



Spring 2021-2022 Sponsored Events

FAU DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**CONTEXTUALIZING STATE-SPONSORED VIOLENCE
IN CONTEMPORARY HAITIAN AMERICAN AND
DOMINICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE**



JENNA SCIUTO, PH.D.
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

4-5 PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 11
PERFORMING ARTS BLDG. (PA 101) | FAU BOCA RATON

Zoom link: tinyurl.com/sciuto-jan11
For more information, contact english@fau.edu
or call 561.297.3830

Co-sponsored by the Department of History, the Center for
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, the Study of the
Americas Institute, and the Comparative Studies Program



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

Florida Atlantic University Department of English and the Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies present



**Jeremy Bentham on the
"Pleasures of the Bed"**
Carrie D. Shanafelt, Associate Professor
Fairleigh Dickinson University

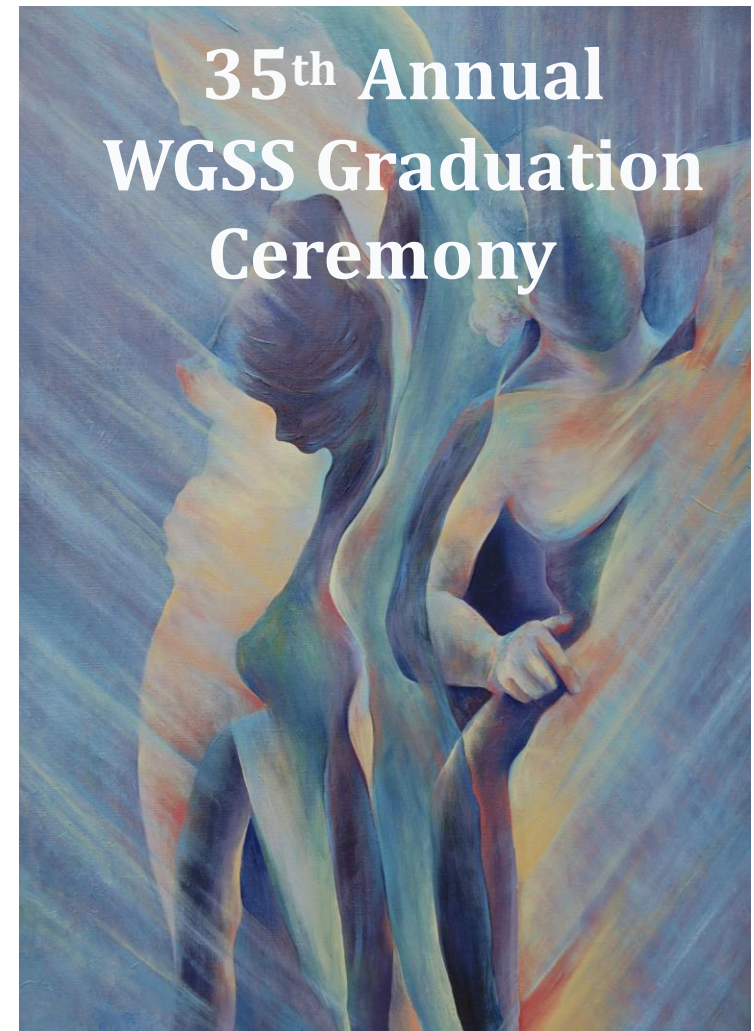
**Friday, 21 January 2022
4:00-5:00pm EST
via Zoom**

In celebration of the publication of
Uncommon Sense: Jeremy Bentham, Queer Aesthetics, and the Politics of Taste
University of Virginia Press, 2022

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FAU CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER
AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters
Florida Atlantic University



35th Annual WGSS Graduation Ceremony

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School of Communication and Multimedia Studies Critical Conversations Series
The Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and
Department of Communication and Multimedia Studies (CMM) present

**LANGUAGE, IDENTITY, AND EXPERIENCE
BEYOND THE GENDER BINARY**
FREE VIRTUAL PANEL ON ZOOM



4 PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
Moderated by Andrea Miller and Nicole Morse

Marston Berry, Assistant Professor of African American Studies and English, and affiliated faculty in Gender & Sexuality Studies and Critical Theory at Northwestern University.

Elizabeth Corbetta (PhD) is a Lecturer in Psychology for the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at University of York and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Psychology at The City College of New York, CUNY.

Andrea Conroy is a PhD Candidate in Linguistics at the University of South Carolina, where they have also received a Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies.

Arianna Lorenz (PhD) is a PhD Candidate in Linguistics at the Universidade de Virginia, Charlottesville, where they research non-binary linguistics.

Zoom registration required at: tinyurl.com/cceyondthebinary
Meeting ID: 850 0477 1082
Passcode: 424242
For more information, contact: morse@uic.edu or rl@uic.edu

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SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION
AND MULTIMEDIA STUDIES
Department of Communication and Multimedia Studies

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

WARNING:
There will be
Dancing,
Rapping &
Movement in
this session!!!

