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A collage of book covers published by CSGS faculty affiliates. We will celebrate these recent faculty publications at our 2022 Faculty Book Party on Wednesday, September 28 at 5pm at the Center.

A Note from the Director by Kristen Schilt

This academic year marks the half-century anniversary of a remarkable number of feminist milestones. In 1972, federal civil rights law expanded to include Title IX Education Amendment, barring discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. The same year, the first issue of *Ms.* magazine hit newsstands, and, after passing the House and the Senate, the Equal Rights Amendment moved to state legislatures looking for the 38 states needed for ratification. The Feminist Press launched *Women's Studies Quarterly*, the longest running feminist academic journal, signaling that Women's Studies as a field was becoming institutionalized. In early 1973, the *American Journal of Sociology*, the longest running sociology journal in the world, featured a special issue on "the status of women." The issue garnered so much attention from the growing gender studies community that the University of Chicago Press commissioned an edited volume titled *Changing Women in a Changing Society* that featured a multi-generational group

of sociologists examining the changes to American gender norms ignited by the feminist and civil rights movements that were challenging and reshaping institutions, organizations, and occupations alongside social life and family life. And, just a few months later, the Supreme Court decided 7-2 in *Roe v. Wade* that the U.S. constitution protected the legal right to an abortion—a decision that suggested feminist activism had begun to bear fruit in mainstream society and in academia.

At the 50th anniversary of all of these major feminist "firsts" and the seeming promise of progressive gender change, how do we make sense of the "status of women" in the United States? In much gender scholarship today, who we mean when we invoke the category of "women" has expanded in important ways, including a greater focus on how intersecting social locations, such as race, gender identity, and citizenship, shape the experiences of women-identifying people in divergent ways. We can point to many major le-

FEATURED EVENTS

Wed Sep 28 at 5pm
2022 Faculty Book Party

Thu Sep 29 at 5pm
Welcome Back Reception
with CSRPC + RDI

Thu Oct 13 at 5pm
Geoffrey R. Stone, "The Constitutional Right to Abortion: Past, Present, and Future"

Tue Oct 25 at 5pm
Jean-Thomas Tremblay on
Breathing Aesthetics with
Jennifer Scappettone

Wed Oct 26 at 5pm
Ramzi Fawaz, "Queer Love
On Barbary Lane"

Thu Nov 10 at 5pm
OUTstanding Speaker Series:
Victor Madrigal-Borloz,
"From Wars Against Diversity
To Inclusive Peace"

Mon Nov 14 at 5pm
The Sociology of the
Family virtual panel

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gal milestones won through feminist and LGBTQ activism since 1972. But, we cannot ignore the precariousness of these gains, particularly in the light of the loss of federal abortion access just this year, or the forms of inequality that have only deepened: the erosion of the social safety net, the systemic violence against trans women, the rise of women living in poverty, and the sharp increase in the number of women in prisons, to name just a few. While Virginia did become the 38th state to ratify the ERA, it was 30 years past the statute of limitations. From the vantage point of feminist activism in 1972, we might not expect that 50 years later we would be living in a country where most law-makers still are men, where doctors can face prison time for providing care to trans and non-binary youth, where people may face legal ramifications for crossing state lines for abortion care, and where public libraries are banning books with LGBTQ content.

For 2022-2023, we will engage with the contradictions and challenges around queer and feminist progressive change we see at the half century mark through a series of virtual panel discussions with social scientists working in three areas of social life in which gendered and racialized patterns of inequality remain stubbornly entrenched: the family, the workplace, and the state. Our first panel discussion on Mon, Nov 14 at 5pm is titled [The Sociology of the Family: Taking Stock of the Field and Imagining the Future](#) features Prof. **Marbella Eboni Hill** (Stanford University), Prof. **Allison Pugh** (University of Virginia) and Prof. **Rin Reczek** (The Ohio State) and will be moderated by Prof. **Jaclyn Wong** (University of South Carolina), a former CSGS fellow.

We will host a series on reproductive justice in collaboration with Prof. **Linda Zerilli** (Political Science/Gender and Sexuality Studies). Our first event will be a lecture by Prof. **Geoffrey Stone** (Law) on Thu, Oct 13 at 5pm in the Law School Auditorium. In his talk, "[The Constitutional Right to Abortion: Past, Present, and Future](#)," Prof. Stone will discuss the history of abortion pre-*Roe v. Wade*, the circumstances surrounding the 1972 decision, the legal and political developments that led up to *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, and what we might expect for the constitutional right to abortion in the future. He will draw on his unique insights from the vantage point as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. at the time of the decision.

