



Spring 2020-2021 Sponsored Events

POLITICAL PANDEMONIUM: PRESIDENTIAL POP CULTURE FROM 2008 THROUGH 2020 EXHIBITION PANEL

6:30 PM, THURSDAY
OCTOBER 22
FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

Webinar of curators for Political Pandemonium, moderated by Kelly J. Shannon, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History & Director of the Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Initiative.



JANE CAPUTI
Ph.D. Professor of Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

SIKA DAGBOVIE-MULLINS
Ph.D. Associate Professor of Gender Studies, Department of English

ROBERT CAPUTI
Ph.D. Instructor, Department of Sociology

SOFIA HONEKMAN
Graduate Student, Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

This event is part of FAU University Galleries Presents: A Four Exhibition Look At Our Past, Present & Future Politics on view online at faueducation.com from October 1, 2020 – January 15, 2021

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Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies
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Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Initiative

Political Pandemonium:
Presidential Pop Culture From
2008 Through 2020



Center for IDEAS

Inclusion, Diversity Education and Advocacy

Inclusive Language Academic Panel: Why the "X"?



A panel of experts will lead this timely discussion about use of the letter "X", with consideration for terms like Women and Latinx.

Thursday, April 8
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Register
[Linktr.ee/Faulgtq](https://linktr.ee/Faulgtq)

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Inclusive Language Academic
Panel: Why the "X"
co-sponsored by center for
Inclusion, Diversity Education
and Advocacy (IDEAs).

FAU CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES
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CAREER PATHWAYS IN WGSS

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A DEGREE IN WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES? | FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

Join alumnae from the programs at Florida Atlantic University and Florida International University for a panel discussing their career pathways. Featuring data and stories of challenge and success, this event will help you to envision how WGSS fits into your future. For more information, contact: wss@fau.edu or wstudies@fiu.edu

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 11 AM | ZOOM
Register in advance for this webinar (registration required):
tiny.cc/wgss-career-pathways

Career Pathways in WGSS
co-sponsored by the Center for
Women's and Gender Studies at
Florida International University.

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
MODERATOR: ROBERT BROWN
SPEAKERS: MARK TINSLEY, ROBERT FROST, MIKE KESNER

ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ON COMBATING RACE AND SEX STEREOTYPING: A VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
6:30-8:00 PM

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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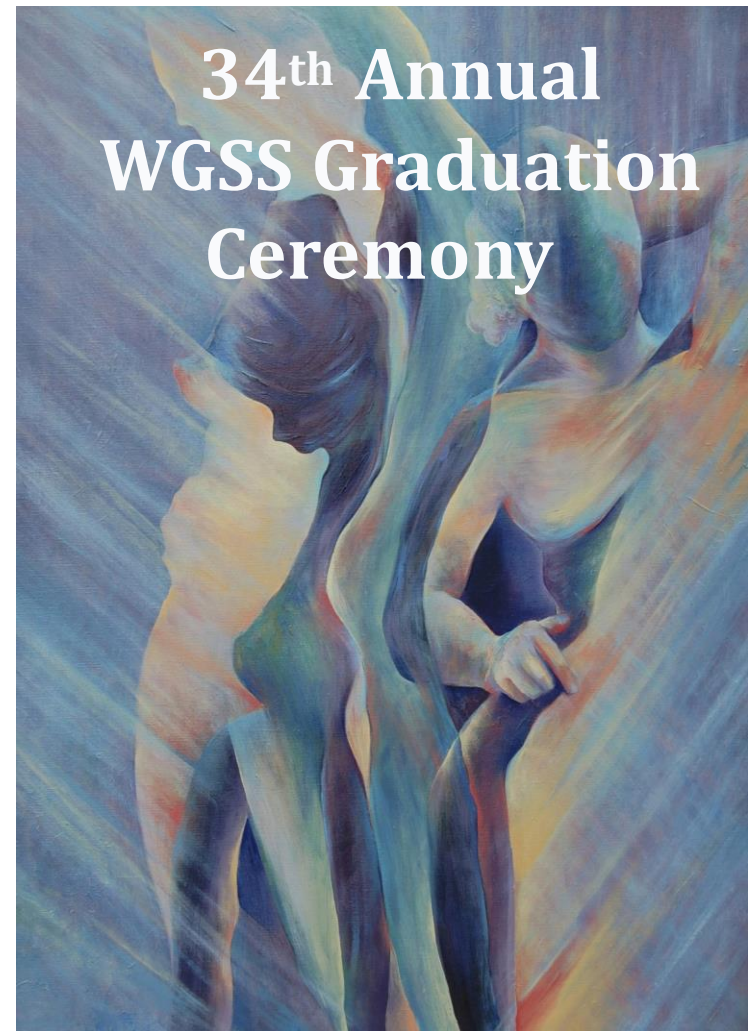
THE CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES: PEACE, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE (PJHR)

