



*SJ Sindu, the Keynote Speaker for the 2022 No Limits Conference, is a UNL Alumna and Sri Lankan American novelist and short story writer. Her books include *Marriage of a Thousand Lies* (2017) and *Blue-Skinned Gods* (2021).*

**WRITING AS
RESISTANCE:
NO LIMITS 2022**

Student Research Conference



8:15-9:10am*A Place to Meet and Mingle***HERITAGE ROOM****9:15-10:35am***Session #1: Visual Art, Creativity, and Design***Regency A**Moderator: **Briar Essex** (UNL)

- **Rebekah Brown** (UNL), "Making it Come True: Validating and Empowering the African American Feminist Artist in Faith Ringgold's French Collection"
- **Venn Jemkur** (UNL), "Plus-size Apparel: The Design Question"
- **Keshia McClantoc** (UNL), "The Rise of Female Commentary YouTubers and QueerFeminist Educational Activism"
- **Tix Tennant-Hill** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Asexuality and Aromanticism through Photography"

*Session #2: Power and Representation in Pop Culture***Regency B**Moderator: **Lara A. Garrido** (UNL)

- **Carrie Cave** (UNL), "Gender, Popular Culture, and Social Movements in Beyoncé's 'Lemonade' Album"
- **B. Littman** (UNL), "Feminism and Representation of Diverse Identities in American Girl Dolls"
- **Olivia Pereira** (UNL), "Representation of Alternative Sexualities in Media"
- **Emily Steinbach** (Nebraska Wesleyan University), "It's Time to Cancel, Cancel Culture: Power Dynamics and Gender Roles"

*Session #3: Applying Feminism in Education, Medicine, and Law***Regency C**Moderator: **Alex Mohr** (UNL)

- **Jacob Jardel** (University of Missouri – Kansas City), "Within and With Out: Queering Composition Through Collaboration and Student Narrative"
- **Aidan Maher** (Nebraska Wesleyan University), "Trigger Warning: Gender and Trauma in College Classrooms"
- **Syd Miller** (UNL), "Trans Legal Aid: Resources and Information for Lawyers Working with Transgender Clients"
- **Grey Stone** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Asexual Ally 101"

*Session #4: Women's Voices and Feminist Discourse in Nineteenth-Century America***Ubuntu Room / 202**Moderator: **Catherine Medici-Thiemann** (UNL)

- **Bethany Holley-Griffith** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Republican Motherhood: Understanding the Role of Domesticity and Religion in Nineteenth-Century Women's Education Reform"

- **Kaitie Mannis** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Entertaining While Indoctrinating: The Gendering of Children's Literature in the Victorian Period"
- **Jaclyn Swiderski** (UNL), "'What an awful pity it is that you can't say damn': Disability as Complex Embodiment in The Diary of Alice James"
- **Ann Vlock** (UNL), "Once Ruined, Always Ruined: The Late Nineteenth Century Discourse on the Age of Consent"

Session #5: This Land Is Our Land: Digitizing The Center's Archives of Rare BGLTQ+ and Feminist Periodicals from the 1970s-2010s

Unity Room / 212

Moderator: **Jennifer Kruse** (UNL)

- **Alexis McKernan, Emma Stewart, Mikele Smith, and Skyler Donnell** (University of Central Oklahoma)

11:00am-12:15pm	<i>Keynote Address: SJ Sindu</i>	Union Auditorium
12:15-12:55pm	Complimentary box lunches for those pre-registered	Centennial Room

1:00-2:20pm

Session #6: Language, Gender Identities, and Prescribed Gender Roles

Regency A

Moderator: **Melissa Homestead** (UNL)

- **Skyler Donnell** (University of Central Oklahoma), "The Modern Language Surrounding Male Birth Control"
- **Ana Tudela Martinez** (UNL), "Dueling Masculinities: Anachronism and Contrast in C. Tangana's El madrileño"
- **Aster Yeoman** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Which of these Languages Have Gender Neutral Pronouns?"

Session #7: Power and Resistance Across Time and Place

Regency B

Moderator: **Kathleen Lacey** (UNL)

- **Courtney Hanson** (Hastings College), "Women Leaders as Collaborators, Builders, and Tacklers of Male-Dominated Spaces"
- **Briar Essex** (UNL), "Lou's Hand: An Exploration of Queer Kinship through the Diaries of Lou Sullivan"
- **Maya Fitch** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Fact and Fiction: A Look at Jewish Gender Subversion from the Hellenistic Period to Present Day"

*Session #8: Feminist Examinations of Sexual Health in
Theory, Language, and Practice*

Regency C

Moderator: **Alexandra Bissell** (UNL)

- **Hannah Ash** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Why America Needs Sexual Health Education"
- **Jayce Camp** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Confronting Stigmatizing Policies: An Oklahoma-Based Analysis of Policy and Stigmatizing Attitudes Towards HIV/AIDS"
- **Philana McHenry** (University of Central Oklahoma), "What's in a Name? Activism, Bigotry, Treatment, and Language in the HIV/AIDS Epidemic"
- **Lauren Watkins** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Healthcare and Inequity: Transgender Patients Quality of Treatment"

Session #9: Rethinking Theory

Ubuntu Room / 202

Moderator: **Iker González-Allende** (UNL)

