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The cover of Paul Lisicky's memoir Later: My Life at the Edge of the World, which chronicles his life in Provincetown during the AIDS epidemic in the early 1990s. Lisicky will deliver the inaugural Lauren Berlant Memorial lecture - "[Later and Sooner: The Long Legacy of HIV](#)" - on Thursday, April 13 at 5:00pm.

A Note from the Director

Dear Friends of the Center,

We are excited this quarter to feature two events that are celebrating the intellectual contributions of Center co-founder Prof. **Lauren Berlant**, who passed away in 2021. On April 13th and 14th, we will have our inaugural **Lauren Berlant Memorial Lecture**, our joint endeavor with the Department of English. Our keynote speaker will be Prof. **Paul Lisicky** (Rutgers University-Camden), whose most recent book, *Later: My Life at the Edge of the World*, is a memoir documenting his time living in Provincetown, MA during the height of the AIDS crisis in the 1990s. Prof. Lisicky will give a keynote lecture on Thursday, April 13 at 5:00pm, titled "[LATER and SOONER: The Long Legacy of HIV](#)." On Friday, April 14 at 12:30pm, he will run a small writing workshop titled "[On Urgency](#)" (RSVP required). In addition to this new series, we are

co-sponsoring the inaugural Lauren Berlant 3CT Graduate Conference on April 21st and 22nd. The theme of the conference is "[Power over Life and Death: Feminism, Abolition, and the State](#)." Prof. **Sarah Haley** and Prof. **Sophie Lewis** will give keynote lectures. We hope you can join us in these events that will continue to develop the important intellectual contributions of Prof. Lauren Berlant.

We will continue our "*Changing Women in a Changing Society*" virtual panel discussions in Spring quarter. On Monday, April 24th at 5pm CST, we will host a panel on "[Gender, Policing, and the State](#)," which will feature Prof. **Susila Gurusami** (UIC), Prof. **Shannon Malone Gonzalez** (University of North Carolina), and Prof. **Saher Selod** (Simmons College). This panel will be moderated by graduate student **Anna Fox** (Sociology). Our final panel for the quarter

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FEATURED EVENTS

Thu Mar 30 at 5pm

Joe Bruch, "Corporatization of the Women's Health Industry"

Thu Apr 13 at 5:00pm

Paul Lisicky, "Later and Sooner: The Long Legacy of HIV"

Mon Apr 24 at 5pm

Gender, Policing, and the State

Tue Apr 25 at 4:30pm

Emily Owens, "Making Violence Ordinary in the Antebellum Atlantic"

Mon May 8 at 5:00pm

Distinguished Alumna/e Lecture
Moon Duchin, "Majority Rules?: Thinking About Representation"

Fri May 12 at 1pm

2023 GNSE BA Symposium

Mon May 15 at 5pm

Gender, Surveillance, and A.I.

Wed May 17

Year-End BBQ

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will be Monday, May 15 at 5:00pm CST. The panel, "[Gender, Surveillance, and A.I.](#)" will feature Prof. **Kendra Albert** (Harvard University) and Prof. **Michele Gilman** (University of Baltimore). The panel will be moderated by Prof. **Cayce Hughes** (Colorado College).

On Monday, May 8 at 5:00pm, we will host our annual ***Distinguished Alumna/e Lecture***, featuring Prof. **Moon Duchin** (PhD '05, Mathematics; Tufts University), "[Majority Rules?: Thinking About Representation](#)." As a graduate student in Mathematics, Moon taught Problems in Gender Studies, then a core course in the GNSE major. On Thursday, March 30 at 5:00pm, Prof. **Joe Bruch** (Public Health) will give a lecture on the "[Corporatization of the Women's Health Industry](#)." On Tuesday, April 25 at 5:00pm, Prof. **SJ Zhang** (English) will be hosting a lecture by Prof. **Emily Owens** (Brown University), titled "Making Violence Ordinary in the Antebellum Atlantic."

We will have four sessions for the [Gender & Sexuality Workshop](#) this quarter. All sessions take place on Zoom from 5:00-6:20pm CST. On Tuesday, March 28, **Silvia Fedi** (Political Science) will present a chapter with Prof. **Josiah Ober** (Stanford University) as

a discussant. On Tuesday, April 11, **Kat Myers** (Divinity School) will present with Prof. **Colin Marshall** (University of Wisconsin Madison) as a discussant. On Tuesday, April 25, **Zoya Sameen** (Social Sciences Teaching Fellow) will present with Prof. **Ashwini Tambe** (George Washington University) as a discussant. In our last session on Tuesday, May 9, Prof. **Tara Gonsalves** (Northwestern University) will present with Prof. **Kristen Schilt** (Sociology) as a discussant.

As the academic year comes to a close, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating undergraduate students at our annual ***B.A. Symposium***. On Friday, May 12 from 1:00-3:00pm, students will present their research and thesis projects. After a few years of hiatus, on Wednesday, May 17, we will again co-host a year-end BBQ with the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture and with the new Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity. Everyone is welcome!

Kristen Schilt

Director for the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology



Students craft, enjoy waffles, and play games during our Galentine's Day Study Break on Monday, February 13.



A packed house for "Trans- Healthcare In Practice", a panel discussion and part of our Feminist/Queer Praxis series on Tuesday, February 21.

