Call for Papers

“Sexuality and Gender in the Digital Age: No Limits 2016”
March 11, 2016 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Hosted by the UNL Women’s and Gender Studies Program

“No Limits” is an annual student conference dedicated to crossing boundaries between disciplines and exploring a wide range of women’s and gender issues. We invite proposals from undergraduates, graduate students, and recent graduates on any topic from any discipline related to women’s issues, lives, histories or cultures; feminism; or women’s and gender studies. Creative writing, visual arts, film, music, performances, workshops, posters, and academic papers are all welcome. Proposals for individual presentations or pre-made panels are accepted.

While papers and panels can address a variety of themes, this year’s keynote will address the conference theme of “Sexuality and Gender in the Digital Age.” Dr. Meenakshi Gigi Durham, professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Department of Gender, Women’s and Sexuality Studies at the University of Iowa, will deliver the keynote talk “Pleasure and Danger: Sex, Violence, and Ethics in the Age of Digital Media.” The keynote lecture will address the cybersex environment as progressive in some ways, as opening up spaces for alternative sexual communities, especially in conservative cultural environments, but regressive in other ways, such as perpetuating power hierarchies and endangering real-world people. Durham will outline an ethical approach for critiquing gender and sexuality online.

Proposal Submission Instructions
Your proposal should include:
- Your project title
- An abstract of 250-400 words describing your project and its larger significance
- Contact Information: your name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, e-mail, and phone number MUST be on your proposal
- Any A/V equipment you might need.
- If you anticipate your presentation to exceed 15-20 minutes, please make note of it on your proposal.

When submitting your proposal, copy the text of your proposal in the body of the email AND attach it as an electronic copy.

Proposals and questions regarding the conference should be submitted to: nolimitsunl@unl.edu

Deadline for submissions is Friday, January 22, 2016.

For more information about the conference, please see the No Limits website:
http://www.unl.edu/wgs/no-limits-conference

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