

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

Elena Barnett (University of Evansville), “Don’t You ‘Lady’ Me Son. I’m An Avenger”: The Changing Roles of Women in modern Comics

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