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## A Note from the Director

Dear Friends of the Center,

2015-16 marks the 20th anniversary of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. Founded in 1996 as the Center for Gender Studies, the CSGS has developed over the last two decades into a vibrant intellectual community that serves an increasingly diverse and interdisciplinary group of scholars. We are planning a wide array of events to celebrate and assess the development of gender and sexuality as a distinctive field of inquiry at UChicago and to brainstorm on future trajectories. The anniversary also presents an opportunity to expand our efforts to enlarge our newly created endowment and put the Center on sound financial footing. Please take a moment to look at the website and make a donation.

Taking a historical view of the role of women at the University, on **November 5** the CSGS will host **Hanna Holborn Gray**, former president of the University and professor of history emeritus. Professor Gray will discuss the reissue of *More than Lore: Reminiscences of Marion Talbot*, originally published in 1936, for which she has written a new foreword.

Talbot was the dean of women at the University from 1895 to 1925 and co-founder of what would become the American Association of University Women. *More than Lore* is a firsthand account of the early days of the University and a fascinating look at life as an early twentieth-century college woman and the foundations of the modern undergraduate experience.

On **November 18** at 6pm, we welcome alumni, students and faculty to a special screening of the film *Regarding Susan Sontag* followed by a discussion led by Professor Deborah Nelson, former Faculty Director of the Center, where we will explore the life and work of the famous writer, filmmaker and political activist, **Susan Sontag**, AB'51 who is among UChicago's best known alumni.

This year we will continue the series on *Sexual Violence on Campus*. On **October 28**, the Center will host **Jennifer Doyle** to speak on "Campus Sex/Campus Security: The Psychic Skin of the University." We are in the planning stages of an event to discuss the results of Spring 2015 Climate Survey on sexual misconduct at the University. This important re-

## AUTUMN EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

### Tues October 6

Workshop with  
Julieta Paredes

### Wed October 7

5733 Open House

### Wed October 28

Jennifer Doyle  
"Campus Sex/Campus  
Security: The Psychic Skin  
of the University"

### Thurs November 5

Hanna Holborn Gray  
discusses the reissue of  
*More than Lore: Reminis-  
cences of Marion Talbot*

### Thurs November 12

Kate Berlant  
Performance and discus-  
sion with Lauren Berlant

### Wed November 18

*Regarding Susan Sontag*  
Film Screening and  
Discussion with Deborah  
Nelson

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port now serves as the basis for developing pragmatic and effective strategies for combatting the myriad forms of sexual misconduct that damage individual lives and impair student's access to an equal education. I urge you to read the published results and to voice your concerns.

The ongoing **Precarious Citizenship Series** will focus in 2015-16 on the attacks on reproductive rights and the implications for the exercise of full citizenship. Together with the Law School, we are thrilled to cosponsor **Cecile Richards**, President of Planned Parenthood, in January, who will speak to the current crisis faced by this crucial provider of women's health care and to the challenges ahead. We are also excited to host **Katha Pollitt**, whose "Subject to Debate" column in the Nation regularly addresses crucial feminist issues. In both a workshop and a public lecture, Pollitt will discuss the central themes of her politically astute and powerful 2015 book *Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights*. These events will fill up fast so be sure to stay tuned for signup information.

Among other events in the planning for 2016 are a Spring CSGS fellows' reunion with panel discussions on activism and scholarship inside and outside the academy culminating with a party over Alumni Weekend (June 3-4, 2016), the Feminist Queer Praxis series featuring Gender and Sexuality Studies alum who have gone on to amazing careers in the arts, special distinguished alumni and distinguished faculty lectures, and a symposium featuring some of the Center's founding faculty and students.

Our fabulous faculty are planning some great events and series - Lauren Berlant and Kristen Schilt will lead the **LGBTQ Studies Project** and we are fortunate to have Lauren Berlant curate the **Artists' Salon** series while Professor Hillary Chute is on leave. Jennifer Wild will again lead the **Counter Cinema/Counter Media** project. Kristen Schilt and Patrick Jagoda will organize **Alternate Realities and Virtual Worlds**, a series on gaming at the Center.

