD Candidate in Music/Theater & Performance Studies, “Problem Child: Social Feminization, Abuse Etologies, and Trans Feminine Narratives.” Discussant: Jules Gill Peterson, Associate Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University

November 2: Rafaela Taylor-Seymour, PhD Candidate in Anthropology and Comparative Human Development, “Unexpected Callings: The Rediscovery of Ancestral Spiritualities among Queer Zimbabweans.” Discussant: Angie Heo, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology of Religion at University of Chicago

November 16: Yuchen Yang, PhD Candidate in Sociology, “What the F**K Are You implying (About This Child?): Degendering as a Challenging Practice.” Discussant: Katie Averett, Assistant Professor of Sociology at University of Albany

November 30: Eman Abdelhadi, Assistant Professor of Comparative Human Development, “Gendering Embeddedness - Trajectories out of and through Muslim Communities.” Discussant: Saher Selod, Associate Professor of Sociology at Simmons University

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FEATURED EVENTS
Tue Oct 5 at 5pm
Amélie Le Renard, Western Privilege: Work, Intimacy, and Postcolonial Hierarchies in Dubai with Rhacel Salazar Parreñas

Wed Oct 13 at 4:30pm
Stefan Vogler, Sorting Sexualities: Expertise and the Politics of Legal Classification

Wed Oct 20 at 7pm
Manning up for the Nation: State, Media, and China’s Regulation against “Sissy” Men

Fri Nov 5 at 3pm
What Does Lauren Berlant Teach Us About X? featuring Romi Crawford, Lee Edelman, Sianne Ngai, and Katie Stewart

Mon Nov 15 at 7pm
Arielle Zibrak, Avidly Reads Guilty Pleasures

Wed Nov 17 at 6pm
The Porn Star After OnlyFans and SESTA/FOSTA

Thu Nov 18 at 7pm
Manon Garcia, We Are Not Born Submissive: How Patriarchy Shapes Women’s Lives

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Welcome New Fellows!

We couldn’t be more thrilled to have our graduate fellows back in person. Agatha Shuping (Political Science) is the CSSG Diserta- tion Fellow and Residential Fellow Silvia Fedi (Political Science), Paula Martin (Comparative Human Development), Sarah McDaniel (English) and Raaffaella Taylor-Seymour (Comparative Literature) are also our joint CSSG Fellows. Our CSSG and Residential Fellows are Dissertation Fellow Allison Reed (Sociology) and Residential Fellow Paul Cato (Social Thought). We also have two postdoctoral teaching fellows in residence. Emily Boek, Social Science Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Gender and Sexuality Studies and Critical Race Theory and Rebecca Ewert, Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences, Gender and Sexuality Studies & Sociology.

Feminist Queer Praxis Series (FQP)
The Feminist/Queer Praxis Series, aimed at undergraduate audiences, brings artists, activists, scholars, and professionals to the CSSG to talk about their work in the world as people committed to queer and feminist values and action. In recent years we have paired these events with courses happening during the quarter. This quarter we are planning a Gender and Marketing talk to coincide with our Gender and Consumption course. Watch our website or mailing list for updates about the date/time. The event will be held in-person at the CSSG, open to students with preregistration.
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