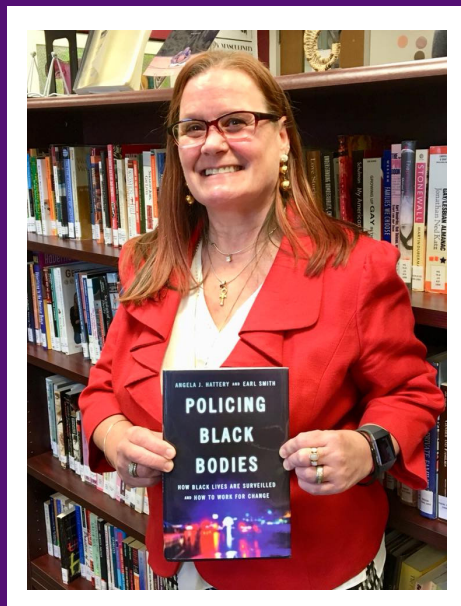


Women & Gender Studies



THE MATRIX
Academic Year
2017-2018

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The Matrix

The title, *The Matrix* was inspired by black feminist scholars. Within these pages is our story and accomplishments for the 2017-2018 academic year.



SAVE THE DATES

Welcome Week Breakfast with Women & Gender Studies

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:00AM-12:00PM 240K Johnson Center

Fall for the Book - Authors Angie Hattery and Earl Smith

**Book: Policing Black Bodies: How Black Lives Are Surveilled
and How to Work for Change**

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 3:00PM George's 3rd Floor, Johnson Center

Fall for the Book - Author: Eithne Luibhield

Book: *Sexualities, Intimacies, and Queer Migration*

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:30PM Meeting Room E, Johnson Center

Fall for the Book - Author: Kelli Maria Korducki

Book: *Hard to Do: The Surprising Feminist History of Breaking Up*

Thursday, October 11, 2018 3:00PM George's 3rd Floor, Johnson Center

Take Back the Night

October 2, 2018 7:30PM JC North Plaza / Clock Tower

Fear 2 Freedom Re-Imagined

Thursday, October 18, 2018 Time: 4:30PM Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center

Politics of Gender and Justice:

The Intersection of Identities and Disciplines

Annual Women and Gender Studies Conference

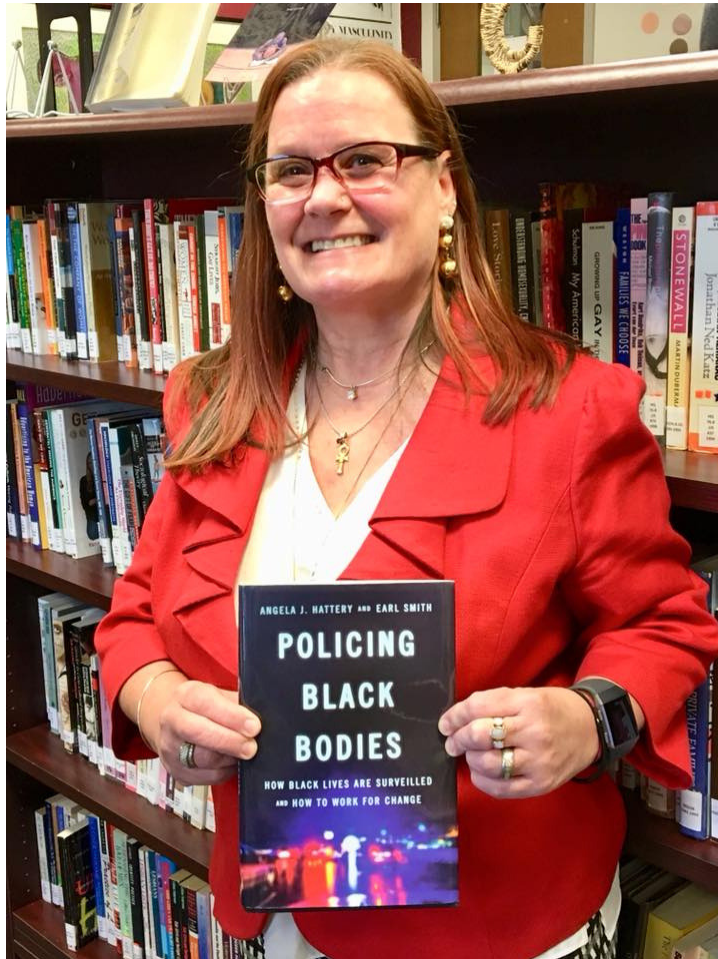
Friday, November 16, 2018 Merten Hall

www.wgstconference.onmason.com

Women and Gender Studies Core Faculty

Dr. Angie Hattery

Director and Professor, Women and Gender Studies



New Book Release

*Policing Black Bodies: How Black Lives
Are Surveilled and How to Work for Change*

By Women and Gender Studies Director & Professor,
Dr. Angie Hattery and Sociologist, Dr. Earl Smith