- **Clare Frances Kennedy** (UNL), "Masculinities at a Crossroads: Addressing Harassment and Sexism Within the Field of Masculinities Studies"
- **Ashton Koch** (UNL), "Clash and Cooperation of Ecofeminism and Postmodern Feminism"
- **Natalie Watson** (Hastings College), "Doing Justice to Gender"

Session #10: Responding to Student Disclosures with CARE

Unity Room / 212

Moderator: **Jennifer Kruse** (UNL)

Workshop led by **Lizzy Lavin** (UNL)

2:30-3:50pm

Session #11: Representations of Gender in Television & Film

Regency A

Moderator: **Tamy Burnett** (UNL)

- **Tina Jones** (UNK), "RuPaul and Drag Race's Influence on Society"
- **Hannah Labonar** (UNL), "Geniuses and Bad Girl Shenanigans: The Moral Complexity of Superhero TV's Female Scientists"
- **Kayla Schmitz** (UNL), "'This Was Supposed to Be Easy!' Reproductive Justice Rhetoric Through Rhetorical Homology in Hulu's Plan B"

*Session #12: Listening to Stories of Violence among Under-represented Women:
How the Media and Other Institutions Have Failed Them*

Regency B

Moderator: **Meagan Kunitzer** (UNL)

- **Ty Anderson** and **Mikele Smith** (University of Central Oklahoma), "The Missing White Woman Syndrome"

- **Becca Archer** (UNK), "Inequity and Violence: Indigenous Women and Sex Trafficking Policies"
- **Christina Markgraf, Tiffany Berry, Journey Noyes, Tina Jones, and Michelle Gerih** (UNK), "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and the Media"
- **Lydia Perez** (University of Central Oklahoma), "The War on Drugs and the Calderón Administration: A Historical Analysis of Militaristic Language and Tendencies"

Session #13: The Black Woman Experience

Regency C

Moderator: **Shari Stenberg** (UNL)

- **Keesha Albrecht** (UNK), "Love and Control in Their Eyes Were Watching God"
- **Kiley Anderson** (UNK), "The Poetry and Public Persona of Phillis Wheatley"
- **Taleaha Lee** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Diary of a Mad Black Woman"
- **Keryeé Morton** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Black Minds Matter"

Session #14: Feminism at the Intersections of Religious Traditions

Ubuntu Room / 202

Moderator: **Marissa Oliver** (UNL)

- **Andrew Hedges** (University of Central Oklahoma), "B'tselem Elohim 'In G-d's Image'"
- **Trevor Linn** (Nebraska Wesleyan University), "The Ambivalence of Feminist Religious Symbolism"
- **Jacob Reavis** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Sacred River in Crisis: An Analysis of Gender, Cultural Practices, and Pollution along the Ganges"
- **Deanna Sobczak** (UNO), "Woman and the Cosmos: Creation Imagery in Heldegard of Bingen's *Liber Divinorum Operum*"

Session #15: Zine Making Workshop: A Historical Analysis of Queer Resistance in Zines

Unity Room / 212

Moderator: **Keshia Mcclantoc** (UNL)

Workshop led **Grace Payne** and **Skyler Donnell** (University of Central Oklahoma)

4:00-5:20pm

Session #16: Documentary Film: "Sexual Health Is Health"

Regency A

Moderator: **Shari Stenberg** (UNL)

Documentary directed by **Mak McCleary** (University of Central Oklahoma)

*Session #17: Transgressing Prescribed Narratives***Regency B**Moderator: **Tamy Burnett** (UNL)

- **Mara Andersen** (UNK), "The Constellation of Shakespeare's Juliet"
- **Eden Bass** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Neuroqueer: The Intersectionality of Neurodivergence and Queerness"
- **Diana Humble** (University of South Dakota), "Preliminary Findings: The Inclusion of Rape and Other Non-Consensual Sexual Adults in Self-Insert Fanfiction"
- **Merrick S.** (University of Central Oklahoma), "'Queerly Beloved' and 'Phantom Mechanics': A Duality of Queer Resistance"

*Session #18: Transcending Cultural Norms and Gender in Transnational Communities***Regency C**Moderator: **Sandra Loughrin** (UNK)

- **Zachary Cheek** (UNL), "The Impact of India's 2009 Right to Education Act on Primary- and Secondary-Level Gender Parity Indices"
- **Michelle Gerih** (UNK), "Sexism in Latino Culture"
- **AnaMarie Lopez** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Cultural Customs and their Limits on Liberation: An Analysis of the Latinx Community and the Mental Illness Within It"

*Session #19: Investigating Women, Gender, and Sex Through Change Over Time: Historical Perspectives***Ubuntu Room / 202**Moderator: **Jess Morrow** (UNL)

- **Giovanni Esparza** (University of Northern Colorado), "'Jorgensen Enjoys Being Christine': Christine Jorgensen's Public Image and How It Shaped a Movement"
- **Elizabeth Malousek** (UNL), "The Problem with Purity: Let's Talk about Why We Don't Talk About Sex"
- **Sam Royka** (University of Central Oklahoma), "Love as Resistance"
- **Emma Stewart** (University of Central Oklahoma), "A History of Hysteria: The Evolution of Attitudes Towards Menstruation From 1920-2020"

*Session #20: bell hooks: Pedagogy through Dialogue - Tributes from UNL Teachers, Writers, and Advocates***Unity Room / 212**

- **Amelia-Marie Altstadt, Briar Essex, Jordan Charlton, Zoe McDonald, Elva Moreno Del Rio, and Alexander Vera** (UNL)

5:30-6:00pm

**Last Chance to Mingle and Fond Farewells...
Until Next Year at UNK!**

Presenter Information

Keesha Albrecht (Session 13) (she/her)

Keesha Albrecht is currently working as a graduate student at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She has her bachelor's in English with a minor in history and is pursuing her master's in English with an emphasis in creative writing. She is originally from Brewster, NE. Her hobbies include playing video games and anything to do with classic cars.

