New Directions in Gender Studies: 2016

Schedule

**Friday, February 12**

9:00-10:00 Panel 1: Masculinity and Film –

Chair: Prof. Susan Ohmer

Dakota Connell-Ledwon (University of Notre Dame), The Hammer is (Not Just) My Penis: Masculinity and Physicality in Action/Adventure Movies

Jack Rooney (University of Notre Dame), Brave New World? The Newsroom, The Wire and a Contemporary Crisis in Masculinity

Bailey Scales (University of Notre Dame), “The Bumbling Bachelor” Starring Hugh Grant as Hugh Grant

10:15-11:15 Panel 2: Transgressing Norms –

Chair: Prof. Abby Palko

Alyssa J. Martin (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities), Woolf and Stein: Androgyny and Biography

Rachael Schwabe (Loyola University Chicago), The Fabric of Being: Undressing Gender’s Normativity

Melissa Monier (University of Michigan-Dearborn), The Laverne Cox Effect: The Hypersexualization, commodification, and colonization of Transwomen

11:30-12:30 Panel 3: Gendered Identity Politics –

Chair: Prof. Jamie Wagman

Josie Wenig (Indiana University – Bloomington), Allo-Gays, Ally Gays: The Future of Radical Asexual Politics

Eleni Coleman (Denison University), An Upper-Class White Girl’s Struggle to Maintain Perfection

Anneliese Steele (Saint Mary’s College), Abandoning the Gender Binary

Lunch
1:30-2:30 Panel 4: Gender and Health Issues –

**Chair: Prof. Ann Marie Short**

Alexis Alvarez (Saint Mary's College), The Sex/Gender Ratio in Autism Spectrum Disorders: Identifying Females on the Spectrum

Stephanie Egyed (Indiana University), BDSM as a Site of Exposure Therapy: Reimagining Methodologies in Trauma Reduction for Victims of Sexual Assault

Cristina Hidalgo McCabe (University of Notre Dame), Intimate Partner Violence in Uganda; Perceptions and Intervention Initiatives

2:45-4:00 Panel 5: Gender and the Workplace –

**Chair: Prof. Mary Celeste Kearney**

Megan M. Mull (University of Michigan-Dearborn), Gender Equity and Women in Law: Lean In or Lean On

Abbi Hanson (University of Evansville), Connie Rodd: Smart Sergeant or Pornographic Pinup?

Pete Freeman (University of Notre Dame), Training Technopreneurs: Potential Solutions for Improving Female Technopreneurs' Self-Efficacy in Switzerland

Hannah Cagle (Wheaton College), Exclusively Women, Freely Feminine: An Ethnography of Suburban Women Entrepreneurs

4:15-5:30 Panel 6: Gender and (Geopolitical) Conflict –

**Chair: Prof. Sonalini Sapra**

Bailey Williams (Northwestern University), CNN’s Online Depictions of Women and ISIS: A Close Analysis in the Wake of the 2015 Paris Attacks

Madeline Corsaro (Saint Mary's College), La Malinche: The Silhouette of the Conquest

Zia Kandler (Oberlin College) and Chelsea Viteri (Clark University), Women in Resistance: Impacts on Land, Life and Community

Anna Forringer-Beal (University of Michigan), Invisible Genders: How Central American Women Migrants Navigate Agency and Vulnerability
Saturday, February 13

9:00-10:00 Panel 7: Gender and Politics –

Chair: Prof. April Lidinsky

Abigail Bartels (University of Notre Dame), My Strategy Brings All the Boys to the Yard: an analysis of the
gender gap and its impact on the swing vote in American presidential elections

Taylor Phillips (Ohio Northern University), Female Lobbyists and Their View on a Gender Gap within the
Lobbying Field

Connor Hayes (University of Notre Dame), Outing the Party: Irish Political Parties and the Shaping of
Activist Behavior in the 2015 Same-Sex Marriage Referendum

10:15-11:15 Panel 8: Challenging Masculinity –

Chair: Prof. Darlene Hampton

Daniel Bland (University of Notre Dame), Warrior Culture and Hypermasculinity in Macbeth

Katherine Will (Loyola University Chicago), The “Golden Age” of the French Foreign Legion: A Cultural
Analysis of the Legion through Film and Memoir Depictions

Megan McCormack (University of Notre Dame), Male Fantasy in French Literature from the 18th to 20th
Century

Lunch

12:30-1:45 Panel 9: Motherhood –

Chair: Prof. Stacy Davis

Rebecca Wornhoff (University of Notre Dame), “There’s No Parent Training”: The Interplay of Medical,
North American, and Traditional Parenting Models in Nicaragua

Lindsay Bean (Purdue University), Comparing Infant and Maternal Mortality in Kenya and the
Democratic Republic of Congo

Anne Kuster (University of Notre Dame), La Mujer Manda: Economic Barriers to Financial Independence
amongst Mexican Single Mothers

Alyssa Santos (Saint Mary’s College), Pregnancy and the Birth Process in America: Who Really Holds all
the Control?
2:00-3:15 Panel 10: Women and Empowerment –

Chair: Prof. Liz Evans


McKenzie Campbell (University of Michigan), 50 Shades of Agency: The Impact of Fifty Shades of Grey on Sexual Agency in America

Lesley Stevenson (University of Notre Dame), “Bad Bitch Mentality”: The Mean Girls of High School Films

Conclusion