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop's theme for fall quarter is "**Playing in Relation**," and has been curated by Patrick Jagoda. The first workshop is Tuesday, October 6th when Professor Jagoda will discuss his paper, "Experimental Games: Gamification, Affect, and Non-sovereign Play". The Winter and Spring faculty curators of the workshop are Amanda Sharkey (Booth School of Business) and Sonali Thakker (English), respectively.

Be sure to stop by the Center at noon on **October 6** for a dynamic workshop with **Julieta Paredes**, Bolivian feminist activist, writer, singer, author and poet, introduced by Professor Agnes Lugo-Ortiz. Finally be sure to join the CSGS and the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture for our annual open house on **October 7**, 4:30-6 pm. There will be light fare, drinks and great opportunities to meet other scholars in gender, sexuality and critical race studies. We look forward to seeing you there!

Linda Zerilli  
Charles E. Merriam Distinguished Service Professor,  
Political Science and the College; Faculty Director, CSGS

## College News

### The Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

The Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies offers a major, with a choice between a generalist path and discipline-based path. Many of our majors, usually those who choose the discipline-based path, also pursue and complete one or even two other majors. We also offer a minor, which makes 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 about the major or minor and want to talk about how they might fit in with your general academic goals, call or email CSGS Student Affairs Administrator Sarah Tuohey (773-702-2365; [stuohey@uchicago.edu](mailto:stuohey@uchicago.edu)) to talk or set up a meeting.

### Courses 2015-16

CSGS will offer several free-standing courses this year, including "Gendering Privacy" and "Theories of Sexual Violence in American Culture" in the winter and "Women Possessed: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality in Early America" and "Gender, Sexuality, and Islamic Traditions" in the spring.

CSGS' core (general education requirement) offering, "Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations, Parts I and II, continues and has expanded to three sections this year, taught in the autumn by Susan Burns and Tara Zahra, both of History, and Alison James of French and in the winter by Sonali Thakkar of English, Kristen Schilt of Sociology, and Susan Gal of Anthropology.

### Undergraduate Summer Internships

This past summer CSGS funded four summer internships undertaken in the Chicago area. Helena Bassett interned for Tewa Women United in New Mexico, Jessica Covil at About Face Theatre in Chicago, Carson Gaffney for the Feminist Majority Foundation in Los Angeles, and Clair Fuller at the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health in Chicago. A call for applications for 2015 summer internships will go out (and be posted on the CSGS web site) later this quarter and an informational meeting will be held in early winter.

### Theme for 2015-16: CSGS 20th Anniversary

This year the center will host a series of events in connection with the 20th anniversary of the founding of CSGS. Later in the quarter a call will go out for proposals for major and minor events to mark the anniversary; if you have ideas you would like to share now, please get in touch with Sarah Tuohey ([stuohey@uchicago.edu](mailto:stuohey@uchicago.edu); 773-702-2365).



# Graduate Student News

## CSGS Graduate Fellows 2015-16

Please join us in welcoming our CSGS Dissertation and Residential Fellows for 2014-15. Michael Chladek, a PhD candidate in Comparative Human Development, is one of two CSGS dissertation fellows at the Center. The other is Lindsey Conklin, also a PhD candidate in Comparative Human Development who was a residential fellow at CSGS in 2014-15. Residential fellows for the year are Amanda Blair of Political Science, Michael Dango of English, Amanda Davis of English, Britta Ingebretson of Anthropology, and Katya Motyl of History. This year CSGS and the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture (CSRPC), have awarded a joint fellowship to Lauren Eldridge, a PhD candidate in Music. More information about our fellows can be found on our web site at <http://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/research/gradstudents.shtml>.

## Alumnae/I News

As usual, CSGS former fellows and teachers have secured great positions and prestigious awards for 2015-16. Luis Manuel Garcia, Hormel Fellow in 2010-11, has been hired as a (permanent) lecturer at the University of Birmingham (UK), where he will also work on developing a new program on "Global Popular Musics." Ainsley LeSure, CSGS-CSRPC dissertation fellow in 2012-13 and CSGS BA Preceptor 2013-15, is beginning her term as a Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences here at the university. Erin Moore, past residential fellow, dissertation fellow, and teacher, received a dissertation fellowship from the American Association of University Women, and Aidan Beatty, who taught the GSS course "What is Masculinity?" last year, has won the 2015 Adele Dalsimer Prize for Distinguished Dissertation from the American Conference for Irish Studies.

