Spring 2021-2022 Sponsored Events

"Contextualizing State-Sponsored Violence in Contemporary Haitian American and Dominican American Literature"
Professor Jenna Sciuto, of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts on January 11th.

Spring 2021-2022 Sponsored Events

SCMS-WGSS-LLCL Critical Conversations: "Language, Identity, and Experience Beyond the Gender Binary" on January 27th - Zoom

"It's All Love: bell hooks and the Formation of Black Diasporic Feminist Media Studies," Manoucheka Celeste, Ph.D. on March 28th

"Respect My WAP" cosponsoring an event with the College of Education on respectability politics, hip-hop, and female sexuality, on March 24th.

WGSS/Political Science Joint Hire: Research Talks

Onursal Erol from University of Southern California, "Tyrannies of the Authentic: Homohistoricism and Urbanity in Contentious" Istanbul" Feb 10th

Olyvia Christley from University of Virginia, "Stand Up and Fight Like a Real Man! Traditional Gender Attitudes and Support for Political Violence" Feb 15th

Marcy Quiason, from University of Kansas "Daddy Issues and Absent Mothers: NGO's Usage of Familial Discourses in Legitimacy Building" Feb 17th

Luisa Turbino-Torres from the University of Delaware "Disputing the Stadium: feminist activism around soccer in Brazil" April 5th
Spring 2021-2022 Sponsored Events

"The Colors Behind the Book: Giving an Account of "Black Trans Feminism," Marquis Bey, Ph.D. on April 6th - Zoom

PBC NOW, FL NOW, WGSS, Sexual Assault Awareness "Sexual Assault Awareness Panel" on April 7th via Zoom

Spring 2021-2022 Sponsored Events

DEFENDING WOMEN’S HUMAN RIGHTS:
AN EVENING WITH MAHNAZ AFKHAMI

Mahnaz Afkhami is the Founder, President, and CEO of the international non-governmental organization Women’s Learning Partnership. She is also the former Iranian Minister of Women’s Affairs and has been a global defender of women’s human rights for the past several decades. At this talk show style event that includes audience Q&A, Afkhami will discuss her forthcoming memoir and how to do international human rights work. Come learn about the life of this influential international figure and her important work.

4 PM, TUES, APRIL 19 | UNIVERSITY THEATRE FAU BOCA RATON

Reception to follow at 5:30 pm
Lecture Tickets: $20 | Lecture and Reception: $50
Student, Faculty/Staff lecture tickets free.
Other lifelong learning Students lecture tickets: $15
Tickets at fauevents.com or 561-297-6124 *

Chastain Johnston/PJHR- "Defending Women’s Human Rights: An Evening with Mahnaz Afkhami" on April 19th
WGSS Center Events 2021-2022

*WGSS Fall 2021 End of Semester Celebration*

Democracy Plaza (Boca Campus)
December 13th (Monday)
4-6 PM.

Snacks and beverages will be provided, and family are welcome.

We will celebrate the end of the semester and have the opportunity to socialize and connect beyond the confines of Zoom.

Please RSVP by Dec 10th
http://tiny.cc/wgss1213

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"Poetry Reading and Q&A" with RoseBud Ben Oni

on Oct 28th Zoom
"Women and Economics/Money" on November 4th - Zoom
WGSS and PBC NOW

The Advisory Council of the Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies held a Zoom party to celebrate Professor Josephine Beoku-Betts, who recently retired. on April 14th - Zoom

In keeping with the mission of Florida Atlantic University, our goal is to provide students with both academic and personal development, discovery, lifelong learning, and public engagement. Our program prepares students to think critically about the ways that gender and sexuality interact with politics, culture, ideologies, social structures, and economics—both historically and globally—to shape the lives of women and men, both cisgender and transgender, as well as nonbinary people. Our courses explore gender and sexuality through experiences and standpoints rooted in a diversity of intersecting factors, including class, race, ethnicity, nationality, ability, religion, and age.

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at FAU developed out of the concerted activism of faculty, students, and members of the greater community and we continue to support this tradition. We encourage students to see themselves as being able to make a difference for social justice in their own lives and in the lives of others around the world.
Welcome and Annual Report

Dr. Nicole Morse, Director,
Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Congratulations to the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) graduating class of Spring 2022!