Amelia-Marie Altstadt (Session 20) (they/she)

Amelia-Marie K. Altstadt, M.A is the Coordinator for the University Honors Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). They earned their M.A. in Educational Administration – Student Affairs in August 2021 with the completion of autoethnographic Master's thesis, "Spaces and Societal Interactions: Foundations of the Critical Disabled Cultural Lens of a Child of Disabled Adults." The findings and discussion chapters are written as a play with the intent of increased accessibility to research! When they're not cuddling with their two cats, you can find them at their office in Knoll Residential Center 213A or on social media under @ameliamariewood.

Mara Andersen (Session 17) (she/her)

Mara Andersen will graduate with her Master of Arts in English from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in May 2022. She is currently the executive director of a nonprofit organization located in her hometown of Alliance, Nebraska where she lives with her husband, Jake. As a champion of her community, Mara is involved in grant writing, program and fund development, and several community investment projects like ARC Park and ARC AfterSchool. She is a board member of the local Chamber of Commerce and Snow RedFern Foundation, where she is the Chair of the Career Pathways committee. Mara is passionate about people and aspires to teach English at the collegiate level to ensure women's stories are shared, heard, and learned from. Mara is an avid Star Wars fan and is the proud owner of her own light saber (which she will use to further the rebellion's cause).

Kiley Anderson (Session 13) (she/her)

Kiley Anderson is a junior at the University of Nebraska at Kearney pursuing a degree in English with an emphasis in writing. She has minors in Advertising and Public Relations and Professional Communication. She is originally from Norfolk, Nebraska, and is a graduate of Norfolk Senior High School. Kiley would someday like to work in communications for a nonprofit, and she is also considering attending graduate school.

Ty Anderson (Session 12) (they/them)

Born in Central Oklahoma, Ty Anderson studies geography with a minor in sustainability and history at the University of Central Oklahoma. They wish to study the way marginalized communities might interact with the environment and the solutions these communities might use to overcome oppression. Their goal is to get their master's in Environmental science and Post-colonial studies and become an environmental justice advocate and queer geographer.

Becca Archer (Session 12) (she/her)

Becca is a junior at the University of Nebraska—Kearney. Becca is from Kansas City, Missouri. She is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a minor in Women and Gender studies. She plans to attend graduate school for Art Therapy or Social Work and hopes to work in equity work in the educational setting.

Hannah Ash (Session 8) (she/her/hers)

My name is Hannah Ash (she/her/hers). I am from Norman, Oklahoma. I am a fifth year, graduating senior at the University of Central Oklahoma. I am majoring in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality studies with a minor in Psychology. I am the Assistant Librarian at our Women's Research and BGLTQ+ Student Center on campus, the only stand alone queer center in the state. I am a former Sexual Health Ambassador and hope to continue learning and teaching sexual health education to the adolescents of Oklahoma! I am a proud dog and cat mom.

Eden Bass (Session 17) (she/they)

Eden Bass is a Junior at the University of Central Oklahoma who is double majoring in Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She is a neuroqueer individual who uses she/they pronouns. Eden serves as a Sexual Health Ambassador at the UCO Center for Women and BGLTQIA+ Students. They are planning on earning both of their undergrad degrees to then move forward to earn a masters in counselling and a PhD in Human Sexuality. Eden will then become a sex therapist for the BGLTQIA2S+ community, specifically trans youth. After being raised in Oklahoma City, she discovered the great need for mental health care within the queer community and is now working to bridge the gap. When they are not working and learning, Eden loves to attend local art exhibits and appreciate any of the nature preserves in her area.

Tiffany Berry (Session 12)

I am a senior majoring in Social Work and minoring in Women and Gender Studies. I aim to complete my master's degree in social work and ultimately completing my clinical time so I can obtain my LCSW. I am a non-traditional student who lives in the Wichita, Kansas area. A fun fact about me is that I volunteer as a troop leader for Girl Scouts.

Rebekah Brown (Session 1) (she/her)

I am a first-year graduate art history student here at UNL. I am from Lubbock, Texas and live here with my husband, who is also from Texas. I received my BA in art history at Brigham Young University in Utah. I am passionate about art history and particularly love how artwork can teach us so much about the tapestry of history. This passion for the discipline has inspired me to seek out a career in art history working in a museum as a curator. To do so, I hope to pursue an Art History PhD in Art History after my time here at UNL. As a curator, I want to design exhibitions that help others fall in love with art history too. A fun fact about me is that I am fluent in Swedish!

