Past Symposium Keynote Speakers

2015
Jennifer Lisa Vest

2014
Susan J. Douglas
Enlightened Sexism: The Seductive Message That Feminism’s Work Is Done

2013
Michael Kimmel
Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men

2012
Tiya Miles
Writing Black Women into U.S. History

2011
Chandra Talpade Mohanty
On Wars, Borders, and Empires: Securitized Regimes and Feminist Critique

2010
Ricke Solinger
Who Gets to Be a Real Mother in the United States: Race, Class and the Fallacy of “Choice”

2009
Susan Bordo
Beyond Eating Disorders: Why We Need to Rethink Everything We Thought We Knew

2008
Holly Hughes
Performance and Visual Arts as Activism

2007
Dolores Huerta
Feminism and Social Activism: Saving the Future with Gender Balance

2006
Andrea Smith
Native American Women, Reproductive Rights, and Genocide

2005
Edris Cooper-Anifowoshe
Life during Wartime: Waiting, Waiting and Womanhood

2004
Berenice Malka Fisher
Feminist Talk and the Problem of Trust: Implications for Education, Activism, and Democracy

2003
Mehrnaz Saeed-Vata
Iranian Cinema: In Search of Women

2002
Dorothy Roberts
Race and the Ethics of Reproductive Technologies

2001
Yokin Enlark
The United Nations and Women’s Rights

2000
Sonya Michel
Why the U.S. Has No Universal Child Care

1999
Margaret Schuler
From Basic Needs to Basic Rights: The International Women’s Human Rights Movement

1998
Ruth Hubbard
Biology and the Social Construction of Gender

Dr. Jafari S. Allen is a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Miami, who works with the intersections of [queer] sexuality, gender and Blackness. He teaches courses on the cultural politics of race, sexuality and gender in Black diasporas; Black feminist and queer theory; critical cultural studies; ethnographic methodology and writing; subjectivity, consciousness and resistance; Cuba and the Caribbean.

Dr. Allen is the author of the critical ethnography, ¡Venceremos?: The Erotics of Black Self-Making in Cuba (2011) and editor of Black/Queer/Diaspora, a special issue of GLQ: Gay Studies. His current research project, tentatively entitled Black Queer Here and There: Movement and Sociality, traces cultural and political circuits of transnational queer desire in travel, tourism, (im)migration, art and activism. Please visit Professor Allen’s website: www.jafariallen.com for more information.

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8:00-9:00
Registration, Coffee and Pastries (Prairie South)

8:15-8:50
Panel 1, Prairie Center
Pushing Boundaries: Creative Works in Women and Gender Studies
Moderator: Dr. Liv Stone, Sociology and Anthropology
Michelle Wright-Dottore
“Cover Your Dirty Screams: Performing Rape/Escape on the Underground Railroad”
Jacklyn Weier
“Dykes Film”

9:00-9:50
Panel 2A, Prairie South
Gender and Justice: Workplace and Education
Moderator: Dr. Gina Schouten, Philosophy
Kathleen Ratzek
“Advocating for the Empowerment of Women in the Workplace”
Sydney Alcaraz
“Rethinking Education to Foster Socially Responsible Citizens”
Laurel Perez
“How to Be a Working Class Hero in the Creative Writing Classroom: An Exploration of a Feminist Working Class Activist Pedagogy”

Panel 2B, Prairie Center
Gender and Geography
Moderator: Dr. Reecia Orzeck, Geography and Geology
Venise Keys
“Seeing Sites and Speaking ‘bout Black Hair”
Rachel Hatch
“The Myth of Betty Crockers Pin-Up Girl for the Happy Homemaker Landscape”

9:50-10:50
Panel 3A, Prairie South
Sex, Gender, and Modern Art
Moderator: Dr. Melissa Johnson, School of Art
Jessica Tackes
“Die Neue Frau: Wigman empowering the spiritual in Ausdruckstanz”
Stephen Ramberg
“Queer Gender and Sexuality in Modern Art: Western Artists of the Early 20th Century”