A Virtual Panel Discussion:
Academic Freedom and the
Executive Order on Combating Race
and Sex Stereotyping co-sponsored
by Peace, Justice and Human
Rights(PJHR)

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34th Annual WGSS Graduation Ceremony

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Welcome and Annual Report

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

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

While the past year has been an extraordinarily difficult time, working with our incredible undergraduate and graduate students has been one of the most wonderful opportunities for myself and WGSS faculty during this period. Times like these make evident the critical contributions that our field makes to a world grappling with profound challenges from the pandemic to climate change to structural racism to gender-based inequality and violence. Student research, scholarship, and activism are at the heart of WGSS, and this year's celebration honors extraordinary people who have contributed outstandingly to the intellectual life of Florida Atlantic University while also doing the work to make this University more just, more equitable, and more sustainable.

I want to highlight just a few of the incredible students we are celebrating today. Allison Kramer is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Dance and a Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She plans to pursue a career helping victims of sex trafficking and other crimes. Allison has a passion for helping others and strives to make the world a better place. Joi Dean is an Orlando native studying marketing at Florida Atlantic University. Through her work as the President of the FAU chapter of The National Organization for Women, she found a passion for activism and leadership. She has seen the chapter grow exponentially over the last few years and has been lucky enough to serve as the Director of Collegiate NOW for the State of Florida overseeing 6 college chapters.

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Andre Becantur has become deeply interested and invested in WGSS during his four years of undergraduate study at FAU, where he has spent the past two years working with Owls Care Health Promotion and the Women and Gender Equity Resource Center. He's been involved in the annual Women's Leadership Institute, helped create and present a workshop on Masculinity and Relationships at the iLead conference, and has fiercely advocated for Queer Health Equity. As a graduate student with WGSS, he plans to focus on feminist theory, advocacy for queer rights, and more.

This year we are also honoring the leadership of Skeets Friedkin and Lisa Armbrust, who formed the WGSS Advisory Council more than a decade ago with a crucial mission: to preserve the Center and promote the work of the Center in the community. As co-chairs of the Advisory Council, they have led fundraising efforts that have supported so many of our graduate students in pursuing their degrees and have coordinated legendary events that brought feminist leaders together to educate the community about pressing issues facing women and LGBTQ people. It's impossible to express our gratitude for their devoted leadership, but as they are transitioning to new roles on the Advisory Council, we will do our best to thank them for this extraordinary service. The Advisory Council lost an important member when Penny Ashwanden passed away. Her contributions to the Council's work and her role in cultivating community engagement remain as a testament to her dedication to the needs of women and LGBTQ people. Our thoughts are with her family and friends, including her partner Kathy, who generously created a scholarship for 2021-2022 in Penny's name.

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Finally, we celebrate the career and the leadership of Dr. Josephine Beoku-Betts, who has steered the Center through numerous challenges and whose work with the fields of WGSS and Sociology is internationally recognized. Dr. Beoku-Betts arrived at Florida Atlantic University in 1997 as one of two faculty members in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Prior to coming to FAU, she was on the faculty in the Departments of Women's Studies and Sociology at the University of Georgia after receiving her PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her primary research is on postcolonial and feminist standpoint discourses on science with emphasis on the educational and career experiences and perspectives of African scientists. Her other research interests include Multiracial Feminisms, Globalization, Postcolonial Studies, Social Studies of Gender and Science, Feminization of Poverty, Women, War, and Peace Building. Locally, she was a co-principal investigator on the NSF Advance IT-Catalyst: Transforming Faculty Gender Diversity at Florida Atlantic University (2016-2020).

