

# **28th Annual WGSS Student Research Symposium Program**

Friday, April 25, 2025

8:30 am – 9 am

## **Prairie Room III**

Registration and Coffee/Pastries

9 am – 10 am

## **Prairie Room I**

### Ethnography at Work

*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”

## **Prairie Room II**

### Global Gender Justice and International Law

*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”

### **Prairie Room III**

#### Women's Political and Academic Histories

*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

### **Prairie Room I**

#### Queer(ing) Oral History

*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"

### **Prairie Room II**

#### Feminist Therapeutic Interventions

*Moderator: Dr. Caitlin Mercier*

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

### **Prairie Room III**

#### Women, Bodies, Voices, and Transgenerational Narratives

*Moderator: Dr. Katherine Ellison*

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

11:20 am – 12:20 pm

**Prairie Room I**

Women and Girls' Visual Representations

*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*"

**Prairie Room II**

Interrogating Music(ians)

*Moderator: Dr. Nana Hema Ama Oforiwaa Aduonum*

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"

**Prairie Room III**

Understudied Student Experiences

*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

**Prairie Room III**

Lunch and Awards Ceremony

1:30 pm – 3 pm

**Prairie Rooms I and II**

Keynote Address: Dr. Nada Elia, “Gender and Genocide: A Palestinian Feminist Perspective”

3:10 pm – 4:10 pm

**Prairie Room I**

Anti-Colonial Struggle for Recognition

*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 Dzimhiri, “Disrupting the Coloniality of Gender and Sexuality within Malawian Educational Spaces”

**Prairie Room II**

Transnational Feminist Responses to Violence & Devaluation

*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”

### **Prairie Room III**

#### Expanding Queer Representations

*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

### **Prairie Room II**

#### Feminist Philosophies of Gender

*Moderator: Dr. Liv Stone*

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

Alexander Koch, “The Binary Self in Christian Masculinity”

### **Prairie Room III**

#### Gendered Migration

*Moderator: Dr. Marta Ascherio*

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

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