With many LGBTQ civil rights up in the air and the unrelenting attack on trans youth we see in the United States today, we will also continue our focus on LGBTQ activism and scholarship. Prof. **Ramzi Fawaz** (University of Wisconsin-Madison) will be our *LGBTQ Studies* speaker. His talk will be held on Wed, Oct 26 at 5pm at the Center, "[Queer Love on Barbary Lane: The Serial Experience of Coming Out of the Closet with Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City*](#)."

We are excited to host our inaugural event for the *OUTstanding Speaker Series*, a collaborative effort between CSGS and the UChicago Alumni PRIDE network. Fully endowed as a series in 2021, our 2022 speaker will be **Victor Madrigal-Borloz**, the UN Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. His talk, "[From Wars Against Diversity to Inclusive Peace: Violence and](#)

[Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Armed Conflict](#)" will take place at 5pm on Thu, Nov 10 at the International House Assembly Hall, followed by a lunchtime workshop for students on Fri, Nov 11 (RSVP required).

We will be returning to our community keystone events for CSGS this year, too. For the first time since 2019, we will have our [CSGS Faculty Book Party](#) in-person. This event, which honors our faculty who have published new books in the last year, will be held on Wed, Sep 28 at 5pm at the Center. We will feature books by **Eman Abdelhadi** (Comparative Human Development), **Lauren Berlant** (in Memoriam), **Shannon Lee Dawdy** (Anthropology), **Sarah Fredericks** (Divinity School), **Michele Friedner** (Comparative Human Development), **Edgar Garcia** (English), **Ramón A. Gutiérrez** (History), **Sarah Hammerschlag** (Divinity School), **Kimberly Kay Hoang** (Sociology), **Jessica Kirzane** (Germanic Studies), **Rochona Majumdar** (South Asian Languages and Civilizations/Cinema and Media Studies), **Josephine McDonagh** (English), **Noémie Ndiaye** (English), **Ulrike Stark** (South Asian Languages and Civilizations), and **Mareike Winchell** (Anthropology). Our [Fall Welcome Reception](#), which we will again host with the **Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture**, and this year with the new **Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity**, will be held on Thu, Sep 29 from 5-6:30 pm.

The Center is co-sponsoring the conference [Global Anti-Gender and Anti-LGBTQ+ Politics: Historical Continuities, Transnational Connections, Contested Futures](#) on Fri, Oct 28 along with several new book talks: on Thu, Sep 29 at 4pm, [Michele Friedner's *Sensory Futures*](#) with **Jennifer Iverson** and **Jenny Trinitapoli**; on Tue, Oct 25 at 5pm, [Jean-Thomas Tremblay on *Breathing Aesthetics*](#) with **Jennifer Scappettone**; and on Thu, Nov 3, **Emily Hobson**, *'Fast Becoming a Warehouse': AIDS Prison Activism and the History of the 1990s*. We are also co-sponsoring the exhibition [Monochrome Multitudes](#) at the **Smart Museum** this fall. The exhibition includes work by artists that include reinterpretations of female mythological figures, daring photographic depictions of the human form which trouble or transgress distinctions of sex, and works which elevate, explore, and reframe the textile crafts historically practiced mostly by women.

We are thrilled to have an excellent roster of [2022-2023 Scholars in Residence](#). This year we have two graduate student fellows returning to residence as Teaching Fellows – **Paula Martin** (Social Sciences Teaching Fellow, Comparative Human Development/Gender and Sexuality Studies) and **Jordan Johansen** (Humanities Teaching Fellow, Classics/Gender and Sexuality Studies). Graduate students who will be with us this year include CSGS Dissertation Fellow **Jenisha Borah** (Cinema and Media Studies) and joint CSGS/CSRPC Dissertation Fellow **Alysia Mann Carey** (Political Science). Joining them in the building are Residential Fellows **Supurna Dasgupta** (South Asian Languages and Civilizations, joint CSGS/CSRPC fellow), **Silvia Fedi** (Political Science), **Evelyn Kessler** (History), **Kat Myers** (Divinity), **Gabriel Ojeda-Sagué** (English), and **Yuchen Yang** (Sociology).

