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HIGHLIGHTS

2023-2024

CSW 40th
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The Palestine Solidarity encampment in Dickson Plaza.
(Photographer: Karla Cardenas-Felipe/Daily Bruin)



FROM SURVIVING TO HEALING:

Results and Demands from a Study with Survivors of Sexual Violence on University of California Campuses



SURVIVORS + ALLIES

Report: *From Surviving to Healing: Results and Demands from a Study with Survivors of Sexual Violence on University of California Campuses*

Survivors+Allies (S+A), a UC-wide student organization supported by CSW|Streisand Center that advocates for and with survivors of sexual violence in the University of California system, released a [report](#) that shed light on the inadequacies and challenges faced by survivors within the UC system and presented a compelling call for change. The report provided evidence for a number of bills in the 2024 legislative season proposing critical changes to Title IX legislation on university and college campuses.



The Survivors+Allies report launch webinar was held on Friday, February 9, 2024

UC SENTENCING PROJECT

Report: Life Without Parole and Felony Murder Sentencing In California

The report was created by the Special Circumstances Conviction Project team in collaboration with the Felony Murder Elimination Project. The report reveals that more than half of the people sentenced to life without parole (LWOP) were convicted without a district attorney requiring a finding of fact that they intentionally perpetuated a death. The report also details how factors such as race, age and gender play a role in sentencing outcomes.

Report: Maximizing Time, Maximizing Punishment: The Lived Experience of Long-Term Sentences in California Women's Prisons

This report, published in collaboration with the California Coalition for Women Prisoners, makes an urgent call to action for reform in California's criminal justice system. It urges policymakers, advocates, and the public to recognize the human toll of long-term sentences and the need for change.

Mellon Grant

The UC Sentencing Project was awarded a \$2 million grant by the Mellon Foundation to support organizers, scholars and artists—inside and outside of prison—who are working to disrupt narratives that legitimize the racialized and gendered criminalization of people in California's prisons for women.



Life Without Parole and Felony Murder Sentencing in California

A Report of the Special Circumstances Conviction Project
in collaboration with the Felony Murder Elimination Project
And the UCLA Center for the Study of Women/Streisand Center



Special Circumstances Conviction Project report cover



Maximizing Time, Maximizing Punishment: The Lived Experience of Long-Term Sentences in California Women's Prisons

A REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SENTENCING PROJECT
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AND THE UCLA CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF WOMEN/STREISAND CENTER

UC Sentencing Project report cover

THINKING GENDER 2024

The theme for our 34th annual Thinking Gender Graduate Student Conference was “Dystopian Realities, Feminist Utopias.” Proposed by Thinking Gender Coordinator and PhD student Lynette Dixon, the theme explored how dystopianism serves as an apt metaphor to investigate and critique social and political issues related to gender, race, class, and sexuality, and how utopianism is an ethical mandate to imagine a better present and future. Dr. Kara Keeling (Cinema and Media Studies, University of Southern California) gave the keynote address.

Dixon also curated an inspired [playlist](#) for the conference.

UCLA Center for the Study of Women | Barbra Streisand Center Presents

THINKING GENDER 34th Annual Graduate Student Research Conference

DYSTOPIAN REALITIES, FEMINIST UTOPIAS

TG24 will feature a dynamic keynote event with
Kara Keeling (University of Southern California) and Nina Eidsheim (UCLA)

Free Registration:
csw.ucla.edu/TG24

March 1, 2024
James West Alumni Center,
The Collins Conference Room



Lynette Dixon

Thinking Gender 2024 Coordinator



I want folks to remember the quotidian and communal practices we can employ to resist violence.

Dixon in her interview with [UCLA Newsroom](#)

PHOTOS FROM THINKING GENDER 2024



Thinking Gender 2024 attendees during a panel



Thinking Gender panel presentation



Dr. Nina Eidsheim and Dr. Kara Keeling during the keynote session



Thinking Gender 2024 panel presentation

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I found literally every single paper interesting, which does not happen at every conference. I felt a strong sense of community from all the organizers, attendees, and presenters...

Feedback from Thinking Gender attendee

Campus and Community Collaborations

Transnational Gender and Labor Working Group

CSW|Streisand Center helped launch the UCLA Transnational Gender and Labor Working Group and hosted a book talk, closed workshop, and film screening with Dr. Elena Shih (Manning Assistant Professor, American Studies and Ethnic Studies, Brown University). In her book, *Manufacturing Freedom: Sex Work, Anti-Trafficking Rehab, and the Racial Wages of Rescue*, Shih argues that anti-trafficking rescue and rehabilitation projects profit off persistent labor abuse of women workers and imagined but savvily marketed narratives of redemption.

The UCLA Center for the Study of Women|Streisand Center and Institute for Research on Labor & Employment Present:

MANUFACTURING FREEDOM: Sex Work, Anti-Trafficking Rehab, and the Racial Wages of Rescue

📅 Thursday, October 19, 2023
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM
UCLA Haines Hall 352



ELENA SHIH
Manning Assistant
Professor of American
Studies | Ethnic Studies
at Brown University

Join the UCLA Transnational Gender and Labor Working Group in discussing Elena Shih's newest book, *Manufacturing Freedom* (UC Press, 2023) examines how sex worker rescue programs, often hailed for combating human trafficking, can inadvertently perpetuate a cycle of low-wage women's work, masking broader issues of inequality and power. In this innovative study, Elena Shih argues that anti-trafficking rescue and rehabilitation projects profit off persistent labor abuse of women workers and imagined but savvily marketed narratives of redemption.

RVSP on Eventbrite:
<http://Tinyurl.com/ElenaShihBook>



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Flyer for Dr. Elena Shih's book talk



Dr. Elena Shih presenting at her book talk

Symposium: “Canary Knowledge: Chronic Fatigue, Chemical Sensitivities and the Limits of Medicine”

The two-day symposium on environmental illness included panels with faculty, students, and research participants, as well as art interludes, and a closed workshop. This symposium was part of a larger UC Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives project and also celebrated the conclusion of CSW|Streisand Center’s Chemical Entanglements research stream.



Graduate student panelist presenting her research



Attendees at networking lunch



Symposium flyer

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The content was fascinating! I enjoyed learning more about how the archived interviews were created and how they are being used. It was also exciting to realize that so many academics are interested in MCS [Multiple Chemical Sensitivity].

Feedback from symposium attendee

Activist-in-Residence Program

CSW|Streisand Center joined the UCLA International Institute on Inequality and Democracy, Asian American Studies Center, and cityLAB-UCLA to support our first activist in residence, Narges Zagub. The objective of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure of social transformation by supporting local movement leaders, community organizers, and artists with university resources.



Attendees at the Activist-in-Residence welcome reception



Professor Ananya Roy welcomes attendees to the reception honoring the five activists selected for the 2024 Activist-in-Residence program at UCLA. Photos by Les Dunseith.

The People's Library

In a partnership with five other campus units, CSW|Streisand Center's proposal for The People's Library was chosen as one of 31 programs to be housed at the historic Trust Building in downtown Los Angeles. The library will focus on post-custodial, co-custodial, and experiential programming including workshops, meetings, and classes that will bring together UCLA students, staff, and faculty with community members.



Flyer for the Activist-in-Residence welcome reception