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## A Note from the Director

Dear Friends of the Center,

We are excited to tentatively welcome you back to in person events this quarter. We launched our first hybrid event on March 1st with our **LGBTQ Speaker Series** lecture by Prof. **Colby Gordon** (English, Bryn Mawr). This quarter, we will be experimenting with some hybrid events and some in-person events, while keeping our workshops virtual. We are looking forward to an opportunity to be able to bring our campus community together, as it has been far too long, but want to maintain the connections we have been able to make with those of you living outside of Chicago. As we start to imagine what the future of programming may look like in our "new normal," we will continue to look for new ways to stay connected with all of you.

For our spring 2022 quarter, we will be completing several of our programming themes for the year. From our **faculty book salon**

**series**, we have two talks, starting first with Prof. **Gabriel Winant** in the Department of History on Thursday, April 14th at 5pm at the CSGS and simulcast on Zoom. Prof. Winant will be giving a presentation on his recent book, *The Next Shift: The Fall of Industry and the Rise of Health Care in Rust Belt America*. On Friday, April 29 at 12:20pm, we will feature a virtual lunch time discussion about Prof. **Martha Nussbaum's** (Philosophy and Law) recent book, *Citadels of Pride: Sexual Abuse, Accountability, and Reconciliation*. Prof. Nussbaum will be joined in conversation by Prof. **Linda Zerilli** (Political Science and Gender and Sexuality Studies). This event was rescheduled from Winter 2022. For our **LGBTQ Speaker Series**, we will feature Prof. **Kadji Amin** (Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Emory University) on Tuesday, May 3 at 5pm at the CSGS. Prof. Amin will be presenting a talk titled, "[We Are All Non-binary: A Brief History of Accidents](#)."

### FEATURED EVENTS

**Thu Apr 7 at 5:00pm**  
LGBTQ+ Undergrad Mixer  
with trivia and mocktails

**Thu Apr 14 at 5:00pm**  
**Gabriel Winant** on  
*The Next Shift*

**Fri Apr 29 at 12:20pm**  
**Martha Nussbaum** with **Linda Zerilli** on *Citadels of Pride*

**Tue May 3 at 5:00pm**  
**Kadji Amin**, "We Are All  
Non-binary: A Brief History  
of Accidents"

**Thu May 5 at 5:30pm**  
Feminist/Queer Praxis:  
Sex Therapy

**Thu May 12 at 5:00pm**  
**Wendy Osefo** in conversation  
with **Lauren Michele Jackson**

**Fri May 20 at 3:00pm**  
GNSE BA Symposium

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***Getting Real: The Cultural Politics of Reality TV***—our faculty project on reality TV—will be hosting two events this quarter. On Wednesday, March 30th at 5pm, the series organizers will bring Prof. **Racquel Gates** (Film, Columbia University) to deliver the talk “[From Handheld to HD: Aesthetics, Identity, and Legibility in Reality TV](#)” on Zoom. On Thursday, May 12th at 5pm, they will bring *The Real Housewives of Potomac* cast member Prof. **Wendy Osefo** (Education, Johns Hopkins). Osefo will be in conversation with Prof. **Lauren Michele Jackson** (English, Northwestern) in the CSGS Community Room (105).

We have a lot of exciting co-sponsorships this quarter. On Wednesday, March 30, we are co-sponsoring a lecture by Prof. **Adia Harvey Wingfield** (Sociology, Washington University) with the Sociology Colloquium. Prof. Wingfield’s lecture will be at 12:30pm, and her talk is titled, “[Professional Work in a ‘Post-Racial’ Era: Black Health Care Workers in the New Economy.](#)” On Thursday, March 31, we are co-sponsoring the [Pozen Family Center for Human Rights annual Kirschner Lecture](#). The featured speaker will be the Hon. **Phyllis Frye**, who was elected the first transgender judge in the United States (in the state of Texas) in 2015. This talk will take place at 6pm in the 3rd floor lecture hall of Ida Noyes. On Sunday, April 3 at 7pm, we will co-sponsor an event with South Side Projections titled, “[Prefiguring Immediacy: Video Art by Mako Idemitsu.](#)” This program features Idemitsu’s seminal experimental film and televisual video works, charting her explorations of feminist thought and her close attention to the power of media, and will take place in-person at the Logan Center Screening Room 201. On April 19 and 26, we will co-sponsor two lectures by Prof. **Rajeshwari Sunder Rajan** (English, New

York University) with the Nicholson Center. Prof. Rajan is the featured speaker for the Schaffner Lecture. Her lectures will be titled, “Whiteness Envy’: Postcolonial Rivalry, Nation and Gender,” and “Inheriting the Nation: Fathers, Sons (and Daughters), and the Anxiety of Influence.” Both talks will be held at 5pm at the Franke Institute (Regenstein Library, Room 118) and simulcast on Zoom.

