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Omise'eke Natasha Tinsley (Associate Professor of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas) at Austin will discuss her book Beyoncé in Formation: Remixing Black Feminism at the CSGS on Monday, December 2 at 4:30pm

A Note from the Director

Dear Friends of the Center,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year with a wide array of engaging and timely events. As we continue to experience daily assaults on citizenship and rights across the country, our programming this year will focus on maintaining resistance and resilience in the face of political and social backlash. We will feature a series of events that engage with the precarious state of citizenship in the United States today. Our series will center around questions of reproductive justice and LGBTQ citizenship. We are also excited to announce two faculty projects for this year: "Gendering Sexual Capitalism," led by Prof. **Kimberly Hoang** (Sociology) and "Gender & Sexuality in the Middle Ages: Creating a Lexicon," led by Prof. **Daisy Delogu** (Romance Languages and Literature). And, we will continue to have a vibrant Feminist/Queer Praxis series that brings in activists and artists working broadly to make social change around gender & sexuality. As I detail below, our Autumn quarter is filled with talks and panels intended to motivate and inspire. We hope to see you here!

It is my pleasure to announce a few of our new faculty affiliates – all assistant professors across the University. **Eman Abdelhadi**, who received her Ph.D. in Sociology from New York University, is joining the Department of Comparative Human Development – first as a two-year Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow. Professor Abdelhadi's work focuses on the ways in which second-generation Muslim Americans engage with Muslim communities across the life course. **Noémie Ndiaye**, who received her Ph.D. in English at Columbia University, has joined the Department of English Language and Literature. Professor Ndiaye's work explores the relation between theater and the social and political struggles of early modernity. **Kris Trujillo**, who received his Ph.D. in Rhetoric from the University of California at Berkeley, has joined the Department of Comparative Literature. Professor Trujillo's research centers on Christian mystical traditions, queer theory, and Latinx literatures. All three faculty affiliates bring a new – and much needed – set of questions and archives to our Center and we look forward to working with them.

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FEATURED EVENTS

Thu Oct 3
5733 Open House

Thu Oct 10, Nov 7 & Dec 12
Cinema 53: Reproductive Justice

Mon Oct 14
Rebecca Wanzo, "The Handmaid's Tale and Competing Rights Temporalities"

Thu Oct 17
Karen Tongson, "Why Karen Carpenter Matters"

Mon Oct 21
Eric Stanley and Dean Spade, "Becoming Ungovernable: Trans Life Against the State"

Thu Nov 14
Feminist/Queer Praxis: Housekeepers Union on the Hands Off/Pants On campaign

Mon Dec 2
Omise'eke Natasha Tinsley, "Beyoncé in Formation: Remixing Black Feminism"

Fri Dec 6
Holiday Cookie Study Break

Before we launch into our fall events, we want to announce three “*save the dates*” for our distinguished annual lectures and faculty book party: On January 22, Prof. **Martha Feldman** (Music), author of *The Castrato: Reflections on Nature and Kinds*, will give our 2020 Distinguished Faculty Lecture. On May 11, Prof. **Mignon Moore** (Ph.D. '98; Sociology, Barnard College), author of *Invisible Families: Gay Identities, Relationships, and Motherhood among Black Women*, will give our 2020 Distinguished Alumnae Lecture. And on May 20 at our annual Faculty Book Party, we will celebrate our amazing faculty affiliates' books published this year.

We will kick off the year on Thursday, October 3 (5-6:30 pm) with our annual Open House, co-hosted with the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture. Everyone is welcome! For our series on reproductive justice, we will be featuring a talk by Prof. **Rebecca Wanzo** (Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Washington Univ in St. Louis) on Monday, October 14. Her talk, “I Still Have to Protest this S%t?! *The Handmaid's Tale* and Competing Rights Temporalities” will engage with reproductive rights through drawing on texts such as Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*. We will also be partnering with Cinema 53 for “Freedom, Autonomy, Access: 25 Years of Reproductive Justice.” Twenty-five years after the development of the “reproductive justice” framework in Chicago, this series will consider the complex experiences that constitute “RJ” today by bringing together organizers, scholars, artists, and health workers to view ground-breaking films and explore the critical inheritance and vital future of the movement for reproductive justice. Screenings will be held on Thursdays at 7 pm, October 10, November 7 and December 12 at the Harper Theater in Hyde Park.

