

Women's *and* Gender Studies

No Limits 2019: Women's & Gender Studies Student Research Conference

On Friday, March 8, the Women's & Gender Studies Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln hosted No Limits 2019: Being the Future, Riding the Next Feminist Wave. This year's conference featured Shireen Ghorbani (pictured below), a former candidate for the US House of Representatives. Currently, she is the Associate Director of Communication and Organizational Development for Facilities Management at the University of Utah.

In all, 50 students presented their work at the conference. In addition to UNO, UNL, and UNK, students and faculty came from Creighton, Hastings College, and University of Missouri to participate in the conference. Twenty-four graduate and undergraduate students from UNL shared their research. Thank you to all who attended!

Check out the Keynote Address here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKsV4WSIMH4>

No Limits 2020

Next year's No Limits conference will be at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Look for the Call for Papers this fall.



Celebrating Our Graduates

The Spring Graduation and Awards Reception is Tuesday, May 2, 2019 at 3:30 pm in the Georgian Suite in the City Campus Union.

Morgan Beal is this year's Melba Cope Community Award Recipient.

Harper Anderson is the recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Standing Student Achievement Award.

**See the full list of Summer & Fall 2019
WGS course offerings on our website:
unl.edu/wgs**

Summer 2019 Courses of Interest

RELG 398: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Dr. Kelsy Burke

Online

This course considers how religion is used to shape, maintain, and transform gender and sexuality in the United States and beyond. We tackle questions such as:

*How is gender inequality maintained and challenged within religious organizations?

*How do religious beliefs and practices structure gender relations?

*How do religious institutions naturalize and privilege heterosexuality?

*How do LGBT people understand and interact with religious teachings about natural sex differences?

We learn from many disciplines, including religious studies, theology, history and sociology, and draw heavily from scholarship that addresses the intersection of religion, gender, and sexuality from a feminist/queer theoretical perspective.



Fall 2019 Courses of Interest

HMED 396: Women, Gender, and Medicine

Dr. Catherine Medici-Thiemann T/Th 9:30-10:45

Medicine has frequently been seen as objective field of scientific inquiry, discovery, and progress. However, many historical, social, and cultural factors influence medicine. In this course we will examine these factors through the lens of the women and gender. This course explores the way medicine has thought about the body theoretically and physically, examining the ways that understandings of sex and gender influence medical practices and treatment. We will then examine two aspects of medicine in detail. We will examine reproductive issues, as women's physiological ability to bear children shapes their medical reality. We will also explore women's pain and chronic illness. Chronic illnesses affect women at a much higher rate than men while women's pain has been treated and regarded in gendered terms. The course will mostly focus on the US, with some international perspectives.

Throughout the course, we will follow the themes of agency and resistance. How have women express agency in their medical care and resisted practices, policies, and laws detrimental to women. We will also look for issues of intersectionality, the ways that age, race, class, sexuality, and disability intersect with gender to affect medicine and health.

WMNS 210: Activism and Feminist Communities

Dr. Jennifer Rome MWF 1:30-2:20 pm

Activism and Feminist Communities examines the concept of community engagement through the lens of experience—student-designed activist projects and volunteer work with a community or campus organization—and puts that experience in conversation with feminist theories and concepts.

Some of the university and community partners students have worked with include: The Women's Center at UNL, the LGBTQA+ Resource Center at UNL, UNL PREVENT, UNL Sustain, The Friendship House, Voices of Hope, Southeast Community College's Adult Education Program for female refugees, the YWCA, The Lancaster County Department of Health, The Center for People in Need, Girls Code Lincoln, and more.

It is so important for knowledge to transcend the walls of the classroom, and WMNS 210: Activism and Feminist Communities provides the opportunity to move theory into practice and work as scholar activists, making connections between course content and feminist activism within the local community.

Awards and Achievements

Rose Holz has been promoted to full professor of practice. Holz was also awarded the 2019 CAS Hazel R. McClymont Distinguished Teaching Award. This award is funded by a generous gift from Hazel R. McClymont and honors exemplary teaching in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Margaret Jacobs won a three-year Humanities Collections and Reference Resources Implementation Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Jacobs also earned a membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She is the first female faculty member here at UNL to earn this status and the second faculty member ever to earn this honor.

Shari Stenberg's recent publication "Tweet Me Your First Assault": Writing Shame and the Rhetorical Work for #NotOkay" has been selected for the *Best of the Journals in Rhetoric and Composition 2019*.

Maureen Honey is retiring after 40 years at UNL. Honey served as the Director of Women's Studies from 1987-1992. Among her many contributions to the WGS program, she taught such courses as "Women in Pop Culture" and "Black Women Authors." She has also been a prolific writer with many publications, including *Creating Rosie the Riveter: Class, Gender and Propaganda in World War II* and *Double-Take: Cross-Currents of Gender and Genre in the Harlem Renaissance*, among many more. Thank you for all you've done, Maureen, and enjoy your retirement!

Jan Deeds is also retiring this year. She has been a vital member of the Women's and Gender Studies community for many years. She is the Director of the Women's Center and has worked there for 21 years. She regularly taught the Introduction to Men's Studies class and changed the lives of countless WGS students who interned at the Women's Center. It is safe to say she will be dearly missed. Enjoy your retirement, Jan!

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