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A Note from the Director



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As we move into 2011, we at CGS are inspired by the enthusiastic response to our new initiatives in curriculum development, student life, and faculty research. Thanks to **John Boyer**, Dean of the College, the Center will soon be announcing the **creation of student internships**. These posts will enable some of our most motivated undergraduates to jump start their B.A. thesis research in the summer or simply to connect what they are learning in the classroom with the activities of related community, national, and international organizations. We are also delighted to announce that the College has enabled us to create a **new set of intermediate level classes**, both freestanding courses developed by our excellent graduate students and more advanced classes in theories of gender and sexuality. These courses will provide a much needed bridge between our current core-course offerings and the more specialized classes taught in the various disciplines by our wonderful affiliated faculty. Please check the CGS website in January for the announcement of these new classes.

We are continuing to foster innovative work around **“The Politics of Sexual Freedom,”** which is the annual theme of the new faculty seminar and The Lesbian and Gay Studies

Project. Be sure to attend the two upcoming CGS sponsored talks by **Cathy Cohen**, University of Chicago David and Mary Winton Green Professor in Political Science, and **E. Patrick Johnson**, Northwestern Professor of Performance Studies and African American Studies, both of which will address this topic through the lens of racial differences.

The Center’s **Feminist Theory Project** will continue to sponsor events around Simone de Beauvoir’s *The Second Sex*. Inspired by the excellent turnout for the October talk by the translators of the new English version of this classic work, Sheila Malovany-Chevallier and Constance Borde, we will be running a one-day workshop for students and interested faculty on **February 18th**. Led by Northwestern Philosophy Professor **Penelope Deutscher**, the workshop will focus on the relevance of Beauvoir’s text for feminism today. We are also looking forward to a talk on **March 31st** by **Toril Moi**, James B. Duke Professor of Literature and Romance Studies at Duke University, for her insights into this founding text of second-wave feminism. Check the CGS website for details.

As we start to plan for **next year’s Sawyer Seminar, “Women’s International Human Rights: Problems, Paradoxes, Possibilities,”** we have posted listings for a **postdoctoral fellowship** and will soon be announcing **two dissertation fellowships**. Please be in touch with Sarah Touhey, CGS Student Affairs Administrator and Coordinator of the Seminar, for more information.

We are also proud to announce

several new publications from our affiliated faculty. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for details.

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to come by the Center and use our space for your events. We are working to create a more hospitable environment for developing the CGS student and faculty intellectual community and would be delighted to hear your suggestions. We also hope to announce some exciting infrastructural developments later in the quarter. Stay posted.

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Collegiate Affairs

The Center for Gender Studies has much to offer students interested in gender and/or sexuality as topics of study and as approaches to understanding a variety of phenomena, from social life to cultural and intellectual production. We offer and cross-list courses from across the university's divisions and schools.

The Center also sponsors and participates in several major programs each year. Now in its sixth year, the **Feminist Lives, Queer Trajectories Series**,

which brings feminist and/or queer activists, academics, artists, professionals, and business leaders to campus to describe their life trajectories, how they came to do the work they do, and why it matters to them, continues this winter with a talk on **February 4** by journalist and blogger (and former student in the College!) **Rod McCullom**. Mr. McCullom says this about his work:

"Currently, you can regularly find my writing at *The Advocate*, where I'm the political columnist; *Advocate.com*; *Out.com's Popnography*; *The Huffington Post*, where I'm a featured contributor, as well as gay *Fleshbot* (NSFW), part of Gawker Media, *Flavalife*, and *Clik*." His blog can be viewed at <http://rodonline.typepad.com>).

Also in February, the CGS' **Classics in Feminist Theory Series** continues with Northwestern philosopher **Penelope Deutscher**, who will join us at the Center for a discussion of Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex* that will include a special opportunity

for undergraduate participants (announcement forthcoming).

Majoring or Minorin in Gender Studies

The Gender Studies undergraduate major has existed at the University of Chicago for the last 12 years, and since 2006 a minor in Gender Studies has been an option.