Book is available on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/2PkxbfO>

Women and Gender Studies Core Faculty

Dr. Rachel Lewis

Associate Professor, Women and Gender Studies



Women and Gender Studies Scholar's Lecture 2017

"Queer Intimacies: Black Lesbian Visual
Activism in Contemporary South Africa"

Forthcoming & Recent Publications:

"LGBTQ Migration Crises," forthcoming in Cecelia Menjivar, Marie Ruiz and Immanuel Ness, eds., *The Handbook of Migration Crises* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

With Wendy S. Hesford, "Queering Human Rights: The Transgender Child," forthcoming in Crystal Parikh, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Human Rights and Literature* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

"And Suddenly I Became a Lesbian!": Performing Lesbian Identity in the Political Asylum Process," forthcoming in Bridget Haas and Amy Shuman, eds., *Political Asylum and the Politics of Suspicion* (Ohio University Press, 2018).

Women and Gender Studies Core Faculty

Dr. Leah Adams

Assistant Professor, Women and Gender Studies & Psychology



Right to left: Dr. Adams celebrated with MAIS student, Lyla Byers' graduation. Dr. Adams was Lyla's thesis committee chair.

Recent Accomplishments, Publications & Presentation:

Collaborated on a project with the American Academy of HIV Medicine, projected yielded a peer-review paper released in *HIV Specialist* in July

Membership Co-Chair, APA Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology)
Early Career Professionals Special Interest Group

Adams, L.M., Wilson, T.T., Merenstein, D., Milam, J., Cohen, J., Golub, E.T., & Cook, J.A. (2018). Using the Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale to assess depression in women with HIV and women at risk for HIV: Are somatic items invariant? *Psychological Assessment*, 30 (1), 97-105.

Adams, L.M. (2018, May). *Neighborhood socioeconomic disadvantage and former jail inmates' HIV testing behavior*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

Defayette, A.B., **Adams, L.M.**, Whitemyre, E.D., Williams, C.A., & Esposito-Smythers, C. (2018, May). *What characteristics of first suicide attempts predict subsequent suicidal behavior?* Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA.

Dr. Yevette Richards Jordan

Associate Professor, History and Art History



Current Book Project

Examining racial violence in
Northern Louisiana with
a focus on two lynching events.

For the past two summers, Dr. Richards Jordan has conducted research in newspapers, and in Louisiana courthouses and local and university libraries. She has also reached out to the descendants of both the black and white families who were connected to the violence. In a strikingly personal way, this is a history of racial violence involving her own family. The first lynching event concerns the 1928 murder near the town of Eros in Jackson Parish of the 13 and 23-year old Taylor sisters, the elder one married to Dr. Richards Jordan's maternal cousin, Willie Caldwell. Their names were Carrie Lee "Blossom" Taylor and Mary L. (Taylor) Caldwell. The second lynching ten years later is of W.C. Williams who is related to Dr. Richards Jordan's paternal cousins. Her paternal aunt married into the Elmore family, whose member Morris Elmore was first threatened with lynching before the perpetrators turned on W.C. Williams. His killing represented the last mass daytime lynching in Louisiana.

Recent Publication and Upcoming Presentation:

Richards, Yevette. "Transnational Links and Constraints: Women's Work, the ilo and the icftu in Africa, 1950s–1980s" in *Transnational Networks, Global Labour Standards, and Gender Equity, 1919 to Present Series: Studies in Global Social History*, 32, pp. 149-175. Brill Publishing Company, 2018.

Richards, Yevette. "Waiting to Be Heard: The Emergence of the Voices of Victims of America's Racial Terror" was selected via a peer-reviewed process to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association, November 8-11, 2018, Atlanta, Georgia.

