



Participants in a March 25, 2022 demonstration in New Orleans, LA opposing anti-LGBTQ legislation introduced by Louisiana Legislature. Imani Rupert-Gordon (Executive Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights) will speak about “The State of the LGBTQ Movement” on Thu, Oct 10 at 5:00pm.

A Note from the Faculty Director

Dear CSGS students and colleagues,

Welcome back to a new academic year after what I hope has been a restorative summer! It’s a pleasure and a privilege to be addressing you as the Faculty Director of the Center. This year we welcome many new colleagues to schools and divisions across the University; our affiliate list is bursting at over 200 people! If you have a colleague who would be a logical affiliate but is not yet connected, please put us in touch. We’re also happy to host a wonderful new crop of dissertating grads, post-doctoral scholars, and teaching fellows who populate our third-floor offices and share their research at our workshop and working groups, this year in person!

There’s lots to look forward to in the coming year, including events and programming for junior

faculty of all appointment types, a curricular review of our very successful undergraduate major and minor, continued expansion of our collaborations with other academic units at the University, a multi-day conference on Gender and Sexuality in/and the Romance Languages, and of course our annual lectures!

Here are some previews of upcoming events for fall: on Tuesday, October 1 from 5:00-6:30pm, we’ll celebrate the beginning of the new year at our annual **5733 Open House**, co-hosted with our colleagues from the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture. On Thursday, October 10 at 5:00pm, we’ll host this year’s **OUTstanding Speaker, Imani Rupert-Gordon** (Executive Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights), who will speak about “The State of the LGBTQ Movement: What is at Stake, and How

FEATURED EVENTS

Tue Oct 1 at 5:00pm
5733 Open House with the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture

Thu Oct 10 at 5:30pm
 2024 **OUTstanding Speaker Series Lecture: Imani Rupert-Gordon**, “The State of the LGBTQ Movement: What is at Stake, and How We are Going to Win”

Thu Oct 17 at 5:00pm
Gender and Sexuality Studies Info Session

Thu Oct 24 at 5:00pm
 2024 **Lauren Berlant Memorial Lecture: Kathleen Stewart**, “The Sensation of Singular Life”

Tue Nov 12 at 4:30pm
CSGS Faculty Book Party

Mon Nov 18 at 6:00pm
Images of Sex Workers at the Art Museum

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We are Going to Win.” Her organization has been a leader in challenging anti-LGBTQ bills across the U.S., and this promises to be a very timely talk. Imani will be introduced by this year’s recipient of the UChicago LGBTQ Community Engagement Award, **Pietro Juvara** (Gender and Sexuality Studies and Law, Letters and Society, ’25.) Two weeks later on Thursday, October 24 at 5:00pm, the Center will welcome **Kathleen Stewart** (Professor Emeritus, University of Texas at Austin) who will deliver the eagerly anticipated (and deferred from last spring) **2024 Lauren Berlant Memorial Lecture**, entitled “The Sensation of Singular Life.” That makes for a busy month! Finally, in Autumn quarter we will hold one more event and one of my favorite gatherings of the year, our **Faculty Book Party**, held this year on Tuesday, November 12 at 4:30pm. This is an opportunity to celebrate the fruits of the labor of our imaginative, brilliant, and hard-working colleagues! I look forward to seeing many of you at these, and future, talks and get-togethers. And if you have ideas or proposals for events or programming, please get in touch! It’s my hope that every member of the CSGS community will find what they need, personally and professionally, at the Center.