We are very excited to begin the new year and look forward to seeing you at the Center.

Student News

Ruth Murray Essay Prize winners

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 [Ruth Murray Essay Prize](#) recipients were **Scarlett Akeley** and **Alicia Hurtado**. Linguistics and History major Scarlett Akeley won for her Summer Institute Research Project, “The L-Word(s): Label-Making Among the Queer Chinese American Diaspora” which employs a linguistic analysis of API queer publications and materials. The selection committee considers Scarlett’s work to be a ‘fantastic addition to the scholarship of queer linguistic theory which highlights the relevance of language and connection to community when producing materials and providing care for queer marginalized persons.’ Critical Race and Ethnic Studies and Sociology double major Alicia Hurtado won for their thesis, “The ‘Wayfinders’ of Abortion Access: Analyzing the Interstitial Affective Care of Volunteer Case Managers at the Chicago Abortion Fund,” a study of the people who help facilitate access to an abortion through more than just the medical procedure but to include many other means of support. The committee said, “this thesis forwards a theory of ‘interstitial affective care’ that understands this para-medical work within a framework of affect studies and gendered forms of emotion and care work set in a vexed and hyper-politicized landscape.” A heartfelt thank you to the committee for reading this year’s large collection of submissions. The committee also chose an Honorable Mention this year, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies and Anthropology major **Gabby Mahabeer**’s BA thesis “Ah pretty face and bad character”: From Reputation to Radical Care in Dancehall.”

Autumn 2022 Courses

The CSGS’ core offering, Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations, continues to be a favorite among College students. We have once again filled our nine sections and have a long waitlist. GNSE Civ will be chaired by Prof. **Sarah Pierce Taylor** (Divinity) this Autumn and she will also be teaching a section. The remaining sections are being taught by Profs **Armando Maggi** (Romance Languages), **Rochona Majumdar** (South Asian Languages/Cinema and Media Studies), **Malynne Sternstein** (Slavic Languages), Divinity Teaching Fellow **Raúl Zegarra Medina**, Humanities Teaching Fellow (HTF) **Jordan Johansen** (Classics/GNSE), and Divinity Teaching Fellow **Christine Trotter**.

Prof. **Linda Zerilli** (Political Science/GNSE) is returning to teaching Advanced Theories of Gender and Sexuality to graduate (and a few lucky undergraduate) students this Autumn with graduate student co-teacher **Helen Galvin Ross** (Political Science). Social Science Teaching Fellow (SSTF) **Paula Martin** (Comparative Human Development/GNSE) will be teaching both our undergraduate Theories of Sexuality and Gender course and serving as our B.A. Preceptor. Our major is growing and our third- and fourth-year majors and minors are taking 24 of the 25 spaces in the required Theories class. This should make for some great discussions. In addition to Theories, we are also offering two ‘Concepts’ courses this Autumn. **Zoya Sameen** (SSTF, CRES/GNSE), will teach the very popular Prostitution in Global Perspective for a second time and **Tanima Sharma** (Anthropology) will be teaching Social Reproduction: Labour, Life, and World-making. Both

courses are at capacity. Additionally, we have cross-listed 28 undergraduate courses and 16 graduate courses giving our students [a wide variety of options](#).

CSGS Certificate

Our [graduate certificate program](#) continued to grow with 24 students earning the certificate in 2021-22! The following Ph.D. and M.A. students completed the requirements this past spring and summer: **Helen Galvin Ross** (Ph.D. PLSC); **Ross Allen** and **Jeffrey Sanchez** in MDIV; **Nell Crittenden** (MSW Crown); **Sarah Evans**, **Anna Gjoleka**, **Karleigh Groves**, **Valentine Hallard**, **Alex Hill**, **Madhuri Shah Kibria**, **Rosario Neaves**, **Dorcas Nuer**, **Carlina Peralta**, **Ajung Ryoo**, **Eleanor Tao**, **Ziyuan Yang**, and **Nicole Yost** in MAPSS. **Abigail Anderson**, **Isabel Bartholomew**, **Tara Bui**, **Andrew Chang**, **Silin Chen**, **Willem Harling**, **Saumya Malhotra** and **Brooklyn Rue** completed [the MAPH option](#).