Majoring in Gender Studies, which includes sexuality/LGBT studies, requires our two core courses, GNDR 10100 and GNDR 10200 (introductions to the study of gender and sexuality, respectively), plus nine additional courses, at least five of which must be specifically in gender/sexuality studies. The major also requires a BA project, a two and a half quarter process which includes a BA seminar. Because the number of majors is comparatively small – typically five to eight GS students graduate per year – our students derive intensive group and individual support from one another and are able to work very closely with the GS preceptor. Nearly half of our majors are double majors, bringing in the perspectives and skills of various academic disciplines. Overall, the group is intellectually and creatively versatile: BA projects have their sources in sociological fieldwork, historical research in archived texts, theoretical analysis of written and visual forms, to name only a few.

Students may also **minor in Gender Studies**. A minor requires the two core GS courses and at least four additional courses

in gender and/or sexuality (these courses may not be double counted with major or general education requirements). Students who want to complete a minor in Gender Studies must declare this intention before the *end of spring quarter of the third year* by filing a form available online on the College web site: <http://college.uchicago.edu/policies-regulations/forms-and-petitions>

If you are interested in learning more about majoring or minoring in Gender Studies, get in touch with **Sarah Tuohey**, CGS Student Affairs Administrator, at stuohey@uchicago or 773-702-2365. A full description of both options can also be found in the College Catalog under Gender Studies and on the CGS website.

Looking Ahead to Spring Course Offerings

GNDR 10200, Problems in the Study of Sexuality will be on offer during Spring Quarter, taught by Law School professor Mary Anne Case. Two spring courses taught by CGS Teaching Fellows Marie McDonough and Emily Remus are titled "**Morrison, Walker, Lorde**" (cross-listed with English and Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies) and "**Consuming Women: Gender, Consumption, and Commodification in Historical Perspective**," (cross-listed with History). Gender Studies course descriptions can be found on our website: <http://genderstudies.uchicago.edu/undergrad/courses.shtml>

Winter 2011 Workshop Schedule

Tuesday, January 11

Elisabeth Clemens

Department of Sociology
University of Chicago

*The Corporate Reconstruction of
Civic Life: Realigning Gender,
Class and Expertise*

Tuesday, February 1

Co-sponsored with Ethnoise!

**Luis-Manuel Garcia and
Gregory Mitchell**

PhD Candidates in Ethnomusicology,
University of Chicago and Perform-
ance Studies, Northwestern

*Sex On Several Levels: An Affective
Mapping of Queer Heterotopias in
Rio de Janeiro and Berlin*

Tuesday, February 8

Caroline Schuster

PhD Candidate, Anthropology

*Micro-management of Debt:
Gender, Credibility, and the
Regulatory Work of Microloans in
Ciudad del Este, Paraguay*

Tuesday, February 22

Sara Goodkind

School of Social Work
University of Pittsburgh

*"You can be anything you want,
but you have to believe it":
Commercialized Feminism in
Gender-specific Programs for Girls*

Tuesday, March 8

Larisa Reznik

PhD Candidate, Divinity School
TBA

The Center for Gender Studies now offers a **Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies**. Students wishing to receive the certificate should see the website for details and submit evidence of having fulfilled the requirements for approval to the Sarah Tuohey, Student Affairs Administrator.

The Center for Gender Studies fosters many kinds of graduate participation in the Center. **Teaching opportunities** at the CGS include co-teaching in the core of the undergraduate concentration (Problems in Gender Studies I and II and B.A. Preceptorship) as well as free standing courses in the College. The core undergraduate courses for the program promote collaborative teaching among faculty and graduate students.

The first round of applications are due **January 13, 2011**, for the **Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowships in the Humanities**. Advanced graduate students in the Humanities (ABD by January 31, 2011) may apply to teach one undergraduate course "of their own design" in any of the three quarters of the 2011-12 term. Students in all divisions are encouraged to apply to the general call to teach one of two free-standing courses in Gender Studies.

Gender Studies is pleased to offer a new set of courses for our undergraduates and a **new opportunity for graduate students**. We are calling for applications by advanced graduate students (ABD) to teach one undergraduate course of their own design on the topic of Gender Theory or Queer Theory.

Next year the Center will offer **two Gender Studies Dissertation Fellowships** in conjunction with the Sawyer Seminar. **Two Hormel Fellowships in Sexuality Studies** will

also be made available. University of Chicago Ph.D. candidates from all disciplines are encouraged to apply.

