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I look forward to working with you all this year.

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Welcome New Fellows!

Our 2020-21 Fellows may be working remotely, but they are still very much a part of our Center. They are bringing forward ideas and projects that were unimaginable a year ago. These barriers are a particular concern to our postdoctoral fellows approaching the job market and our graduate students working under strict time constraints. To address these collective concerns, we are building a series of panels and workshops on research methods. We launched this series in the summer with a book salon on Habermas' Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research featuring authors Rebecca Hanson (Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies, Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida) and Patricia Richards (Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies, University of Illinois) and a panel of scholars discussing the book. The video is available on view on YouTube. On Wed, Oct 21 at 5 pm CST we will co-host "Virtual Turn: Doing Ethnography: Doing and Beyond a Pandemic," featuring Sneha Annavarapu (Social Sciences Teaching Fellow), Cate Fugazzola (Earl S. Johnstone Instructor), and Benjamin Fogarty-Valenzuela (Ethnogra- phy Incubator and Manseuto Institute Postdoctoral Fellow).

We are very excited to announce that Prof. Kris Trujillo (Com- parative Literature) has published the latest in a series of books, which is up to a record eight sections per year. We are also excited to welcome our new faculty and postdoctoral affiliates from across the university. We encourage you to visit our faculty and postdoctoral affiliates webpages to learn more about the work on gender & sexuality being done around campus. In a remarkable moment, we have over 30 postdoctoral affiliates working on the intersections of gender, race, and sexuality. We began this series over the summer with “White Women and White Authors working on the intersections of gender, race, and sexuality. We will continue a series of panel discussions that showcase authors working on the intersections of gender, race, and sexuality.

We are very excited to announce that Prof. C. Riley Snorton will teach our Theories of Sexuality and Gender course for the first time. Ph.D. Candi- date C. Riley Snorton has now available on our website. We are also offering two graduate student-led "Concepts" courses this quarter. The first is "Queer Letters and LGBTQ+ Lifeworlds," taught by Sarah McDaniel (English). The second is "Screwing Up: Shame, Apology, and Gender (Theory)," taught by Bell and Rebecca Mitchell (Committee on Social Thought/ENG). Also, we are crosslisting 25 gender/sexuality themed courses for undergradu- ates and 10 for graduate students across a wide range of depart- ments. Finally, Agatha Shapel (Political Science) is returning as our B.A. Preceptor and will be guiding the Class of 2021 CSGS majors through the process of writing their B.A. theses.

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