In our series about LGBTQ lives, we will host a lunchtime screening of **Michelle Citron's** *LIVES: VISIBLE* (2017) on Friday, October 11 at 12:30 pm to celebrate National Coming Out Day. Citron utilizes two thousand private snapshots hidden away for over fifty years to reveal the rich history of Chicago's working-class butch/fem life in the pre-Stonewall era, the ephemeral nature of culture and the power of the images we make. On Thursday, October 17, our faculty affiliate Prof. **Lauren Berlant** (English) will be in conversation with Prof. **Karen Tongson** (USC) about Tongson's new book, *Why Karen Carpenter Matters* (University of Texas Press, 2019). In the book, Tongson does a reading of the 1970s pop band, The Carpenters, through her perspective as a queer Filipina fan. On Monday, October 21 at 12:30 pm, we will co-sponsor a lunchtime event with Pozen Family Center Visiting Prof. **Dean Spade** (Seattle University) and Prof. **Eric Stanley** (UC Berkeley) titled “Becoming Ungovernable: Trans Life Against the State.” Prof. Stanley will discuss the documentary film, “Major!” about the life and work of transgender activist Miss Major Griffen-Gracy. On Thursday, November 7, we will co-sponsor an event with the Film Studies Center and Logan Arts featuring UChicago alum, filmmaker **Kimberly Peirce**. Peirce will screen and discuss the influence and limits of her film about Brandon Teena, *Boys Don't Cry*, on the event of the film's 20th anniversary. Finally, on Monday, December 2, we will feature a lecture by Prof. **Omise'eke Natasha Tinsley** (UT Austin), who will be speaking about her book, *Beyoncé in Formation: Remixing Black Feminism* in which she does a reading of the cultural importance of Beyon-

cé's “Lemonade” through a femme, queer of color lens. Please see the column College News later in this newsletter for details on this quarter's Feminist Queer Praxis series.

Prof. **Linda Zerilli** (Political Science, CSGS) will host a speaker series to accompany her two-quarter course, *Feminism and the Radical Democratic Imaginary*, exploring conceptual problems in the production of historical knowledge on feminist political futures and the creation of the social imaginary and institutions that facilitate what Cornelius Castoriadis calls “new figures of the thinkable.” On Tuesday, October 8 at noon, Prof. **Michaele Ferguson** (Univ of Colorado at Boulder) will give the first talk, “The Bandita Will Break Your Heart (A Love Letter to Iris Marion Young)” in the Social Sciences Tea Room. On Friday, November 1 at 12:30 pm, the Gendering Sexual Capitalism project will host Prof. **Maria Cecilia Hwang** (McGill University) for “Unbound and Bound Spheres of Globalization: Borders, Markets, and Asymmetries in Global Mobility,” on the circulation and mobility among independent women sex workers from the Philippines and their male clients. *Gender & Sexuality in the Middle Ages: Creating a Lexicon* will meet on Oct 11, Nov 1 and Nov 22 to discuss readings on the question of embodiment in the Middle Ages. The fall quarter's theme is Race in the Middle Ages. For more information on the project, visit <https://voices.uchicago.edu/lexiconproject/about/>

Our interdisciplinary workshop, the Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop (GSSW), will be held biweekly on Tuesday afternoons in the Center's seminar room beginning October 8th from 5-6:15pm. We will open the workshop with a panel about navigating graduate school that features three new postdoctoral fellows at the university: Prof. **Eman Abdelhadi** (Comparative Human Development), **Carlos Cardenas-Iriguez** (Psychology), and **Caterina Fugazzola** (MAPSS). The rest of the quarter will feature our dissertation and residential fellows presenting work from their dissertations alongside a faculty discussant. Our graduate student coordinator is **Annie Heffernan** (Political Science). We welcome new and returning members of the workshop! The Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group – a graduate student-only group that provides a space for feedback on developing ideas and short works in progress – will continue to meet on alternate Tuesdays from 5-6:20pm. **Shannon Morrissey** (Sociology) and **Agatha Slupek** (Political Science) are this year's organizers.

