



Spring 2020 Update

Dear members of the CSGS community,

I hope you are all safe and well. Beginning this Spring quarter under new circumstances brought about by the current public health crisis, the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality's research mission continues. Late last quarter, we suspended public programming to focus our energy on supporting our students, facilitating courses for the quarter and next year, and adapting our research initiatives to new conditions. Our courses have moved online, along with the rest of the University. This quarter we are presenting programs online to provide means of connection, continue dynamic interlocution among scholars, artists, and activists, and highlight and support UChicago gender and sexuality scholars whose work is leading the way in new forms of interdisciplinary knowledge. The Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop and graduate Working Group, which provide vital support for graduate scholarship, have also moved to virtual platforms (details on page 4 of this newsletter).

Please read on for news about our 2020 graduates and summer internship recipients. We are also pleased to share job news from our current graduate fellows and announce graduate student lectureships for next year. Our staff is working remotely for the foreseeable future. Please feel free to reach out to us at csgs@lists.uchicago.edu (our general contact email address).

To find more information on the University's response and resources available for students and faculty, I encourage you to visit the following:

- Two University websites are the primary sites for recent announcements about COVID-19, and the national, local, and University responses to the crisis: <https://coronavirusupdates.uchicago.edu> and <https://spring2020.uchicago.edu>.
- These three websites provide comprehensive and continually updated information about learning and teaching remotely: <https://learningremotely.uchicago.edu>, <https://scs.uchicago.edu/online-teaching-resources-2/>, and <https://teachingremotely.uchicago.edu>
- The University Bursar's Office has established a central emergency assistance fund for students. More information is available at: <https://bursar.uchicago.edu/emergency-assistance-programs/>
- The University is also working actively to support our local South-Side community: <https://coronavirusupdates.uchicago.edu/community-support/>

Best wishes,

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Student News

2019-20 Graduates

Congratulations to our graduating fourth years! **Anna Aguiar Kosicki, Maddy Birmingham, Deimy Chavez, Apoorva Krishnan, Brooke Nagler, Ramona Pfaender, Rebeka Pushkar** and **Mo Rodriguez Cruz** will all be graduating at the end of Spring as Gender and Sexuality Studies Majors! If you are interested in seeing the work that they've been doing, please stay tuned to our newsletter for information on a virtual display/presentation. We would also like to congratulate our fourth year minors, **Larry Coldon** (Comparative Human Development/Psychology), **Katriona Guthrie-Honea** (Chemistry), **Daniel Hartman** (Biology), **Madison Johnson** (Comparative Human Development) and **Emily Lynch** (English and Political Science). You've all done such great work in your GNSE courses! Good luck in your next endeavors and stay in touch with us. We always like to see alumni come back and tell us what they've been up to.

Spring Courses

This Spring we are offering six GNSE courses and crosslisting over 35 additional courses from across UChicago departments. **Malynne Sternstein** (Russian and Eastern European Studies) is teaching for us for the first time with a course titled "Trans-Bodies in Horror Cinema." This will be one of the Problems courses for our undergraduate majors. We also have five graduate lecturers teaching free-standing classes for us this Spring. The first three are teaching undergraduate Foundations courses and the final two courses are under our Concepts category: **Eilat Maoz** (Anthropology), "Out of Order: Feminism and Problems of Freedom, Power, and Authority"; **Paula Martin** (Comparative Human Development), "Treating Trans-: Practices of Medicine, Practices of Theory"; **Sneha Annavarapu** (Sociology), "Sex and Gender in the City"; **Alex Wolfson** (Divinity), "Philosophy and Sexuality"; and **Zoya Sameen** (History), "Prostitution in Global Perspective".

Ruth Murray Essay Prize

May 8th is the deadline for undergraduate students to apply to the Ruth Murray Essay Prize, awarded for the best essay 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 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 sustain and encourage 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.

CSGS Summer Internship Funds Recipients

Each summer CSGS provides funding undergraduates who are interested in internships that focus on advocacy, service, or activism for women and LGBTQ communities. This summer we'll be giving out funding to five students: **Isabelle Baird, Alicia Hurtado, Gabby Latham-Kapitz, Alice May, and Katie Zhou**. 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 in to their work after college. Check for a report back about their locations and experiences in our Autumn Quarter newsletter.

