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Critical questions raised by the 2022 Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization will be explored in a panel discussion featuring Michele Goodwin, Dorothy Roberts, and Mary Ziegler on Tuesday, Oct 10 at 5pm titled, “After Dobbs: Reproductive Freedom, Justice, and the Power of the State.”

A Note from the Director

Dear CSGS students and colleagues,

Welcome back to a new academic year after what I hope has been a restorative summer! It’s a pleasure and a privilege to be addressing you as the new Faculty Director of the Center. I am proud to become part of the Center’s history of leadership, following upon the outstanding directorship of **Kristin Schilt** (Sociology), who led the Center from 2017 to 2023, and gratefully acknowledging the care and stewardship of **Lucy Pick** (Divinity, 2016-2017), **Linda Zerilli** (Gender and Sexuality Studies, Political Science, 2010-2016), **Debbie Nelson** (English, 2006-2009), **Rebecca West** (Romance Languages and Literatures, 2002-2005), **George Chauncey** (History, 2005-2006), **Lauren Berlant** (English, 1999-2002), and **Leora Auslander** (History, 1996-1999).

I’ve been at the University now for 20 years, which is hard to believe, and I have been thinking back to the circumstances of my own introduction to CSGS. The then-director invited me to lunch to try to get me involved in the Center’s curriculum, events, and other activities. I demurred. My research wasn’t really about gender, I told her, and my home department had made it pretty clear to whom I owed my academic labor. Well, come on by the Center anyway, she said, you’ll meet people. I did indeed meet people, among whom I number some of my closest and most enduring colleagues and friends. And, my scholarship evolved as I came to understand gender not just as a category of experience in my professional life (at times an uncomfortably relevant one), but also of analysis. I would not be the human being or the scholar that I am were it not for that early outreach and my subsequent

FEATURED EVENTS

Mon Oct 2 at 4:30pm
5733 Open House with the CSRPC

Tue Oct 3 at 5:00pm
Workshop: Paula Harper, “Got-ta Get Down on Friday: Voice, Gender, Genre and Rebecca Black’s Viral Reclamation”

Wed Oct 4 at 5pm
2023 Faculty Book Party

Tue Oct 10 at 5pm
“After *Dobbs*: Reproductive Freedom, Justice, and the Power of the State” featuring **Michele Goodwin, Dorothy Roberts, Mary Ziegler, and Geoffrey Stone**

Thu Oct 12 at 5pm
Gender and Sexuality Studies Information Session

Thu Nov 2 at 5pm
OUTstanding Speaker Series: **Jules Gill-Peterson**, “Great Society Transsexualism: On the Political Economy of Transition”

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long-standing involvement with CSGS.

In our current moment, it strikes me that CSGS, and centers like it, are more urgently needed than ever. Living with and respecting diversity in connection to gender and sexuality seem commonsensical and ethical, and yet bodies and ways of being in the world often find themselves under scrutiny and attack, and at times what feels like could or should be shared ground lurches unexpectedly beneath our feet. One of the most important things that the Center can do is to provide a site for conversation, debate, and listening in a space of nurture, safety, and intergenerational collaboration.

As I embark upon my term as Director, I would like to express my particular gratitude to **Kris Trujillo**, who has agreed to serve again as the Center's Director of Studies. I also would like to acknowledge the members of the faculty Board of Directors; we welcome to the Board this year **Lisa Moore** (Crown), **Hillary McLaren** (Obstetrics and Gynecology), **Maliha Chishti** (Divinity), and **Rochona Majumdar** (South Asian Languages and Civilizations/Cinema and Media Studies, starting her term in 2024), and will continue to count on current members **Eman Abdelhadi** (Comparative Literature), **Angie Heo** (Divinity), **Waldo Johnson, Jr.** (Crown), **C. Riley Snorton** (Gender and Sexuality Studies, English), **Kris Trujillo** (Comparative Literature), **Gabriel Winant** (History), **Linda Zerilli** (Political Science), and **SJ Zhang** (English). We also are thrilled to welcome (back!) to CSGS **Red Vaughan Tremmel**. A UChicago Ph.D. (History, '06) and former CSGS fellow, Red joins us as an Instructional Professor who will expand and enrich our course offerings and provide support to students at all levels. And finally, I wish to express my appreciation for the exceptional CSGS staff, **Gina Olson**, **Bonnie Kanter**, and **Tate Brazas**, whose knowledge and kindness have smoothed my entry into this new role.