It's truly a privilege to get to celebrate your success, particularly given the difficult circumstances that shaped your time at Florida Atlantic University. For our graduating undergraduate students, your junior and senior years were dramatically disrupted by COVID-19, making it more challenging to deepen your specialization in your major and minor fields, while also limiting your ability to network and build community in traditional ways. Nonetheless, here you are, and FAU is a richer place because of your contributions to our intellectual culture.

For our graduating MA students, many of you only started meeting each other and your professors face-to-face in December of 2021 or January of this year. It has been a strange and stressful journey to this moment of celebration, but your determination, grace, resilience, and feminist commitment to self and community care have made your successes possible. On a personal note, this graduating class is the first class of MA students who were admitted after I became Director of WGSS, and it has been an honor to learn alongside and with you during these past two years. I'm so incredibly proud of the work that you have done here and I can't wait to see what you will do to transform the world in the future.

Welcome and Annual Report, Cont.

Dr. Nicole Morse, Director,
Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

This past year also saw Dr. Josephine Beoku-Betts' retirement, and this shift in the Center is profound given her unparalleled work to preserve and develop the Center as a Professor and Director. We are working to ensure that our future goals are aligned with her vision for rigorous transnational feminist scholarly inquiry and her record of extraordinary mentorship.

Thanks to the WGSS faculty affiliates, we were able to continue to offer a full curriculum, admit a terrific class of incoming students, and host some remarkable events. Our fully online Lavender Languages Institute is enrolling more participants than ever, including scholars from Europe, Asia, and Africa. Our new Certificate in Gender & Equity went live in March 2022, and offers an introduction to WGSS for working professionals and lifelong learners. The WGSS Advisory Council welcomed new leadership in co-chairs Beck Andre and Adrienne Percival, and expanded as new and returning members strengthened our commitment to providing scholarships for students doing the crucial work of researching, teaching, and developing feminist inquiry in South Florida.

Even amid a political climate that threatens our research and teaching, WGSS continues to demonstrate the power that comes from persistence and resistance. The 2021-2022 academic year has been unique, and it has revealed the strengths of WGSS at FAU. With Dr. Jane Caputi returning from sabbatical next year and an incoming hire in WGSS and Political Science, we are ready for another year of feminist praxis, as we engage in the critical work of bringing theory into our daily lives and personal experience into our practices of knowledge production.
Student Awards & Recognition

The Feminist Fund Scholarship 2021-2022:

Minor/Graduate Certificate Honorees

Spring 2022
Catherine Anne Hollows
Mandy Pauline Louis-Jacques
Rachel Martin
Greice Markwith

Fall 2021
Annalie Albelo
Victoria Farrow
Maria Alejandra Suarez Uribe

Failure is Impossible Scholarship
Daniella Orias

The WGSS Activist Award
Jae Kanella Markis

The Walter and Lalita Janke Scholarship 2021-2022:
Kendall New

The Annette Van Howe Scholarship 2021-2022:
Andre Betancur
The Graduate Certificate

The Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies offers the option of a graduate certificate. Students must complete 12 credit hours in approved courses to receive the certificate. This opportunity is available for students pursuing the MA or PhD in another area of study at FAU, or who want a graduate certificate independent of other graduate work.

Undergraduate Minor

The Undergraduate Minor in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary program granting students credit for specific courses in a wide variety of fields, including Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Communication, History, Literature, Nursing, Political Science, Sociology, and of course, Women, Gender and Sexuality studies.

Students earning a minor in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies understand how gender and sexuality intersect with class, race, ethnicity, disability, region, and age, as well as how these interconnections shape politics, economics, history, culture, and society. Students are prepared to think critically about the political, social, economic, and historical forces that shape the lives of women, men, nonbinary people, and LGBTQ+ people, along with responses through activism and advocacy.

BA in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentration in WGSS

Jessie Askinazi

MA Honorees

Fall 2021
Cassie Mulholland
London
Daniella Orias

Spring 2022
Cody James Embelton
Sofia Honekman
Zakaria Herzlich
Shanique Mothersill
Salina Rai
Jazly Pizzuti