Panel 3B, Prairie Center
Sex, Gender, Sexuality, and Power
Moderator: Dr. Liv Stone, Sociology and Anthropology
Karlie Rodriguez
“Deconstructing the Body: Representation of Sex, Gender and Sexuality in Alex as He Will”
Amanda Miller
“The Intersection of Empowerment Discourse and Queer Necropolitics in the Prison Industrial Complex”
Nicole Erslund
“Keywords in Trans* Theory: Transphobia”

11:00-11:50
Panel 4A, Prairie South
Queerness, Post-Coloniality, and Orientalism
Moderator: Dr. Heather Dell, Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Illinois - Springfield
Victoria Jones
“A Critique of Post-Colonial Feminism”
Danielle Sakach
“A Review and Critique of Queer Feminist Thought”
Alexa Leyba
“Disney: Degrading Middle Eastern Women, Culture and Land”

Panel 4B, Prairie Center
Feminist Examinations of Rhetoric and Action
Moderator: Dr. Julie Jung, English
David Giovagnoli
“On Behalf of the ‘Truvada Whores: The Biopolitics’ of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis”
Michelle Grzybowski
“Gender Exclusive Language: Women’s Perception of Linguistic Ostacism, Voice, and Power in Politics”
Lorenzo Schiavetta
“Same-Sex Relationships in Early Christian Sources”

12:00-1:00
Buffet Lunch, Prairie North

12:45-1:00
Scholarship Presentations, Prairie South & Center

WGS Graduating Students Pinning Ceremony
Presented by Dr. Stacia Kock
Anne M. Sremlak Memorial Scholarship, presented to Fabiola Rosiles by Jay R. Groves, Chief of Staff to the University President
WGS Achievement Award, presented to Stephanie Machotka by Dr. Alison Bailey, Director of the WGS Program
Dr. Dorothy E. Lee Scholarship, presented to Coretta Jackson by Dr. Alison Bailey, Director of the WGS Program
Luelien Laurenti Scholarship, presented to Rachel MacKinnon by Dr. Sandra Harmon, Emeritus, Department of History and former Director of the WGS Program

1:00-2:15
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Prairie South and Center
Dr. Jafari Allen
“Queer Afropolis: There’s a Disco Ball Between Us.” Followed by Q & A

3:00-3:50
Panel 5A, Prairie South
An Intergenerational and Transnational Dialogue Among Latinas
Moderator: Dr. Maura Toro-Morn, Sociology and Anthropology
Ana Roncero-Bellido
“Who Are You? Revealing Latinidad/es through Testimonio”
Chloe Kasper
“Latin(an) Anonima: Redefining Family Secrets”

Panel 5B, Prairie Center
Women’s Activism in the United States During the 19th and 20th Century
Moderator: Dr. Kyle Ciani, History
Telisha Reinhardt
“Confinement of Citizenship: Institutionalization of Women’s Citizenship in the 19th and 20th Century”
Kerry Garvey
“Shaping the Working Class Women’s Image”
Kam Woolfman
“Watch out for Those Ha(ry Feminists, They are Probably Communists”

4:00-4:50
Panel 6A, Prairie South
Looking Queerly, Queer Looks
Moderator: Dr. Erin Durban-Albrecht, Sociology and Anthropology and Women’s and Gender Studies
Jamie Leigh Pitts
“Seeing Queerly: Queer Theory and Curatorial Practice”
Nicolle Lanuza
“How Punk Shocked the Fashion Industry: A Rebellion Against Material Gender Norms”
Bryan Jackson
“Grappling with Gender and Sexuality: Queer and Trans Characters in Japanese Professional Wrestling”

Panel 6B, Prairie Center
Sexual Beings, Sex Work
Moderator: Dr. Christopher Breu, English
Gina Stinnett
“Let’s Talk About Sex (Work): Ideologies of Sex Work and the Construction of Identity”
J.D. Rice
“Let’s Talk About Sex: Nature’s Convention”
Nay Petrucelli
“Using Data to Understand the Impact of Trafficking Laws on Juveniles”