This Spring, we are also co-sponsoring two student-led events aimed at building community and providing social connection among our LGBTQ undergraduate student population. On Thursday, April 7 from 5:00-7:00pm, we will host a [trivia night mixer with mocktails and crafts](#) in the CSGS Community Room. And on Thursday, May 12 at 8:00pm, students are welcome to join us for an LGBTQ Prom event at the Center for Identity + Inclusion. Event details are subject to change, so please keep an eye on our digest email, web calendar, or social media for updates.

Looking ahead to the fall, we are excited to announce the inaugural event of the ***OutStanding Speakers Series!*** On October 20, **Victor Madrigal-Borloz**, United Nations Independent Expert on Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, will visit campus to give a lecture on his work and meet with students. This series has been endowed through a campaign by UChicago Alumni Pride (formerly the UChicago LGBT Alumni Network.)

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# Student News

## 2022 Graduates

Congratulations to our graduating fourth years! **Lily Everett, Willem Harling, Wonyoung Jang, Sophia Lei, Liana Massey, Bianca Munguia, Liva Pierce, Molly Portwood** and **Claud Ruder** will all be graduating this year as Gender and Sexuality Studies Majors! We invite everyone to the [B.A. Presentations](#) on Friday, May 20 at 3:00pm at the CSGS to learn about the amazing work that our students have put into their B.A. theses. We would also like to congratulate our graduating minors, **Kelsey Gilchrist** (Physics), **Phoebe Hall** (Biological Sciences), **Gabby Latham-Kapitz** (Political Science), **Stuti Mittal** (Economics/Psychology) and **Catherine Skubiz** (Biological Sciences). Good luck to all majors and minors in your next endeavors! Please stay in touch with us. We always welcome alumni to return and tell us what they've been up to.

## Spring Courses

This quarter we have two new graduate lecturers teaching for us at the Center. **Hannah Jones** (Divinity) will be teaching a Foundations course called "Sex, Gender, Trauma." **Jenisha Borah** (Cinema and Media Studies) will be teaching "Queering Visual Culture in Modern India." In addition, we are [crosslisting 46 undergraduate and 20 graduate-level courses](#). Gender and sexuality topics continue to be very engaging for students across campus and the list of options available for them grows each year.

## Feminist Queer Praxis Series

A growing number of our majors/minors have expressed interest in careers in sex therapy. To respond to that interest, we have organized the [Spring Quarter FQP](#) as a presentation from two sex therapists, **Prem Pahwa** and **Lily Gonzalez**. Both work in Chicago and have a range of clients from all genders/sexualities. We are excited to hear about their work and what students need to do to become Certified Sex Therapists. Prem and Lily will be joining us at the Center on Thursday, May 5 at 5:30pm.

## CSGS Summer Internships

Each summer CSGS provides funding for undergraduates who are interested in internships that focus on advocacy, service, or activism for women and LGBTQ communities. This summer we have funded six interns, **Yanan Dai, Allo Kerstein, Sahar Punjwani, Arianna Quintero, Abigail Scharf** and **Caroline Waldmann**. We're so pleased with this group of students who are interested in a wide variety of issues, including reproductive rights, intimate partner violence, LGBTQ history, and immigration/adoption. As students don't need to know their placements to apply, we'll be working together through Spring Quarter to find them opportunities that will relate to their interests while also helping them figure out how they might integrate gender and sexuality into their work after college. Check for a report back about their locations and experiences in our Autumn Quarter newsletter.

## Ruth Murray Essay Prize

Friday, May 6 is the deadline for undergraduate students to submit their work for [the Ruth Murray Essay Prize](#), awarded for the best essay written by a University of Chicago undergraduate student in the area of women's studies, feminist criticism, gender or sexuality studies. The \$500 prize sponsored by the CSGS is in memory of Ruth Murray, who died in 1991, having served as Bibliographer for the Education, Psychology, Sociology and Women's Studies Collections at the Regenstein Library for many years. Ruth Murray had a strong interest in encouraging scholarship in women's studies and often served as a stimulus and facilitator of work by students and faculty in the area. It is the intent of the Ruth Murray Prize Committee that the essay competition sustain and encourage scholarship in gender and sexuality studies, as Ruth Murray did during her lifetime. Essays may come from students in all majors and may take the form of analytic or critical essays, empirical research papers, or personal essays.