Undergraduate Summer Internships

As in past summers, CSGS chose students for [undergraduate internship funding](#) who interned around the world and worked in a wide variety of spaces. We awarded the most internship funding ever, this year – six students each received \$5,000 stipends. Fourth-year GNSE major **Arianna Quintero** worked for Seeds of Change, doing direct work teaching a cohort of young low-income women who are preparing to apply to college. Third-year **Allo Kerstein** spent the summer in London and with our funding was able to work on events and programming for the Vagina Museum, a museum dedicated to gynecological anatomy. Second-year GNSE major **Yani Dai** went to Boston this summer and found a fantastic organization, DOVE in Quincy, MA. Yani worked at their domestic violence shelter, answered hotline calls, and taught portions of a summer educational program for high school students. Fourth-year **Sahar Punjawani** worked at the Invisible Institute at the Experimental Station on 61st/Blackstone. Sahar conducted research as part of the Beneath the Surface project, a data-based investigation into gender-based police violence. First-year major **Abigail Scharf** worked at Life Span, an organization that provides free counseling, legal representation, and court advocacy to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Finally, first-year major **Caroline Waldmann** worked at the Chicago Abortion Fund. These students will report back on their experiences at an information session later this year. [Applications for 2023 summer internships](#) will be due Mon, Feb 27, 2023.

In addition to these College-supported internships, we were thrilled to have additional funds from an alum **Amy Estersohn** (AB 2009 English) who supported travel expenses for second-year **Safia Singer-Pomerantz**. Safia spent the summer at Mt. Sinai in NYC conducting research on HIV prophylaxis in transgender women presenting to an urban emergency department.

For more information about the Gender and Sexuality Studies program, including the [major/minor](#) or [graduate certificate](#), please contact **Bonnie Kanter**, Assistant Director for Student Affairs and Curriculum, at bonniek@uchicago.edu.

Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Autumn 2022 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

We are excited to announce the Autumn 2022 schedule for the [Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop](#)! Workshops will be held virtually on alternate (even week) Tuesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:20 pm Central Time unless otherwise noted.

October 4: *Stefan Vogler*, Research Scientist at NORC, “Policing the Rainbow: Queer Experiences with and Perceptions of Police”

October 18: *Yuchen Yang*, PhD Candidate in Sociology, “Gender Uptake: An Audience-Centered Theory for the Doing and Undoing of Gender.” Discussant: *Iddo Tavory*, Professor of Sociology at NYU

November 1: *Connor Strobel*, Harper-Schmidt Fellow & Collegiate Assistant Professor, “Latent Illegality and Sexual Scapegoats.” Discussant: *Joseph Fischel*, Associate Professor of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Yale

November 15: *Jenisha Borah*, PhD Candidate in Cinema and Media Studies, “Female Fans and Spectators: Women at Maratha Mandir in Mumbai.” Discussant: *Debashree Mukharjee*, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies at Columbia

Papers will be made available in advance via our email list. If you are interested in joining the email list, go to <https://lists.uchicago.edu/web/info/sexuality-gender-wkshp>.

If you have any questions or accommodation requests, please don’t hesitate to contact the workshop co-coordinators, Theo Hurley and Xiaogao Zhou, at gssworkshop@gmail.com.

Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group

The working group will meet every other Tuesday from 5:00-6:00pm Central Time, and presenters will provide their preference for in-person or Zoom sessions. In-person meetings will take place at the CSGS, 5733 S University Ave, in room 103. Food and beverages will be provided for in-person meetings.

September 27: *Matthew Cerjak*, MAPSS, “‘Wives, Like Good Subjects, Bow to Husbands’: The Conflict of Female Literature in the British Atlantic” [in-person]

October 11: *Hunter Amory*, MAPH, “Gender Internalism” [in-person]

October 25: *Grey Pierce*, Sociology, “Advanced Care Planning Decisions Among LGBTQ Older Adults: Catalysis and Paralysis”

November 8: *Sheila Shankar*, Crown School of Social Work, “‘You have to take care of your own mental status’: incarcerated women seeking care within and outside of prison-based mental health treatment” [in-person]

November 29: *Yuntian (Christopher) Xuan*, MAPSS, “Queen Henrietta Maria and ‘Mistress Parliament’: Unsettled Queenship and English Political Rhetoric, 1642–1649” [in-person]

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.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the Working Group e-mail list, please contact the Working Group Co-Coordinators James Green and Yunning Zhang, at gssworkinggroup@gmail.com.



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