February 19 – Gender Studies Research Workshop

339 O’Shaughnessy
12-1pm

Oneself as Part of Another and Another as Part of Oneself:
The Chiastic Logic of the Marriage Plot in Charlotte Brontë’s *Jane Eyre*

British women writers’ representations of marital relations have long preoccupied scholars of nineteenth-century literature and culture. Charlotte Brontë’s *Jane Eyre* has proved a crucial text for this line of scholarship not least because of its seemingly irreconcilable positions concerning marriage. On the one hand, it offers a heroine bold enough to define and demand the increasingly popular ideal of companionate or romantic marriage—a complementary if not also symmetrical relationship structure (S. Gilbert and S. Gubar, W. Jones, T. Schaffer). On the other hand, it reveals a heroine lonely enough to capitulate to institutionalized marriage—a decidedly asymmetrical relationship structure in both its religious and legal doctrines (M. Poovey, M. Shanley, K. Kalsem).

**Presenter: Meagan Simpson**

Meagan K. Simpson is a PhD candidate in English and Gender Studies Minor at the University of Notre Dame. She specializes in nineteenth-century British literature and culture with interests in narrative, epistemology, and gender. Her dissertation, “Adam and Eve in the Victorian Imagination,” argues Adam and Eve served as low-stakes and thus anxiety free tools with which nineteenth-century Britons could develop a theory of minor character. She has taught courses on argumentation, interdisciplinary approaches to gender studies, and survey courses on nineteenth-century literature and screen cultures. In the past, she has served as Gender Studies Research Workshop coordinator, managing editor for *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*, and co-organizer of “The Bible, Narrative, and Modernity,” a symposium on Religion and Literature here at Notre Dame. She is currently serving as President of the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Study Graduate Student Caucus.

Additional Workshop information: Abstract/Poster

February 23 – Beat the Blame Game, presented by Catharsis Productions

**Tues Feb 23, 7pm, Andrews Auditorium Geddes Hall**

A culture that blames victims of sexual violence doesn't hold people accountable for their actions, and doesn't give survivors the critical support they need.

Beat the Blame Game is a powerful reality check that dismantles, with myth-busting logic, the most common reasons why people blame victims. Illustrating how we are all vulnerable to taking part in the blame game, this program challenges us to intervene on behalf of those impacted by sexual violence. Cosponsored by Gender Relations Center, Breen-Phillips Hall, Keenan Hall and University Counseling Center.

February 25 - Emerging Poets of Color

The Institute for Latino Studies presents
Emerging Poets of Color – Nate Marshall & Christopher (Loma) Soto

February 25 – 7:30pm – 100 McKenna Hall

Co-Sponsors include: Multicultural Student Programs and Services, Africana Studies, the Graduate School, Gender Studies, American Studies, the English Department, and the Creative Writing Department

February 25 - Lecture by Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Hazel Carby of Yale University

The English Department cordially invites you to a lecture by Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Hazel Carby of Yale University. Professor Carby will speak on "Black Futurities: Shape-shifting beyond the Limits of the Human" at 5:00 pm Thursday, February 25, in the Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business. A reception will follow.

Lecture Abstract: This lecture is a reconsideration of what we mean by Afrofuturism. It is multimedia exploration of the meanings and dimensions of black futurity in the vexatious realm of the unfinished project of freedom. The lecture discusses the speculative fiction of Octavia Butler, the music of Drexcyia, and the art of Ellen Gallagher and Kara Walker.

February 26 – Gender Studies Book Club “We Should All Be Feminists”

In this personal, eloquently-argued essay—adapted from her much-admired TEDx talk of the same name—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, award-winning author of Americanah, offers readers a unique definition of feminism for the twenty-first century, one rooted in inclusion and awareness. Drawing extensively on her own experiences and her deep understanding of the often masked realities of sexual politics, here is one remarkable author’s exploration of what it means to be a woman now—and an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists.

Friday, February 26
Noon
339 O’Shaughnessy

Open to Students, Staff and Faculty

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February 25-26 Show Some Skin
Show Some Skin: Who Matters
Thursday and Friday, February 25-26, 7 p.m.
and Saturday, February 27, 2 p.m.
Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art

February 26 and 27 – Human Development Conference
Hello! We would like to invite you to this year's Human Development Conference (HDC): "Pursuing Good in a Changing World"
Friday & Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27 at the Hesburgh Center (the building across from Mendoza and next to McKenna Hall)
The HDC is an annual, student-led conference that provides a space for the presentation of original undergraduate research related to international development. It features students from the University of Notre Dame as well as undergraduate panelists from other domestic and international universities.
The keynote address will be given by Reverend Adam Russell Taylor, the leader of the Faith-Based Initiative at the World Bank Group and the cofounder of Global Justice, a group aimed at educating and mobilizing students to action on topics of social justice.

We will have a variety of panels relevant to Gender Studies including:

- A Woman’s Touch: Demonstrating the Effects of Financial Equity
- Women and Freedom: Fighting the Gender Gap
- Creating Movements: Sport, Dance, and Personal Empowerment

Registration for the HDC is free and can be found here.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

The HDC Committee

February 29 - Apply to be a Panelist - The 2016 National Young Feminist Leadership Conference

Sponsored by the Feminist Majority Foundation, the 2016 National Young Feminist Leadership Conference will provide young activists with the opportunity to network, grow their knowledge on pertinent domestic and global feminist issues, and fine-tune their organizing methodology. Join young feminist activists from around the nation as we discuss issues including (but definitely not limited to) reproductive justice, eco-feminism, intersectionality and identity-based activism, campus organizing tactics and methods, violence against women, ballot measures and political organizing, social media and web-based activism, and global women’s rights and health.

On March 12 and 13, we’ll be coming together to talk organizing and issues – and then March 14 we’re taking a trip to the National Mall for a Congressional Visit Day. Learn to make change on campus, in your larger community, and in your Representative’s office with us at NYFLC 2016.

Registration

Individuals can now register for $37.50, and groups of 5 or more can register altogether or pay separately for $30 per person. For more information on how to register in groups, email nyflc@feminist.org.

Registration of all kinds will end at 6 PM on February 29th. Folks can register on-site but are not guaranteed to receive all conference materials.

Upcoming Events & News

March 3 - Chimamanda Adichie Lecture

March 16 - Claudia Rankine Lecture

April 1 - The Boehnen Fund for Excellence in Gender Studies Summer Internship Grant

April 1 - Genevieve D. Willis Research Grants

April 6-9 – Loyal Daughters & Sons Production

April 8 – Undergraduate Writing Awards

April 8 – Graduate Writing Awards

April 14 – Why She Buys Book Club Discussion with Bridget Brennan

April 14 – Top Trends in marketing and Selling to Women lecture by Bridget Brennan

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