## The Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

The Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies offers an [undergraduate major](#) and a [minor](#). Students can focus solely on gender/sexuality studies or combine the major with another discipline to deepen their knowledge of how gender/sexuality impacts that subject. We also offer a minor, which may make 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 Assistant Director of Student Affairs and Curriculum, Bonnie Kanter (773-702-2365; [bonniek@uchicago.edu](mailto:bonniek@uchicago.edu)).

## Graduate Student News

We are thrilled that current Residential Fellow **Paula Martin** (Comparative Human Development) will be staying with us next year as a Social Sciences Teaching Fellow! Paula will be taking on our Theories of Sexuality and Gender course, which is required for all majors and minors and will serve as our BA Preceptor. Paula will also remain in residence at the Center – which is great news for all of us!

Our Graduate Certificate continues to be popular around campus. This quarter four Ph.D. students completed the requirements: **Laura Colaneri** (Romance Languages and Literature), **Gabriel Ojeda-Sague** (English), **Yao Ong** (English) and **Eva Pensis** (Theater and Performance Studies). We have a growing number of MAPSS, Crown and Divinity students who are in progress. We look forward to recognizing their work in future newsletters.

This year we offered [research and travel grants](#) on a quarterly basis. In Winter Quarter, three students were awarded grants. **Rose Owen** (Political Science) received support for travel to a conference and **Ajung Ryoo** (MAPSS) and **Graham Steffen** (Comparative Human Development) received funding in support of their thesis/dissertation research. Congratulations to everyone!

# Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Workshops and Working Group sessions will continue to be held virtually on **Tues from 5:00-6:20pm** *unless otherwise noted*. Please contact the organizers via emails provided for session information.

## Spring 2022 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

We are excited to announce the Spring 2022 schedule for the Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop. Please note the two special noon start times for the workshops on April 12th and 26th.

**March 29: *Brianne Painia***, Assistant Instructional Professor of Sociology, “‘Gender Has its Place in the Order of God’: Rectification Work among Black Religious Women in a Southern Baptist Church.” Discussant: ***Omar McRoberts***, Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Chicago

**April 12 at 12pm: *Silvia Fedi***, Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, “‘The Assembly and The Festival: Secrecy, Politics, and Rule by Women in Aristophanes.’” Discussant: ***Jill Frank***, Professor of Political Science at Cornell University

**April 26 at 12pm: *Paul Cato***, Doctoral Candidate in the Committee on Social Thought, “Sensual, Soulful, and Thick: Witnessing the Emancipatory Potential of Critical Black Love Studies.” Discussant: ***Michael Gratzke***, Professor of Comparative Literature at University of Dundee

**May 10: *Allison Reed***, Doctoral Candidate in Sociology, Title TBA. Discussant: ***Deva Woodly***, Associate Professor of Politics at The New School for Social Research

**May 24: *Deme Kasimis***, Assistant Professor of Political Science, “The Intimacy of Conspiracy: Democratic Erosion and the Problem of the Oikos.” Discussant: ***Emanuela Bianchi***, Associate Professor of Political Science at New York University

Papers will be made available in advance via our email list. If you are interested in joining the list, go to <http://lists.uchicago.edu/web/info/sexuality-gender-wkshp>. If you have any questions or accommodation requests, please don't hesitate to contact us at [gssworkshop@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**April 5: *Paul Cato***, Committee on Social Thought, “A Radically Soulful Love: A Critical Study of Black Love Testimonies, 1973-1983”

**April 19: *Gabrielle Bozarth***, Political Science, “On Primitive Accumulation: Sex, Gender, and Racialization”

**May 3: *Maniza Ahmed***, History, “Keeping the Home Feudal: The Progressive Struggle to Improve Domestic Service”

**May 17: *Alex Shams***, Anthropology, “Who Fights for the Oppressed?: Street Protests, Religious Ritual, and the Politics of Masculinity in Post-Revolutionary Iran”

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 [gssworkinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:gssworkinggroup@gmail.com).

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