In the spirit of meeting people, I would like to signal two upcoming events: on Monday, October 2 from 4:30-6:00pm, we will celebrate the beginning of the new year with the [5733 Open House](#) co-hosted with our colleagues from the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture, and on Wednesday, October 4 from 5:00-6:30pm, we will honor sixteen of our colleagues who have recently published books at our [CSGS Faculty Book Party](#). I look forward to seeing many of you at these events!

In closing, I hope that you will find what you need, both personally and professionally, at the Center. I hope too that you will share with me your ideas and suggestions for how the Center can become even more relevant, responsive, and vital to our campus.

I look forward to working with and learning from you!

Daisy Delogu

Faculty Director, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality
Howard L. Willett Professor of French Literature, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

Event Highlights

Please join us at the CSGS this fall! All our events are free, open to the public, and will be held in the Community Room on the first floor of the Center at 5733 South University Avenue, unless noted otherwise.

On Monday, October 2 from 4:30–6:00pm, we will co-host our annual welcome party, the [5733 Open House](#), with the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture. And on Wednesday, October 4 from 5:00-6:30pm, we will celebrate new works by sixteen CSGS faculty affiliates at the annual [CSGS Faculty Book Party](#). At both events, we'll celebrate the start of the new academic year with delicious food, beverages, and great company.

This fall's feature events will address some of the largest issues around gender and sexuality on the current political and social landscape: the future of reproductive freedom and trans people's rights. The first, [After Dobbs: Reproductive Freedom, Justice, and the Power of the State](#), will address critical questions about the future of a constitutional right to abortion and the state's power over life and death, raised by the 2022 Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*. **Michele Goodwin** (Law, University of California, Irvine), **Dorothy Roberts** (Law and Sociology, University of Pennsylvania), and **Mary Ziegler** (Law, University of California, Davis) will be in conversation with **Geoffrey Stone** (Law, University of Chicago). The forum will take place on Tuesday, October 10 from 5:00-6:30 pm at Glen A. Lloyd Auditorium, located in the University of Chicago Law School (1111 E 60th St).

In November, **Jules Gill-Peterson** (History, Johns Hopkins, and author of *Histories of the Transgender Child*) will visit campus as part of the [OUTstanding Speaker Series](#), an annual distinguished lecture series that brings to campus scholars, professionals, and public figures who have made significant contributions to the LGBTQ community. On Thursday, November 2 at 5:00pm, Gill-Peterson will present "[Great Society Transsexualism: On the Political Economy of Transition](#)." The abstract for this lecture is as follows: "The escalating political violence accompanying trans people's hypervisibility is often framed as a front in a 'culture war,' even a distraction from capitalist crises of stagnant wages, inflation, and record wealth inequality. The dominant defense of trans people's rights, meanwhile, shrinks the real conditions of their existence into private matters of psychology and medical gatekeeping. Instead of responding by idealizing trans precarity as resistance to gender norms or state power, this lecture critically traces the genealogy of these frames by reconsidering the concept of 'transition' through its political-economic function, one forged in the 1960s and through intense alignment with the Great Society welfare state."

Looking ahead to Winter quarter, we are excited to announce that Professor **Kimberly Kay Hoang** (Sociology) will deliver the [Iris Marion Young Distinguished Faculty Lecture](#), an annual event featuring the work of UChicago faculty. The talk is titled, "[Spiderweb Capitalism: How Global Elites Exploit Frontier Markets](#)" and will be held Thursday, January 25 from 5:00-6:30 pm.