Our 2019-20 Fellows recently moved into their offices and we are looking forward to a great year with this group in residence! Our Dissertation Fellows are **Emily Bock** (Anthropology) and **Katie Hendricks** (Sociology). **Ray Noll** (Anthropology) is this year's CSGS/CSRPC Joint Dissertation Fellow and they will be housed with us in the CSGS. Our Residential Fellows are **Annie Heffernan** (Political Science), **Jane Hereth** (SSA), **Rose Owen** (Political Science), **Agatha Slupek** (Political Science), **Alyssa Smith** (History) and **Alex Wolfson** (Divinity). We also are excited to have **Agatha Slupek** (Political Science) serve as our B.A. preceptor for the Gender and Sexuality Studies major.

We look forward to a great year!
Kristen Schilt

Student News

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

The Center's Student Affairs Administrator, Bonnie Kanter will be leading several outreach activities this quarter to get the word out about what the CSGS has to offer for students interested in gender and sexuality. You can find her at the information sessions for graduate students and the Student Activities and Resources Fair for undergraduates with more information on our programs, including the expansion of our graduate certificate program to students in Divinity and MAPSS! Stop by and say hello or attend her open office hours on Friday, October 11 (10 a.m.-noon) or Friday, November 15 (1-3 p.m.) in the Community Room at CSGS!

We have made some changes to the curriculum this year – categorizing courses originating in our department as Foundations (graduate student led courses that serve as great entry points for students interested in gender/sexuality studies), Problems (faculty taught deeper dives in to subjects) and Concepts (graduate student taught deep dive courses).

Autumn 2019 Courses

This quarter, **Kristen Schilt** and **Lauren Berlant** will be offering our Theories of Sexuality and Gender course, which will also be co-taught by PhD Candidate **Emily Bock** from the Anthropology department. The CSGS' core (general education requirement) offering, "Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations, Part I", will have six sections this year, an increase from years past – and obviously a necessary one as all of the sections are full. The sections will be taught by Social Sciences Teaching Fellow **Tasneem Mandviwala**, **Supurna Dasgupta** (South Asian Languages & Civilizations), Prof. **Susan Burns** of History, Prof. **Daisy Delogu** of Romance Languages, and Prof. **Riley Snorton** of English/GSS will be teaching two sections. Prof. Snorton will also be teaching his very popular Bodies of Transformation graduate course this quarter. Prof. **Ghenwa Hayek** of NELC received our faculty grant to create a Problems course – From the Harem to Helem: Gender and Sexuality in the Modern Middle East - and will be teaching to both graduate and undergraduates. **Lara Janson** (Sociology) and **Alex Wolfson** (Divinity) are both teaching courses chosen from our free standing lecture graduate student applications. Lara will be teaching a Foundations course – Defining the Feminist "Fourth Wave" and Alex will be teaching a Concepts Course – Cybernetics and Trans Identities. Finally, **Agatha Slupek** (Political Science) is taking over as our BA Preceptor. In addition, we are crosslisting 23 gender/sexuality themed courses for undergraduates and 12 for graduate students across a wide range of departments. For a full list of this year's courses, please visit: <https://gendersexuality.uchicago.edu/academic/courses.shtml>

Feminist Queer Praxis Series (FQP)

The Feminist/Queer Praxis series, aimed at undergraduate audiences, brings artists, activists, scholars, and professionals to the CSGS to talk about their work in the world as people committed to queer and feminist values and action. This quarter we have two very exciting events. On October 27, **Allison Delpercio**, the Director of the Human Rights Campaign's All Children – All

Families program will talk about her ongoing work to improve practices concerning LGBTQ children, youth, adults and families within social service agencies. And on November 14th, **Sarah Lyons** from United Here Local 1 will discuss the Hands Off, Pants On campaign that succeeded in providing panic buttons in hotel rooms for the safety of housekeeping staff. She will be accompanied by one of the housekeepers who was active in the campaign.