Women and Gender Studies Center

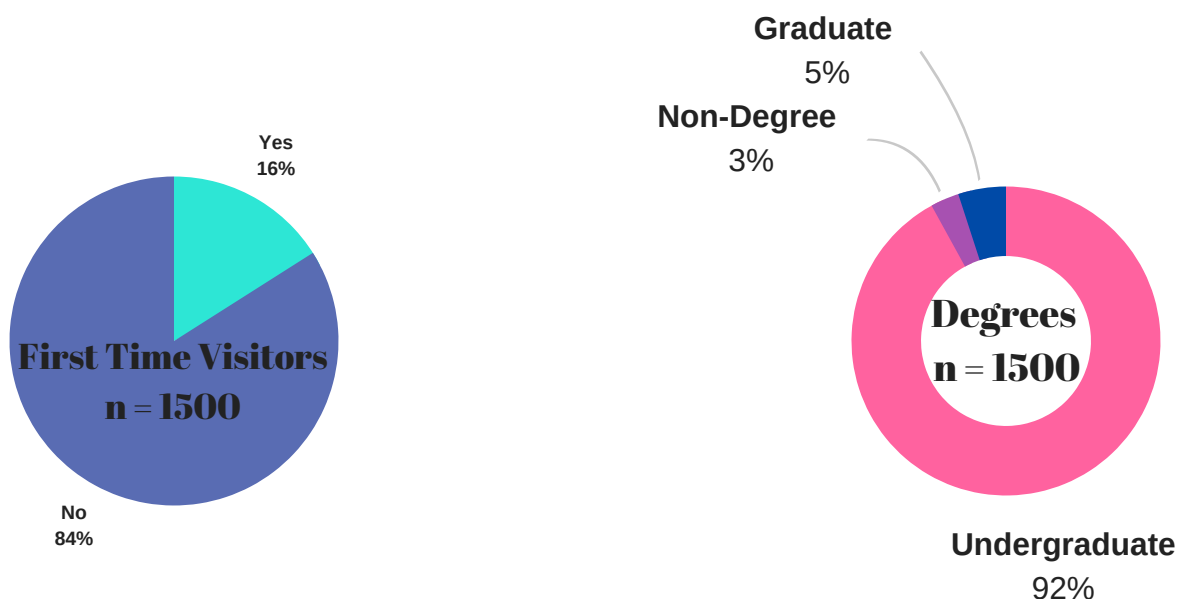
240K Johnson Center

The Women and Gender Studies Center bridges academic coursework with student development, leadership, and coalition building. Our mission is to educate the George Mason University community about gender issues and emphasize women and gender studies scholarship and research. We strive to partner with academic programs, University Life units, and the Northern Virginia community to provide learning experiences that educate about gender issues; to provide a safe as possible space for people of all race, gender, sexuality, ability, and religious backgrounds.