In closing I’d like to express my gratitude to those whose efforts make the Center’s success possible: **Heather Keenleyside** (English Language and Literature), who joins us this year as the Center’s Director of Studies; and the members of our Governing Board, whose ideas and energy animate the Center’s programming and priorities. We welcome to the Board this year Professors **Joe Bruch** (Public Health Sciences), **Rochona Majumdar** (South Asian Languages and Civilizations & Cinema and Media Studies) and **Ella Wilhoit** (MAPSS), and are grateful to count on continuing faculty members, **Maliha Chishti** (Divinity), **Angie Heo** (Divinity), **Hillary McLaren** (Biological Sciences), **Lisa Moore** (Crown School of Social Work), **Red Tremmel** (Gender and Sexuality Studies), **Gabriel Winant** (History), **Linda Zerilli** (Political Science), and **SJ Zhang** (English). On the curricular front, we’re fortunate to be joined this year by **Rhiannon Auriemma**, Lecturer in Gender and Sexuality Studies, who, along with last year’s exceptional new colleague Red Tremmel, will contribute to the Center’s rigorous, relevant, and inspiring undergraduate curriculum. And finally, I wish to express my appreciation for the extraordinary CSGS staff, **Gina Olson**, **Bonnie Kanter**, and **Tate Brazas**, without whom literally nothing would happen.

So, here’s to a new year, and renewed possibilities for the CSGS community to effect positive social and political change. On our campus and beyond, we will labor together for the recognition of the value and dignity of each individual, their capacity for and right to self-determination and bodily autonomy, and the realization of their potential and their dreams.

Daisy Delogu

Faculty Director, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality
Howard L. Willett Professor of French Literature, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

Curriculum News

GNSE Major and Minor

The Class of 2025 is shaping up to be our biggest class yet. The GNSE major and minor have grown so much in recent years, and our current class of 4th years consists of 20 majors and 12 minors for a total of 32 students! To put that in perspective, just four years ago the class of 2021 totaled 12 majors and minors. Last year we had 19 majors and 3 minors. Congratulations to GNSE majors (*indicates completion of a BA thesis) ***Rayna Acha**, ***Myra Bajwa**, ***Coulombe**, ***Yani Dai**, ***Arthur Davis**, ***Melissa Flores**, ***Sophie Knifton**, ***Gwen Laub**, ***Tia Moore**, **Shweta Nanda**, ***Nataly Nehmad Karasik**, **Mim Rojvirasingh**, ***Nora Schultz**, **Merrin Seegers**, **Heeun Shin**, ***Charlotte Wang**, ***Flannery Xu**, ***Lana Yevzlin** and ***Katherine Zhao** and GNSE minors **Aashna Daru**, **Ellie Gross** and **Danielle Yablonovskiy**. We highly recommend spending time on our [BA Symposium site](#) to see the great work that our thesis students completed last year. Good luck to one and all!

Autumn 2024 Courses

The CSGS inaugurated Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations in Autumn 2013 with two sections. It was instantly popular and over the past 10 years, it has been steadily increasing in size. This year we have once again expanded our offering – to 12 sections! It’s thrilling to see the student interest but also the interest from faculty and fellows who are excited to teach in our sequence. Our Study Abroad program has also officially moved to Paris and has a full cohort of 26 this Autumn with the courses taught by Professors **Rochona Majumdar** (South Asian Languages and Civilizations & Cinema and Media Studies), **Ghenwa Hayek** (Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations) and **Kris Trujillo** (Comparative Literature). GNSE Civ on campus will be chaired by Professor **Eman Abdelhadi** (Comparative Human Development). The remaining sections are being taught by Professor **Danielle Roper** (Romance Languages and Literatures), our Instructional Professor **Red Tremmel** (Gender and Sexuality Studies), returning Teaching Fellows **Sarah McDaniel** (English), **Olivia Bustion** (Divinity), **Stephanie Painter** (History), returning Lecturer **Rhiannon Auriemma** (Political Science at Northwestern) and new (to the sequence) Teaching Fellow **Rivky Mondal** (English).

Red Tremmel has stepped in to teach our required major/minor course, “Theories of Sexuality and Gender.” **Dana Glaser** (Humanities Teaching Fellow in English and Gender and Sexuality Studies) is taking on the role of B.A. Preceptor for our undergraduate majors who have chosen to complete a thesis as a capstone of their undergraduate experience. In addition to Theories, we are also offering three courses this Autumn. **Gabi Ojeda-Sague** (Humanities Teaching Fellow in English and Gender and Sexuality Studies) will teach the very popular “Intro to Porn Studies” course for a second time as well as “The Gay Men’s Novel,” and **Malavika Parthasarathy** (JSD in Law) will repeat her popular course, “Global Perspectives on Reproductive Justice: Theory and Practice.” Additionally, we have cross-listed 30 undergraduate courses and 18 graduate courses, giving our students a wide variety of options.



