

## A Note from the Director



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I am delighted to announce the recipients of the first Faculty Fellow awards for next year's **CGS Faculty Fellow seminar** on "**The Politics of Sexual Freedom**": **Mary Anne Case** (Arnold I. Shure Professor of Law), **Kyeong-Hee Choi** (Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Civilizations), **Rachel Jean-Baptiste** (Assistant Professor, History), **Kristen Schilt** (Assistant Professor, Sociology), and **Rebecca Zorach** (Associate Professor, Art History). **Shadi Bartsch** (Ann L. and Lawrence B. Buitendyk Professor of Classical Languages and Literatures), **Cathy Cohen** (David and Mary Winton Green Professor of Political Science and Deputy Provost for Graduate Education), **Shannon Lee Dawdy** (Assistant Professor of Anthropology), **Daisy Delogu** (Assistant Professor of French, Romance Languages & Literatures), **Aden Kumler** (Assistant Professor, Art History) and **Lucy Pick** (Senior Lecturer, Divinity School) have received research grants to underwrite their participation in the seminar. The seminar is open to all faculty members at the University, and will meet biweekly.

It is also a pleasure to report that the Center's proposal for a **Sawyer Seminar** on the topic "**Women's International Human Rights: Paradigms, Paradoxes, Possibilities**," has been funded by the **Mellon Foundation**. The co-organizers of this seminar are **Linda Zerilli** (CGS Director, Gender Studies and Political Science), **Martha Nussbaum** (Law, Philosophy, and Divinity), and myself. We are excited about the potential synergy of the Sawyer Seminar and the Faculty Seminar (which will overlap but not run precisely in tandem). Look for more information about the Sawyer Seminar soon.

The Center sponsored and co-sponsored many events dur-

ing the winter. On February 23, a record number of mathematicians crowded around the Center's seminar table to hear psychologist **Sian Beilock** discuss her research showing that math anxiety in elementary school teachers is contagious—to little girls, but *not* to little boys. On March 1, the Law School Workshop on Regulating Family, Sex and Gender and the Program in Jewish Studies hosted a conference on the topic "**What Pertains to a Man?': Transcending Gender Boundaries in Jewish and Israeli Law**" that featured faculty from Israel and across the United States. On one of a series of false spring days in March, **Mary Anne Case**—who also organized the "Transcending Gender Boundaries" conference—delivered the Iris Marion Young Distinguished Faculty Lecture. Mary Anne gave a thought-provoking, cogent, funny and fundamentally scary talk on "**What Stake do Heterosexual Women Have in the Same-Sex Marriage/Domestic Partnership/Civil Union Debates?**," and reminded us of Iris Young's commitment to pairing activism with scholarship.

Gender Studies has many great offerings for Spring— On May 14 and 15, the Law School and Gender Studies convene **[Gender, Law, and the British Novel](#)**, a conference organized by **Martha Nussbaum**, **Alison LaCroix**, and the Center focusing on the interplay between law and gender in English literature in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. **The Lesbian and Gay Studies Project** conference, **[What's Queer About Sex Offenders?](#)** will be held on May 27 at the Center on Halsted. Feminist and queer theorists, criminologists, and prison reform activists will explore the social history and legal complexities of the "sex offender" in the U.S.

On April 13, the **[Women in Science Project](#)** will host the fourth event in a series begun last spring for UC women faculty in the sciences. **Kathleen Millen** of Human Genetics and **Katherine Kinzler** of Psychology will discuss **Developmental Foundations of Human Cognition**. Please RSVP for details. On May 11, we will screen **[Diagnosing Difference](#)**, a new documentary on the impact and implications of Gender Identity Disorder (GID) diagnosis with discussant **Kristen Schilt**. The Friday lunch series continues, including a talk by new faculty of the School of Social Service Administration, **Alida Bouris** on May 7 speaking on **[Parental Influences on Adolescent and Young Adult Sexual Behavior and Outcomes: Findings from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health](#)**. Please see page 4 of this newsletter or CGS' **[calendar](#)** for more events and full details.

## Collegiate Affairs

Spring Quarter is an important and exciting time for Gender Studies students. In June our majors and minors will graduate. We wish them all the best as they furiously finish up their B.A. essays and last set of courses. Spring is also when many students decide whether to major, double major, or minor in Gender Studies. The Center for Gender Studies has an enormous amount to offer students interested in gender and/or sexuality as topics of study and approaches to understanding a variety of phenomena from social life to cultural and intellectual production. We offer and cross-list courses from across the university's departments. We also have a rich panorama of programming to supplement course work: from our Friday Lunch Series to special lectures and programs.