Internationally, she just completed a term as President of the Sociologists for Women in Society (2019-2020). Dr. Beoku-Betts' awards include the Florida Atlantic University Presidential Leadership Award (2012) and the Florida Commission on the Status of Women Florida Achievement Award (2012), as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award from the FAU Women's Leadership Institute (2021). We know that this retirement is not the end of her transformative work in the field and in the world, but rather a new chapter in an extraordinary life.

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This year has seen many new opportunities for WGSS, from our first Intellectual Foundations Program course, Gender and Climate Change to the continuing education certificate on gender and equity that we are currently developing with a planned release in the fall. The Lavender Languages Institute will be online this summer, and will be expanding into new in-person formats in future. A new course in Gender and Sport will contribute to an emerging certificate in Sport Studies. As always, this year has demonstrated what we all know to be true: WGSS is integral to Florida Atlantic University. We're so fortunate to have incredible students from across the university realizing this truth every semester.

Congratulations to the graduating class!

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WGSS Center Events 2020-2021

Feminism and Tech: Julia Dressel in conversation with Andrea Miller

DIALOGUE AND Q&A TO EXPLORE THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE FOR GENDER AND FEMINISM IN TECH. WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN TECH, AND HOW DO GENDER, FEMINISM, AND THE TECHNOLOGY FIELD INTERSECT?

THURSDAY | NOV 12TH 2020 | 3:30-4:40

ZOOM
INVITATION LINK: [HTTP://TINY.CC/9S2ZSE](http://tiny.cc/9s2zse)

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT CO-SPONSORED BY SCMS
FOR MORE INFORMATION: **Ji Young Bae at FAU**
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JULIA DRESSEL
OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Julia Dressel co-authored a Science Advances study that received global media attention for exposing that a popular algorithmic criminal risk assessment tool does not outperform human prediction. Two years ago, she left her job at Apple to work on criminal justice reform at Recidiviz, a technology non-profit building data analytics tools to power decarceration efforts.

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WGSS FACULTY AFFILIATE
ANDREA MILLER

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DR. JANE CAPUTI'S BOOK RELEASE EVENT

call your "mutha"
a deliberately dirty-minded manifesto for the Earth Mother in the anthropocene

Virtual Free Event | Zoom
September 2nd | 7pm | EDT

Reading and Discussion with Leading Scholars
Q&A to follow

REGISTER NOW

jane caputi

A virtual event for "Feminism and Tech: Julia Dressel in Conversation with Andrea Miller" Nov. 12th.

A virtual book release event celebrating Dr. Jane Caputi's Call Your "Mutha": A Deliberately Dirty-Minded Manifesto for the Earth Mother in the Anthropocene, published by Oxford University Press on Sept. 2nd.

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IN DIALOGUE:
LGBTQ SOUTH FLORIDA

Featuring the short film Open Dialogues by Freddy Rodriguez. Panelists include Clarence Brooks (FAU), Julie Seaver and Michael Riordan (Compass), and Jeff Rusnak (Hollywood Arts and Culture Center)

FAU ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES
VIRTUAL ZOOM EVENT | FILM AND PANEL DISCUSSION

DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020
TIME: 3:00 PM EST
PRICE: \$10 GENERAL \$5 STUDENT
REGISTER ONLINE AT: FAUF.FAU.EDU/CWGSS

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The Advisory Council's virtual event for "In Dialogue: LGBTQ South Florida," a Film and Panel discussion on Oct. 25th .