Women's History Month Event

**R.E.S.P.E.C.T
My
WAP**


Exploring the intersections of
Hip Hop, Feminism &
Respectability Politics

WHEN?
Date: March 24, 2022
Time: 5-8 pm
Where: College of
Education Auditorium Rm
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Collective conversation centering the
ways women's bodies, minds, and
expressions are policed and governed
through the lens of hip-hop & society.

MONDAY MARCH 28
PERFORMING ARTS (PA) 101
REFRESHMENTS @ 10:30AM
PROGRAM BEGINS @ 10:45AM
on zoom @ bit.ly/2021march28

it's all love
bell hooks
and the Formation
of Black Diasporic
Feminist Media
Studies



Manoucheka Celeste, PhD
Moderated by Andrea Miller and Nicole Morse

Manoucheka Celeste, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor at the University of Florida in the Center for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Research, and in the African American Studies Program. Her recent work focuses on citizenship narratives concerning Blackness, Black womanhood, and transnational mobility. Her book, *Race, Gender and Citizenship in the African Diaspora: Traveling Blackness*, received both the National Communication Association's Diamond Anniversary Book Award and the NCA Outstanding Book Award from the African American Communication & Culture Division and Black Caucus.

All in front book priority to the first 15 attendees

Sponsored by the Faculty's "Respect My WAP" Series. Hosted by the American Studies Department of Public, Center for Gender, Justice, and Human Rights, Communication & Media Studies, and Gender Studies Programs

"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.

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RESEARCH TALK: Tyrannies of the Authentic: Homohistoricism and Urbanity in Contentious Istanbul



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
9:00-10:00 A.M. EST
LIVING ROOM THEATER 3 (CU BUILDING)

Short Symposium:
This talk presents research on queer protest performance in Turkey and provides a data-driven critique of the evolving contentious reflexes of queer politics in the Global South.

Please join us! For more information: morse@fau.edu


Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and Political Science

The Onursal Erol is a postdoctoral scholar in Global and Urban Studies at the University of Southern California. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago. His research focuses on the intersection of queer theory, urban politics, and social movements. He has published on queer politics and urban politics, with an area focus on the Middle East.

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

RESEARCH TALK: Stand Up and Fight Like a Real Man! Traditional Gender Attitudes and Support for Political Violence



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
9:00-10:00 A.M. EST
LIVING ROOM THEATER 3 (CU BUILDING)

Short Symposium:
This research talk explores the connection between espousing traditional gender attitudes and supporting political violence, and how these linkages vary by gender. It also explores the political climates that generate support for political violence when looking at either support for violence against ordinary citizens or violence against the state.


Please join us! For more information: morse@fau.edu

Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and Political Science

The Olyvia Christley is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Public at the University of Virginia. Her research interests include political violence, political mobilization, and political participation. She has published on political violence and support for political violence, with an area focus on the Middle East.

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

RESEARCH TALK: Daddy Issues and Absent Mothers: NGO's Usage of Familial Discourses in Legitimacy Building



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17
9:00-10:00 A.M. EST
LIVING ROOM THEATER 3 (CU BUILDING)

Short Symposium:
Using a novel empirical framework, this research examines how NGOs investigate the need to appeal to multiple stakeholders and how they may inadvertently widen power differentials. In the process, by failing to recognize the role of emotional narratives in legitimacy building, this research shows how inequality is reinforced in the larger humanitarian landscape.

Please join us! For more information: morse@fau.edu

Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and Political Science

The Marcy Quason is a PhD candidate in the Department of Public, Center for Gender, Justice, and Human Rights, Communication & Media Studies, and Gender Studies Programs at the University of Florida. Her research interests include humanitarian aid, gender inequality, and social justice.

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

RESEARCH TALK: Disputing the Stadium: Feminist Activism around Soccer in Brazil



TUESDAY, APRIL 5
9:00-10:00 AM EST
LIVING ROOM THEATER 3 (CU BUILDING)

Short Symposium:
This talk is part of a larger project where I am working on a book to explore queer politics in Brazil. It will focus on the role of feminist activism in the larger project, and how it has been used to challenge power and change existing narratives. It will also explore the role of feminist activism in the larger project, and how it has been used to challenge power and change existing narratives.

Please join us! For more information: morse@fau.edu

Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) and Political Science

The Luisa Turbino Torres (she/her) is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Florida. Her research interests include feminist activism, social movements, and political participation. She has published on feminist activism and social movements, with an area focus on the Middle East.