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CSGS Graduate Certificate

It was another great year for the Certificate. The following Ph.D. and M.A. students completed the requirements this past spring and summer: PhD students **Michael Stablein, Jr.** (PhD, English & Theater and Performance Studies), **Sheila Shankar** (Crown School of Social Work), **Jiarui Sun** (PhD, East Asian Languages and Civilizations) and **Xiaogao Zhou** (PhD, Sociology); **Carolyn Schafer-Geurin** (MSW, Crown School of Social Work); **Ella Scudder-Davis** (MA, Divinity); **Mahtab Mahmoudi** (MA, Divinity); **Buki Ogunseitan** (MA, Divinity); **Alyssa Calder-Hulme**, **Jubakshi Chakravorty**, **Bella Deng**, **Jingyi Fu**, **Olivia Tenoglia**, **Maya Vasdani**, **Heather Welty**, **Allyson White**, **Youyuan Zhang** (MAPSS). **Andrea Flores**, **Megan Gardenhour**, **Alex Myers**, **Zehao Pan**, and **Leah Robins** all completed the MAPH option.

For more information about the Gender and Sexuality Studies program, including the major/minor and all graduate student information (apart from the Certificate), please contact Bonnie Kanter, Assistant Director for Student Affairs and Curriculum at bonniek@uchicago.edu. For the graduate certificate, please contact Red Tremmel, Instructional Professor at redtremm@uchicago.edu.

Student News

2024-25 Fellows

The start of a new year means a new crop of PhD students moving into the Center. A warm welcome to our Dissertation Completion Fellows **Kat Myers** (Divinity School) and **Omar Safadi** (Political Science) and our joint CSGS/CSRPC Dissertation Completion Fellow **Jovon Moses** (English). The Center is also happy to have a great group of students from many disciplines across campus in residence at the Center as Residential Fellows: **Alexis Chavez** (Anthropology), **Malavika Parthasarathy** (Law School), **Helen Ross** (Political Science), **Yuanxie Shi** (East Asian Languages and Civilizations), **Michael Stablein, Jr.** (English/Theater and Performance Studies), **Abigail Taylor-Roth** (Conceptual and Historical Studies of Science) and our joint CSGS/CSRPC Residential Fellow **Soo Young Lee** (Crown School of Social Work). To learn more about their research, please join our Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop as they will all present this year.

Prizes

“Contentious Bodies and Transgressive Voices: ‘Articulating Spaces’ and Imaginative Resistance in Mahsa Mohebbi’s *In Case of Emergency* and Nasim Marashi’s *I’ll Be Strong For You*” by **Manon Theodoly** (English/Human Rights) is the winner of the **2024 Ruth Murray BA Thesis Prize in Women’s Studies, Feminist Criticism, Gender or Sexuality Studies!** The committee also awarded an Honorable Mention to “The Paradox of Progressive Development” by **Yan Ying Mor** (Comparative Human Development/Public Policy). **Pietro Juvara** has been awarded the **2024 UChicago LGBTQ+ Community Engagement Award**, sponsored by the CSGS and UChicago Alumni Pride. Pietro is a

rising 4th year studying Gender and Sexuality Studies and Law, Letters and Society. He has been active in student activities since his first year at UChicago. In February 2022, he co-founded the Organization of LGBTQ+ Students (OLS), currently serves as the OLS Co-President, and has helped grow the organization significantly. Pietro will speak about his work and introduce **Imani Rupert-Gordon**, the **OUTstanding Speakers Series** on Tuesday, October 10 at 5:00pm.