Student News

2023 Graduates

One of our largest graduating classes--made up of twelve Gender and Sexuality Studies majors and seven minors--will all be graduating this Spring! Congratulations to our majors – **Shira Aronson, Bella Costantino, Julia Dillman, JQ Lee, Mimi Magee, Dante Manocchio, Cristian Molina, Arianna Quintero, Stella Reed, Shira Silver, Alison Tisol, and Alessandra Tufino.** You have all done such amazing work and been a great part of the community at the Center. If you are interested in seeing the amazing work that they have been doing on their theses this year, we invite you to [the B.A. Symposium](#) on Friday, May 12 at 1:00pm at the CSGS. We would also like to congratulate our graduating minors - **Titi Arowolo** (Public Policy), **Caitlin Barlow** (Cinema and Media Studies), **Emily Beach** (Biological Sciences), **Isabella Cisneros** (Biological Sciences), **George Corrin** (Theater and Performance Studies), **Anatoli Karapanagiotidou** (Visual Arts) and **Bridgit Li** (Economics/Statistics). Good luck to all majors and minors in your next endeavors and stay in touch! We always welcome alumni to return and tell us what they've been up to.

Spring Courses

This quarter, **Rhiannon Love Auriemma** (PhD Political Science, Northwestern University), who taught multiple sections of Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations for us in Winter Quarter, will be teaching a stand-alone class entitled, “Contemporary Feminist Politics: From the Sex Wars to Beyonce.” In addition, our Residential Fellow **Kat Myers** (Divinity) will be teaching “Feminist Ethics.” Both courses count toward the GNSE major’s Foundations requirement. Another of our Residential Fellows, **Gabi Ojeda-Sague**, will be teaching “Intro to Porn Studies” as a Concepts course for our students. We are crosslisting an additional [33 undergraduate and 18 graduate-level courses](#).

Feminist Queer Praxis Series

After our most successful FQP ever in Winter (Trans Healthcare – the room was bursting at the seams!), we are planning to follow up with an event on podcasting, with podcasters who work in the areas of gender and sexuality. Stay tuned – details will be shared in our weekly email digest!

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 are funding three students: **Ellie Gilbert-Bair, Daphne Hoang, and Leticia Mercado.** We’re so pleased with this group of students who are interested in a wide variety of issues, including reproductive rights, LGBTQ media, and inclusive sex education. 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.

Research Grants Funded

We continue to offer research and travel grants on a quarterly basis. In Winter Quarter we had a very large applicant pool and were able to award five grants to [graduate students](#) and two to [undergraduate students](#) in support of their thesis/dissertation research. Booth PhD student **Sinja Leonelli** received funding for her dissertation surveys, and MAPSS students **Dahlia Deng, Francis Fabre, Ann Jiang** and **Matthew Temple** all received research grants to fund portions of their MA theses. **Gabi Kinlock** (Critical Race and Ethnic Studies/English) and our own **JQ Lee** (Gender and Sexuality Studies) received funds to support their BA theses. Congratulations to everyone! Our final grant deadline (which includes two \$2,500 grants for PhD students) is April 17.

Ruth Murray BA Thesis Prize in Women’s Studies, Feminist Criticism, Gender or Sexuality Studies

Sunday, May 7 is the deadline for undergraduate students to submit their BA theses for consideration for [the Ruth Murray BA Thesis Prize in Women’s Studies, Feminist Criticism, Gender or Sexuality Studies](#). In past years the prize has been open to any essay written by an undergraduate but moving forward it will be awarded to the best thesis 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 sustains and encourages 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 the Study of Gender and Sexuality 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).

Spring 2023 Funding Deadlines

April 17 Undergraduate and Graduate Research Grants

May 7 Ruth Murray BA Thesis Prize in Women’s Studies, Feminist Criticism, Gender or Sexuality Studies

Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Spring 2023 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

We are excited to announce the Spring 2023 schedule for the Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop. We have an exciting lineup of authors and discussants, and we hope you will join us! All sessions will be held virtually on alternate (even week) Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:20pm Central Time.

March 28: Silvia Fedi, PhD Candidate in Political Science, “Ruled by Women? Gender and Kratos in Ancient Sparta.” Discussant: **Josiab Ober**, The Markos & Eleni Kounalakis Chair in Honor of Constantine Mitsotakis, Professor of Political Science and Classics at Stanford University

April 11: Kat Myers, PhD Candidate in Environmental Ethics. Discussant: **Colin Marshall**, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Washington

April 25: Zoya Sameen, Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences. Discussant: **Ashwini Tambe**, Director of WGSS and Professor of History at George Washington University

May 9: Tara Gonsalves, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Northwestern University, “Negotiating Gender and Sexual Variance in the United Nations.” Discussant: **Kristen Schilt**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of CSGS at the University of Chicago

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/subscribe/sexuality-gender-wkshp>. If you have any questions or accommodation requests, please don't hesitate to contact us at gssworkshop@gmail.com.

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Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group

The following students will present at the Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group in Spring quarter. The Working Group will meet every other Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:00pm CST, and presenters will provide their preference for in-person or Zoom sessions. In-person meetings will take place at the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, 5733 S University Ave, in room 103. Food and beverages will be provided for in-person meetings. We ask that only students, graduate or undergraduate, attend.

March 21: Yukun Zeng, PhD candidate in Anthropology, “Unintelligibility”

April 4: Sarah Loo, MAPSS 2023, “Being Woman, Salafi and Modern: Navigating Identity in Present Day Indonesia”

April 18: Agnes Mondragón, Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences, “Gendered Violence, Feminism, and the Politics of Representation in Mexico”

May 2: Rachel Berkebile, MA at the Divinity School, “Is the Evangelical Church an Abuser of Women?: A Research Prospectus”

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.

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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