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Pictured in the Eckhart Hall Tea Room in 1969 with two unidentified colleagues, Ruth Murray (center) served as Bibliographer for the Education, Psychology, Sociology and Women's Studies Collections at the Regenstein Library for many years. Each year, the CSGS awards the Ruth Murray prize to the best essay in the area of women's studies, feminist criticism, gender or sexuality studies written by an undergraduate student.

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A Note from the Director

Dear Friends of the Center,

As we enter 2021, we are making plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality. While we are still working and holding all events remotely for this winter quarter, we are hopeful that we will be able to celebrate with a series of in-person events in Autumn 2021. For the next two quarters, we are continuing to focus our efforts on supporting teaching and research. The acts of white nationalist terrorism most recently on display in Washington, D.C. on January 6th and the continued devastation of COVID-19 on communities of color underscore how critical it is to support the work that our faculty and student affiliates are doing to challenge and dismantle systems of inequality and oppression.

To this end, we are excited to announce new

calls for research grants for junior faculty and for graduate students working broadly in the areas of gender and/or sexuality. In addition to the Center's annual graduate fellowship competition (due date February 15), the Center is accepting research grant proposals for graduate research in gender and/or sexuality impacted by the pandemic. Many students have had to pivot from conducting field research - this grant is designed to help with costs of other components of thesis and dissertation research that can be done safely during this time. PhD Candidates can apply for a maximum of \$1,000. MA students can apply for a maximum of \$500. The deadline is March 15. We are also announcing our call for faculty-led projects and events for 2021-2022 to be held at the Center, and our call for faculty course development grants. All faculty funding applications are due March 28.

FEATURED EVENTS

Mon Jan 25 at 5pm

Jane Dailey, *White Fright: The Sexual Panic at the Heart of America's Racist History*

Mon Feb 1 at 5pm

Lydia Z. Dixon, *Delivering Health: Midwifery and Development in Mexico*

Fri Feb 12 at 6pm

Monstrously Yours: A Romantic, Monster-Themed Game Night

Fri Feb 19 at 12:30pm

Feel Good Yoga Hour

Fri Feb 26 at 1pm

OMSA Heritage Presents: **adrienne maree brown**

Mon Mar 1 at 2pm

The Social Inequalities of Disasters

Wed Mar 1 at 5pm

No Ordinary Man with **Chase Joynt, C Riley Snorton, & Marquise Vilsón**

Mon Mar 15 at 2pm

Critter Love Study Break

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PhD students from all divisions and professional schools are invited to apply to one of our [teaching positions](#). The deadline is February 28. All applicants must have completed their preliminary exams (or equivalent) by October 1, 2021.

We are excited to announce the date for our annual **Faculty Affiliate Book Party**. We are planning a virtual celebration for Thursday, May 13 at 5pm and will again sponsor it with the Seminary Co-op Bookstore. We will be pausing our annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture and our Distinguished Alumni Lecture for this academic year. We look forward to relaunching these series in the next academic year.

Following a very successful summer and fall series of book salons, in winter and spring, the Center will host a **new film series**. On Wednesday, March 3 at 5pm, the Center will host a conversation on *No Ordinary Man*, a new film by **Chase Joynt** (Assistant Professor of Gender Studies, University of Victoria), about the life of American Jazz musician **Billy Tipton**. Tipton's story has been framed as the story of an ambitious woman passing as a man in pursuit of a music career. In *No Ordinary Man*, Tipton's story is re-imagined and performed by trans artists as they collectively paint a portrait of an unlikely hero. The film will be pre-screened online and the conversation will include Prof **C. Riley Snorton** (English, Gender and Sexuality Studies), **Chase Joynt** and actor and activist, **Marquise Vilsón**. Stay tuned for details on a screening and discussion of *Coded Bias*, on gender and racial biases in technology and a screening and discussion of two new films, one on forced sterilization in California prisons and another on the class realities of abortion access.

As the harsh Chicago winter settles in, the Center is offering three **events oriented toward self-care**. On Friday, February 12 at 6pm, we will host [an evening of romantic, monster-themed gaming](#) with the Media Arts, Data, and Design (MADD) Center. We will be playing *Monster Seeking Monster* and *Monster Prom*; guests are welcome to sign up to play or stream on MADD Center's Discord channel. On Friday, February 19 at 12:30pm, we'll host a [feel-good Zoom yoga hour](#) with **Anna Schabold**. All are welcome to participate in this all-levels virtual session of relaxing yoga. Finally, on Monday, March 15 at 2pm, we invite students to de-stress during finals with our [Critter Love Study Break](#). This virtual tour and Q&A session with **Brigitte Brouillard**, Director of Second Chances Wildlife Center in Louisville, KY, will feature some face time with the resident critters.

On Monday, March 1 at 2pm, we are co-sponsoring a panel discussion with the University of Chicago Program on Global Environment organized by CSGS Fellow **Rebecca Ewert** (Sociology) on [The Social Inequalities of Disasters](#). This event will address perceptions of climate change and climate justice across different groups; racial, gendered, and classed disaster inequalities (i.e. financial, physical health, mental health); and the concept of resiliency.