For the first time, the CSGS offered a **Course Design Prize**, created to encourage creativity and innovation for PhD students in designing syllabi and teaching the course this coming year. We had an unbelievably strong pool of entries and a fantastic group comprised of Student Advisory Board and Faculty Board members who discussed each syllabus at length. Romance Languages and Literatures PhD student **Andrea Reed-Leal** created the course, “Indigenous Feminisms of Latin America” and Political Science PhD student (and CSGS Fellow) **Omar Safadi** designed, “The Queer Enemy and the Politics of Homophobia.” Both courses will be available to undergraduate students in Winter Quarter.

Undergraduate Summer Internships

As in past summers, CSGS provided summer funding for students interested in internships related to gender/sexuality that would otherwise be unpaid by the host organization. We’re proud to be able to support students who are doing important work while also learning about potential career paths. This year’s interns were **Emily Curran** at the Chicago Abortion Fund, **Ella Fast** at the Domestic Violence Intervention Project of Iowa, **Sharon Florez** at Digital 4 Good, **Catalina Garcia** at Red Canary Song, **Angelica Jones** at Therapy Access Project, **Abigail Poag** at CI3 (Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health), **Madison Rhee** at the Massage Parlor Outreach Project, and **Kassie Rivera** at the Ali Forney Center. There will be a report-back event about their experiences at an information session in January.

Student Advisory Board

Thank you to all of the students who joined our re-invigorated Student Advisory Board (SAB) in 2024-25, with special thanks to 4th years **Myra Bajwa**, **Nora Schultz**, and **Lana Yevzlin** who were incredibly active on both the SAB and other committees at the Center. (Bonnie and her parsnip send lots of love!) The 2024-25 SAB will comprise of the following majors and minors: **Ella Fast**, **Catalina Garcia**, **Roshni Patel**, **Madison Rhee**, **Alondra Romero**, and **Antonio Both Schenatto**.

Book club for CSGS recent alums

We are also very excited as we launch a new book club, welcoming recent GNSE graduates who have finished their degree in the last five or so years. The Chicago group has met in person three times and is planning to continue meeting monthly; for others not in Chicago, we’re working on a virtual version. If you want more information, please contact Bonnie Kanter at bonniek@uchicago.edu.

Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop & Working Group

Workshop

We are excited to announce the Autumn 2024 schedule for the [Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop](#)! Sessions will be held on alternate Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:20pm Central Time (unless otherwise noted). Workshop sessions will be held in-person at the CSGS, 5733 S University Ave, in room 103.

October 8: A Conversation with Junior CSGS Faculty: *Carlos Halaburda* (Romance Languages and Literatures), *Ray Briggs* (Philosophy), *Sophie Salvo* (Germanic Studies), and *Robin Bartram* (Crown School of Social Work)

October 22: *Malavika Parthasarathy* (Law), “In the Interest of “Marital Harmony”: Extralegal Compromises in Rape Adjudication”

November 5: *Yuanxie Shi* (East Asian Languages and Civilizations), “Lacemakers and Their Voices: A Historian and Her Rural Interlocutors”

November 19: *Jovon Moses* (English), “Offerings at the Water’s Edge: Parable as Black Transfeminist Poethics”

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/web/info/sexuality-gender-wkshp>

If you have any questions or accommodation requests, please don’t hesitate to contact the workshop co-coordinators, Fara Taddei and Lizette Arellano at gssworkshop@gmail.com.



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Working Group

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. Please note that this schedule is subject to change.

October 15: *Kelsey Comfort*, “An Examination of Forms of Reproductive Autonomy in the Early Modern Period” (Second-Year MAPH Student, English Language & Literature and Gender & Sexuality Studies)

October 29: *Zi Yang Lim*, “Passion is pharmakon; the emotional lives of men in Malaysia and what it means to be healthy” (MA Anthropology)

November 12: *Jialin Zhou*, “Comparing Androcentrism in Patriarchal Chinese and Matrilineal Mosuo Societies” (MAPSS)

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 Malavika Parthasarathy (Law) and Lou Gargouri (Romance Languages) at gssworkinggroup@gmail.com.

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