

## Past Symposium Keynote Speakers

2024	Lauren Gutterman
2023	Kate Manne
2022	Arlene Stein, Veronica Ivy, Karma R. Chavez, Maia Kobabe
2021	Tristen Johnson, Harsha Walia, Laina Reese Carney
2020	Cancelled
2019	Qwo-Li Driskill
2018	Janaya Khan
2017	Mariana Ortega
2016	Jafari S. Allen
2015	Jennifer Lisa Vest
2014	Susan J. Douglas
2013	Michael Kimmel
2012	Tiya Miles
2011	Chandra Talpade Mohanty
2010	Rickie Solinger
2009	Susan Bordo
2008	Holly Hughes
2007	Dolores Huerta
2006	Andrea Smith
2005	Edris Cooper-Anifowoshe
2004	Berenice Malka Fisher
2003	Mehrnaz Saeed-Vafa
2002	Dorothy Roberts
2001	Yakin Erturk
2000	Sonya Michel
1999	Margaret Schuler
1998	Ruth Hubbard

Keynote Speaker:  
**Dr. Nada Elia**



**N**ada Elia is Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies, specializing in transnational, decolonial, and gender struggles, with a focus on Arab America and Palestine. She has published numerous editorials about Palestine, gender, activism, and transnational struggles in *Mondoweiss*, *Middle East Eye*, and *The New Arab*, among other independent media websites.

A scholar-activist, Elia is a member of the Palestinian Feminist Collective and the author of *Greater than the Sum of Our Parts: Feminism, Inter/Nationalism, and Palestine*, *Palestine: Un féminisme de libération*, as well as *Trances, Dances, and Vociferations: Agency and Resistance in Africana Women's Narratives*, and is currently completing a third single-authored book, *Falastiniyyat: A Century of Palestinian Feminisms*. Her books, in French and English, have been translated into Spanish, Italian, and Catalan.

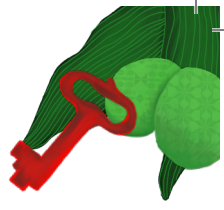
She has co-edited *Critical Ethnic Studies: A Reader*, the *INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence Activist Toolkit*, as well as the award-winning *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded*, and has contributed chapters to numerous anthologies, including, most recently, *Palestine: A Socialist Introduction*. (Source: WWU Bio)



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# 28th Annual Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Symposium



8:30 AM – 9 AM

Registration and Coffee/Pastries (Prairie Room III)

9 AM – 10 AM

Ethnography at Work (Prairie Room I)

Moderator: Dr. Liv Stone

Laura Keeran, “‘The Toughest Job You’ll Ever Love’: Queer Peace Corps Volunteers Finding Belonging Through Compartmentalized Identities”

Ryleigh Hickman, “Marks of Heritage: Chicana Tattoo Artists Navigating Gender, Culture, and Artistic Expression”

Vanessa Hernandez-Gutierrez, “Painting Pipelines: Industry at the Crossroads”

Global Gender Justice and International Law (Prairie Room II)

Moderator: Dr. Dawn Beichner-Thomas

Caitlyn Donnelly, “Incarcerated Women Worldwide: The Role of Substance Abuse, Mental Health, and Trauma”

Kaalyn Daugherty, “Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones: A Human Rights Violation and International Law’s Response”

Stephanie Vargas, “Impact of Childhood and Adolescent Victimization on Pathways into the Criminal Legal System”

Women’s Political and Academic Histories (Prairie Room III)

Moderator: Dr. Kyle Ciani

Kylie Black and Kate Winger, “Sharing Stories: Connecting with the 1977 National Women’s Conference”

Isabelle Barriball, “Health and Sexuality Among College Women, 1875 – 1930”

Robbie Graham, “Mind and Body: Historical Gendered Scrutiny in Higher Education and Feminist Philosophical Perspectives”

Ameerah Shatat, “Women’s Impact on Culture in Universities”

10:10 AM – 11:10 AM

Queer(ing) Oral History (Prairie Room I)

Moderator: Dr. Jacklyn Weier

M Nance, “Closet Queen or Educational Suicide: The Educational Necropolitics of the Queer Individual”

Lyndi Mallers, “Queer Oral History: Creating Community Through Un-Closeting Stories”

Barbara Kuznetsova, “Transnormativity vs. Trans Authenticity: Name Choice and Identity Expression Complexities in Trans Experiences”

Feminist Therapeutic Interventions (Prairie Room II)

Moderator: Dr. Caitlin Mercier

Matthew Sooby, Gwendolyn Bowman, Alison Guthrie, and Laura Botros, “Systems and Power: Feminist Therapy’s Alternative to the Diagnostic Model”



