Gender Studies Presents

Fun with Dick and Jane

Dec. 4–6, 2014
Notre Dame Conference Center
McKenna Hall
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University of Notre Dame
Thursday, December 4

11 a.m.-2 p.m.  Registration  Atrium
  Refreshments

12-1:45 p.m.  Panel  100-104
  Gendered Constructions in Literature
  Chair, Alison Rice
  University of Notre Dame
  Amanda Davis
  University of Chicago
  “The Little Lesbian Who Couldn’t Be Cured: Sexual Orientation in A Child’s Garden”
  Angeletta KM Gourdine
  Louisiana State University Baton-Rouge
  “Natality, Reproduction and Gendering: Maternal Desires and/or A Perfect Peace”
  Claire Lenviel
  Ball State University
  “Queerifying Gender in The Member of the Wedding”
  Sharon L. Jones
  Wright State University
  “Evoking Childhoods: Interpreting Representations of Females in African American Women’s Poetry”

2-3:45 p.m.  Panel A  100-104
  Nation, Empire, History
  Chair, Barbara Brickman
  University of Alabama
  Alison Rice
  University of Notre Dame
  “Permissive Parenting: Family Faults and Gender Differences Across National and Generational Lines”
  Ranu Samantrai
  Indiana University Bloomington
  “Decolonization, One Boy at a Time: David Mitchell’s Black Swan Green”

3-4:45 p.m.  Panel B  112-114
  Trans Identities and Allegories
  Chair, Allison McGuffie
  Portland State University
  Nicole Morse
  University of Chicago
  “Diverging from Doubt: Identity in Divergent in the Selfie Era”
  Hannah Dyer
  University of Toronto
  “Re-Imagining Psycho-Sexual Development: Ethical Encounters with the Child’s Question”
  Allison McGuffie
  Portland State University
  “Falling Into Pam’s World: Fantasy, Pleasure and the Figure of the Queer Child in Ma Vie en Rose”
  Matt Hauske, University of Chicago
  “Savage Innocents: Boyhood and Native America in 1950s Westerns”

4-5:45 p.m.  Panel A  100-104
  The Disney Princess
  Chair, Jennifer Fleeger
  Ursinus College
  Sarah Nilsen
  University of Vermont
  “Animating the Disney Princesses”
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Panel B  112-114

Franchises
Chair, Sarah Projansky
University of Utah

Margaret Rossman
Indiana University-Bloomington
“All Hail the Tween: Youth Reception and Failed Hollywood Franchises”

Sarah Projansky
University of Utah
“Finding Girls and Gender in Media Franchising”

Karen Orr Vered
Flinders University

Christèle Maizonniaux
Flinders University
“Barbie in the Story of Direct-to-DVD Movies for Girls”

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Panel A  100-104

Cinematic Engagements
Chair, Mary Celeste Kearney
University of Notre Dame

Meredith Bak
Rutgers University-Camden

Donald Crafton
University of Notre Dame
“Paratexts of the Talkies in Serial Novels”

Mary Celeste Kearney
University of Notre Dame
“Behind or Before the Camera: Gendered Design in Children’s Video Gear”

12:30 p.m.

Lunch  Lower level dining room

1:30–3 p.m. Panel A  100–104

Performing Boyhood
Chair, Barbara Green
University of Notre Dame

Susan Alexander
Saint Mary’s College

Kelsey Collins
Saint Mary’s College
“From Patriotic Troops to Branded Athletes: Hegemonic Masculinity as Depicted in Boy’s Life Magazine”

Freeden Ouer
Tufts University
“Boyhood Acts: Securing Privilege for Young Men”

Nathaniel Myers
University of Notre Dame,
“Let’s See What You Don’t Pee With: Boyhood and the Posthuman in Steven Spielberg’s A.I. Artificial Intelligence”
### Panel B 112-114

**Children’s Voices**
Chair, Abigail Palko  
University of Notre Dame

**Terri Russ**  
Saint Mary’s College

**Marne Austin**  
Saint Mary’s College

“Indiana Girls Speak Out: Oral Histories of Hoosier Youth”

**Jessica Hoffman**  
University at Buffalo SUNY

**Mary Nell Trautner**  
University at Buffalo SUNY

“What Do Children and Adolescents Think About Gender? Stereotypes and Ideologies Among Middle School, High School and College Students”

**Abigail Palko**  
University of Notre Dame

“Look Who’s NOT Talking: The Child as Silenced Subject of the Mommyblog”

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**Queer Temporalities**
Chair, Corey Creekmur  
University of Iowa

**Lauren Riccelli**  
University of Miami

“Mississippi Blooms at Night: Queer Spaces, Queer Childhoods in Truman Capote’s *Other Voices, Other Rooms*”

**Melissa McCoul**  
University of Notre Dame

“What Dreams May Come: Childhood Temporality and the Dream of Backward Evolution in *Peter Ibbetson*”

**Angel Matos**  
University of Notre Dame

“Queer Séances: Youth and Temporality in David Levithan’s *Two Boys Kissing*”

**Corey Creekmur**  
University of Iowa

“Girls Now Allowed: Gender and Childhood in the Comics of Jaime Hernandez”

### 3:15–5 p.m. Panel A 100-104

**Gender Variant Parenting**
Chair, Jessica Collett  
University of Notre Dame

**Madisson Whitman**  
Purdue University

“Gender Variant Children and Their Parents”