Jayce Camp (Session 8) (he/him)

Jayce Camp is a Sexual Health Ambassador with the Women's Research Center and BGLTQ+ Student Center at the University of Central Oklahoma where he currently researches HIV/AIDS and Stigma. He is currently double majoring in Forensic Science and Psychology and plans to graduate in Fall of 2023. Jayce has always had a passion for children and has accumulated over 300 hours of volunteer time at schools and daycare centers of his hometown,

Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and surrounding communities. He hopes to build a career helping children conquer challenges and become happy, successful members of society. When not studying in the library, Jayce enjoys hiking and kayaking with friends or riding thrilling roller coasters.

Carrie Cave (Session 2)

My name is Carrie Cave, I'm a freshman Pre-Law student majoring in Political Science and minoring in Women's and Gender Studies, hoping to pick up another minor in the future. I'm an out-of-state, first-generation student from a military family; I was born in Texas and moved here from Kansas, moving 10 times between the two! I hope to go to law school to study constitutional law to one day become a judge, my major career goal being to become a Supreme Court Justice.

Jordan Charlton (Session 20) (he/him/his)

Jordan Charlton is a Ph.D. student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a focus in creative writing, specializing in poetry. He earned his M.A. in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his B.A. in English from Oklahoma State University.

Zachary Cheek (Session 18) (he/him)

Zachary Wahab Cheek of Elkhorn, Nebraska, is a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln studying economics and music (trombone performance) with a minor in mathematics. On campus, Zack is involved as a member of the Cornhusker Marching Band, bass trombonist of the university Wind Ensemble, president of the chess club, and student senator for the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts (to which he conducted a successful write-in campaign). Zack is a research assistant at the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center and a former research intern at UNL's Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance. He holds a Yeutter Student Fellowship at the Institute as well as a Don Lavoie Fellowship at George Mason University's Mercatus Center. Zack is also a member of the Nebraska Arts Council, to which he was nominated by the governor and confirmed by a vote of the Nebraska Legislature. After graduation, Zack plans to pursue a masters degree overseas in public policy, followed by law school in the U.S.

Elva Moreno Del Rio (Session 20) (she/her)

Elva Moreno Del Rio is an M.A. student in literary and cultural studies. Her research interests include American literature, African American literature, and Latinx Literature. At UNL, she works at The Walt Whitman Archive and The Central Online Victorian

Educator (COVE). Elva received her Associates of Arts degree from St. Charles Community College and her Bachelor of Arts in English from Truman State University.

Skyler Donnell (Sessions 5, 6, & 15) (she/hers/her) I am interpersonal communication major with a minor in women's, gender, and sexuality studies at UCO. I am a senior, graduating in fall 2022. My career goals are to go into research or activism work in the women's, gender, and sexuality field. I also plan on getting my masters and hopefully my doctorate later on. I grew up in Piedmont, Oklahoma, and a fun fact about me is that I am a certified yoga instructor.

Giovanni Esparza (Session 19)

My name is Giovanni Esparza and I am a History for Secondary Education major with minors in Anthropology, Special Education, and Gender Studies at the University of Northern Colorado. I am a McNair Scholar and this is my 5th year at UNC. I hope to be a high school history teacher after attending graduate school to get a master's degree in History. I am passionate about telling the stories of marginalized peoples throughout history because increased knowledge is increased empathy.

Briar Essex (Sessions 7 & 20) (they/his)

Briar Essex is from Philadelphia, PA (mostly). They are an M.A. student in English with specializations in Women's & Gender Studies and Poetry, currently teaching Writing & Argument and Intro to LGBTQ+/Sexuality Studies. His academic research and creative work uses trans and queer theory to examine relationships to power, and how it operates in both national and local scales. He is also interested in queer alternative care and alternative kinship structures. They are a Teaching Artist with the Nebraska Writers Collective, and a reader for Prairie Schooner. At UNL, Briar teaches Intro to LGBTQ+/Sexuality studies in WGS and Writing and Argument in the English Department. Before UNL, Briar earned a B.A. in English and Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. Since they arrived in Lincoln, Briar has cultivated a great deal of plants and their apartment has become a Greenhouse.

Maya Fitch (Session 7) (she/her)

Maya Fitch is a third year Undergraduate Student at The University of Central Oklahoma majoring in Museum Studies with minors in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Business Administration. Her main areas of interest are Gender Studies, Ethnic

Studies, and Disability Studies. She is hoping to continue studying the Connection between Jewish Identity and Gender Performance by participating in an RCSA grant next term. After Graduation her goal is to work in the Museum Field diversifying museums and creating greater level of accessibility to underrepresented groups.

Michelle Gerih (Sessions 12 & 18) (she/her)

I am a junior majoring in Political Science with minors in Women and Gender Studies and Spanish. I want to get my BA in Political Science and then go to UNL College of Law and hope to be an immigration lawyer. My hometown is Kearney, Nebraska and for a fun fact my eyes change colors.

Courtney Hanson (Session 7)

I graduated from Hastings College in May 2021 with a degree in Communication Studies and Philosophy/Religion. After graduating, I moved to Omaha, Nebraska, and currently work for College Possible, a non-profit organization that helps students get to and through college through near-peer coaching that focuses on the FAFSA application, applying for schools and scholarships, and overall general support from their junior year of high school to their college graduation day. I am the development associate for the organization and assist with all things communication. I am also a plus-size content creator on Instagram and TikTok and love to spread advocacy on fat acceptance, plus-size fashion, and more. A fun fact about me is that I have visited the school High School Musical was filmed in!