### Majoring or Minor in Gender Studies

The Spring [meeting of current and potential majors/minors](#) in gender and sexuality studies will be **Monday of fourth week, April 19, at 4:30 PM**. It's a great opportunity to learn about [the major/minor](#), get answers to your questions, and meet other students in Gender Studies. **NB: Third years who wish to minor in Gender Studies must file a form to do so by the end of Spring quarter.**

Many Gender Studies majors decide to **double major in Gender Studies** and another discipline. Double majors can count many courses toward both majors and in most cases do a single B.A. project. The relatively small number of majors, nine this year, insures students get maximum support and guidance from the preceptor, the program, and their fellow students.

Students interested in learning more about majoring or minoring in Gender/Sexuality Studies can contact Stuart Michaels, Chair of Undergraduate Studies at [stuartm@uchicago.edu](mailto:stuartm@uchicago.edu) at any time. A full description of both options can also be found in the College Catalog under Gender Studies or on the [CGS website](#).

### Ruth Murray Essay Prize Competition

The Ruth Murray Prize(s) will be awarded for the best essay written by a University of Chicago **undergraduate and/or graduate student** in the area of women's studies, feminist criticism or gender 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. If there are multiple winners the prize money is divided equally among them. **Submission deadline is Friday, April 23, 2009, 12:00 PM.** Details can be found on the [website](#).

### Spring Course Offerings in Gender/Sexuality Studies

There are 16 undergraduate level courses in gender and sexuality offered this Spring, four of which are mixed undergrad/grad courses. Full descriptions of the undergraduate courses can be found on our website at <http://genderstudies.uchicago.edu/undergrad/courses.shtml>. It's wonderful to see the variety and richness of these offerings. Check them out!

### Join our email list!

<https://lists.uchicago.edu/web/info/gender-studies>

## Graduate Studies

The Center for Gender Studies is pleased to announce that it now offers a [Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies](#). Graduate Students can receive a Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies after completing the following requirements:

1. A graduate level foundation course in Gender and/or Sexuality [e.g., Introduction to Theories of Sex/Gender or some equivalent graduate level course]
2. At least 3 additional courses in gender and/or sexuality studies. These may be cross-listed courses or equivalent non-cross listed courses approved by the graduate chair.
3. A major research paper with a substantial gender/sexuality component.
4. At least 1 year of participation in the Gender & Sexualities Studies Workshop.

Students wishing to receive the certificate should submit evidence of having fulfilled the requirements for approval to the Assistant Director for Curriculum & Development, Stuart Michaels, [stu-artm@uchicago.edu](mailto:stu-artm@uchicago.edu).

[The Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop \(GSSW\)](#) promotes studies of the ways in which gender and sexuality shape human experiences and are embedded in other social practices. It provides participants with an interdisciplinary forum for the development of critical perspectives on gender and sexuality. The workshop meets Tuesday afternoons in even weeks of the quarter to discuss pre-circulated papers written by University of Chicago graduate students, faculty, and visiting scholars.

This Spring the workshop is pleased to present **Ruth Solie**, Sophia Smith Professor of Music at Smith College. This workshop is sponsored by the Music Department and the Nicholson Center for British Studies.

Unless otherwise noted, all workshops are held on the first floor of the **Center for Gender Studies, 5733 S. University Avenue, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM**. Attendees are expected to read the workshop paper in advance of meeting (papers are made available on the CGS website). If you are interested in being included on the workshop email list or would like to present your work at a future date, please email the workshop coordinator Sarah Imhoff at [sarahi@uchicago.edu](mailto:sarahi@uchicago.edu).

### Teaching and Fellowship Opportunities in Gender Studies

Applications were due March 31. Decisions will be announced in May.

### SPRING 2010 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

April 6

**Carly Schuster**, Anthropology, University of Chicago  
*"Committees for women entrepreneurs": microcredit and the regulation of gender, commerce and relatedness in Paraguay's tri-border area*

April 20

**Gerard Cohen-Vrignaud**, Gender Studies and Comparative Literature, University of Chicago  
*Byron and Oriental Love*

April 30, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

**Ruth Solie**, Sophia Smith Professor of Music, Smith College  
Sponsored by the Music Department and the Nicholson Center for British Studies  
*Music as a Victorian Model of Heaven: What Can We Learn from the Writing of Amateurs?*

May 4

**Katie Turk**, History, University of Chicago  
*'We Must Stop Hiding in Closets and in the Shelter of Anonymity': The Forgotten History of Gay Employment Activism and the Limits of Sex Discrimination Law*

May 18

**Alicia VandeVusse**, Gender Studies and Sociology, University of Chicago  
*Assisted Reproduction and the Changing Conception of Family in the US and Germany*

June 1

**Erin Moore**, Human Development, University of Chicago  
*Victimhood, Voicing, and Bathing: Teaching 'Empowerment' to Girls in Uganda*  
Co-sponsored with African Studies

[http://genderstudies.uchicago.edu/  
events/workshops.shtml](http://genderstudies.uchicago.edu/events/workshops.shtml)

## SPRING 2010 GENDER STUDIES EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Events are held at 5733 South University Avenue unless otherwise noted.

