This has been a very exciting year of growth and change in our program. Well, what else is new in WGSS?

We were fortunate to have Sherry Zane, who recently completed her PhD in History from UConn, start as Assistant Professor-in-Residence this year. She has taken leadership of our larger introductory course, Gender and Sexuality in Everyday Life. She brings great enthusiasm and creativity to her instruction and has been providing invaluable mentorship to our graduate teaching assistants.

Our two newest faculty members, Laura Mauldin (jointly appointed in WGSS and Human Development and Family Studies) and Daniel Silverment (jointly appointed with Philosophy) are not only excellent teachers and mentors, but have expanded our program’s expertise in the areas of health, science, and technology.

This year we had the great opportunity to host pre-doctoral fellow LaToya Eaves from Florida International University. Her dissertation on “Spatial Articulations of Race, Desire and Belonging in Western North Carolina” considers the intersection of gender, sexuality, race, and place in the lives of lesbian and gay men in rural communities in the South. By focusing on rural gay and lesbian communities, she is raising a variety of issues with far-reaching implications for research in geography, sociology, gender and sexuality.

We also hosted ten interdisciplinary scholars and activists from across the US and from Germany, Turkey, and India. These guest presentations lectures, workshops, and film presentations featured topics relevant to all our concentrations in WGSS: transnational feminisms; sexualities, arts, history, and culture, and health, science, and technology.

The number of WGSS majors and minors has grown this year (for example, majors have increased from 17 to 47), thanks to the outreach efforts of our new academic advisor, Joe Tinnel, along with Assistant Professors-in-Residence Barb Gurr and Marita McComiskey, and the teaching excellence of our faculty and graduate student instructors.

As you can see, we have a lot of momentum for next year to enhance our visibility both on campus and beyond!
March 10, 2014 marked the dedication of the Anita Ilta Garey Feminist Studies Library. Friends, colleagues, and students gathered for a dedication ceremony to honor a former UConn professor and beloved member of the university community.

The new library consists of books and resources donated by Ms. Garey to the university. Anita Ilta Garey Feminist Studies library coordinator Seyedeh Taebi and undergraduate instruction librarian Kathy Labadorf worked to compile the resources and create an environment devoted to learning, the sharing of knowledge, and relaxation. WGSS director Nancy Naples states, “Our goal in establishing the library is to provide a place for students and faculty to contemplate and work together, as well as provide a retreat for students and faculty to interact and relax.”

**Professor Sherry Zane Appointed Assistant Professor-in-Residence**

The Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department proudly welcomes Professor Sherry Zane as Assistant Professor-in-Residence!

Professor Zane received her Ph.D. in the University of Connecticut History Department in October 2012. She has taught in the UConn History, WGSS, English, and Political Science departments as well as various courses at Connecticut College, The University of New Haven, the University of Saint Joseph, Eastern Connecticut State University, and The University of Rhode Island. Professor Zane’s principle research and teaching fields focus on United States Political and Cultural History, the 19th and 20th Centuries, Gender and Sexuality in a Global Context, U.S. Foreign Relations, Transnational Feminism, and Teacher Education. She currently teaches Gender and Sexuality in Everyday Life, Gender Representations in U.S. Popular Culture, and Women and Film, lending great passion and enthusiasm to these courses. She is the recipient of numerous awards and distinctions for her research, teaching, and campus service, including a 2014 Rainbow Center Distinguished Faculty Research Award, Humanities Institute Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, and Bruce and Sondra Stave Oral History Award. In her time at UConn, she has been awarded many fellowships, including summer research and graduate research fellowships from the UConn history department, the Harry J. Marks Fellowship, and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute Fellowship for Research. She is an editorial board member of The Historical Journal of Massachusetts and member of the Women’s Center advisory board and fundraising committee. Professor Zane has served as a chair on the Eighth Annual UConn Conference on the Teaching of Writing, the Department of History faculty search committee, and President of the History Graduate Student Association. She is a member of the American Historical Association, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, Organization of American Historians, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, and Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honor Society. Professor Zane’s dissertation, “The Newport Sex Scandal and the Early-Twentieth-Century Origins of the U.S. National Security State,” explores an often-overlooked sex scandal in a small New England city and frames that episode in the contexts of the Americanization campaigns and expansion of federal state power post World War I. Undercover operations by inexperienced military personnel proliferated during this period when privileged American citizens sought to create and expand a liberal state that vilified more Americans than it espoused to protect. From 1919-1921, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized enlisted men and officers to entrap, arrest and otherwise penalize homosexual sailors and civilians. Her work examines the impact of the Newport sex scandal on the lives of the entrapped sailors, the 1920 election, Roosevelt’s future political career, and changing U.S. attitudes about communism and same-sex acts as threats to national security.