Andrew Hedges (Session 14) (he/his)

Andrew Hedges is from Oklahoma City, OK. He is currently a M.A. Counseling Psychology Candidate with a focus on the LGBTQ+ population. His plan's for after graduation is to attend a PhD program focusing on the Psychology of Religion, with eyes set on Queer religious studies. He also serves as the Jewish Educator at Hillel at the University of Oklahoma. When Andrew is not studying/working he can be found knitting, spending time outdoors, or playing video games.

Bethany Holley-Griffith (Session 4) (she/her)

I am a second-year graduate student and have served as Historian and Treasurer for the Rho Lambda chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. I teach PEAK and Leadership classes at Western Oaks Middle School and assist students in the National Junior Honor Society. Additionally, I enjoy my role as a teaching assistant in the History Department at UCO. My full-

time class schedule and RCSA grant keep me busy studying the history of higher education with focuses on Cold War research universities in the twentieth century and changes to women's educational opportunities in the nineteenth century.

Diana Humble (Session 17) (she/her)

Diana Humble (she/her) is a second-year Communication Studies graduate student at the University of South Dakota. She hails from Stewartville, Minnesota, and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Communication Studies with an emphasis on health communication after she graduates with her Master's degree this spring.

Jacob Jardel (Session 3) (he/him)

Jacob Jardel is a first-year Ph.D. student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, studying English with a co-concentration in Curriculum & Instruction. A native Chamoru from Guam, he also holds a BS and MS in Psychology from Cameron University and an MA in English (Composition/Rhetoric) from the University of Central Oklahoma, where he worked with The Women's Research Center & BGLTQ+ Student Center and New Plains Student Publishing as Editor-In-Chief for The Central Dissent, the only journal of gender and sexuality in Oklahoma. Jacob's research at UMKC focuses on how individuals from historically excluded groups express and perform their identities, a topic he hopes to relate to both cultural studies and education in his journey toward becoming a professor. Jacob is also a fan of video games, Magic the Gathering, and professional wrestling, having incorporated all three topics both into research and into endless amounts of everyday conversation.

Venn Jemkur (Session 1) (she/her)

Venn Jemkur is an international student from Nigeria in Africa. She recently received her M.A. in UNL's Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Fashion Design Department with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. She is currently in the first year of her Doctoral program in Material Culture and Textiles Studies. Her research interest focuses on the pedagogy of traditional craft.

Tina Jones (Session 11) (She/her)

I recently graduated in December 2021 with a BA in Sociology and a BS in Psychology. I am an older student who lives in Elwood, Nebraska. I decided to get back to college while fighting complications from cancer. Now I am cancer free and looking for my dream job! I also have a registered service dog

named Sonny. He loved coming to school on the days I brought him.

Clare Frances Kennedy (Session 9) (she/her)

Clare Frances Kennedy is a Senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with majors in Women's and Gender Studies and Communication Studies. She is from Nashville, TN and intends to begin graduate school next fall, in the pursuit of eventually becoming a professor. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and spending time with her cat.

Ashton Koch (Session 9) (she/her)

Ashton Koch is a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from Omaha, NE. She has majors in Political Science, Global Studies, French, and a minor in Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. On campus, she is part of the Honors program, a member of the Political Science Student Advisory Board, a member of the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women, and is the Outreach Coordinator at the Women's Center. After graduating in May, she will pursue her J.D. in the fall with a goal of working in international human rights law. A fun fact is that she currently has upwards of 70 houseplants, and this collection is only growing.

Hannah Labonar (Session 11) (she/they)

Hannah Labonar (she/they) is a first year Honors undergraduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, originally from Hoffman Estates, Illinois. They're majoring in Forensic Science and plan to attend medical school to become a Forensic Pathologist. As someone pursuing a career in STEM, she is particularly interested in the underrepresentation of women and people of color in STEM fields. A self proclaimed "overly invested nerd," Hannah has a passion for all things queer, magical, and full of superheroes.

Lizzy Lavin (Session 10) (she/her)

I am a senior English and Women's and Gender Studies major. I am currently applying to grad school in hopes of earning a master's in Women's and Gender Studies. I was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. In my free time, I enjoy crocheting, ceramics, and hanging out with my cat.

Taleaha Lee (Session 13) (she/her)

Taleaha Lee is a sophomore at the University of Central Oklahoma where she currently double majors in Interpersonal Communications and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Her plan after graduation is to attend graduate school for Social Work. After completing school, she plans to

get a job within the field of sexual assault while also doing work within the black community and combating homelessness. A fun fact about her is that she spends a great deal of time writing poetry and working out at the gym.

Trevor Linn (Session 14) (he/him/his)

Trevor Linn is from Cozad Nebraska and is a Junior at Nebraska Wesleyan University double majoring in History and Religion/Philosophy. After finishing his undergraduate education, he plans to go on to graduate school for Religious Studies where he wants to focus on investigating new, emergent, and alternative forms of religion and spirituality. A fun fact is that he is an Eagle Scout and is the inaugural intern for the Religious Studies Project podcast group.