Curriculum News

GNSE Major and Minor

Undergraduate students are very interested in Gender and Sexuality Studies (GNSE) – our major has almost doubled over the last few years with 55 total declared majors and minors at the end of 2023. Twelve students graduated with GNSE majors in Spring 2023: **Shira Aronson, Bella Costantino, Julia Dillman, JQ Lee, Mimi Magee, Dante Manocchio, Cristian Molina, Ariana Quintero, Stella Reed, Shira Silver, Alison Tisol** and **Alessandra Tufino**. We are so proud of all the work that our students put into their theses and hope that you will take some time to watch the presentations of their work on our [2023 BA Symposium showcase](#). We wish all of our graduates great luck in the coming years!

Autumn 2023 Courses

Our Core offering, Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations, has once again expanded. Not only did we add another section—our 10th—but they are all fully enrolled, and we also have a full group of 25 on our second Study Abroad offering underway in London this quarter. GNSE Civ I on campus will be chaired by Professor **Daisy Delogu** (our new Faculty Director) this Autumn and she will also be teaching a section. The remaining sections are being taught by Professor **Ghenwa Hayek** (Near Eastern Languages and Civilization), our new Instructional Professor **Red Tremmel** (History), returning Teaching Fellow **Jordan Johansen** (Classics/GNSE), returning Lecturer **Rhiannon Auriemma** (Political Science at Northwestern) and new Teaching Fellows **Olivia Bustion** (Divinity), **Sarah McDaniel** (English), and **Stephanie Painter** (History). **Lina Maria Ferreira Cabeza-Vanegas** (Creative Writing), **Cate Fugazzola** (Global Studies) and **Linda Zerilli** (Political Science) are the faculty who are each teaching one section of our abroad experience.

Professor **Kristen Schilt** is returning to teaching our required major/minor course, Theories of Sexuality and Gender, with PhD candidate Melina Davis (Comparative Human Development). Social Science Teaching Fellow (SSTF) Paula Martin (CHDV/GNSE) is returning in our B.A. Preceptor role. This is the first year that the BA is optional for the major (but required for honors) and most of our students are choosing to complete a thesis as a capstone of their undergraduate experience. In addition to Theories, we are also offering three ‘Foundations’ courses this Autumn. Red Tremmel, our new Instructional Professor, is teaching Introduction to Gender Studies, with Introduction to Sexuality Studies to follow in Winter. Zoya Sameen (SSTF, CRES/GNSE), will teach the very popular Gender, Sexuality and Sports course for a second time and Malavika Parthasarathy (JSD in Law) will be teaching Global Perspectives on Reproductive Justice: Theory and Practice. Additionally, we have cross-listed 37 undergraduate courses and 19 graduate courses, giving our students a wide variety of options.

CSGS Graduate Certificate

It was another great year for the Certificate. The following Ph.D. and M.A. students completed the requirements this past spring and summer: **Leland Jasperse** (Ph.D. English); **Kerrigan Greene** (MA, Divinity); **Charlotte Long** (MA, Divinity); and **Jake Dunn, Fran-**

cis Fabre, Jayna Lennon, Payton Liberto, Ashlyn Roy, Matthew Temple, Emily Yekikian (MAPSS). **Hunter Amory, McKaylyn Haynes, Benji Mathot, Kaitlyn Rikala** and **Cameron Wade** all completed the MAPH option. This coming year we are adding a new requirement to the CSGS Certificate. All students will present their research papers at the final Spring Workshop or Working Group meeting. We’re looking forward to seeing what they produce!

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 bonnick@uchicago.edu.