Her research intervenes in the long-standing paradigm, which establishes the formation of a national security state with the 1947 National Security Act and its focus on U.S. foreign relations. Adopting a broader understanding of sexuality and domestic national security concerns, rather than one that solely emphasizes international policy post WWII, shows that the historical focus of such debates in the Cold War era has left the relevant discussions about the contested origins of a national security state understudied.
Invited Speakers

♦ Jamie Heckert: PhD in Sociology at the University of Edinburgh, yoga teacher, counselor, writer and public speaker. September 23, 2013 presentation of Erotic Anarchy.

♦ Wendy Simonds: Professor of Sociology at Georgia State University. October 15, 2013 presentation of The Art of Activism: An Irreverent Approach to Medicalization and Other Traumas.


♦ Rebecca Weinberger: Founder and board member of NOLOSE, a vibrant community of fat queers and our allies. December 5, 2013 presentation of The Politics of Fat: Discourses of Health, Gender and Beauty.

♦ Dana-Ain Davis: CUNY Professor of Anthropology. March 26, 2014 presentation of Intimacy and Feminist Activist Ethnography in the Age of Neoliberalism.

♦ Can Candan: Director. March 27, 2014 presentation of the feature length documentary, My Child: a family movie

♦ H. Metehan Ozkan: Researcher. March 27, 2014 co-presenter of the feature length documentary, My Child: a family movie

♦ Anne Balay: Assistant Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies at Indiana University Northwest. April 16, 2014 presentation of Steel Closets: Voices of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Steelworkers

♦ Riva Lehrer: painter, writer, teacher, speaker. April 17, 2014 presentation of Jarred: Self Portrait in Formaldehyde

♦ Antje Ràvic Strubel: Celebrated, Prize-Winning German Author. April 30, 2014 presented a reading of her latest novel, When Days Plunge into Night & Colder Layers of Air.
The many worlds of Sci-Fi and fantasy inherently allow for subversion and creativity with gender expression and sexual distinctiveness. In October 2013, many UConn students had the opportunity to witness this first hand when a field trip to New York Comic-Con was offered as an assignment for students in Professor Gurr’s Gender and Pop Culture course. Extra tickets were made available for students outside of the course and major and over fifty students attended, many in cosplay (costumes depicting science fiction or fantasy characters). The field trip was an exhilarating, stimulating, fun experience for all who partook. In our trip to Comic-Con, our group encountered many people who defied, mashed, and transcended the traditional gender standards in fully unapologetic geeky glory.

Many of the comics themselves and the works of art displayed at Comic-Con did, however, perpetuate many of the clichés, tropes, and stereotypes surrounding men and women we have so often discussed and analyzed in class. There were innumerable able-bodied young white men in costume, battle-ready and fearless, and countless airbrushed women in leotards and lingerie ready to battle evil with their rumps and breasts. However, for every heteronormative hegemonic comic, piece of art, videogame, or cosplay, there seemed to be one that then blatantly crossed those established lines. That there could be such a plethora of performances, art, and identities is a testament to the openness and diversity displayed at Comic-Con - diversity that exists in the real world, but is ignored and actively suppressed. In the next ten or twenty years, the playing field may be even more level, and LGBT, racial, women’s, and diversity issues will be even more prevalent and acknowledged.
Honoring Our Graduates and Award Recipients

During 2013-2014, Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies saw the graduation of many wonderful undergraduate students - 9 majors, and 60 minors - as well as 4 students who completed the Graduate Certificate. Certificates will be presented at the Commencement celebration held on Sunday, May 11, 2014 at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center.

