

# GeNDeR Studies Program

Graduate Research Workshop



## Sink: A Memoir

Presenter: Joseph Thomas

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Thursday  
February 7  
5-6pm  
337 O'Shag

*Sink* is a coming of age memoir in the dying world. The product of rape, Joey, a first generation blerd, contends with his mother's abandonment while growing up in the home of a violent grandfather and abused and addicted grandmother. Overcome with loneliness, the boy searches for happiness both in fantasy and in the natural world, ultimately discovering that neither can save him.



Joseph Earl Thomas is a writer from Northeast Philly whose work has appeared or is forthcoming in *Apiary*, *Philadelphia Printworks*, *The Offing* and *The Kenyon Review*. A memoirist and poet, he also wonders how things might have gone had he fallen in love with hominids first. Due to this manufacturing error, he writes speculative fiction too, but only by the night. He is currently working on two book-length projects: *Sink*, a memoir about coming of age as an undereducated blerd in the city, and a fantasy novel, *The Gift From Alondria*.

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