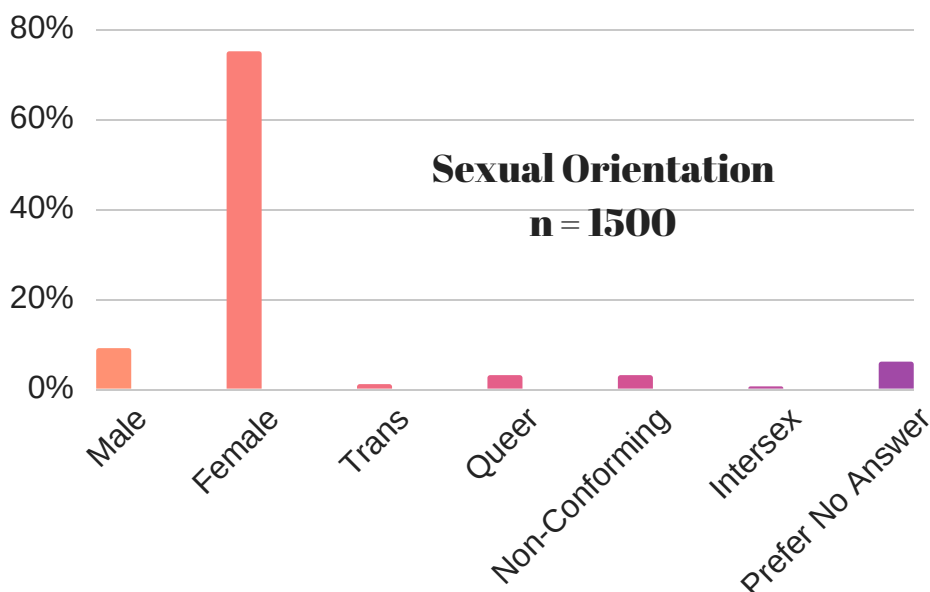
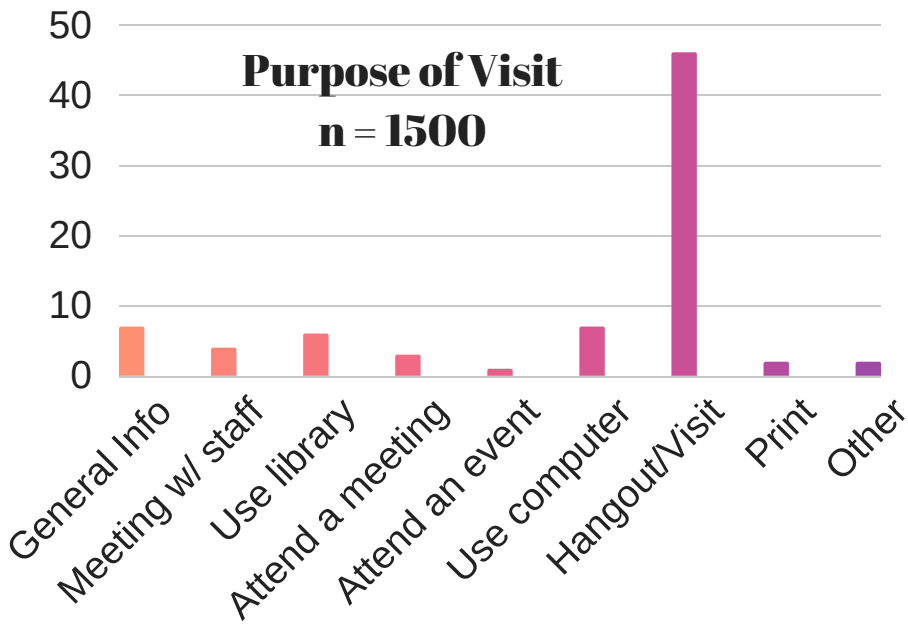
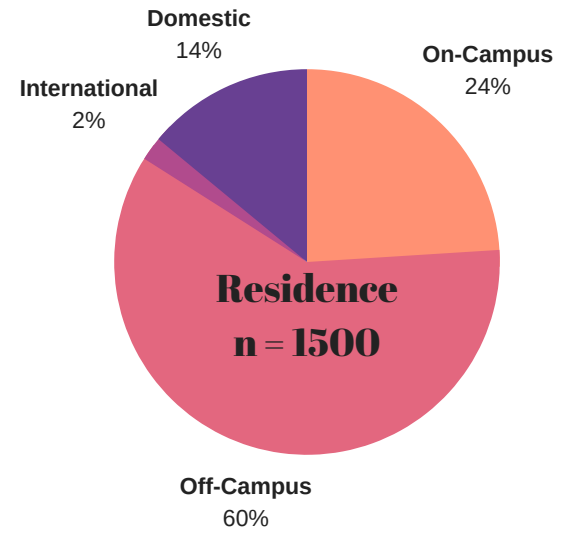
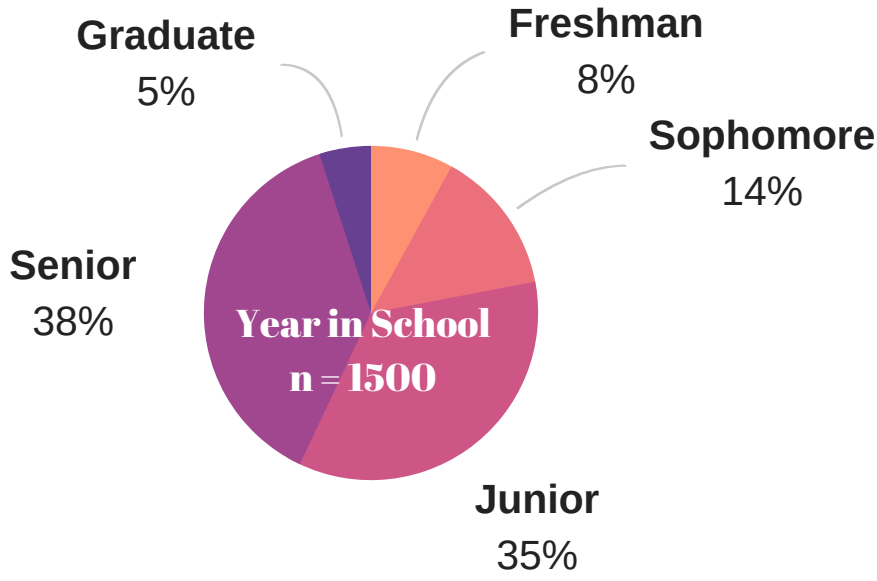


Academic Year 2017-2018

of visitors utilized WGST Center: 1500



Women and Gender Studies Center Johnson Center 240K



Our Events: 2017-2018



Fall 2017

Welcome2Mason Pizza Party
Fear2Freedom
Take Back the Night
Fall for the Book: Susan Bordo
Fall for The Book: Janet Mock
WGST Faculty Brownbag: Earle Reybold
and Erin Peters Burton
Pride is Classy
GMU Women's Leadership Conference
Scholar's Lecture with Dr. Rachel Lewis
Finals Week Study Break Pizza Party

Spring 2018

Book Talk on Race and Policing in the U.S
with Dr. Angie Hattery, Dr. Earl Smith and
Dr. Devon Johnson
Annual Women and Gender Studies Faculty
and Staff Breakfast
2018 Sojourner Truth Lecture: Sybrina
Fulton
Women's History Month- Ice Cream Social
Kickoff
Are There Fat People in the Movement?
(Yes.)
Self-Love, Self-Care
We've Been Here Before: A Conversation for
Anti-Violence Activists Moving Forward
Women's History Month Open Mic
Make Your Own Damn Sandwich
Lavender and Women and Gender Studies
Graduation
Deep River Within with Dr. Debra Cohan



Featured Events

Academic Year: 2017-2018



Fear 2 Freedom

September 19, 2017



Take Back the Night

October 3, 2017



Featured Events

Academic Year: 2017-2018



Fall For the Book

Fall 2017

Janet Mock

*Surpassing Certainty:
What My Twenties Taught
Me*

Sojourner Truth Award Spring 2018

A Conversation with
Sybrina Fulton,
Mother of Trayvon
Martin and Professor
Wendi Manuel-Scott