**WGSS Majors**

Kristina Barsczewski  
Carolyn Burman  
Olubatayo Edwards  
Jose Figueroa  
Nora Metaj  
Morgan Starr Radin  
Monisha Rao  
Lauren Todd

**WGSS Minors**

Fernanda Formel  
Michelle Li  
Andrea Lopez Salazar  
Kirk Lustila  
Reema Malhotra  
Jordan Mann  
Kylie Martinod  
Malcolm McGannon  
Cindy Newman  
Allison Olderman  
Megha Patel  
Brianna Paul  
Julie Petropoulos  
Kelcce Powell  
Christopher Richard  
Cody Roberge

**In addition to our majors, minors, and graduate certificate students, WGSS honored seven students with annual awards. Please see the article on page 18 for more details!**

**Undergraduate Awards**

Kristie Ann Wood Endowment Scholarship: **Giorgina Paiella**  
Chase Gooding Woodhouse Award: **Lauren Todd**  
Gladys Tantaquidgeon Award: **Martina Powell**  
Jacqueline Brown-Dickstein Scholarship in Women’s Studies: **Abdullah Hasan, Giorgina Paiella, and Martina Powell**  
Feminist Art Award: **Martina Powell**  
WGSS Excellence Award: **Becky Barton**

**Graduate Student Awards**

Excellence in Graduate Teaching in WGSS Award: **Julie Shoults**  
The Susan Porter Benson Graduate Research Paper Award: **Kristina Reardon**
Stories From Our Graduating Seniors

Kristina Elene Barsczewski

Major: Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies

Kristina is proud to be graduating with a WGSS degree. During her time at UConn, she has had an internship at PPSNE, participated in community service events, and served on the executive board of her sorority, AEPhi. She hopes to go on and earn a nursing degree with a concentration in pediatric oncology. Kristina would like to thank her Mom, Dad, and sister for their continuous support through the four toughest years of her life.

Carolyn Macaulay Burman

Major: WGSS

Carolyn Burman found her perfect niche at UConn through the WGSS program. Her time here has been spent organizing around Reproductive Justice on the UConn campus and in the surrounding areas, and frolicking through fields. In her spare time, Carolyn dreams about puppies and eats enchiladas. She recently ventured to Oklahoma on an alternative spring break, where she did service work with the Cherokee Nation. Upon graduating, Carolyn hopes to become a farmer, a midwife and an activist.

Oluwatayo Edwards

Major: WGSS

Oluwatayo (Tayo) Edwards is honored to be graduating as a Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major. As a sophomore Tayo transferred to the University of Connecticut and found a home within the WGSS community. During her time at UConn she has been involved in numerous community activities such as alternative breaks, Collegiate Health Service Corps, Husky Sport and the Student Health Services STD clinics. Tayo will go on to pursue a Masters of Science in Nursing, specializing in women's health.

Jose R. Figueroa

Major: Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Minor: Latino Studies

Jose R. Figueroa is proud to be graduating as a Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major with a minor in Latino Studies. Throughout his time at UConn Jose has been active in multiple spaces on campus, serving as a proud member of organizations such as La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Incorporated, VAWPP and founding member of the Title IX Coalition. His dedication to activism and bettering the UConn community has inspired Jose to work with inner city youth. Jose is thankful for his time at UConn and looks forward to the future.

Nora Metaj

Major: WGSS

Nora lives in Middlebury, and spent two years at UConn Waterbury before transferring up to Storrs. She was a Political Science major until she took a WGSS course and immediately switched. Nora hopes to work for non-profits and to spend time abroad. WGSS changed Nora's perspective on her future and life in general.
Stories From Our Graduating Seniors

“Being a WGSS major at UConn has been an unbelievably beautiful, enlightening, and eye-opening experience.”

