Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Autumn 2022 Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop

We are excited to announce the Autumn 2022 schedule for the Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop! Workshops will be held virtually on alternate (even week) Tuesdays from 5:00-6:20 pm Central Time unless otherwise noted.

October 4: Stefan Vogler, Research Scientist at NORC, “Policing the Rainbow: Queer Experiences with Androperceptions of Police”

October 18: Yu Chen Xiang, PhD Candidate in Sociology, “Gender Uptake: An Audience-Centered Theory for the Doing and Undoing of Gender.” Discussant: Isto Teray, Professor of Sociology at NYU

November 1: Connor Strawel, Harper-Schmidt Fellow & Collegiate Assistant Professor, “Latent Illegality and Sexual Scapegoats.” Discussant: Joseph Fischel, Associate Professor of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Yale

November 15: Jeshua Barah, PhD Candidate in Cinema and Media Studies, “Female Fans and Spectators: Women at Maratha Mandir in Mumbai.” Discussant: Debasree Mukherjee, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies at Columbia

Papers will be made available in advance via our email list. If you are interested in joining the email list, go to https://lists.uchicago.edu/csgs@lists.uchicago.edu. If you have any questions or accommodation requests, please don’t hesitate to contact the workshop co-coordinators, Theo Hurley and Xiaoqin Zhou, at gssworkshop@gmail.com.

The working group will meet every other Tuesday from 5:00-6:00pm Central Time, and presenters will provide their preference for in-person or Zoom sessions. In-person meetings will take place at the CSGS, 5733 S University Ave, in room 103. Food and beverages will be provided for in-person meetings.

September 27: Matthew Creajak, MAPSS. “Wives, Like Good Subjects, Bow to Husband.” The Conflict of Female Literature in the British Atlantic” [in-person]

October 11: Hunter Amery, MAPH, “Gender Internalization” [in-person]

October 25: Gregory Pierce, Sociology, “Advanced Care Planning Decisions Among LGBTQ Older Adults: Catalysts and Paradoxes” [in-person]

November 8: Sheila Shankar, Crown School of Social Work, “You have to take care of your own mental status: incarcerated women seeking care within and outside of prison-based mental health treatment” [in-person]

November 29: Yuntian (Christopher) Xu, MAPSS. “Queen Henrietta Maria and ‘Mistress Parliament’: Unsettled Queenship and English Political Rhetoric, 1642–1649” [in-person]

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.

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 James Green and Yunning Zhang, at gssworkshop@gmail.com.

A Note from the Director by Kristen Schild

This academic year marks the half-century anniversary of a remarkable number of feminist milestones. In 1972, federal civil rights law expanded to include Title IX Education Amendment, barring gender discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. The same year, the first issue of Ms. magazine hit newsstands, and, after passing the House and the Senate, the Equal Rights Amendment moved to state legislatures looking for the 38 states needed for ratification. The Feminist Press launched Women’s Studies Quarterly, the longest running feminist academic journal, signaling that Women’s Studies as a field was becoming institutionalized. In early 1973, the American Journal of Sociology, the longest running sociology journal in the world, featured a special issue on “the status of women.” The issue garnered so much attention from the growing gender studies community that the University of Chicago Press commissioned an edited volume titled Changing Women in a Changing Tradition, as long as we invoke the category of “women” has expanded in important ways, including a greater focus on how intersecting social locations, such as race, gender identity, and citizenship, shape the experiences of women-identifying people in divergent ways. We can point to many major le-

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gal milestones won through feminist and LGBTQ activism since 1972. But, we cannot ignore the precariousness of these gains, particularly in the light of the loss of federal abortion access just this year, or the forms of violence that threaten the erosion of the social safety net, the systemic violence against trans women, the rise of women living in poverty, and the sharp increase in the number of women in prison, to name just a few. While Virginia did become the 38th state to ratify the ERA, it was 30 years past the statute of limitations. From the vantage point of 2021, our 2022 speaker will be Serial Experience of Coming Out of the Closet with Armistead Maupin, an LGBTQ Studies (University of Wisconsin-Madison) will also continue our focus on LGBTQ activism and scholarship. Continuing from Page 1

Ruth Murray Essay Prize winners

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 Ruth Murray Essay Prize recipients were Scarlett Alecky and Alicia Hurtado. Linguistics and History major Scarlett Alecky won for her Sum- ner Institute Research Project, “The L-Word(s): Label-Making Among the Queer Chinese American Diaspora” which explores a linguistic analysis of API queer publications and materials. The selection committee considers Scarlett’s work to be a ‘fantastic addi- tion to the scholarship of queer linguistic theory which highlights the relevance of language and connection to community when producing materials and providing care for queer marginalized persons.” Critical Race and Ethnic Studies and Sociology double major Alicia Hurtado won for their thesis, “The ‘Wayfairs’ of Abortion and Abortion Care: Volunteer Case Managers at the Chicago Abortion Fund.” a study of the people who help facilitate access to an abortion through more than just the medical procedure but to include many other means of support. The committee said, “this thesis forwards a theory of ‘interstitial affective care’ that understands this para-medical work within a framework of affect studies and gendered forms of emotion and care work set in a vexed and hyper-politicized land- scape.” A heartfelt thank you to the committee for reading this year’s large collection of submissions. The committee also chose an Honorable Mention this year, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies and Sociology major Isobel Bartholomew ‘22 thesis “Ah pretty face and bad character”: From Repression to Radical Care in Dance”