Graduates

Isabella "Zowee" Aquino
 Inaam Avant
 Sylvia Marie Barley*
 Catey Borden*
 Brianna Burke
 Iliah Burke*
 Lyla Elliott Eaton Byers***
 Ariana Arame Diebate*
 Gavrielle Farmer
 Arnèle Hsiane Vashti Francis*
 Hallie Goldsmith*
 Jade Harris*
 Molly Catherine Hoke***
 Fareshta Jan
 Aurora Johnston
 Shin Khang*
 Elena McCoy*
 Sarah Metcalfe**
 Najma Mohamud
 Abby Picard*
 Naomi Rath-Nesvacil
 Shawnna Reed
 Jessica Rojas*
 Eleazar Stamper
 Jayna C. Tavarez****
 Emily Claire Vaughan*
 Mary Ann Maria Vega***

WGST Graduates First Major



Sarah Metcalfe

*Women and Gender Studies Minor
 **Women & Gender Studies Major
 ***Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS)
 w/ concentration in Women and Gender Studies
 ****Certificate in Women and Gender Studies

Women & Gender Studies Transforms

Former WGST Director, Suzanne Scott Constantine was Honored at Lavender and WGST Graduation with a Scholarship in her Name



At this year's Lavender and Women and Gender Studies Graduation, we celebrated close to 30 graduates with a packed house of family and friends.

We also had our former director, Suzanne Scott Constantine serve as our featured faculty speaker who retired in May 2018. To honor her, the Suzanne Scott Constantine Award for Excellence was established to support a graduate student doing working at the intersection of gender, race, social justice, and art.

The award was initiated by Paul Gorski of the School of Integrated Studies who wanted to leave something meaningful with Women and Gender Studies upon his departure from the university. Paul's generous donation of \$1500 was matched by our current director, Angie Hattery and generous contributions from Kim Eby, Rose Pascarell, Julie Owen, Earl Smith and some anonymous donors which brought the initial fund to \$5000. We anticipate that many more folks will want to contribute to this award and we look forward to the difference it will make in the lives of our students. Please contact Angie Hattery at ahattery@gmu.edu for more information on how you can donate.

Women & Gender Studies Transforms



Angela Hattery

Director of WGST Program

Recipient of the Faculty Excellence
in Diversity and Inclusion

David Corwin
WGST Program Coordinator
Recipient of the Mary Roper Award
Recipient of the Mason
Faculty/Staff Book Scholarship



Earl Smith

PhD, Sociologist, WGST Affiliate Faculty

Awarded the Lifetime Research
Award from the College Sports
Research Institute (CSRI)

Women & Gender Studies Transforms



Valencia King & Carol Campbell
Graduates of the Masters of Arts in
Interdisciplinary Studies with a
concentration in Women and Gender
Studies

Recipients of the Outstanding Graduate
Student Project Award Fall 2017

Mary Ann Vega

Dual Master of Arts in Sociology &
Interdisciplinary Studies with a
concentration in Women and Gender
Studies

Recipient of the Distinguished
Alumni Award 2017



Summer Impact Grant Recipients

**Changing the Hole Mind: Living & Working in
Solitary Confinement During Reform**

Danielle Rudes, Angela Hattery, and Shannon Magnuson

The Enslaved Children of George Mason

Benedict Carton and Wendi Manuel-Scott

Women & Gender Studies Transforms



Bennett Shoop

WGST Major Student

Recipient of one of the
Dean's Challenge Award 2018

Recipients of the Seed of Change Award



Shin Khang

WGST Minor Student



Marilyn Lehna Asongwe

WGST Office Assistant

Curriculum Impact Grant Award Recipients

Concentration in Gender-Based Violence Studies

Angela Hattery, Leah Adams, & Bonnie Stabile

Minor in LGBTQ Studies

Angie Hattery, David Corwin, & Nancy Xiong

Minor in Social Justice & Mass Incarceration Studies

Lauren Cattaneo, Danielle Rudes, & Angie Hattery

Asian American Pacific Islander Studies Minor

Shelley Wong, Ellen Rodgers, Maryam Saroughi, Jannevin Melody

Quijada, Rita Chi-Ying Chung, Carol Cleaveland, Emily Ihara, Nancy Xiong,

Kylie Stamm

Politics of Gender and Justice: The Intersection of Identities and Disciplines

Women and Gender Studies Annual Conference

An annual conference that gathers artists, activists, scholars, intellectuals, community members, and others together to critically and creatively examine how gender and justice are intertwined.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday,
November 16, 2018

wgstconference.onmason.com



Gender & Social Justice Living and Learning Community (LLC)

The Gender and Social Justice LLC fosters an intersectional approach to gender issues to include race, sexuality, ability, national identity, and religion and religious practices. The Gender and Social Justice LLC will offer students an opportunity to explore constructions of gender and social inequalities associated with gender with special attention to contemporary issues. Students will also be provided with opportunities not only to learn about gender and social justice, but also to become advocates and activists around gender equality through both on and off campus opportunities. We invite students to apply who have taken a course that discussed gender or have had some experience with an organization that focuses on gender justice and want to further their knowledge about these issues.