-Lauren Todd

Morgan Starr Radin

Major: WGSS

Morgan Starr Radin is proud to be graduating as a Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies major. During her time at UConn she has pursued social work internships, alternative breaks, and an executive board position through her sorority Pi Beta Phi. She is most proud of her activist work and relationships with friends and family. Morgan will go on to pursuing a Masters of Social Work. She would like to send love to her family on this special day!

Monisha Harish Rao

Majors: Journalism and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies; Minor: Sociology

Monisha Rao is excited to be graduating with a double major in Journalism and WGSS and a minor in sociology. During her time at UConn she has held numerous leadership positions through her sorority Kappa Kappa Gamma and on the Panhellenic Executive Council. She is most proud of her work as the Greeks Against Sexual Assault Co-Facilitator and her relationships with the members of the Panhellenic Community. Monisha will be working at the Fairfax County Board Chairman's Office this summer, and will be pursuing a career in criminal prosecution and international law. She is very excited that her friends and family are here to celebrate this exciting day!

Lauren Todd

Majors: Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies and Spanish; Minor: Film Studies

Being a WGSS major at UConn has been an unbelievably beautiful, enlightening, and eye-opening experience. I feel honored to have been able to spend the last three years in a program that encouraged me to grow into the feminist I am today. Though involved in various forms of activism, co-founding the Title IX Coalition was one of my most significant contributions to UConn. In the fall, I will begin graduate studies in either WGSS or Sociology. I will always work to end sexism, racism, homophobia, ableism and all forms of oppression. Because if we are not working for social justice, what are we really working for?

Cody White

Majors: Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies/Statistics

Cody is happy to be graduating. His time at UConn has been largely focused on sex-positive advocacy, education, and research. Cody is in pursuit of research assistantships in public health and hopes to go on to grad school for sexual and reproductive epidemiology.
In 2013-2014, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies had outstanding faculty and graduate assistants teaching our students here at UConn Storrs, as well as a top notch staff of student workers. We’d like to extend our sincerest appreciation to these individuals who contributed so fully to the advancement of Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies.

**Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Core Faculty**

Alexis Boylan: Assistant Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Margaret Breen: Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Interim Department Head of English
Anne D’Alleva: Associate Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Art and Art History
Cornelia Dayton: Associate Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and History
Manisha Desai: Associate Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Sociology
Françoise Dussart: Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Anthropology
Clare Eby: Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and English
Barbara Gurr: Assistant Professor-in-Residence, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Thomas Long: Associate Professor-in-Residence, School of Nursing
Veronica Makowsky: Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and English
Laura Maudlin: Women’s, Gender, and Sexualities Studies and Human Development and Family Studies
Marita McComiskey: Assistant Professor in Residence, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Nancy Naples: Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Director and Sociology
Judy Rohrer: Assistant Professor in Residence, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Ingrid Seman: Director of Women’s Studies at UConn Stamford, Professor of Women’s Studies and Sociology
Daniel Silvermint, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Philosophy
Christine Sylvester: Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Political Science
Heather M. Turcotte: Assistant Professor, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Political Science
Sherry Zane: Assistant Professor-in-Residence, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

**Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Affiliate Faculty**

Zehra F. Kabasakal Arat: Professor of Political Theory, Comparative Politics, International Relations
Nehama Aschkenasy: Professor-in-Residence, Literature, Culture, and Languages
Marysol Asencio: Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Interim Director of IPRLS
Janet Barnes-Farrell: Professor, Psychology
Mary Bernstein: Professor, Sociology
Pamela Brown: Associate Professor, English
Eleni Coundouri: Associate Professor, English
Lindsay Cummings: Assistant Professor in Dramatic Arts
Elaine DalMolin: Professor, French and Francophone Studies
Ana María Díaz-Marcos: Assistant Professor, Literature, Culture and Languages
Anita Garey: Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies
Davita Glasberg: Professor and Associate Dean, Sociology
Serkan Gorkemli: Assistant Professor, English
Elizabeth Holzer: Assistant Professor, Sociology
Kristin Kelly: Associate Professor, Political Science
Kathryn Lithal: Assistant Professor, Social Work
Hallie Libert: Assistant Professor, Philosophy
Jocelyn Linnekin: Professor, Anthropology
Margo Machida: Associate Professor, Art and Art History, School of Nursing

