I am deeply honored to take on the role of director of UB's Gender Institute. As the only research center that focuses on women, gender, and sexuality in the entire SUNY system the Gender Institute has nurtured students and scholars for more than a quarter century.

For those of you who don't know me I am a Professor of History whose work explores interconnecting themes of race, gender, and the urban world. Like many UB faculty and students I have personally benefitted from the Institute, presenting works in progress as part of the Feminist Research Alliance and at a Gender Institute Symposium organized by former director Kari Winter, "Wonder Woman and Super Men." I also discussed my most recent book Living in the Future: Utopianism and the Long Civil Rights Movement as part of the New Books, Feminist Directions series. Carrie Tirado Bramen, my predecessor, created the New Books series and through her tireless efforts the Institute’s budget has grown dramatically and the rates of attendance at its vibrant events have multiplied. I am so grateful to Carrie, and all the former directors, for their work building and sustaining the Gender Institute. And I am thankful to be working with a wonderful team, including our tireless staff assistant Megan Vaughan and graduate assistant Surabhi Pant. I’m also honored to work next to deputy director and SUNY Distinguished Professor Jo Freudenheim.

Because I believe so strongly in the Gender Institute’s mission, I will be doing all I can to increase the visibility of the Institute. We are at a crucial moment in our history, with concerted attacks on the LGBTQ community, particularly transgender people, and the loss of reproductive rights. The Gender Institute can play a vital role at this moment, bringing feminist scholarship across all disciplinary fields to the wider public. Watch this space for many more events in the upcoming year. And please encourage your colleagues and students to apply for our generous fellowships, which are eligible across all fields, STEM, Social Science, Humanities, and the Arts. Finally, I urge anyone reading this to reach out. If you know about a recent book that engages feminist scholarship, please pass on that information. Interested in serving on one of our fellowship committees or participating in the Feminist Research Alliance? Let us know! Together we can face the future while learning from the past.

VICTORIA W. WOLCOTT,
GENDER INSTITUTE DIRECTOR

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
2023-24 UB GENDER INSTITUTE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

OCTOBER 23 | FALL FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD
DECEMBER 4 | DUKE TRAVEL GRANT
FEBRUARY 12 | ISABEL MARCUS FELLOWSHIP
FEBRUARY 26 | UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP
MARCH 4 | SPRING FACULTY RESEARCH AWARD
MARCH 25 | PHD DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP
APRIL 8 | EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD

2022-23 GIVING HIGHLIGHTS
$34,920 TO FACULTY IN RESEARCH FUNDING.
$13,200 TO STUDENTS IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS.
Signature Lectures

This series explores feminist issues by bringing a diverse set of voices and perspectives on many topics to campus.

Feminist Research Alliance

These workshops advance and energize interdisciplinary conversation and collaboration among feminist scholars by providing a space where faculty, graduate students, and visiting scholars can present and discuss research-in-progress.

New Books, New Feminist Directions

These hybrid events explore the significance of a book and its relevance for its field. This series highlights the superb feminist scholarship at UB, while also celebrating a colleague’s achievement.

Register Here:

UB Gender Institute

Fall 2023 Events

Thursday, September 28, 12:00 - 1:00pm (EDT) via Zoom

Feminist Research Alliance

"Brain Injury Behind Closed Doors: Prevalence, Risk Factors, and Consequences"

Ghazala T. Saleem
Assistant Professor, Department of Rehabilitation Science, UB

Thursday, October 12, 3:30 - 5:00pm (EDT)
The Screening Room, CFA and via Zoom

Signature Lecture

"Leslie Feinberg, Firebrand Books, and the ‘Place of Place’ in LGBTQ History"

Jeffry Iovannone
Preservation Planner with the Landmark Society of Western NY

Thursday, October 19, 4:00 - 5:30pm (EDT)
509 O'Brian Hall and via Zoom

Signature Lecture

Cherrie Moraga
Internationally recognized poet, essayist, playwright, and Professor of English at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where with her artistic partner, Celia Herrera Rodriguez, she has instituted Las Maestras Center: Xicana[x] Indigenous Thought, Art, & Social Praxis.

Thursday, October 26, 12:00 - 1:00pm (EDT) via Zoom

Feminist Research Alliance

"Toronto’s Legacy of Feminist Planning: Gender, Safety, and Housing"

Kate Nelischer
Assistant Professor, Urban and Regional Planning, UB

Tuesday, November 14, 5:00 - 7:00pm (EST)
43 Hamilton Street, Buffalo

New Books, New Feminist Directions *With a Twist*
Feminist Cash Mob with Black Rock Books

Corrie Stone-Johnson
Owner of Black Rock Books
Associate Professor, Educational Leadership and Policy, UB

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