Fall 2022 Courses

The CSGS’s core offering, Gender and Sexuality in World Civilization, continues to be a favorite among College students. We have once again filled our nine sections and have a long waitlist. GNSE Cw will be chaired by Prof. Sarah Pierce Taylor (Divinity) this Autumn and will also be teaching a section of the same. The remaining sections will be anchored by Prof. Yani Dai (Political Science/GNSE) and a few lucky undergraduate students, some of whom are working on events and programming for the Vagina Monologues. Aesthetics Professor Emily Hobson, Humanities Professor Jennifer Swain (English), and Classics Professor Pauline Timper- li on Tue, Oct 25 at 5pm. Jean-Thomas Tremblay on Sexualities with Jennifer Scappettone; and on Thu, Nov 3, Emily Hobson, Prof. Jacquelyn Martin, and Rosemary Bégin (History) will teach the very popular Prostitution in Global Perspective for Autumn 2022 Courses.

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For 2022-2023, we will engage with the contradictions and chal- lenges around queer and feminist progressive change we see at the end of this long millennium. Our aim is to position our students with social scientists working in three areas of social life in which gendered and racialized patterns of inequality remain stubbornly entrenched: the family, the workplace, and the state. Our first panel discussion on Mon, Nov 14 at 5pm is titled ‘The Sociology of the Family: Taking Stock of the Field and Imagining the Future’ features Prof. Maribella Eboni Hill (Stanford University), Prof. Allison Pugh (Pennsylvania State University) and Prof. Ram Revzed (The Ohio State) and will be moderated by Prof. Jaclyn Wong (University of South Carolina), a former CSGS fellow.

We will host a series on reproductive justice in collaboration with Prof. Linda Zerilli (Political Science/Gender and Sexuality Studies). Our first event will be a lecture by Prof. Geoffrey Stone (Law) on Thu, Oct 13 at 5pm in the Law School Auditorium. In his talk, “The Constitutional Right to Abortion: Past, Present, and Future,” Prof. Stone will discuss the history of abortion pre-Roe v Wade, the circumstances surrounding the 1972 decision, the legal implications of the decisions, and the impact on women’s health. In our second event, we will host a panel discussion on Thu, Sep 29 at 5-6:30 pm.

The Center is co-sponsoring the conference Global Anti-Gender and Anti-LGBTQ+ Politics: Historical Continuities, Transnasional Connections, Confronted Futures on Fri, Oct 28 along with several new book talks both at the CSGS and in the Divinity School, this year with the new Department of Race, Diaspora, and Indigeneity, will be held on Thu, Sep 29 from 5-6:30 pm.

As in past summers, CSGS sought for undergraduates inter- ested in funding who interned around the world and worked in a wide variety of spaces. We awarded the most internship fund- ing ever this year—six students each received $5,000 stipends. Fourth-year GSNE major Alika Cumber was a finalist for our trip to India and was able to work on events and programming for the Vagina Monologues. She will be returning to her home in South Africa, where she will be teaching English at a school for deaf children.

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We are thrilled to have an excellent roster of 2022-2023 Scholars and works which elevate, explore, and reframe the textile crafts traditionally practiced mostly by women. For more information about the Gender and Sexuality Stud- ies program, including the major/minor or graduate certificate, please contact Bonnie Kanter, Assistant Director for Student Af- fairs and Curriculum, at bonniek@uchicago.edu.
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The issue garnered so much attention from the growing gender studies community that the University of Chicago Press commissioned an edited volume titled Changing Women in a Changing Society that featured a multi-generational group of sociologists examining the changes to American gender norms ignored by the feminist and civil rights movements that were challenging and reshaping institutions, organizations, and occupations alongside social life and family life. And, just a few months later, the Supreme Court decided 7-2 in Roe v. Wade that the U.S. constitution protected the legal right to an abortion—a decision that suggested feminist activism had begun to bear fruit in mainstream society and in academia.

At the 50th anniversary of all of these major feminist “firsts” and the seeming promise of progressive gender change, how do we make sense of the “status of women” in the United States? In much gender scholarship today, we mean when we invoke the category of “women” has expanded in important ways, including a greater focus on how intersecting social locations, such as race, gender identity, and citizenship, shape the experiences of women-identifying people in divergent ways. We can point to many major le-

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