Allison MacKay: Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Vicki J. Magley: Associate Professor, Psychology
Samuel Martinez: Associate Professor, Anthropology
Michele P. McElya: Assistant Professor, History
Liansu Meng: Assistant Professor in Residence, Chinese
Felicia Pratto: Professor of Psychology
Kim Price-Glynn: Associate Professor, Sociology
Bandana Purkayastha: Professor, Sociology & Asian American Studies
Kathryn Ratchiff: Assistant Professor, Sociology
Diana Rios: Associate Professor, Communication Sciences
Frederick Roden: Associate Professor, English
Sylvia Schaefer: Associate Professor, History
Cathy Schlund-Vials: Interim Director of Asian Studies, Assistant Professor, English
Blanca Silvestrini: Professor, History
Evelyn Simien: Associate Professor, Political Science
Doreen Simons: Lecturer, Linguistics & American Sign Language
Victoria Ford Smith: Assistant Professor of English
Merrill Singer: Professor, Anthropology & Public Health
Judith Thorpe: Professor, Art & Art History
Janet Watson: Professor, History
Steven Wisensale: Professor, Human Development & Family Studies

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2013-2014 WGSS Faculty and Staff

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Graduate Instructors

Ute Bettray (German)  Nikki McGary (Sociology)
Penny Brandt (Music)  Brandyn McKinley (HDFS)
Timothy Bussey (Political Science)  Latisha Nielsen (Sociology)
Jorge Castilo (Spanish)  Caryl Núñez (Political Science)
LaToya Eaves; Pre-doctoral Fellow (WGSS)  Kristine Olsen (Sociology)
Cameron Froude (HDFS)  Sheila Pierre (Sociology)
Chong Suk-Han (Sociology)  Kathleen Regon (Sociology)
Tara Harney-Mahajan (English)  Julie Shoults (German)
Brenna Harvey (Sociology)  Malaena Taylor (Sociology)
Jamie Huff (Political Science)  Meral Tunador (Sociology)
Shaznene Hussain (Political Science)  Daniela Yordanova (Spanish)
Barrett Katuna (Sociology)  Amber West (English)
Vanessa Lovelace (Political Science)  Abbey Willus (Sociology)

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Adjunct Instructors

Delia Aguilar
Anna Hayrapetyan
Rhea Hirshman
Jeanne Humphrey
Albina Mmao
Theresa Pilz
Nancy Parent

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Staff

Coleen Spurlock: Administrative Assistant
Sayedeh Taebi: Anita Ilta Garey Feminist Studies library coordinator
Joseph Tinnel, Academic Advisor

Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Student Staff

Abbey Willis, Katherine Mueller, Rebecca Nelson,
Giorgina Paiella, Ebonique Stubbs, and Sarah Wisniak

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2013–2014 WGSS Faculty and Graduate Student Accomplishments

In 2013 - 2014, the Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies faculty and graduate students proved again how much talent and brilliance we have in our program. Although we cannot list everything this incredible collection of individuals has done, we would like to share some of their highlights and accomplishments from this year.

WGSS Faculty

Alexis Boylan

Publications
♦ “Talking Back”-Jennifer Viola, Exhibition review for Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT

Awards/Grants
♦ Robert Lehman Foundation Senior Scholar Fellowship, Norman Rockwell Center for American Visual Studies, Summer 2014

Conferences
♦ Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present (ASAP) Annual Conference, Detroit, MI, “Kitsch, Race, and the Canvases of Mickalene Thomas,” October 3-6, 2013

Events
♦ "Rethinking the Ashcan Circle: Modernity and American Art,” Center for Learning in Retirement, University of Connecticut, September 9, 2013

Margaret Breen


Cornelia Dayton

Publications
♦ (Forthcoming) Editing and compiling a new edition of the anthology Women’s America: Refocusing the Past (Oxford University Press) alongside Linda Kerber, UIowa, and Judy Wu, Ohio State, which will be published in 2015.