Living Learning Community website: llc.gmu.edu

If you have any questions, please contact our LLC coordinator,
David Powers Corwin, at dcorwin@gmu.edu.



Give love to Women & Gender Studies

You can donate here: bit.ly/give2wgst

Make a donation to support the following scholarship and programs:

- Suzanne Scott Constantine Award for Excellence, a scholarship award given to a graduate student doing working at the intersection of gender, race, social justice and art.
- Faculty and Student Lunch Mentorship Program
- Women of Color Mentorship Program
- Sojourner Truth Lecture
- Women's History Month
- Annual Women and Gender Studies Conference



Pizza Party

Welcome Week Event

August 30th | 11:30am - 2pm
Women & Gender Studies Johnson Center 240K

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Stop the Violence

Shatter the Silence

Take Back the Night is a national event held in 30 countries that raises awareness around violence and demands that sexual violence, domestic violence and intimate partner violence be taken seriously. This year join us as we participate in a movement to end violence including police brutality, deportation, and other forms of state violence.

October 3, 2017
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
North Plaza

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FEAR 2 FREEDOM

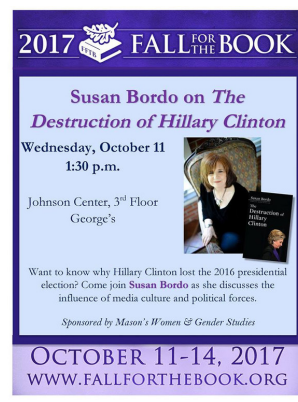
JOIN US as we assemble hundreds of us as an essential element of sexual assault, child

ABOUT THE FEAR 2 FREEDOM

Fear 2 Freedom is a global non-profit dedicated to raise sexual assault, bringing them hope and healing. Our change through vigilance and healing through compassion to those who have been sexually assaulted, encourage freedom. This year's Fear 2 Freedom Program is hosted by Student Support and Advocacy Center, and Women & Gender Studies.

TIME: 4:30PM-6:00PM
WHERE: JOHNSON CENTER, DEWBERRY HALL

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2017 FALL FOR THE BOOK

Susan Bordo on The Destruction of Hillary Clinton

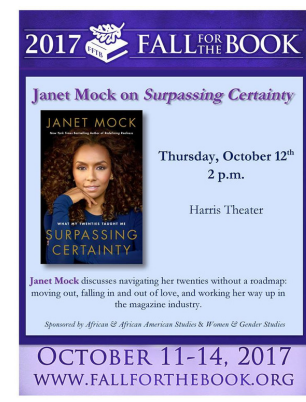
Wednesday, October 11
1:30 p.m.

Johnson Center, 3rd Floor
George's

Want to know why Hillary Clinton lost the 2016 presidential election? Come join **Susan Bordo** as she discusses the influence of media culture and political forces.

Sponsored by Mason's Women & Gender Studies

OCTOBER 11-14, 2017
WWW.FALLFORTHEBOOK.ORG



2017 FALL FOR THE BOOK

Janet Mock on Surpassing Certainty

Thursday, October 12th
2 p.m.

Harris Theater

Janet Mock discusses navigating her twenties without a roadmap: moving out, falling in and out of love, and working her way up in the magazine industry.

Sponsored by African & African American Studies & Women & Gender Studies

OCTOBER 11-14, 2017
WWW.FALLFORTHEBOOK.ORG



TURN OFF THE VIOLENCE: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

10/3 TAKE BACK THE NIGHT: SPEAKOUT & MARCH 7-10 pm North Plaza

10/4 HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS 12-1 PM, SUBJ 4210

10/5 HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS 3-4 PM, SUBJ 3311

10/5 ONE LOVE ESCALATION 10-11:30 AM, SUBJ 3311

10/13 FACULTY STAFF EMERGE TRAINING 12-3 PM, ssac@gmu.edu

10/19 CHALLENGING SILENCE: HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS 6-7 PM, SUBJ 3311

10/28 CHALLENGING SILENCE: CENTERING LGBTQ VOICES IN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT IPV 4:30-6 PM, JC RM 4

THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT T-SHIRT MAKING

10/9 1-3 pm, JC RM C

10/16 5-7:30 pm, North Plaza

10/18 11-2 pm JC Kiosks

10/18 11-2 pm, Patriot Lounge

10/20 11-3 pm, SUBJ QUAD

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT DISPLAY

10/23-10/27, GMU Fairfax

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Faculty Brown Bags

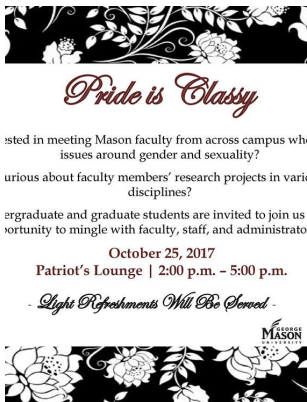
"KNOWING OUR PLACE" IN THE ACADEMY: THE OTHERED JOURNEY TO ITHACA"
Dr. Earle Reybold
Professor of Qualitative Methods

"EMPOWERING UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS IN STEM EDUCATION"
Dr. Erin Peters Burton
Professor of Science Education and Educational Psychology

October 18th, 2017
11:30 a.m.
Thompson Hall Suite 2100,
Dean's Boardroom (2004)

Questions? Contact:
David Powers (david.powers@georgemason.edu)

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Pride is Classy

Interested in meeting Mason faculty from across campus who issues around gender and sexuality?

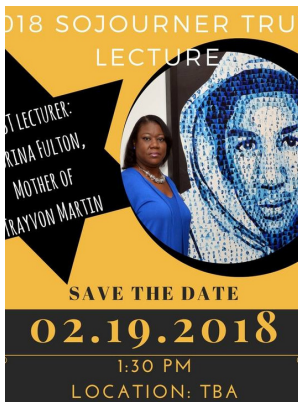
Interested about faculty members' research projects in various disciplines?

Interested in graduate and undergraduate students are invited to join us: opportunity to mingle with faculty, staff, and administrators.

October 25, 2017
Patriot's Lounge | 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Light Refreshments Will Be Served

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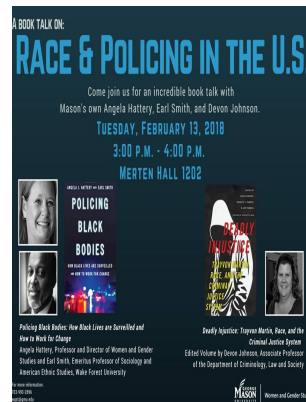
2018 SOJOURNER TRUTH LECTURE

LECTURER: SYBRINA FULTON, MOTHER OF TRAYVON MARTIN

SAVE THE DATE

02.19.2018

1:30 PM
LOCATION: TBA



BOOK TALK: RACE & POLICING IN THE U.S.

Come join us for an incredible book talk with Mason's own Angela Hattery, Earl Smith, and Devon Johnson.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
MERTEN HALL 1202

POLICING BLACK BODIES

How Black Lives are Persecuted and How to Resist for Change

Angela Hattery, Professor and Director of Women and Gender Studies and Earl Smith, Executive Professor of Sociology and American Ethnic Studies, Wake Forest University

Devon Johnson, Professor and Director of Criminal Justice Systems, Editor of the Department of Criminology, Law and Society

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2018 Sojourner Truth Lecture

Sybrina Fulton
Mother of Trayvon Martin

February 19, 2018
1:30 P.M. HUB Ballroom

wsgt.gmu.edu 703-993-2896

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VAGINA MONOLOGUES TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

When:
February 14th at 6:30PM and
February 17th at 7:00PM
Doors open 30 minutes before showtime

Where:
Johnson Center Bistro

Cash:
Students and MS Faculty/Staff: \$10-\$15
Community Members: \$15

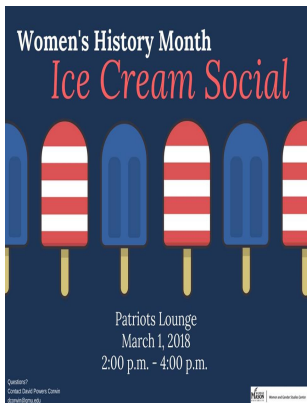
Two Ways to Purchase:
In Person:
Center for Fairness, Ticket Office
Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am to 6:00pm.
Cash and Cards accepted.

Online:
February 14th Showing: <https://goon.kal3an>
February 17th Showing: <https://goon.glbvnc>
All major Credit Cards accepted.

All Proceeds go to the Mason Victims of Violence Fund and V-Day

Student Support and Advocacy Center

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Women's History Month

Ice Cream Social

Patriots Lounge
March 1, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact David Powers (david.powers@georgemason.edu)

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

FEMINISM The New Wave

Monday, March 5
4:30 - 6:30pm
Johnson Center, Gold Room

FEMINISM WITHOUT INTERSECTIONALITY IS JUST WHITE SUPREMACY

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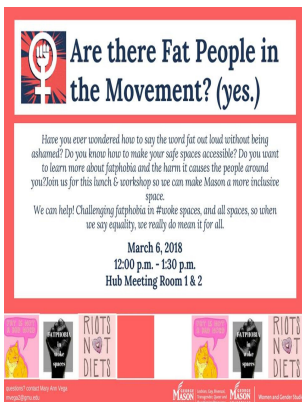


Self-Love, Self-Care

Wed. March 21st
4-8pm
JC 240k

Bring your own photos, magazines, nature hits, or other flat, dry materials!