**Simon Joyce**  
“Gender Identity, Sexuality and Proto-Gay Kids: Reading the Literature on Parenting Gender Variant Children”

**Lauren Jervis**  
York University

“Parenting the Question Child: A Psychoanalytic Consideration of Gender Education”

### 5–6:30 p.m. Panel B 112-114

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### 5-6:30 p.m. Creative Salon 100-104

**Anne García-Romero**  
University of Notre Dame

reading excerpts from her play *Girlus Equinus*

**Sarah Edmands Martin**  
University of Notre Dame

reading from artist’s book *The Song of the Sea Demon*

### 6:30 p.m. Dinner  
Lower level dining room

**Claudia Nelson**  
Texas A&M University

“The Lady or the Tiger? The Shifting Gender of the Girl Citizen”

### 7:30 p.m. Keynote  
McKenna Auditorium
Saturday, December 6

**8:30-9 a.m.**
**Continental Breakfast**
**Atrium**

**9-10:30 a.m.**
**Panel A**
**100-104**

**Student Presentations**
Chair, April Lidinsky
Indiana University South Bend
Jennifer Bains
Simon Fraser University
“A King or Queen or Anything In-between”
Marcilena Shaeffer
University of Notre Dame
“Young Women as Political Creatures: Reflections from Young Adult Dystopian Literature”
Rae Moors
University of Notre Dame
“The Default Gendering of Illustrations in Children’s Books”
Lesley Stevenson
University of Notre Dame
“Caricatures of Femininity and Flawed Feminism in Mean Girls”

**Panel B**
**112-114**

**Cartoons and Illustrations**
Chair, Angela Sorby
Marquette University
Susan Ohmer
University of Notre Dame
“Peter Pan and Children’s Book Illustrations”
Angela Sorby
Marquette University
“Goops on the Cusp of Cuteness”
Christine Mugnolo
University of California Irvine
“The Nerd in American Adolescence”

**10:45 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.**

**Panel A**
**100-104**

**Student Presentations**
Chair, Abigail Palko
University of Notre Dame
Colton Williamson
University of Notre Dame
“Burgeoning Sexuality in The 400 Blows”
Austin Hagwood
University of Notre Dame
“India’s Children: Salman Rushdie, Bapsi Sidhwa, and Gendering a Nation’s Future”
Mikala Carpenter
University of Michigan
“Breaking In: Female Intelligence and Agency in Fantasy Children’s Literature”
Claire Arnold
University of Chicago
“The Delights of a Plunge Into the Unknown: Reimagining Children’s Adventure Literature in the 19th Century”

**Panel B**
**112-114**

**Toys and Material Culture**
Chair, Susan Chang
Ministry of Education in Peru
Elizabeth Sweet
University of California, Davis
“From Little Homemakers to Pink Princesses: Gender and Children’s Toys in the Late 20th Century”
Anthony Amettis
University of Illinois at Chicago
“Disney’s Plastic Princesses: Dolls, Costume, and Gendered Advertising Rhetoric”
Mary Hatfield
Trinity College Dublin
“Fashioning Gender: the Material Cultures of Boyhood and Girlhood in 19th-Century Ireland”

12:15 p.m.  Lunch  Lower level dining room

12:35 p.m.  Student video essays 100-104 screening

1:15–3 p.m. Panel A  100-104
Sexuality and Precocity
Chair, Pamela Robertson Wojcik
University of Notre Dame
Lauren DeLaCruz
Northwestern University
Morgan Blue
University of Texas at Austin
“Girls’ Media and the Performance of New Femininities”
Kristen Hatch
University of California, Irvine
“The Kid Everyone Wants to Spank: Childhood Precocity and Gender Inversion in 1930s Hollywood”
Pamela Robertson Wojcik
University of Notre Dame
“You Owe Me $200 Bucks: Monetizing Girls’ Charm”

Panel B: Digital Cultures 112-114
Chair, Denise Ayo
University of Notre Dame
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“Controlling Gender with a PlayStation Controller: Jill Valentine, Video Games, and the Politics of Female Playable Characters”
Michael Newman
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
“Boy Culture and Early Video Games”
Alanna Goldstein
York University
“Towards a Pedagogy of Pornography”
Leanna Lucero
“An Exploration of Social Media Use Among Multiply Minoritized LGBTQ Youth”

3:15–5 p.m. Panel A  100-104
Who’s That Girl?” Girlhood and Popular Music in the Age of New Media
Round-table discussion
Chair, Diane Pecknold
University of Louisville
Norma Coates
University of Western Ontario
Sarah Dougher
Portland State University
Kyra Gaunt
Baruch College
Mary Celeste Kearney
University of Notre Dame
Jaqueline Warwick
Dalhousie University
Ruth Nicole Brown
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Panel B 112-114

Queer(ing) Parenting
Chair, Melissa McCoul
University of Notre Dame

Sorah Stein
Indiana University South Bend

Taylor Kohut
University of Western Ontario
“Sexual Attitudes of Parents Related to Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities Compared to Typically Developing Peers and Siblings”

Kate Averett
University of Texas at Austin
“Raising Them to Be Who They Truly Are: LBGTQ Parents Resisting Heteronormative Gender”

Robinson Murphy
University of Notre Dame
“Anthropocene’s Children”
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