## CSGS Teachers 2015-16

Seventeen graduate students from nine PhD programs will teach for the Center this year. Ashleigh Campi of Political Science, a residential fellow in 2014-15, will serve as the BA preceptor. "Problems in the Study of Gender/Sexuality" graduate co-teachers are Carmen Merport of English and Rebecca Oh of English (autumn), and Katrina Powers of Spanish (winter), while Jay Sosa of Anthropology will co-teach "Advanced Theories in Gender and Sexuality." Rebecca Crisafulli of French, Christina Flores, Noriko Kanahara, and Katya Motyl of History, Andrea Ford of Anthropology, and Katie Hendricks of Sociology will be teaching interns for the civilization sequence this year. Michael Dango and Cayce Hughes will teach free-standing courses in the winter, while two team-taught courses, headed by Timothy Gutmann (Divinity) and Mariam Sheibani (NELC) and Alison Davis (Divinity) and Katie Krywokulski (English) respectively, will be offered in the spring.

## CSGS Staff

Linda Zerilli, *Faculty Director*

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# Gender Studies Workshop & Working Group

On alternating Tuesdays, the **Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop** and the **Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group** meet in the seminar room at the Center from 4:30-6 pm. The Workshop features a quarterly theme curated by a faculty member and papers are pre-circulated. The Working Group is a forum for graduate students to workshop research and writing at any point in the progress of their work, as well as to request help on specific aspects of their projects.

## Autumn 2015 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

The Fall Quarter theme for the **Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop** is "Playing in Relation," and has been curated by Prof. Patrick Jagoda (English). This workshop invites conversations about different cultural forms and technological platforms of play, including videogames, analog games, virtual worlds, toys, performances, play-grounds, and make-believe. How does play open up questions about affect, imagination, desire, and precariousness, especially among people at play together? How do various types of play — from power plays to sexual play to playing with identity — emerge from different cultural forms and impact understandings of gender and sexuality?

**Tuesday, October 6: Patrick Jagoda**, Assistant Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, "Experimental Games: Gamification, Affect, and Non-sovereign Play"

**Tuesday, October 20: Nicole Morse**, Cinema and Media Studies, "Selfies at Play: Activism and Identity Exploration In Zinnia Jones' Self-Portraits"

**Monday, November 9\*: Peter McDonald**, Department of English Language and Literature, "'Dancing, drinking, all the things that are pleasant in this world': Post-45 Variations in Sex and Leisure" *\*Due to scheduling conflicts, the workshop will meet on Monday (rather than Tuesday) for this session.*

**Tuesday, November 17: Dawn Herrera Helphand**, Committee on Social Thought, "Play and the Foucauldian Subject"

**Tuesday, December 1: Doris Rusch**, Assistant Professor for Game Design, DePaul University, "Outside In - A (Female) Perspective on Designing (Different) Games"

Papers are made available in advance via our email list. If you are interested in joining the email list, go to <http://lists.uchicago.edu/web/subscribe/sexuality-gender-wkshp> or contact the workshop coordinators, Annie Hefferman and Rebecca Oh, at [gssworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:gssworkshop@gmail.com).

Additional workshop information, including past schedules, can be found at <http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/genderandsexuality/>. If you have any questions or accommodation requests, please don't hesitate to contact the workshop coordinators at [gssworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:gssworkshop@gmail.com).

## 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.

**Tuesday, October 13: Lindsey Conklin**, Comparative Human Development, CSGS Dissertation Fellow, "Broken Engagements and Strategic Courtship"

**Tuesday, October 27: Jay Schutte**, Anthropology, "Gendering the Chronotope or How to become a Purple Cow: Oprah Winfrey Girls, Trevor Noah Men, and the Mass-Mediated Spacetimes of Sino-Afropolitanism"

**Tuesday, November 3: David Knight**, Political Science, "Intersectionality and Education: Reflections on Strategically Visible Identity Enactments in School Institutions"

**Tuesday, November 24: Katherina Motyl**, History, CSGS Residential Fellow, "Bodies that Shimmer: Women, Embodiment, and the Sexual Wende in Vienna, 1893-1931"

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the Working Group e-mail list, or are a person with a disability who may need assistance, please contact the Working Group coordinators, Omie Hsu and Katie Hendricks at [gssworkinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:gssworkinggroup@gmail.com).

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