All teaching and fellowship applications (except the Tave) are due **April 1, 2011**. Full guidelines can be found on the links from the Graduate Students Page of our Website:

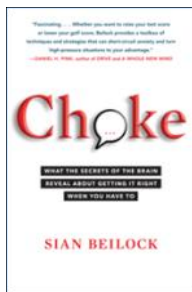
<http://genderstudies.uchicago.edu/grad>

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop (GSSW)

promotes studies of the ways in which gender and sexuality shape human experiences and are embedded in other social practices. It provides participants with an interdisciplinary forum for the development of critical perspectives on gender and sexuality. The workshop meets Tuesday afternoons in even weeks of the quarter to discuss pre-circulated papers written by University of Chicago graduate students, faculty, and visiting scholars. Our winter quarter workshops will feature papers from scholars in **music, anthropology, divinity, sociology, and social work**.

Unless otherwise noted, all workshops are held on the first floor of the Center for Gender Studies, 5733 S. University Avenue, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Attendees are expected to read the workshop paper in advance of meeting. **Papers are made available on the CGS website:**
<http://genderstudies.uchicago.edu/events/workshops.shtml>

If you are interested in being included on the workshop email list or would like to present your work at a future date, please email the workshop coordinator Erin Moore, emoore@uchicago.edu.

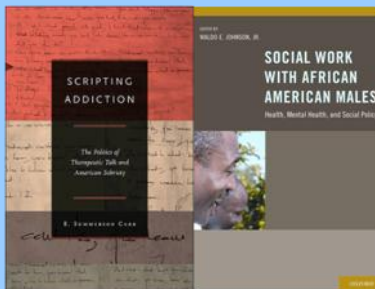


Sian Beilock
Choke: What the Secrets of the Brain Reveal about Getting It Right When You Have To
 (Free Press, 2010)

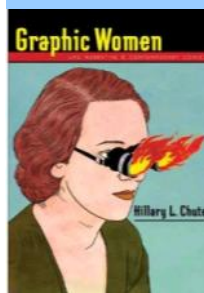
James Heckman
Global Perspectives on the Rule of Law
 (Routledge, 2010) and *Hard Evidence on Soft Skills: The GED and the Problem with Soft Skills in America*
 (University of Chicago Press, 2010)



E. Summerson Carr
Scripting Addiction: The Politics of Therapeutic Talk and American Sobriety
 (Princeton University Press, 2010)

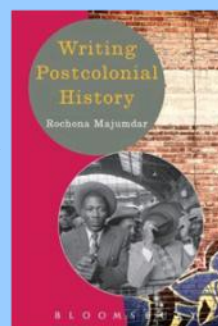


Waldo E. Johnson, Jr. ed.
Social Work With African American Males: Health, Mental Health, and Social Policy
 (Oxford University Press, 2010)



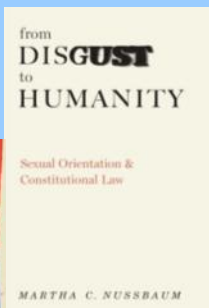
Hilary Chute
Graphic Women: Life Narrative and Contemporary Comics
 (Columbia University Press, 2010)

Rochona Majumdar
Writing Postcolonial History
 (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2011)



Elisabeth S. Clemens
Politics and Partnerships: The Role of Voluntary Associations in America's Political Past and Present
 (University of Chicago Press, 2010)

Cathy Cohen
Democracy Remixed: Black Youth and the Future of American Politics
 (Oxford University Press, 2010)



Martha Nussbaum
From Disgust to Humanity: Sexual Orientation and Constitutional Law
 (Oxford University Press, 2010) and *Not For Profit: Why Democracy Needs The Humanities*
 (Princeton, 2010)



Jennifer Cole
Sex and Salvation: Imagining the Future in Madagascar
 (University of Chicago Press, 2010)

Kristen Schilt
Just One of the Guys?: Transgender Men and the Persistence of Gender Inequality
 (University of Chicago Press, 2010)



Elaine Hadley
Living Liberalism: Practical Citizenship in Mid-Victorian Britain
 (University of Chicago Press, 2010)



Christine Stansell
The Feminist Promise: 1792 to the Present
 (Modern Library, 2010)