Kristen Schilt

Director for the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

Student News

Winter Courses

Our Foundations course this quarter is "Women of the Avant-Garde," taught by English graduate student **Rivky Mondal**. Our Concepts course, "Home and Empire: From Little House on the Prairie to Refugee Camps," is being taught by History graduate student **Gregory Valdespino**. Prof. **Linda Zerilli** (Political Science, Gender and Sexuality Studies) is teaching two sections of "Advanced Theories of Gender and Sexuality," one with **Dana Glaser** and the other with **Aylon Cohen**, both Political Science graduate students. Finally, our record eight sections of GNSE Civ will continue in Winter Quarter, chaired by Prof. **Kris Trujillo** (Comparative Literature), who will also teach a section. Other sections will be taught by Professors **Sarah Johnson** (English), **Rochona Majumdar** (Cinema and Media Studies, South Asian Languages and Civilizations), and **Sonali Thakkar** (English), as well as PhD students **Emily Bock** (Anthropology), **Katie Hendricks** (Sociology) and **Nisarg Mehta** (Sociology). In addition to these courses, we are crosslisting 36 undergraduate and 22 graduate courses, providing a range of choices to meet our students' interests.

Undergraduate Summer Internships for 2021

Once again, CSGS will offer funding for up to six internships at gender- and LGBTQ-related service, educational, or activist organizations in the US. Those who receive funding will need to secure their own (unpaid) internships but don't need to have it already set before they apply. The CSGS staff is happy to help applicants think through potential internship sites in the city and beyond. The deadline to [apply](#) for funding is February 28th at 11:59 pm. If you have other questions, contact Bonnie Kanter at bonniek@uchicago.edu.

Undergraduate Major/Minor

Undergraduate students interested in the topics of gender and/or sexuality are welcome at the Center and have the option to major or 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. If you have questions about the major or minor and want to talk about how they might fit in with your general academic goals, email Student Affairs Administrator Bonnie Kanter at bonniek@uchicago.edu.

Graduate Student News

Applications are currently open for Dissertation and Residential Fellowships (due Feb 15) for current graduate students. In addition, we have many graduate teaching opportunities next year, including co-teaching GNSE theories classes, serving as a BA Preceptor for our undergraduate majors, and creating your own freestanding lectureship. The deadline to apply is Feb 28. For more information, please visit our [fellowship](#) and [teaching opportunities](#) pages or contact Bonnie Kanter at bonniek@uchicago.edu with any questions.

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 Central Time**. Please contact the organizers via emails provided for session information.

Winter 2021 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

The full Winter 2021 schedule for the Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, including faculty discussants, can be found below and on our website (<http://voices.uchicago.edu/genderandsexuality/>).

January 12: Alexandra Hoffmann, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, “Love, Madness, and Masculinity in Neāmi’s *Layli o Majnun*.” Discussant: Julie Orlemanski, Associate Professor of English at the University of Chicago

January 26: Kelsey Robbins, Comparative Human Development, “The Undecided ‘Middle Ground’: Contesting Catholicism and Moral Values in Ireland’s 2018 Referendum on Abortion.” Discussant: Amy Krauss, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Pozen Center for Human Rights

February 9: Rebecca Ewert, Sociology, “Blessed or Distressed: Insurance Status and Wildfire Disaster Recovery Trajectories.” Discussant: Lori Peek, Professor of Sociology at CU Boulder

February 23: Jordan Johansen, Classics, “Flooding the Border: Gendered Dualities and the Nile Inundation in the Ptolemaic First Cataract.” Discussant: Ian Moyer, Associate Professor of History at the University of Michigan

March 9: Emily Bock, Anthropology, “Archiving Crisis.” Discussant: David Román, Professor of English and American Studies and Ethnicity at USC

Papers will be made available in advance via our email list. If you are interested in joining the list, go to <http://lists.uchicago.edu/web/subscribe/sexuality-gender-wkshp>. If you have any questions or accommodation requests, please don’t hesitate to contact us 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. We ask that only students, graduate or undergraduate, attend.

January 19: Sophia Smith, Political Science, “#Dawa: Islam, Influence, and Gender on Instagram”

February 2: Madeline Harris, MAPH, “Understanding the Athenian Arrhephoria: Female Initiation Rite or Civic Rite?”

March 2: Nioshi Shab, MAPSS, “Deceived and Deceiving: Studying Gender Relations in the Bania Community”

March 16: Natalia Niedmann Alvarez, Law, “From the Texas case to Roe: How Judicial Rights Transformed Feminist Politics”

Important note about our format: Prior to each meeting, we will send an email to our mailing list 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, especially if you are unable to attend the Zoom conference.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to the Working Group email list, please contact the Working Group Co-Coordinators Silvia Fedi (Political Science) and Liz Chávez (Sociology) at gssworkinggroup@gmail.com.

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