B. Littman (Session 2) (they/them)

B Littman (they/them) is a first-year student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from Worthington, Ohio. They are majoring in Mechanical Engineering, with minors in Business and Computer Science. Upon graduation from their undergraduate, the eventual career goal of working in the field of Theme Park Design Engineering. When B isn't working on their coursework, they can be found rock climbing, serving as a cohort representative on the Raikes Student Advisory Board and advocating for LGBTQ+ equality on campus.

AnaMarie Lopez (Session 18) (she/her)

AnaMarie Lopez (she/her) is a Latinx person existing in the world, but specifically Oklahoma. Her mere existence is resistance. She has a B.A. in Communications with a minor in psychology and is currently obtaining her M.A. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Central Oklahoma. She plans on becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor to add representation to the field of counseling and to serve Latinx and queer communities. AnaMarie is also the coordinator of the Sexual Health Ambassador internship at UCO through the Women's Research & BGLTQ+ Student Center. Her life passions involve pineapple and everything Latinx, queer, sexual health, and mental health that she can get her hands on.

Aidan Maher (Session 3) (she/her/hers)

I am a senior psychology and gender studies double major at Nebraska Wesleyan University, and I enjoy finding ways that both fields intersect with each other. I plan on attending graduate school next year with the goal of working in the non-profit sector helping underserved populations. I am originally

from Wisconsin, but my family has been living in Omaha for the past eight years. I am an avid reader and I also play the clarinet in Nebraska Wesleyan's University Concert Band.

Elizabeth Malousek (Session 19) (she/her)

Elizabeth Malousek is a sophomore at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is majoring in Psychology and Women's and Gender Studies with a minor in English. Her aspiration is to become a counselor working specifically with women who have experienced gender-based violence. She is originally from Ashland, Nebraska. In her free time, Elizabeth enjoys watching Buffy the Vampire Slayer or The Haunting of Hill House.

Kaitie Mannis (Session 4) (they/them)

Kaitie Mannis is a recent graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma and a current graduate student in history at the University of Central Oklahoma. They work as a teaching assistant for the university and moonlight as a library assistant at their hometown public library. Kaitie enjoys reading way too many graphic novels and collecting an ungodly amount of books.

Christina Markgraf (Session 12) (she/her/hers)

I am a junior majoring in Social Work with a minor in Women and Gender Studies. After my bachelors I plan on going on for my masters with my intention of working in mental health. I grew up in Burwell, Nebraska. I'm ordained and performed a wedding ceremony in the lobby of the office that I worked in for a coworker.

Keshia Mcclantoc (Session 1) (she/her)

Keshia Mcclantoc is a third-year PhD student in the English and WGS Departments at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She is from Bayou La Batre, a tiny-rural town in Alabama, and as such, is interested in queerfeminist issues and both rural and digital spaces alike. Ultimately, she hopes to become a professor at a smaller college within a rural area, where she may do queerfeminist community work.

Mak McCleary (Session 16) (she/her)

My name is Mak and my pronouns are She/her. I am finishing up my undergraduate degree in Women, Gender, and Sexuality this May. I will be applying for graduate school next fall. I am from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I love podcasts, Boba tea, and comedy. Fun fact or random fact: my great-grandpa Urie McCleary won 3 Oscars in his long career as an Art director at MGM Studios.

Zoe McDonald (Session 20) (she/her/hers)

Zoe McDonald is a Ph.D. student in rhetoric and composition with a specialization in women's, gender, and sexuality studies. She holds B.A. in English and gender studies from the University of Wyoming and a M.A. in English from the University of Vermont.

Philana McHenry (Session 8) (she/her)

I would describe myself as community oriented with a focus on LGBTQ+ issues, HIV/AIDS activism, and medical equity. Currently, I'm a junior working on completing my Bachelors in Public Health and Nursing. I have been based in Edmond, Oklahoma for the past 10 years, but I spent most of my formative childhood in Bowling Green, Kentucky. So, I consider myself both a Broncho and a Hilltopper.

Alexis McKernan (Session 5) (she/her)

Alexis McKernan is from Guthrie, Oklahoma and is currently finishing up her undergraduate degrees in both History and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, with hopes of graduating this semester. She works at The Women's Research Center and BGLTQ+ Student Center at The University of Central Oklahoma as the head library liaison, manager of the NEH digitization student team, and student researcher. She wants to continue her education with a Master's in History and onto a PhD in History with a focus on feminist spirituality. A fun fact about Alexis is she's a part time freelance digital artist.

Syd Miller (Session 3) (they/them)

My name is Syd Miller. I'm a senior psychology major and gender studies minor from Bethesda, Maryland who will be attending law school next year. My goal is to use my law degree to advocate for marginalized groups, especially queer minorities.

