Women’s and Gender Studies

No Limits! 2015: Talking Leadership

On Friday, March 13, many UNL students and faculty members attended the No Limits 2015 conference hosted by the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The conference’s theme was “Talking Leadership” and it featured keynote speaker Dr. Mary S. Hartman, the Founding Director & Senior Scholar at the Institute for Women’s Leadership at Rutgers University. Dr. Hartman discussed several issues that women who take on leadership roles currently face but ended by highlighting the silver linings that can solve these problems. One key element of her talk was inclusion and how the increasing involvement of diverse populations and men help create a culture where women can take on leadership roles.

Nineteen UNL students presented at the conference on a wide variety of topics, from getting men involved in gender issues on campus to understanding the sex industry in India. No Limits 2015 not only offered all these students a chance to showcase their work but to network and collaborate with other Nebraskan students involved in women’s and gender studies.

No Limits 2016 at UNL
Keynote: Meenakshi Gigi Durham, PhD

Meenakshi Gigi Durham’s work centers on media and the politics of the body, with an emphasis on gender, sexuality, race, and youth cultures.

No Limits 2016 will be held Friday, March 11, 2016.

Celebrating our Graduates

The Spring Graduation and Awards Reception is on Monday, April 27, 3:30-5:00 pm in the Unity Room of the Jackie Gaughan Multicultural Center.

See the full list of WGS course offerings in the course description booklet on our website: unl.edu/wgs

Fall 2015 Special Topics Course
WMNS 291: Sex and Gender Around the Globe

This course will tackle issues of global import that affect our lives here in Nebraska, investigating the role gender plays in these complex topics. We will read about and meet people coming from around the globe who now live here in Lincoln, and we will discuss when people are allowed to move, when they are prevented from doing so, and when they are forced to leave through war, human trafficking, or other forms of violence. How does a person’s gender affect their access to food, water, transport, family integrity, physical safety, or economic opportunity? How do representations of masculinity and femininity shape our global community and our local one? Through guest speakers, film clips, readings, and a close eye on the news, this class will explore our global lives through a gendered lens.
Faculty Awards and Achievements

Grace Bauer's (English) book, *Nowhere All At Once*, received the Society of Midland Author's Book Award for Poetry. She also chaired a panel “B Words: Bold, Bossy, Bitchy, Ballsy Women Poets and the Body Politic” at the National AWP Conference.

Iker González-Allende's (Modern Languages) edited collection of letters *Epistolario de Pilar de Zubiaurre (1906-1970)* was published by Tamesis Books.

Mary Anne Holmes (Earth and Atmospheric Sciences) returned from a year as a rotator at the National Science Foundation where she was the Program Director of the ADVANCE Program.

Katrina Jagodinsky (History) submitted her manuscript on Indigenous women’s nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century legal history for publication with Yale University Press and she expects a Spring 2016 release. She also received the UNL College of Arts and Science's Harold and Esther Edgerton Junior Faculty Award for 2015-2017.

Emily Kazyak's (Sociology, WGS) study, “The Law’s the Law, Right? Sexual Minority Mothers Navigating Legal Inequities and Inconsistencies,” was published in the February issue of *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. Her article, “Getting “Bi” in the Family: Bisexual People’s Disclosure Experiences” was published in the *Journal of Marriage and Family*. It is co-authored with Kristin Scherrer and Rachel Schmitz.

Julia Schleck (English) organized the panel “Women, Fire, and Dangerous Things: Alternate Histories of the Mughal Empire and the East India Company” for the Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, held in Berlin, Germany. On this panel she presented the paper “The Marital Problems of the British East India Company, 1610-1635.”

Shari Stenberg (English and WGS) received the Hazel R. McClymont Distinguished Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences, which is chosen by members of the college executive committee and honors exemplary teaching.

Faculty and Instructors Recognized for Contributions to Students

Seven WGS faculty and instructors were recognized by the UNL Teaching Council and UNL Parents Association for their contributions to students: Radha Balasubramanian (Modern Languages), Jaclyn Cruikshank Vogt (English, WGS), Anne Duncan (Classics and Religious Studies), Kathleen Lacey (English, WGS), Stephen Lahey (Classics and Religious Studies), Julia Schleck (English), and Stacey Waite (English).

Student Awards and Achievements

Jacqueline Harris (English, WGS Grad Specialization) presented “The Intersection of L. T. Meade's Professional and Domestic Victorian Celebrity” at the Gender and Work Conference and won a student paper award. She also presented a paper at the Dickens Project Winter Conference. Her article “George MacDonald's Frightening Female: Menopause and Makennoit in The Light Princess” is forthcoming in *North Wind: A Journal of George MacDonald Studies*.

Samantha Lunde (WGS Major) presented a poster about masculinity, disability, and *Breaking Bad* at the International American Men's Studies Association Conference in New York City and at the No Limits Conference.

Catherine Medici-Thiemann (History, WGS Grad Specialization) received the Department of History's John F. Stover Fellowship for dissertation research. She presented “So Noble a Friend: Lady Mary Sidney's Favor and Patronage at Elizabeth’s Court” at the South Central Renaissance Conference.

Rachel Schmitz's (Sociology, WGS Grad Specialization) article with Kimberly A. Tyler, “Homeless Young People's Experiences of Caregiver Rejection,” was published in the *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. Rachel also had a number of articles accepted for publication in 2014-2015 and presented a paper at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Lindsay Spaulding (LGBTQ/Sexuality Studies Minor) presented her poster, “Understanding the experiences of non-binary gender identities,” at the No Limits Conference.

Mark Your Calendars

The WGS retreat for faculty, instructors, and graduate students will be August 17.

Fall 2015 Colloquium

The Fall 2015 colloquium series will focus on feminist/queer pedagogies. Please see the WGS website for details as they are announced.

New Campus Associate and Program Faculty

Joann Ross joins WGS as a campus associate and is a full-time learning specialist in the Athletics Department. Joann’s research interests include legal history, women's history, and social history.

Regina Werum, Professor of Sociology, has joined WGS as a program faculty member. Her research examines how social policy shapes and reflects social inequalities, especially in education.