Centering Resistance
Imaginings of a New Feminist Future

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Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
April 7-9

CO-CONVENED BY THE UW SYSTEM WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES CONSORTIUM AND UW SYSTEM GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES LIBRARIAN
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Welcome to the Women’s and Gender Studies Consortium Conference!

Dear Conference Community,

This year brings us together for a second year of fully virtual conference events. While this conference has been an annual tradition across UW System for over forty years, the ongoing pandemic has shifted how we convene and create space for dialogue. Some of these changes are welcome. The virtual format offers the opportunity to expand the geographic scope of our audience and enhances accessibility for caregivers, people with disabilities, and others who cannot always conveniently make the trek to UW-Madison each spring. We also recognize that the conference serves as an important yearly event for connecting in-person and building collaborative networks in and outside of the UW System. Inevitably, some of this is lost with a virtual event. In keeping with this year’s conference theme, we are committed to finding a format that builds upon the lessons we’ve learned during the pandemic and offers the greatest access for all participants. This may mean a rotation between in-person and virtual meeting spaces in the coming years, or a focus on enhancing the delivery of the online events. While we are not entirely sure about our next steps, we are eager to hear from attendees after this year’s event and will reach out in mid-April for feedback as we plan for the 2023 conference.

The 2022 spring conference is co-convened by the UW System Women’s and Gender Studies Consortium and the UW System Gender and Women’s Studies Librarian. Both offices support Gender, Women’s, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) across all 13 UW System campuses and have played a role in the systemwide development of GWSS since the 1970s. Indeed, the first annual Women’s Studies conference was organized by librarians across the state in the late 1970s. At that important historical moment, individual campuses were adding the first classes and programs on women to course catalogues—an undertaking that often felt daunting and isolating. The original conference organizers understood

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the importance of regular collaboration and resource-sharing for collective growth and established a tradition that now supports annual gatherings of over 500 people. While the scope and format of this year’s conference is vastly different, the WGSC and GWSL are honored to keep this annual tradition alive and are greatly appreciative of the strong foundations offered by past event partners, co-conveners, and participants over the last 40+ years.

Finally, as we turn our attention to three days of immersion in this year’s theme, “Centering Resistance: Imaginings of a New Feminist Future,” we hope the conference will offer a space to address the ongoing impacts of the pandemic and other global and national events of the past two years. While we resist terminology such as “silver linings” or “bright spots,” we are eager to find opportunities to discuss strategies and actions to address the complex nexus of structural inequalities and disparities made worse by the pandemic. Our conference threads and themes offer multiple inroads to these conversations: pedagogies of care and equity, access and ability, ecofeminisms and environmental justice, refusing the colonial state, and global networks of migration and identity. Our individual sessions, keynotes, plenaries, and artist exhibition all address these themes in different ways but consistently offer intersectional frameworks grounded in a deep commitment to anti-racism and challenging other forms of oppression.

Thank you for joining us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephanie Rytilahti and Dr. Karla Strand
Conference Co-Chairs
The Women’s and Gender Studies Consortium is a network of UW System Women’s and Gender Studies programs and statewide initiatives. The Consortium is designed to enhance student learning and service to students; support multiculturalism and inclusion; lead efforts to develop and integrate intersectional feminist scholarship; and strengthen connections between campuses and communities.

The UW System Office of the Gender and Women’s Studies Librarian (GWSL) is one of the premier resources for support of gender, women’s studies, and LGBTQ+ scholarship and librarianship. The GWSL provides bibliographic and curriculum support, inter-institutional cooperation, information sharing, and advocacy related to the fields of women’s, gender, and LGBTQ+ studies and to gender-focused scholarship in the traditional disciplines.
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The WGSC Conference is committed to ensuring digital accessibility for everyone interested in learning, presenting, and being in community with one another at our spring conference. We continue to make changes to improve the user experience for everyone and apply the relevant accessibility standards. Please read the following information carefully, as it will assist us in caring for one another during our time together in April.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

• Provide self-visual descriptions as part of your introduction (describe yourself and background). Here’s an example of Disability Pride Madison doing so from the 2021 WGSC Conference.
• When not speaking, mute online microphones to reduce background noise.
• When speaking, please minimize as much background noise as possible to ensure audio quality.
• Present at a comfortable pace that makes possible accurate closed captions transcription, CART, and ASL interpretation. Keep a check on the chat feature of zoom in case an attendee messages asking presenters to slow down or increase their volume.
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Pre-recorded Presentations