Undergraduate Summer Internships

This past summer CSGS funded summer internships undertaken in different parts of the world. Our students were spread out around the country working at a wide range of organizations. Fourth year **Fikayo Walter-Johnson** worked at the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco. Third year **Janelle Hartley** worked at TGI Justice providing advocacy and support for transgender, gender variant and intersex people who are interacting with the criminal justice system, primarily those who are leaving prison and need resources. Two rising second years received grants for work following their first year at UChicago - **Franz Harling** interned at the Hetrick Martin working on outreach to LGBTQ youth and **Liana Massey** volunteered at her local domestic violence shelter, Laurel House. A call for applications for 2020 summer internships will go out (and be posted on the CSGS website) later this quarter and an informational meetings/report backs will be held early in Winter Quarter.

Undergraduate Major/Minor

Undergraduate students interested in the topics of gender and/or sexuality are welcome at the Center and have the option to get a major or a minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies. Students can take GNSE coursework as an independent major, or as a double major where their gender coursework can provide a lens through which they study another discipline. A minor is also available for students who may not be able to complete all the major requirements while also studying another discipline. Currently we have students who are also majoring in psychology, chemistry, English, Cinema and Media Studies and many other areas. **We'll be holding an Information Session for anyone interested in the major on October 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Center.** Come by to learn about the major/minor and how it might work for you. In the meantime, 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 (773-702-2365) or email Student Affairs Administrator Bonnie Kanter (bonniek@uchicago.edu) to talk through your options. Have a great quarter!

2019-20 Save the Dates!

Wed, Jan 22 Distinguished Faculty Lecture:
Martha Feldman

Mon, May 11 Distinguished Alumni Lecture:
Mignon Moore

Wed, May 20 Faculty Book Party

Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Workshops and Working Group sessions are held on **Tuesdays from 5:00-6:15pm** in the first floor seminar room of the Center at 5733 S. University Avenue.

Fall 2019 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

October 8: “Navigating Graduate School: Advice from Recent PhDs”: A panel discussion featuring postdoctoral teaching fellow **Eman Abdelhadi** (Provost Postdoctoral Fellow in Comparative Human Development), **Carlos Cardenas-Iniguez** (Social Science Teaching Fellow), and **Caterina Fugazzola** (Earl Johnson Instructor in MAPSS).

October 22: **Jane Hereth**, CSGS Residential Fellow/PhD Candidate in Social Services Administration, “Where is the safe place?; Legal socialization and intersections of police and interpersonal violence among young transgender women.” Discussant: Professor **Yanilda González**, Social Services Administration

November 5: **K.A. Hendricks**, CSGS Dissertation Fellow/PhD Candidate in Sociology, “Disparate Treatment versus Disparate Impact: Comparing the Legal Logics of Title IX Claims.” Discussant: Professor **Anna-Maria Marshall**, Sociology and Law at the University of Illinois

November 19: **Sneha Annavarapu**, PhD Candidate, Sociology, “Risky Roads, Safe Suspicions: gender, class, and cabs in Hyderabad, India.” Discussant: Professor **Rochona Majumdar**, Cinema and Media Studies & South Asian Languages and Civilizations

December 2: **Omise’eke Natasha Tinsley**, Associate Professor of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, “Beyoncé in Formation: Remixing Black Feminism.”

Additional workshop information and past schedules, can be found at <http://voices.uchicago.edu/genderandsexuality/> Papers are made available in advance via our email list. To join, go to <http://lists.uchicago.edu/web/subscribe/sexuality-gender-wkshp> or contact the workshop coordinator, Annie Heffernan (Political Science) at 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.

The Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group meets on alternate Tuesdays from 5:00-6:20pm. We ask that only students, graduate or undergraduate, attend.

Papers are circulated in advance via e-mail.

If you have any questions, 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, Shannon Morrissey and Agatha Slupek at gssworkinggroup@gmail.com.



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