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FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

March 4, Thursday 2 pm

The Condor & the Eagle
Screening followed by Q&A with Casey Camp-Horinek



Casey Camp-Horinek | Speaker

Casey Camp-Horinek is the Environmental Ambassador and Hereditary Drumkeeper of the Women's Scalp Dance Society of the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma. She is a longtime activist, environmentalist, actress, and published author. Because of Casey's work, the Ponca Nation is the first Tribe in the State of Oklahoma to adopt the Rights of Nature Statute, and to pass a moratorium on fracking on tribal lands. Casey was instrumental in the drafting and adoption of the first ever International Indigenous Women's Treaty protecting the Rights of Nature. Casey collaborates with Movement Rights, Women's Earth and Climate Action Network, Earth Rights Defenders and Indigenous Environmental Network. Casey is featured in THE CONDOR & THE EAGLE.



Four Indigenous leaders embark on an extraordinary trans-continental adventure from the Canadian Boreal forests to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of "Climate Justice."

* The film will play for 82 minutes and then a discussion led by Casey Camp-Horinek *

Good Docs | Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Initiative (PHRI)
Wimberly Libraries | Broward Campus Life | Center for IDEA's | Owls Care Health Promotion

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A screening event of *The Condor & the Eagle* (2019, 82 mins) followed by Q&A with filmmaker Casey Camp-Horinek on March 4th.

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Graduate Program



The Master's Degree in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is the core of the Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Within the MA Program students have three degree options: completion of a thesis, internship, or additional classes. These choices allow students to individualize the program. Graduates of the Center have enrolled in PhD programs and many work for community-based or national and international non-profit organizations.

Some students are awarded a Graduate Teaching Assistantship that allows them to apprentice with a professor during their first year of study and to teach a lower division class during their second year. Some students also receive the Annette Van Howe Memorial Scholarship, the Howard Greenfield Foundation Scholarship, or the Walter and Lalita Janke Scholarship. In the late 1990s, following her death, the family of Annette Van Howe established an endowment to provide assistance to graduate students at the Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.



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Student Awards & Recognition



Spring 2021

The Laura Sylvia Myers Memorial Award

Alison Rachel Kramer

The Friends of the CWGSS Skeets Friedkin & Lisa Armbrust Award

Sonia Baron

The Penny Ashwanden Memorial Scholarship

Andre Betancur

The WGSS Activist Award

Joi Dean

Fall 2020

The Walter and Lalita Janke Scholarship

Sofia Honekman

The Annette Van Howe Scholarship

Sonia Baron



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Undergraduate Certificate Honorees



Spring 2021

Melanie Elena Alicea

Angela Michell Benitez

Andre Betancur

Danielle Brittany Currie

VerShona Freddie Dean

Jaime Dowd

Ashleigh Analeise Kriste Dixon

Sara Frago

Adalis Angelique Gonzalez

Allison Rachel Kramer

Haliston Taylor Lake

Jemma Rose Manela

Kiley Platt

Brianna Rogers

Jessica Ann Sparger

Fall 2020

Aliece Brianne Brown

Kimberly Michelle Harkins

Jessenia Hernandez

Lilyeve Caroline Murphy-

Bagliani

Cyrene Pierre

Natalie Umana



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MA Honorees

Fall 2020

Emily O'Connell

Summer 2021

Sonia Baron

Sofia Honekman

Halle Mayne

Cassie Mulholland-London



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.



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The Undergraduate Certificate

The Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies offers a certificate for undergraduate students. Students must complete 15 credit hours in approved courses to receive the certificate.

These courses include "Introduction to Women's Studies" or "Introduction to Sexuality and Gender Studies," three core courses and one elective course.

The undergraduate certificate is a wonderful addition to any educational track or major, and allows students an in-depth and thorough exploration of gender, sexuality and its intersecting oppressions.

Students who receive a certificate are also eligible to apply for the Laura Sylvia Myers Memorial Award.

Laura Sylvia Myers was born in 1962 and died in a car accident in 1984. Each year, the WGSS Center presents an award to an undergraduate student in Laura's memory. The \$1,000 award recognizes a female student who has demonstrated scholarship in the WGSS program, leadership in Women's Studies and a proven commitment to feminist ideals.



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