Panels
♦ Chairing a panel at the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, in Toronto, in May 2014.

Committees
♦ Serving a 3-year term on the Albert J. Beveridge book prize given by the American Historical Association "for a distinguished book in English on the history of the United States, Latin America, or Canada, from 1492 to the present.”

Manisha Desai

Grants
♦ 2013 Provost’s Visiting Guest Professor Grant, UConn ($7,500) to bring Drs. Gandhi and Shah to UConn campus for the month of April

Publications
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Clare Eby

Publications

- Until Choice Do Us Part: Marriage Reform In the Progressive Era (U Chicago 2014).

Barbara Gurr

Publications


University and Program Service

- General Education Oversight Committee course alignment
- Faculty Advisor: Iota, Iota, Iota; UNICEF Campus Initiative
- Advised nine independent studies
- Advised four individualized majors

Course development

- “Settler Science Fiction/Feminisms and Science Fiction”
- “Gender and Violence in Popular Culture” (FYE Honors class)

Presentations

- Gurr, Barbara. 2014. “After the Apocalypse: Using the End of the World to Teach about Race, Gender and Sexuality” presented to the Annual Winter Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, Nashville, TN
- Gurr, Barbara. 2013. "Raising Eric.a" accepted to the 75th Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Antonio, TX

Professional Service

- Presider, “Mentoring and Teaching” Roundtable at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, Nashville TN
- Member, Sociologists for Women in Society local arrangements committee

Media appearances

- “Full Frontal Feminism Native American Feminism” University of Connecticut, original airdate November 23, 2013
- “Full Frontal Feminism: Queer and Transgender Parenting” University of Connecticut, original airdate September 27, 2013

Thomas Lawrence Long

Publications

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Presentations

Awards and Grants
- UConn Aetna Chair of Writing (2014). Doctoral Student Writing Support Needs Assessment (Role: PI; $500)
- Visiting Guest Professorship, University of Connecticut (2013). Nominating Jane Schultz. (Role: PI; $7,297)

Laura Maudlin

Articles
- “Precarious Plasticity: Neuropolitics, Cochlear Implants, and the Redefinition of Deafness”, Science, Technology and Human Values (January 2014) [http://sth.sagepub.com/content/current]

Presentations
- Situating deafness in sociology: theoretical dialogues with feminist theory & medical sociology, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2014
- Beyond decision-making: maternal labor imperatives in pediatric implantation

Nancy Naples

Awards
- Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, University of Connecticut, 2014.

Edited Book

Articles

Book Chapters

Presentations
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- “Contradictions of Sexual Citizenship Claims and Reproductive Rights in Transnational Context,” *University of Amsterdam*, September 2; Université Libre De Bruxelles, September 9; *ANSDaban University Karaköy Center*, Istanbul, Turkey, May 25, 2013.

**Ingrid Semaan**

*Presentations*

*Awards*
- Stamford Campus Faculty Member of the Year, 2013-14

*University Service 2013-14*
- UConn-Stamford Director’s Advisory Committee
- UConn-Stamford Counseling Center Organizing Committee
- Chair, UConn-Stamford Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Advisory Group
- UConn-Stamford Scheduling Committee
- UConn-Stamford Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Prevention Program
- Faculty Advisor for Zero Tolerance, a student group committed to reducing gendered violence
- Faculty Advisor for Spectrum, a LGBTQ student group
- Faculty Advisor for Operation Acceptance, a student group that addresses body acceptance
- Organized and co-sponsored 12 talks, with a total attendance of 450 faculty members, staff members, students, and community members

**Daniel Silvermint**

*Presentations*
- Invited to present paper “Intentional Resistance” at the Bled Conference on Ethics in Bled, Slovenia - June 2-6, 2014.
- Will also present paper “Rage and Virtuous Resistance” at the Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy conference in Braga, Portugal- May 15-16, 2014.

*Publications*

**Christine Sylvester**

*Awards*
- Honorary Doctorate in the Social Sciences from Lund University Sweden, June 2014. (Lund University was founded in 1666, is the top-ranked comprehensive university in Sweden, and is in the top 100 universities in the world. As part of the induction ceremonies, Dr. Sylvester will give a university-wide address and be part of a procession through the streets of medieval Lund.)