*Available on-demand throughout the conference*

**Refugee Girls Wellbeing Club in Africa ELI, Uganda:**
Promotion of Positive Wellbeing, Resilience, Youth Leadership Skills, and Dropout Prevention through Cross-cultural Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR)
Amy Bintliff, Beinomugisha Peninah, Zaharah Namanda, Rebecca Levine, Patrick Kanyeihamba, Norah Nalutaaya

**Towards a "Feminism Without Borders": Olkishoroto and Maasai Women's Activism in Tanzania**
Rachel Hodapp

**Inability to Empathize: Feminization of Shame and Stigma**
Jennifer Huck & Megan Homer

**Mechanization of Humans**
Bernadette Bowen

**Neoliberal Spiritualism & YouTube Tarot Reading**
Nik’talia Jules

**Tarot 2.0: how to make your own political tarot card**
Xueyou Wang

**Climate Justice for Women**
MD Ashrafuzzaman

**Wisconsin and Illinois Women in Agriculture Education: Perspectives on Gender Bias**
Kaley Mumma

**Student and Instructor Perspectives on Reshaping a Literature by Women Course**
Dr. Hillary Fezzey and Lexie Hausman

**The 4W Initiative: Towards a Model of Collective Leadership and Wellbeing for African Universities**
Lori DiPrete Brown and Deborah Kaddu-Serwadda

**Historical Trauma: Impact on People of Minority Races, Cultures, and Gender**
Dr. Crystal Aschenbrener, Janae Wright, Shunicka Martin, Tara Martin, Karen I. Lopez
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**LGBTQ+ Virtual Health Summit**
Be inspired by thought leaders and each other as we explore how to build an inclusive and just culture of health. All health care practitioners, students, and members of the wider LGBTQ+ community are welcome at this unique conference.

![LGBTQ+ Virtual Health Summit](image)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022**
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**FREE for STUDENTS**
$25 non-student

Need a good feminist read? You can still visit [A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore](#) virtually and browse their online selection of books.
**National Women’s Studies Association Conference 2022**

The National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA) leads the field of women’s, gender, and sexuality studies. Established in 1977, NWSA has more than 3,000 members worldwide. This year’s annual conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, from November 10th through the 13th.

The 2022 NWSA conference theme, “killing rage: resistance on the other side of freedom,” seeks to open up conversations about freedom and justice; salvation and sacrifice; convenience and controversy; and whose life and vote matters. We welcome your proposals by April 15 and your attendance in November!

Please see https://www.nwsa.org/page/annualconference for more information about the conference and how to submit your proposal.

See you in Minneapolis!
This award recognizes outstanding research, scholarship, and collaborative engagement from Gender and Women’s Studies students across the UW System. Please join us in congratulating this year’s nominees!

- Jacob Reid, UW-Stout
- Cassidy Ochowski, UW-Whitewater
- Olivia Paulson, UW-La Crosse
- Dean Dvorak, UW-Madison
- Crystal Zhao, UW-Madison
- Alanna Goldstein, UW-Madison
- Maya Cherins, UW-Madison
- Avery Dick, UW-Madison
- Lizzie Sheil, UW-Madison
✧ Want to learn more? ✧

Check out this collection of readings overlapping with conference threads and themes organized by the Gender and Women’s Studies Librarian!

- **Climate Justice and Ecofeminism**, by Karla J. Strand
- **Pedagogies of Care and Equity**, by Lachrista Greco
- **Refusing the Colonial State**, by Karla J. Strand
- **Crip Resistance in a Post-Covid World**, by Lachrista Greco
- **Queering Praxis, Expressions, and Activism**, by India-Bleu Niehoff
- **Global Migration, Identity, and Freedom**, by India-Bleu Niehoff
- **From Land Acknowledgement to Action** by Karla J. Strand
Our conference planning team will announce the modality and dates for the 2023 conference soon.

Please send feedback to the conference co-chairs (srrytilahti@wisc.edu and karla.strand@wisc.edu) and fill out our post-conference survey to assist us with the best method for next year!
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