Keryeé Morton (Session 13) (she/her)

Keryeé Morton (she/her) is a Woman's Gender and Sexuality studies major with a minor in biology. She is a member of the Diversity Peer Educators, Sexual Health Ambassadors, Global Leadership Ambassadors, an intern at the Young Woman's Christian Association of Oklahoma City (YWCA-OKC) and is in training to be a Sexual Assault Advocate at the University of Central Oklahoma as well a volunteer advocate for a non-bipartisan group called RESULTS that advocates for global vaccine access, affordable housing and the extension/permanence of the Child Tax Credit. She was raised in a very multicultural home and cares a great deal about the hardships her communities face. She has spent some time in the nursing field and is interested in

disparities within healthcare and medical related issues. Her hobbies include reading, writing and making zines in her spare time. After she graduates with her Bachelors in December 2022, she plans on attending a dual program that will allow her to get her Law degree (J.D.) as well as a Masters in Public Health. She wants to use her education and experiences to help close the inequity and gap in public health disparities for people of color and other marginalized groups.

Journey Noyes (Session 12) (she/her/hers)

Journey Noyes, freshman at UNK, majoring in Sociology and minoring in Biology Pre-Med. I am hoping to go on to medical school and become an OBGYN with a focus in fertility. I am from Aurora, Nebraska. A fun fact about me is that I am a lifetime girl scout and have earned my gold award where I focused on ending child marriage in Nebraska.

Grace Payne (Session 15) (they/them/theirs)

I am GP, an undergraduate in Biology and Women Gender and Sexuality Studies. I anticipate graduating in May 2022 (woo hoo!) and continue my education in Biology to take on botanical climate change research. I grew up in Pueblo Colorado, but I have been happily situated in Oklahoma City for 7 years now. I am a proud non-binary person and I am passionate about spreading gender knowledge.

Olivia Pereira (Session 2)

My name is Olivia Pereira. I am from Omaha, Nebraska and I am currently a freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I am a pre-med student double majoring in Microbiology and Biochemistry with a possible minor in Women's and Gender studies. My hope is to graduate med school and pursue a career in the field of women's reproductive health. I have always been a very passionate feminist and hope that I can use that passion to help create a better world for future generations of girls. A fun fact about myself is that I have dual citizenship in Portugal.

Lydia Perez (Session 12) (she/her/hers)

Lydia A. Perez is a history MA candidate at the University of Central Oklahoma. Lydia's research and studies consist of Latin American history, the War on Drugs, the U.S.-Mexico Border, and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality studies. Currently, Lydia is one of the managers at The Women's Research Center and BGLTQ+ Student Center at UCO, serves as president for both Phi Alpha Theta and the National Organization for Women, and is applying to PhD programs. In her free time, Lydia enjoys knitting,

playing Animal Crossing, and napping with her two cats.

Jacob Reavis (Session 14) (he/him/his)

I have lived in the Oklahoma City metro area all my life. I am currently working on my master's degree in history with a focus on South Asian Studies. Last year I graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in History and a minor in Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies. After receiving my graduate degree, I hope to attend the University of Chicago's History PhD program. While at Chicago, I hope to continue my research into the feminine divine in the Hindu tradition. A fun fact about me is that I started my research when I received the opportunity to travel aboard to Varanasi, India.

Sam Royka (Session 19) (they/them)

Hello, my name is Sam Royka. I am a Professional Media major double minoring in Interpersonal Communications and History at the University of Central Oklahoma. I am a Senior hoping to move towards an internship in local activist journalism. My hometown is Oklahoma City. One fun fact about me is that I collect rocks!

Merrick S. (Session 17) (they/them)

Merrick is a Queer 90's kid from Oklahoma City attending the University of Central Oklahoma with a major in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and minors in German and Creative Writing. Merrick is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the first and only journal of gender and sexuality in Oklahoma, *The Central Dissent*. Merrick's first collection of poetry, "Queerly Beloved," was self-published in 2020 as part of a Research and Creative Scholarly Activities grant and they hope to publish their second collection, part of a 2021 Research and Creative Scholarly Activities grant, "Phantom Mechanics" soon. In 2019, Merrick won second place in the Melton Art Symposium's poetry contest on race, gender, and sexuality and in 2020, they served as a fellow of the Rad(ical) DreamYard Poetry Consortium. Merrick's hope is that her writing reaches those who need it most so that they see themselves represented and feel radically loved. Writing as resistance is Merrick's dream job.

Kayla Schmitz (Session 11) (she/her)

I am a first-year rhetoric and public culture Master's student in the Communication Studies department. My focuses lean towards reproductive rhetorics and feminist theory. I hail from Breckenridge, Michigan and I have big plans to help shape the rhetoric of reproduction, particularly for uterine bodies,

towards a more complex and inviting arena. Periods aren't gross!

Mikele Smith (Sessions 5 & 12) (she/they)

A senior at the University of Central Oklahoma, Mikele Smith is from Anadarko, Oklahoma. They major in women, gender, and sexuality studies with a minor in sociology. She works at the women's and BGLTQ center as a sexual health ambassador. Their goal is to obtain a career with the YWCA. They identify as a two-spirit individual.

Deanna Sobczak (Session 14) (she/her)

Deanna Sobczyk is an art history major at the University of Nebraska Omaha and is currently in her second year as a student. In addition to her interest in art history, she has minors in religious studies and women's and gender studies. She looks forward to a career in museum studies, where she hopes to reframe narratives and recenter marginalized voices in art.