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 or want to talk about how they might fit in with your general academic goals, call or email Student Affairs Administrator Bonnie Kanter (773-702-2365; bonniek@uchicago.edu).

Graduate Student News

Congratulations all around to our current Fellows who have gotten postdoctoral teaching fellowships for next year! **Annie Heffernan** will be going to the University of Michigan, **Ray Noll** will be at Northwestern and **Alex Wolfson** will teach at the University of Virginia! Kudos to all! Your future students will be lucky to have you teach them.

We had a great pool of applicants for our graduate student lecture positions and are excited to announce the courses we'll have graduate students leading in 2020-21. We have two students returning to teach wildly popular classes they taught this year. In Autumn Quarter, **Paula Martin** (Comparative Human Development) will again teach "Treating Trans-: Practices of Medicine, Practices of Theory" and in Spring, **Rebecca Ewert** (Sociology) will reprise "Foundations of Masculinity Studies." New graduate student lecture courses in Autumn will be **Bellamy Mitchell** (Committee on Social Thought/English) teaching "Screwing Up: Shame, Apology and Gender Theory" and **Sarah McDaniel** (English) teaching "Queer Letters and LGTQ+ Lifeworlds." In Winter, **Greg Valdespino** (History) will teach "Home and Empire: From Little House on the Prairie to Refugee Camps" and **Rivky Mondal** (English) will teach "Women of the Avant Garde." And finally, next Spring, **Yaniv Ron-El** (Sociology) will teach "Gender and Consumption."



*Clockwise from top left: students enjoy waffles, puppies, and photobooths during our **Galentine's Day Study Break** on February 13, 2020; drag artist **Po'Chop** facilitates as students listen at the **Feminist/Queer Praxis Drag King 101** workshop on January 30, 2020; **Martha Feldman** delivers the **2020 Distinguished Faculty Lecture** on January 22, 2020; and **Kim TallBear** presenting "Settler Love Is Breaking My Heart" on February 10, 2020.*

Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Workshops and Working Group sessions will continue to be held virtually on **Tuesdays from 5:00-6:20pm**. Please contact the organizers via emails provided for session information.

Spring 2020 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

As the Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop moves to a virtual format for Spring, attendees will have to register in advance to attend. For security, only those who sign-up will be provided the Zoom link and password. We also encourage you to submit written feedback to the author whether or not you are able to attend the Zoom conference.

April 14: *Rose Owen*, PhD Candidate, Political Science, “Who’s Afraid of a Fascist Woman?: Violence, Masculinity, and the Rise of Fascist Rule in Virginia Woolf’s Thought.” Discussant: *Deborah Nelson*, Helen B. and Frank L. Sulzberger Professor of English and the College

April 28: *Alyssa Smith*, PhD Candidate, History, “‘Random Death, Close at Hand’: Collective Fear and Fighting Back in 1970s Los Angeles.” Discussant: *Jane Dailey*, Associate Professor of American History, the Law School, and the College

May 12: *Annie Heffernan*, PhD Candidate, Political Science, Paper Title TBA. Discussant: *Michele Friedner*, Assistant Professor of Comparative Human Development

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.

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.

April 7: *Grey Pierce*, Sociology, “Leveraging Networks for Social Support: How Gay and Lesbian Older Adults Manage Health”

April 21: *Evan Zhao*, MAPSS, “(Re)Orienting Desire and Politics: Western Queer Subjectivity under Chinese Authoritarianism”

May 5: *Julius Bowditch*, MAPSS, “Shifting Identities: Queer Arab Identity Saliency in New York City”

May 19: *Rebecca Ewert*, Sociology, “Purpose, Function, Direction: Post-Disaster Masculinity”

June 2: *Alexandra Hoffmann*, NELC, “Monstrous Sexuality in the Kūshnāmeḥ”

Important note about our new format: Prior to each meeting, we will send an email with the paper to be discussed and a sign-up link to attend the virtual meeting. For security, only those who sign-up will be provided the Zoom link and password. We also encourage you to submit written feedback to the authors whether or not you are able to attend the Zoom conference.

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 Agatha Slupek (Political Science) and Shannon Morrissey (Sociology) at gssworkinggroup@gmail.com.

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