Gender Matters

[Images of three individuals and two event graphics: History+Gender Wikipedia Workshop and Legacies of Suffrage March 2020]
The Gender Institute welcomes our new Graduate Assistant, Hilary Vandenbark. Hilary is a Ph.D. Candidate in Global Gender and Sexuality Studies and previously held an internship with the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women. Her research focuses on state responses to sexual violence and the Sexual Assault Survivors’ Bill of Rights.

She recently concluded a public policy fellowship with the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society, Rockefeller College, SUNY Albany. The Center, founded in 1979, is committed to increasing women’s representation within public service leadership.
In October, the Gender Institute will host a free workshop to improve coverage of cis and transgender women and non-binary folks in Wikipedia. According to the New York Times, women make up fewer than 20% of Wikipedia biographies in English and fewer than 10% of editors. Bring your laptops!

Other highlights of this year’s programming center on the centennial of the 19th Amendment, when women gained the right to vote in 1920. WNY was a hotbed of suffragist activism in the nineteenth century and to commemorate this history, we will be hosting an event entitled “Spiritualists and Suffragists: An Evening in Lily Dale” on September 28th. The evening will include dinner in Lily Dale, historical reenactments by the Lily Dale Women’s Day Event Committee, as well as a curated exhibit of artifacts.

In March 2020, with the support of a generous Baldy Center Conference Grant, the Gender Institute will host a symposium called “Legacies of Suffrage: Women’s Civic Engagement, Then and Now.” This event will feature scholars who will trace the movement’s waves and will conclude with local activists who are training young women to work on political campaigns. This event is a collaboration with Karen King of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women.

We have a dynamic and varied calendar of events that reflects the diversity of interests within our community. All of our campus events are free and open to the public and I look forward to seeing you in the year ahead.

Carrie Tirado Bramen
Director of the Gender Institute

To continue our series, Professor Paisley Currah, a political scientist at Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, CUNY, will speak on the term transmisogyny. This term refers to the intersection of transphobia and misogyny, and it mainly impacts trans women as well as gender non-conforming people on the feminine end of the gender spectrum. Currah is an important scholar in transgender rights and one of the founding editors of TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly.


MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

A t the 2019 Women’s March in Washington, DC, protesters carried signs that said: “Be Nice,” “Empathy,” and “Make America kind again.” There is a strong emotional cast to contemporary protest that merits serious consideration, because it reminds us of the importance of the social and specifically a sense of fellow-feeling that binds us together in community. (In this spirit, I am grateful to Liza Donnelly, cartoonist for the New Yorker and CBS News, for giving us permission to include her wonderful drawing.)

But kindness and related terms of positive sociality are not the sole means by which communities are forged. In the past few years, we have witnessed how hatred can also bring people together.

This fall semester at the Gender Institute we continue our year-long “On Misogyny” Lecture Series that explores the intersectionality of hatred. How does hating women combine with other forms of bigotry and why is it important to give these forms a name?

To begin this inquiry, Professor Moya Bailey of Northeastern University will discuss misogynoir, a term she coined in 2010 that refers to how racism and misogyny combine to oppress black women. For Bailey it is important to create a word for something that already exists; it makes visible a practice that has for too long gone unnamed. In recognition of her work, Bailey was named No. 5 on Essence Magazine’s Woke 100 Women of 2018.

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The “On Misogyny” Lecture Series will continue this Fall semester with two renowned scholars. Professor Moya Bailey from Northeastern University will speak about a term—misogynoir-- that refers to how racism and misogyny combine to oppress black women. Professor Paisley Currah, a political scientist at Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, CUNY, will speak about “transmisogyny,” which looks at the intersection of transphobia and misogyny. This series began in 2018-2019 with scholars Kate Manne and Wazhmah Osman.

MOYA BAILEY on Misogynoir
Assistant Professor of Cultures, Societies, and Global Studies, Northeastern University
October 3, 2019 | 4-6 p.m.
509 O’Brien Hall, North Campus

Named to Essence Magazine’s Woke 100 Women for 2018, Professor Bailey coined the word “misogynoir” in 2010, a term that describes the intersection of race and gender-based bias that black women face in popular culture. She is a scholar of critical race, feminist, and disability studies. Her work focuses on marginalized groups’ use of digital media to promote social justice as acts of self-affirmation and health promotion.