*Activities*
- Exhibition at the Benton Museum: Experiencing War, November 2013
- External PhD examiner: University of Tampere Finland (2014), University of the Arts London (2013), University of Sunshine Coast Australia (2013)
- External referee for European promotions: University of Tampere Finland, King’s College of University of London, Sussex University UK
- Subject consultant on war for MA student project on museum exhibition and design, Corcoran College of Art and Design, Washington DC, 2014

*Presentations*
- Three lectures on gender and development to development professionals, United Nations University Tokyo, October 2013.
Speaker for workshop on International Relations Theory Today, University of Aberystwyth Wales, September 2013.

Publications
TerrorWar: Boston/Iraq, Critical Studies on Terrorism, 7, 1, 2014: 11-23. Lead article

Heather Turcotte
Awards
Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center’s Faculty of the Year, University of Connecticut
American Association of University Professors’ Early Career Teaching Excellence Award, University of Connecticut
Books
Petro-Sexual Politics: US Legal Expansions, Geographies of Violence and the Critique of Justice, Under Contract with the University of Georgia Press, Geographies of Justice and Social Transformation Series
Articles
Grants
Faculty Small Grant, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Connecticut
Selected Invited Lectures, Conference and Forum Participation
Executive and Editorial Board Service
Contributing Editor, The Feminist Wire
Chair, New England Women’s Studies Association
Co-chair, Anti-White Supremacy Taskforce, National Women’s Studies Association
Editorial Board, International Feminist Journal of Politics
Invited Research Communities
Petrocultures Research Cluster and the Feminist Petro-Scholars Collective, University of Alberta
Bodies Imag(in)ed to be Obstacles to Security (BIOS), University of California Humanities Research Institute
Faculty Advisor
Students for Justice in Palestine, University of Connecticut
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PhD Graduates
♦ Associate, Jamie Huff, Political Science, Feminist Studies & American Studies, Spring 2014
  On Southern Soil: Fiction, Identity, Violence and the Law
♦ Reader, Sarah Hampson, Political Science, Spring 2014
  Rights Claiming and Work/Life Policy in the United States

MA Graduates
♦ Associate, Timothy Bussey, Political Science, Spring 2014
  Security Threat: The U.S. Military and Queer Service Members

Honors Graduates
♦ Chair, Adanna Uwazurike, Political Science, Economics & International Studies, Spring 2014
  The Continued Colonization of Africa: A Case Study of Nigeria

Sherry Zane

Awards
♦ 2014 Rainbow Center Distinguished Faculty Research Award "in recognition of valuable contributions to the University of Connecticut diverse community of gender identities, gender expression and sexualities."

Presentations

Service
♦ Editorial Board Member - The Historical Journal of Massachusetts - 2013-2014
♦ Women’s Center Advisory Board Member - University of Connecticut - 2013-2014
♦ Women’s Center Fundraising Committee Member - University of Connecticut - 2013-2014
♦ University of Connecticut - Eighth Annual UConn Conference on the Teaching of Writing - Chair, “Conversing With Students” - 2013

Graduate Students

Timothy Bussey

Milestones
♦ Successfully defended M.A. in Political Science with a concentration in American Studies.

Awards
♦ Pre-doctoral fellowship travel fund recipient El Instituto
♦ Recipient of the UConn Rainbow Center’s Social Justice Advocate Award
♦ Pre-doctoral fellowship fund recipient from Political

Lectures
♦ Invited to give two lectures as a part of the UConn Rainbow Center’s Out to Lunch Lecture Series

Barret Katuna

Awards
♦ Named one of the Connecticut Women’s Educational and Legal Fund’s (CWEALF) 40 Women for the Next 40 Years in April 2014.

Publications

Tara Harney-Mahajan

Presentations
♦ Presented paper entitled Edna O’Brien’s _The Country Girls Trilogy_ in Urban London’ at the International Association for the Study of Irish Literature conference in Belfast, Northern Ireland in July 2013
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Conferences
♦ Organized and chaired a WGSS panel at the 2014 Northeast Modern Language Association conference entitled "Irish and Indian-Anglophone Writing in a Transnational Feminist Context."