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

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POLICING AND CARCERALITY IN THE AMERICAS
SPRING 2022 | VIRTUAL PANEL SERIES



**THE COLORS BEHIND THE BOOK:
GIVING AN ACCOUNT OF BLACK TRANS FEMINISM**
Marquis Bey, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Departments of African American Studies and English, Northwestern University

Wednesday, April 6, 3 - 4:30 pm ET | ZOOM

This talk will meditate on Bey's recently published book, *Black Trans Feminism*, providing an overview of its theorization of abolition and gender radicality as subverting the project of black trans feminism. Additionally, the talk will share the before of the book (the ideas and experiences that led to the possibility of writing the book), the during (the experience of engaging intellectually and personally and politically, the implications of the author writing this particular book), and the after (the implications and aftermath of the book's publication). Please contact Andrea Miller, Ph.D. at miller@fau.edu or Nicole Morse at morse@fau.edu with any questions. Free virtual event open to the public. Registration required at: tinyurl.com/pcbblacktransfeminism

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



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS PANEL

APRIL 7TH, 2022
7:00-8:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89888104004>

Three Panelists with Q+A
Kat Dueterhaus (pronouns: they/them)
FL NOW Communications
Director & Freedom From Violence Task Force Chair

Olivia Mora
Victim Services Intern @ FAU WGSS MA Student

Shella Jaffe
PBC NOW Membership Director
FAU WGSS Advisory Council Member

JOIN US TO HONOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH WITH THIS INTERACTIVE PANEL! PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN FROM EXPERTS ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HOW TO PREVENT IT.

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CENTER FOR WOMEN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES AT FAU
FLORIDA NOW

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

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FAU CHASTAIN JOHNSTON LECTURE SERIES presents

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.

Osher Lifelong Learning Students lecture tickets: \$15

Tickets at fauevents.com or **561-297-6124***

*For disability accommodations, please call five days in advance of event.

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Chastain Johnston/PJHR-
"Defending Women's Human Rights: An Evening with Mahnaz Afkhami"
on April 19th

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WGSS Center Events 2021-2022

GET READY TO PARTY!

WOMEN GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES 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>

WGSS Fall 2021 End of Semester Celebration on Dec 13th

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WGSS Center Events 2021-2022

Rosebud: Poetry Reading and Q&A

Thursday, Oct 28, 4 P.M. (EST)
Free Virtual Event

REGISTER IN ADVANCE:
[HTTP://TINY.CC/WGSS1028](http://tiny.cc/wgss1028)



Rosebud Ben-Oni

Rosebud is the winner of 2019 Alice James Award for "If This is the Age We End Discovery, forthcoming in 2021, and the author of turn around, BRXGHT XXS (Get Fresh Books, 2019). Her chapbook 20 Atomic Sonnets, which appears online in Black Warrior Review (2020), is part of a larger future project called The Atomic Sonnets, which she began in 2019, in honor of the Periodic Table's 150th Birthday. She is a recipient of the 2014 NYFA Fellowship in Poetry and a 2013 CantoMundo Fellow. Her poem "Dancing with Kiko on the Moon" was recently featured in Tracy K. Smith's The Slowdown. She lives in New York City where she teaches poetry workshops at Catapult, The Speakeasy Project and UCLA Writers' Program online. She writes weekly for The Kenyon Review blog.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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LGBTQ History Month Event

Join Queer Latinx Jewish Poet Rosebud Ben-Oni for a reading of her award-winning poetry followed by a Q&A with the artist

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"Poetry Reading and Q&A" with Rosebud Ben-Oni on Oct 28th Zoom

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Women and Economics/Money Nov 4, 2021
4:00-5:30 pm



Dr. Ting Levy
FAU Economics Senior Instructor



Joseph Abruzzo
PBC Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

REGISTER <https://bit.ly/3v0m2gq>

Please join us for a Zoom panel!

We will have time for questions and comments at the end. The goal of this event is for participants to leave with solid information about how women can improve their economic situations.

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




14 APR 2022
07:00-08:00

STORIES AND MEMORIES WITH DR. BEOKU-BETTS

The Advisory Council of the Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies invites you to a Zoom party to celebrate Professor Josephine Beoku-Betts, who recently retired. We'll be collecting stories and memories to help us fundraise for a scholarship in her name.

Have memories to share?
Email wsc@fau.edu with photos and to sign up to share your stories about how Dr. Beoku-Betts shaped your education and your life.

Have friends and family who want to support feminist studies at FAU?
Invite them to the event and share the link to the fundraiser:

Register : <https://tinyurl.com/wggsfnd>
Donate: <https://fau.fau.edu/cwgss>

Contact Us: wsc@fau.edu Follow Us: [@fauwgss](https://twitter.com/fauwgss)

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Graduate Program

MISSION

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.

VISION

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.



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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.

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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.

2022



Student Awards & Recognition



The Friends of the CWGSS Scholarship 2021-2022:

Jazly Pizzuti and Amelia Taylor

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



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Student Awards & Recognition



The Feminist Fund Scholarship 2021-2022:

Sonia Baron, Salina Rai, Cody James Embelton,
Sofia Honekman, Liv Mora, Tuğçe Doğan, Jazly Pizzuti,
Shanique Mothersill, Kayleigh Barnhart, Kendall New,
Violet Low, Andre Betancur, Tassiah Shannon, Amelia
Taylor, Zakaria Herzlich

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



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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



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.