Women, Bodies, Voices, and Transgenerational Narratives (Prairie Room III)

Moderator: Dr. Katherine Ellison

Sheilla Nelson, Saima Afreen, Amaka Chime, and Cynthia Nwakudu

11:20 AM – 12:20 PM

Women and Girls’ Visual Representations (Prairie Room I)

Moderator: Dr. Melissa Johnson

Abaigeal Uphoff, “She Kills You In The End: The Final Girl and Trauma”

Jia Zuo, “Covering the Other: Chinese Women on Book Covers and the Politics of Visual Representation”

Kate Fortner, “From QAG To Tiger-Girl: Overcoming Invisibility in *When You Trap a Tiger*”

Interrogating Music(ians) (Prairie Room II)

Moderator: Dr. Nana Hemaama Ama Oforiwaadu

Allison Thabit, “The Music Left Out of Music Therapy: The Unspoken Politics of a Pink-Collar Profession”

Lucy Boucher, “Diversity Representation in ILMEA All-State Band Programming, 1990 – 2023”

Apollo Johnson, “Queerness within 2000’s Emo”

Understudied Student Experiences (Prairie Room III)

Moderator: Dr. Caitlin Mercier

Nicole Carlos, “Effects of Food Allergies and Intolerances on College Students: Using the Concealable Stigmatized Identity Framework”

Zoie Roach-King, “Sexual Violence and Activism: Understanding Sexual Violence Prevalence and Activism on College Campuses”

Claire Fuhlhage, “On the Run: The Prevalence of Online Sexual Harassment and Cyberstalking in the Distance Running Community”

Kate Christian, “A Female Perspective on the Transition from College Athletics”

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

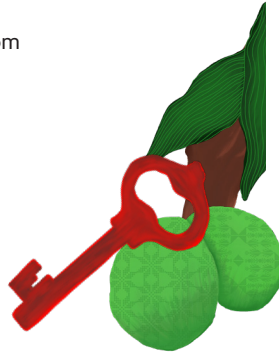
Lunch and Awards Ceremony (Prairie Room III)

1:30 PM – 3 PM

Keynote Address (Prairie Rooms I and II)

Dr. Nada Elia,

“Gender and Genocide: A Palestinian Feminist Perspective”



3:10 PM – 4:10 PM

Anti-Colonial Struggle for Recognition (Prairie Room I)

Moderator: Dr. Taylor Soja

Baboshia Yusuf, “Erased and Rediscovered: Race, Gender, and the Marginalization of Mary Seacole in British Imperial Memory”

Laine Sullivan, “Ireland, Palestine, and the Politics of Neutrality: Controversies Surrounding the Shannon Airport in Contemporary History”

Benjamin Rodriguez, “Western Media, Imperial Complicity, and Palestinian Liberation in the Age of Integrated World Capitalism”

Mastano Dzimbiri, “Disrupting the Coloniality of Gender and Sexuality within Malawian Educational Spaces”

Transnational Feminist Responses to Violence & Devaluation (Prairie Room II)

Moderator: Dr. John Hawkins

Ola El Wassify, “Poetry: Self Portrait with a Trash Bag and Geometric Lace”

Ridita Mizan, “Revisiting Sultana’s Dream: Feminist Utopias and Resistance in Bangladesh”

Tricia Ebubechukwu, “Gender Norms and Violence: Attitudes Towards Rape and Intimate Partner Violence in Nigeria”

Narcedalia Ramirez, “Sexual Labor and U.S. Immigration Laws: Discourse, Rhetoric, Fears, and Female Gender Expectations in the Late 19th and Early 20th Century”

Expanding Queer Representations (Prairie Room III)

Moderator: Dr. Jason Whitesel

Charley Koenig, “Drag Moms Care, A Lot: Exploring Queer and Trans Representations of Mothering and Caregiving”

Fenix Perkins, “A is for Ally: The Erasure of Asexuality”

Sean McDaniel, “Discrimination Against the Senior LGBTQ+ Community: A Literature Review”

Bradlee Thomas, “Have You Ever Dreamt of a Better Version of Yourself?”

4:20 PM – 5:00 PM

Narrative Construction of Gender Relations (Prairie Room II)

Moderator: Dr. Liv Stone

Begum Orhan, “Reconceptualizing Hysteria: An Emancipatory Analysis of its Oppressive Function”

Alexander Koch, “The Binary Self in Christian Masculinity”

Taylor Kanuk, “Slovakian Migration in the Aftermath of the Velvet Revolution: A Qualitative Study Exploring Gender Relations Through Migration to the United States”