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Are there Fat People in the Movement? (yes.)

Have you ever wondered how to say the word fat out loud without being ashamed? Do you know how to make your safe spaces accessible? Do you want to learn more about fatphobia and the harm it causes the people around you? Join us for this lunch & workshop so we can make Mason a more inclusive space.

We can help! Challenging fatphobia in those spaces, and all spaces, so when we say equality, we really do mean it for all.

March 6, 2018
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Hub Meeting Room 1 & 2

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Open Mic Night

Join us as we feature Suzanne Scott Constantine & Lynne Scott Constantine as they perform spoken word followed by an open mic for our students, faculty, and staff in celebration of Women's History Month. If you are interested in performing please contact Mary Ann Vega at mvega2@gmu.edu or 703-993-2896.

Tuesday, March 27, 2018
Research Hall 163
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cardmaking & Conversation
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Suzanne and Lynne
5:30 p.m. Food
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Open Mic

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PRIDE WEEK 2018

DRAG SHOW

FEATURING NAOMI SMALLS

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
JOHNSON CENTER, ATRIUM
8 PM

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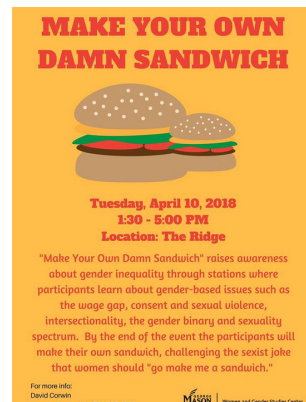
MASON NIGHT MARKET

FOOD TRUCKS • GAMES • PERFORMANCES • COMMUNITY & CAMPUS PARTNERS

MONDAY, APRIL 2
7-10PM
JOHNSON CENTER, NORTH PLAZA

REMEMBER PRESENTS

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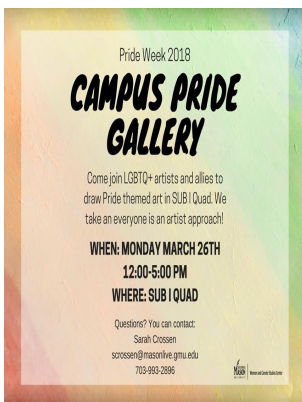
MAKE YOUR OWN DAMN SANDWICH

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
1:30 - 5:00 PM
Location: The Ridge

"Make Your Own Damn Sandwich" raises awareness about gender inequality through stations where participants learn about gender-based issues such as the wage gap, consent and sexual violence, intersectionality, the gender binary and sexuality spectrum. By the end of the event the participants will make their own sandwich, challenging the sexist joke that women should "go make me a sandwich."

For more info:
David Crossen

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Pride Week 2018

CAMPUS PRIDE GALLERY

Come join LGBTQ+ artists and allies to draw Pride-themed art in SUB J Quad. We take an everyone is an artist approach!

WHEN: MONDAY MARCH 26TH
12:00-5:00 PM

WHERE: SUB J QUAD

Questions? You can contact:
Sarah Crossen
scrossen@masonlive.gmu.edu
703-993-2896

Mason University Life



STOP STREET HARASSMENT

International Anti-Street Harassment Week
April 8-14, 2018

#EndSH #MasonAntiSH

CHALK AGAINST STREET HARASSMENT

APRIL 9, 2018
1:00PM-2:00PM
Location: George the Statue

STOP STREET HARASSMENT TWEETATHON

APRIL 12, 2018
1:00PM-2:00PM
Location: @MasonWGST
#ENDSH #MasonAntiSH

For more information:
Nancy Young
nyoung@gmu.edu | 703-993-2896

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Come make your own soap with us!

Join us for our self-love self-care event!
Wednesday, May 9th from 3pm-5pm in the Robeson Room (JC 240A)

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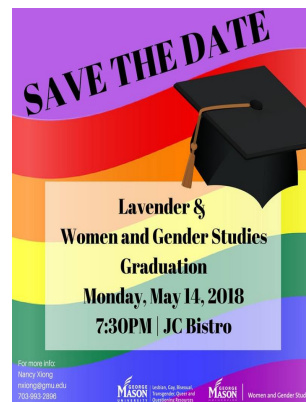
FINALS STUDY BREAK

May 7, 2018
5:00 - 8:00 PM JC 240K

Join us for pizza and a movie!
All are welcome!

Questions? Contact David Crossen
dcrossen@gmu.edu | 703-993-2896

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SAVE THE DATE

Lavender & Women and Gender Studies Graduation

Monday, May 14, 2018
7:30PM | JC Bistro

For more info:
Nancy Young
nyoung@gmu.edu
703-993-2896

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