Emily Steinbach (Session 2) (she/her)

I'm a senior who is majoring in Gender Studies and Psychology at Nebraska Wesleyan University. I'm originally from LaVista, Nebraska. After graduating, I'm planning on applying to non-profit work. Hopefully, in the future, I will further my education with a master's or Ph.D. My interest right now is getting into an Art Therapy Program. I'm currently working a campus job at the Intersectionality Resource Center where we program events for the NWU community that emphasizes education and social activism.

Emma Stewart (Sessions 5 & 19) (she/her)

My name is Emma, and I am double majoring in history and women's, gender, and sexuality studies at the University of Central Oklahoma. I am in my junior year of my undergrad degree! I am also interning as a Sexual Health Ambassador this year at UCO, which means I get to educate my peers on sexual health! After I receive my bachelor's degree, I hope to go on to graduate school and get my PhD. My hometown is Enid, Oklahoma and a fun fact about me is that I am an avid outdoorswoman.

Grey Stone (Session 3) (they/he)

My name is Grey Stone and I use They/He pronouns. I am a university senior double majoring in Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. I am originally from Enid, Oklahoma (in Northwestern Oklahoma) but I am currently living in Edmond, Oklahoma to pursue my Undergraduate education. My current career goals include to obtain

my LPC and to work with queer adolescents and adults through or closely connected to a non-profit organization. My research interests include transgender and non binary rights and education, asexual advocacy, mental health within the queer community, and intersectionality within disabled communities. A fun fact about myself is that I have changed what I have identified as more times than I can count. I like to point back at that though and remind people that it is okay to not have all the answers or know what you identify as because coming out to others and yourself is a process and sexuality and gender are fluid.

Jaclyn Swiderski (Session 4) (she/they)

Jaclyn Swiderski is a fourth year PhD student in the English department at UNL. Her research interests are nineteenth and twentieth century women writers and disability studies. They are originally from Rocky Point, NY, and enjoy hanging out with their two cats: Daisy and Michael J. Sox.

Tix Tennant-Hill (Session 1)

My name is Tix Tennant-Hill and I was born and raised in South East Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I'm an undergraduate student at The University of Central Oklahoma, working on getting my Bachelors of Science in Funeral Services as well as a minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexualities Studies. I'm a Sexual Health Ambassador through the Women's Research and BGLTQ+ Center on Campus, and that has allowed me to do extensive research on asexuality. I have identified as Asexual since 2017, but through my research, I found myself a new identity within the aromantic spectrum as well.

Ana Tudela Martinez (Session 6) (she/her)

I come from Madrid, Spain, where I completed my Bachelor's Degree in Spanish Studies. I graduated from my MA in Modern Languages at UNL in Spring 2021, and I am currently studying my second semester in the PhD. project. My fields of interest are South American Literature, Literary and Cultural Criticism, and the title for my thesis will potentially be "The Revolution of the Monsters," where I will include Feminist, Queer and Decolonial Theories, among others.

Alexander Vera (Session 20) (he/him)

Alexander Vera is a local community leader returning to UNL to complete his undergraduate to pursue post-graduate work in Clinical Psychology. Having found his joy in serving the community through authenticity, advocacy, and the arts, he aims to co-create opportunities for people living with mental

health challenges. Alex took his first steps into leadership and social justice at a camp for teens in 2004. He was the first undergraduate assistant for the ever-growing UNL LGBTQA+ Resource Center in 2006, assisted Centerpointe with their Artist's on the Edge Workshop, and most recently worked as an administrator and leader at a local center for rehabilitation. In his free time, he enjoys writing pulpy fiction, listening to his dog, and playing dungeon and dragons with his friends and community members.

Ann Vlock (Session 4) (she/her/hers)

I am a second year Ph.D. student in the Department of History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I focus on women in the 1890s reform movement of American Populism, especially on the local women of the movement who edited reform newspapers. I also received an undergraduate degree (with a double major in History and Anthropology) and a MA in American History, both at UNL. My article on a Nebraska female reformer was published in the summer 2020 edition of the *Great Plains Quarterly* entitled "Justice, Not Charity: Luna Kellie and Great Plains Populist Reform, 1890-1901." I also aim to examine the larger context of reform in society, looking to understand how reform issues arise, proliferate and change over time.

Lauren Watkins (Session 8)

I am a senior at the University of Central Oklahoma double majoring in Biomedical Sciences and Biology with minors in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Psychology. My hometown is Bridge Creek, Oklahoma. I am the President of Peer Health Leaders, a Sexual Health Ambassador, Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Scholar, McNair Scholar, and Research Assistant. My career aspiration is to work in the healthcare field with an emphasis on providing inclusive services. A fun fact about myself is that I ate dog food when I was a child-- regularly.

Natalie Watson (Session 9) (she/her)

Natalie Watson is a Junior at Hastings College majoring in Criminology and minoring in English and Philosophy. Born and raised in Franklin, Tennessee, Natalie has found Nebraska to be... very interesting. Though she plans to attend graduate school and study Sex and Gender Sociology after graduation, she will always hold Philosophy near and dear to her heart. Natalie is intrigued by all areas of study that deal with sex, gender, and sexuality.

Aster Yeoman (Session 6) (they/them)

Aster Yeoman is a Counseling Master's student at the University of Central Oklahoma. They are also a Student Researcher at the Women's Research & BGLTQ+ Student Center on UCO's campus, and they intend to be a counselor for the queer community and other minorities.

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