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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/WELCOME

(California Room)

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Immigration, Diaspora and Gender (Redwood Room)

Moderator: Dr. Nayereh Tohidi, Visiting Associate Professor of Women's Studies/UCLA

- Sanzida Z. Habib, Women's Studies/The University of British Columbia
"South Asian Immigrant Women's Access to Preventive Cancer Screening Services in Metropolis Vancouver: A Feminist Political Economy Perspective"
- Sofia Martos, History, Latin American/UCLA
"Miss Sociedad Sirio-Libanesa: The Contest Between Traditional and Assimilationist Pressures for Middle Eastern Women in Argentina"
- Parandeh Kia, History/Claremont Graduate University
"Women Activists and the Emergence of the Iranian Immigrant Identity in Southern California"

Carnal Knowledges (Sequoia One)

Moderator: Dr. Kirsten Grimstad, Program Chair, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, Antioch University

- Christina Diaz, English/California State University Northridge
"Carnal Art: Orlan's Political Rhetoric and Transformative Body"
- Trish Garner, Women's Studies/Simon Fraser University, Canada
"Gender Villains: Revisiting and Reconsidering Early Theories on Transsexualism"
- Jennifer Moorman, Film, Television, and Digital Media/UCLA
"Shades of Grey: Articulations of Bisexuality in *The L Word*"

Chastity, Marriage, Reproduction: Controversy and Conflicts

(Sequoia Two)

Moderator: Dr. Mike Messner, Department of Sociology and Gender Studies/USC

- Melanie Heath, Sociology/USC
"Converging and Diverging Moral Worlds: Conflicts over Gender and Sexuality in Two Marriage Movements"
- Heather Jane Hether, Annenberg School for Communication/USC
"Constructions of Gender in the Abortion Debate: A Case Study of Feminists for Life"
- Jennifer Cullen, Asian Languages and Cultures/UCLA
"A Feminist Take on Virginity: Seito and the New Morality in 1910s Japan"
- Kimberly Long, Women's Studies/San Diego State
"Re-visiting Maternalism: The Life Work of Henrietta Szold in the United States"

Gender, Science, Technology and Education (Sequoia Three)

Moderator: Dr. Susan Kullmann, CSW/UCLA

- Nina Chien, Psychological Studies in Education/UCLA
“Does Stereotype Threat Affect the Work of Latino Early Adolescents on an Open-Ended Math Problem?”
- Shelley K. Erickson, School of Justice & Social Inquiry/Arizona State University
“Women’s Persistence in Graduate Engineering Programs: Accounting for Race, Ethnicity and Country of Origin”
- Kylie Pepler, Graduate School of Education and Information Sciences/UCLA
“Programming with a Purpose: Opening the Backto Literacy”

LUNCH

12:00 p.m.-1:30p.m.
(California Room)

Bi-sexual, Bi-racial, Bold: Breaking Boundaries in Female Sexualities (Redwood Room)

Moderator: Dr. Caroline Streeter, Department of English/UCLA

- Rachel Davis, English/Florida State University
“Trouble in Hand: Lesbian Literature and Racial Difference from the Late 20th Century to the Present”
- Maria San Filippo, Film, Television, and Digital Media/UCLA
“The ‘Other’ Dreamgirl: Female Bisexuality as the Dark Secret of David Lynch’s *Mulholland Drive* (2001)”
- Courtney D. Johnson, English/UCLA
“Bird Cages and Doll Houses: Angela Davis, Pam Grier, and the Commodification of Black Lesbianism”

Finding Agency in Aesthetic Practices and Policy (Sequoia One)

Moderator: Dr. Rex King, CSW/UCLA

- Margaret Sallee, Rossier School of Education/USC
“A Handbook for Campus Activists: A Guide to Implementing and Transforming Parental Leave Policies”
- Elizabeth Morgan, Musicology/UCLA
“The Virtuous Virtuoso: Women at the Pianoforte in Jane Austen’s England”
- Devin Kuhn, Department of Women's Studies and Religion/ Claremont Graduate University
“Asserting Our Stories and Strength: Poetry As Moral Agency”

Gender and Democracy (Sequoia Two)

Moderator: Professor Chris Littleton, Chair of Women’s Studies/UCLA

- Robert Hollenbaugh, Sociology/USC
“Gender and Democracy in Less Developed versus Developed Countries”

- Nicole Dörr, Social and Political Science/European University Institute, Italy
“Is ‘Another World’ Actually Possible? The Case of Precarious Women in the European Social Forum Process”
- Manuela Valle, Centre for Research in Women's Studies and Gender Relations/University of British Columbia, Canada
“From Feminism to ‘Gender Policing’: Representation of ‘Woman’ and ‘Gender’”

Gender Equity and Aberration in Education (Sequoia Three)

Moderator: Dr. Rhonda Hammer, CSW/UCLA

- Jaime Lester, Rossier School of Education/USC
“A New Framework to Examine Gender Equity in Higher Education: A Focus on Gendered Performances”
- Catherine F. Brooks, Graduate School of Education Curriculum and Instruction/UC Riverside
“Crossing Boundaries: Transgressing the Assumptions Underpinning Gender Studies in Instructional Communication”
- Tyson Lewis, Department of Education/UCLA
“Flexible Normalization and Gender in a Post-Columbine World”
- Jennifer W. Stuckey, Graduate School of Education/ UC Riverside
“School Violence and Its Image of Gender Representation”

Globalization and Gendered Violence (Redwood Room)

Moderator: Dr. Sondra Hale, Department of Anthropology/UCLA

- Na Young Lee, Women's Studies/University of Maryland
“U.S. Military Camp Towns in South Korea: Empire, Sexual Politics, and Women’s Resistance”
- Smita Ramnarain, Economics/University of Massachusetts at Amherst
“Sexual Violence in Conflicts: Nature and Implications for Post-Conflict Policy”
- Sriya Shrestha, Department of Liberal Studies/University of Michigan
“Inventing Peasantry: Imagining the Nepali Peasant Woman”

Gender and Genre: Latin American Cultures (Sequoia One)

Moderator: Dr. Beth Marchant, Department of Spanish and Portuguese/UCLA

- Patricia S. Vergara, Ethnomusicology/University of Maryland
“A Girl in the Band! The Emergence of Female Percussionists in Brazilian Popular Music”
- Benjamin Cowan, History/UCLA
“Transgendering Magic, or How to Separate the Men from the Others”
- Sharon Sharp, Film, Television, and Digital Media/UCLA
“Mapping the City, Gender, and Nation in the *Cabaretera* Film”

Gender and Embodiment (Sequoia Two)

Moderator: Dr. Carla Kaplan, Department of English, USC

- Michelle Wilson, English/USC
“*Stage Beauty* Reviewed: “Heteronormative” as a Performative Speech Act”
- Suzanne Lye, Classics/UCLA
“Sulpicia’s Illness and the Feminization of Masculine Love Elegy”
- Katy Scrogin, Religion/Claremont Graduate University

SESSION I
9:30 a.m-10:40 a.m.
SESSION III
1:45-2:55 p.m.
PLENARY SESSION
(Hacienda Room)
10:55-11:55 p.m.

- Anna E.Ward, Women’s Studies/UCLA
“I Can See It in Your Face: BeautifulAgony.com and the Representation of Pleasure”
- Brandi Brimmer, History/UCLA
“Please Take Up My Claim!’: Poor Black Women, the Professional Pension Process in Eastern North Carolina, 1889- 1894” Class and the

SESSION IV
3:10-4:30 p.m.