Student News

Prizes

We are pleased to announce that **Sophia McCreary** (Classics & English) and **Shreya Ram** (Political Science) were the winners of the **2023 Ruth Murray BA Thesis Prize in Women’s Studies, Feminist Criticism, Gender or Sexuality Studies!** The committee was very impressed with the extraordinary level of work of the over 30 submissions, which came in from 17 different academic departments and showed the breadth and depth of the study of gender and sexuality across campus.

Samantha Usman (Ph.D. candidate, Astronomy and Astrophysics) is the winner of the inaugural **UChicago LGBTQ+ Community Engagement Award!** As an LGBTQ+ scientist, Samantha has proven herself a dedicated advocate and leader, demonstrating exceptional leadership and making numerous contributions to advance and support the interests of the LGBTQ+ community at UChicago, within her academic and professional field, and more broadly.

And we have added an exciting new offering to highlight graduate student teaching, the **CSGS Course Design Prize**, to encourage graduate students to create their own courses on the topic of gender/sexuality. Watch for details as the year progresses. Applications will be due in March.

Undergraduate Summer Internships

As in past summers, CSGS chose students from a competitive application process to provide students funding for unpaid internships related to gender/sexuality. We’re proud to be able to support students who are doing important work while also learning about potential career paths. This year’s interns were: **Ryan Cairns** (4th year) at the Chicago Abortion Fund, **Artie Davis** (4th year GNSE major) at Gerber/Hart Library and Archives, **Elle Gilbert-Bair** (2nd year GNSE major) at the podcast *Articles of Interest*, **Daphne Hoang** (2nd year GNSE major) at Reproductive Transparency Now, **Sophie Knifton** (4th year GNSE major) at CI3 (Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health), and **Leticia Mercado** (3rd year GNSE major) at Chicago House. They’ll all be reporting back about their experiences at an information session in January.

Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Workshop

We are excited to announce the Autumn 2023 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 3: *Paula Harper*, Assistant Professor in Music, “Gotta Get Down on Friday: Voice, Gender, Genre, and Rebecca Black’s Viral Reclamation” (in-person at the CSGS)

October 17: *Eman Abdelhadi*, Assistant Professor in Comparative Human Development and Anna Fox, PhD Student in Sociology, “Walking the Orientalism Tightrope: How Americans Construct Gender Ideologies.” Discussant: *Maliba Chishti*, Lecturer and Research Associate at the Pearson Institute, Harris School of Public Policy

October 31: *Sheila Shankar*, CSGS Residential Fellow, PhD Student in Social Work, Crown School, “It’s Distant But It’s Close: Paradoxes and Possibilities of Mothering While Incarcerated.” Discussant: *Anna Russo*, Professor of Gender and Women’s Studies, Director of the Women’s Center, DePaul University

November 14: *Omar Safadi*, CSGS Residential Fellow, PhD Candidate in Political Science. Discussant: *Evren Savci*, Assistant Professor in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale University

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, Katrina Myers and Michael Stablein Jr, at gssworkshop@gmail.com.



CSGS STAFF

Tate Brazas, *Assistant Director for Programming and Operations*

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Bonnie Kanter, *Assistant Director for Student Affairs and Curriculum*

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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.

October 24: *Ann Jiang*, “Solidarity in Conflict: How Unsettled Categories Negotiate Emerging Boundaries of Sexualities in Global China” (in-person at the CSGS)

November 7: *Alyssa Calder Hulme*, “Unexplored Ambition: The Failure and Holes in the Gender Data Gap” (in-person at the CSGS)

November 21: *Xiaogao Zhou*, “Uneven Transition: ‘Family-Centered’ Gender-Affirming Care in China” (Virtual/Hybrid)

December 5: *Tanima Sharma*, “Land as Rest: Caste and Social Reproduction from the perspective of Dalit Women Activists in North India” (in-person at the CSGS)

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 Malavika Parthasarathy (Law) and Lizette Arellano (Romance Languages) at gssworkinggroup@gmail.com.

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