### Tuesday, April 13

#### Women in Science Event: Developmental Foundations of Human Cognition

An event for UC women faculty in the sciences. Please RSVP for details.

**Kathleen (Kathy) Millen**, Associate Professor, Department of Human Genetics will speak on "The Genetic Basis of Building a Brain" and **Katherine Kinzler**, Neubauer Family Assistant Professor in Psychology will speak on "The Native Language of Social Cognition."

### Wednesday, April 14, 7pm, Bond Chapel

Film Screening and Discussion, *Fish Out of Water*: A Film About Interpretation, the Bible, and Homosexuality. A conversation with the film's director & producer, Ky Dickens, will follow. Sponsored by Augustana Lutheran Church of Hyde Park, Brent House Episcopal Campus Ministry, The Center for Gender Studies, Hyde Park Union Church, Interfaith Action Council, Office of LGBTQ Student Life, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Lutheran Student Fellowship, Queers & Associates, and Student Government.

### April 19, 4:30

#### Potential Majors and Minors Meeting

The Center for Gender Studies invites you to learn more about the Gender Studies Major and Minor. We'll discuss the requirements and possibilities for a Gender Studies concentration. This is a chance for all students who are declared or potential majors/minors to find out more about the Center & Gender and Sexuality studies. Meet other majors/minors, the director, the preceptor & current graduating majors.

### Friday, April 30, 1 p.m. (note special time)

Friday Lunch Presentation and Discussion

#### Feeling Alive: Infidelity, Risk, and the Experience of Vitality

**Katherine Frank** is a cultural anthropologist currently studying the meaning and negotiation of sexual exclusivity in contemporary relationships. In addition to her work on monogamy, she has also written on the sex industry, pornography, feminism, eating disorders, swinging, and reality television.

### Friday, May 7, 12:15

Friday Lunch Presentation and Discussion

#### Parental Influences on Adolescent and Young Adult Sexual Behavior and Outcomes:

#### Findings from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health

**Alida Bouris**, Assistant Professor, School of Social Service Administration

### Tuesday, May 11, 4:30 pm

Film Screening and Discussion, *Diagnosing Difference* with discussant **Kristen Schilt**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago.

Historically, non-trans medical and mental health care professionals have positioned themselves as the "experts" on transgender experience, creating standards, guidelines, and diagnoses that inform legal policies and mediate every aspect of life. *Diagnosing Difference* shifts the focus to explore the many complexities of the Gender Identity Disorder (GID) diagnosis from the perspectives of those it affects most directly and personally, including access to medical care, legal ramifications, social stigma, implications for psychotherapeutic care, treatment trauma, and differences in experience based on factors like race, class, gender orientation, and generation.

### Friday, May 14, 2010 - Saturday, May 15, 2010 (all day) , 1111 E. 60th Street

#### Gender, Law, and the British Novel

A Conference at the University of Chicago Law School organized by Martha Nussbaum, Alison LaCroix, and Jane Dailey focusing on the interplay between law and gender in English literature in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Sponsored by the University of Chicago Law School and co-sponsored by the Center for Gender Studies.

### May 21, 3-6 pm, Social Science Tea Room, 1126 East 59th Street

#### Worlding, Writing: A Roundtable on Making New Genres

Presenters: Lauren Berlant, Donna Haraway, Susan Harding, Allen Shelton, Lesley F. Stern, Kathleen Stewart, Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing, Stephen Muecke. Sponsored by the Affective Publics Reading Group, The Franke Institute for the Humanities, 3CT, and the Center for Gender Studies.

### May 27, (All day), Center on Halsted

#### Lesbian and Gay Studies Project Conference: What's Queer About Sex Offenders?

Feminist and queer theorists, criminologists, and prison reform activists will explore the social history and legal complexities of the "sex offender" in the U.S. Over the past fifteen years, public opinion and political circumstances have shifted dramatically regarding LGBT rights. Although homophobia and discrimination continue, the sexual identities and desires of LGBT communities in the U.S. are socially acknowledged and politically protected to an unprecedented degree today. During the same period, states across the country have adopted a raft of laws that regulate, punish and relentlessly publicize persons deemed "sex offenders." These laws are unparalleled in their scope, severity, and enforcement. The shared timing of these two phenomena raises the question: Are sex offenders the new queers?