

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
**WGSS 24.5<sup>th</sup> Symposium**  
**“Reconcile, Rebuild, and Recover”**  
**12-16 April 2021**

“We will raise this wounded world into a wondrous one.....  
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover.  
And every known nook of our nation and every corner called our country, our people  
diverse and beautiful will emerge, battered and beautiful.  
When day comes we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid, the new dawn blooms  
as we free it.  
For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.  
If only we're brave enough to be it.”

-Amanda Gorman  
“The Hill We Climb”

Amanda Gorman's poetic call to action reminds us not to lose sight of the many ways our democracy and our collective spirits have been challenged. Her lyrical appeal to navigate this frustration, exhaustion, and doubt with the courage to “find light in this never-ending shade,” prompts us to pause. This is a time for all of us to Reconcile, Rebuild, and Recover.

The **Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program 24.5th Annual Student Research Symposium** is a public celebration and acknowledgement of our students accomplishments. Undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines are invited to present their scholarship, poetry, performance works, artworks, posters, and workshops to our community. Students must have an ISU faculty sponsor.

**Proposals:** Live, Hybrid and Recorded Presentation may include: Virtual poster sessions, performances (music, dance, theater, spoken word), short videos or podcasts, workshops, art or craft demonstrations, academic papers, panel discussions, and artist's talks. *Deadline for submissions is 1 March, 2021.*

**How to Submit Proposals:** Send proposals of 250+ words with a coversheet providing the following information:

- Title of presentation (and presentation length in minutes)
- Names, emails, or phone numbers of presenters.
- Name of supporting faculty member (and course if relevant)
- Description or sample of presentation/performance, or copy of the paper.

**Submissions should be sent to [wgstudies@ilstu.edu](mailto:wgstudies@ilstu.edu), with the subject heading "WGSS Symposium"**

**WGSS Symposium Outcomes and Objectives:**

- Create opportunities for students to publicly present their scholarship and creative works.
- Showcase WGSS student work to the ISU and BloNo community.
- Create space for scholarship and ideas that are underrepresented in ISUs traditional curriculum.
- Introduce students to social justice issues through an intersectional WGSS lens.
- Publicly celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of our students [award certificates to minors, graduate students, and queer studies concentration students, award scholarships.