PAISLEY CURRAH on Transmisogyny
Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College and The Graduate Center, CUNY
November 7, 2019 | 4-6 p.m.
509 O’Brien Hall, North Campus

Professor Currah’s current teaching and research interests include the politics of identity, queer and transgender theories and politics, biopolitics, and legal/political/theoretical ethnographies of state apparatuses. He is a founding editor, with Susan Stryker, of TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly, a new journal from Duke University Press. He is co-editor of Corpus: An Interdisciplinary Reader on Bodies and Knowledge and Transgender Rights. His book, Sex is as Sex Does: Transgender Identity and the Politics of Classification, (NYU press, forthcoming) looks at contradictions in state constructions of sex.
FEMINIST RESEARCH ALLIANCE

FALL SERIES
Thursdays @ Noon
at the Gender Institute
207 UB Commons

October 10: Rebecca Borowski
Ph.D. Candidate, Educational Leadership and Policy
Women Leaders in STEM Disciplines: A Comparative Case Study on Leadership and Disciplinary Culture

October 24: Sarah Robert
Associate Professor, Learning and Instruction
How Gender and Policy “Work” in Education: A View from the Americas

November 21: Meredith Conti
Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance
American Girls, American Guns: Whiteness and Transgressive Womanhood in Nineteenth-Century Sharpshooting Performances

Co-Sponsored Events

SABINE SIELKE
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
3:30 p.m. | 306 Clemens Hall
Lecture: Minding One’s Own Style: Marianne Moore and Susan Sontag
Department of English

PANKAJ RISHI KUMAR
Friday, November 8, 2019
12 - 2 p.m. | 112 Center for the Arts (Screening Room)
Film Screening: Janani’s Juliet
Asian Studies Program

NAVIGATE PROJECT

The NSF-funded NAVIGATE project is a series of workshops and seminars designed to give women graduate students in STEM fields the resources to identify and deal with gender bias in the workplace, and increase the likelihood they will persist in their chosen fields.

Glenna Bett, Gender Institute Deputy Director and co-principal investigator of the NAVIGATE project, reflects on its impact:

The NAVIGATE retreats give students a chance to participate in case studies and share how they have used the various techniques they learned through NAVIGATE in professional situations.

It is always disappointing to hear about UB students being in situations of gender bias, but it was wonderful to know that the participants recognized the situation, and handled it effectively, based on the NAVIGATE skillset.

Applications for NAVIGATE’s final year are open until September 12.

https://www.buffalo.edu/navigate-project
To mark the centennial of the 19th Amendment’s ratification, the UB Gender Institute and the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women will host a conference to highlight the historical lessons of the women’s suffrage movement and its legacy today.

The event will trace the movement’s waves and explore future possibilities for women’s civic engagement.

**LEGACIES OF SUFFRAGE**  
Women’s Civic Engagement Then and Now  
MARCH 2020

Look for our Spring workshop on STEM+Gender!

**Spiritualists and Suffragists**  
Join Dr. Carrie Bramen in Lily Dale to explore the connections between spiritualism and famous suffragists such as Susan B. Anthony, Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.  
September 28 | 7 p.m.  
Bough House Restaurant  
Melrose Drive, Lily Dale, NY 14752  
See our website for full details.
Ph.D. DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Maryam Muliaee
Department of Media Study

Re-visiting the Urban: Feminist Media Archaeologies as Counter-mapping

Maryam Muliaee is a media artist-researcher, and a Ph.D. candidate in Media Study at UB. Her dissertation focuses on feminist media archaeologies that suggest an embodied approach to the themes of place/city. She argues for and frames the lateral, radical, resistant and relational cartographies that feminist media archaeologies offer for the spatial metaphors such as place/space, architecture and city.

ISABEL MARCUS INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Gabriella Nassif
Ph.D. Candidate, Global Gender and Sexuality Studies
Who Cares: Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon

Alexandra Prince
Ph.D. Candidate, History
Religion and Madness: Perceptions of Insanity at the Fringe of Religious Life, 1830-1920

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