Publications
♦ Article under review “Refashioning the Wedding Dress as the ‘Future Anterior’ in Edna O’Brien, Marina Carr, and Eugene O’Neill” in Women’s Studies.

Awards
♦ 2013 WGSS Summer Research Fellowship
♦ 2013 WGSS Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award

Caryl Nuñez

Milestones
♦ Successfully defended dissertation prospectus on April 17, 2014 and is ABD.

Awards
♦ Spring 2014 Pre-Doctoral Fund Award by El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies
♦ Summer Research Fellowship awarded by WGSS and the Tinker Research Grant in Latin America and the Caribbean awarded by El Instituto to conduct archival research at the National Archives of the Dominican Republic

Presentations
♦ Presented dissertation research at Negritud: International Conference of AfroLatin American Studies in Cartagena, Columbia (supported by El Instituto) and the African Studies Conference in Baltimore in November 2013
♦ Forthcoming presentation of accepted paper at NWSA in November 2014 on “Liborismo, Comarcas y Resistencia: Seeking Justice through a Spiritualized Community”.

Articles

Kristina Reardon

Grants and Fellowships
♦ NEH Summer Institute Fellowship: University of Cincinnati, June – July 2014, full fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for participation in a 4-week faculty seminar entitled “World War I and the Arts: Sound, Vision and Psyche.” One of three graduate students chosen.
♦ Summer Research Lab Grant: Workshop in Scholarly and Literary Translation from Slavic Languages, University of Illinois, Russian, East European and Eurasian Center, June 2013, Grant from the Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Office of Outreach Title VIII Program for Research and Training on Eastern Europe and Eurasia.
♦ Connecticut Writing Project Summer Institute, Aetna Fellow: National Writing Project Site, Connecticut May – July 2013, for the study composition and writing theory. Research proposal: Technology in Writing Center Conferences. Upon completing work worth 6 graduate credits, named teacher/consultant for the Connecticut Writing Project, a distinction recognized at any National Writing Project site.

Awards
♦ AETNA Creative Non-Fiction Graduate Award: University of Connecticut; Creative Writing Program2014. Short essay “Cardboard Boxes” selected as the first prize winner in the annual creative writing contest.
♦ Borys & Lida S. Bilokur Award, 2013: University of Connecticut, Department of Literatures, Cultures and Languages for academic achievement in Slavic Studies

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Creative Non-Fiction

Fiction

Conference papers and panels

Ronnie Shepard

Awards
◆ Distinguished Student Research Award from the Rainbow Center at UConn

Presentations

Publications

Julie Shoults

Fellowship
◆ Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (Fall 2013) University of Connecticut, Graduate School

Conference Presentation

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**Poster Presentation**
- “Brigitte Reimann’s Katja: An Idealistic East German Love Story”; Coalition of Women in German Conference; Shawnee on the Delaware, PA (October 2013)

**Amber West**

**Milestones**
- Graduating with PhD in English, May 2014. Dissertation: "Fourth Way: Feminist Hybrid Poetics Beyond the Page" (Committee: Penelope Pelizzon, Cathy Schlund-Vials, Brenda Murphy, John Bell)

**Presentations**
- Featured Poet, Brooklyn Gypsies, a collaborative performance with hip-hop MCs, poets, and visual artists, Brooklyn, NY, April 2014.

**Poetry published in '13-'14**

**Chapter published in an anthology**

**Grants/Awards**
- 2nd place, Wallace Stevens Poetry Prize, 2013-14
- *Poets & Writers* Readings/Workshops Grant, 2013
- Dissertation Fellowship, University of Connecticut Department of English, 2013
- Summer Research Fellowship, UConn Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, 2013
- Neighborhood Grant, Citizens Committee For New York City, 2013

**Abbey Willis**

**Milestones**

**Publications**

**Awards**
- 2014 Sociology Emeriti Awards Grant, UConn Dept. of Sociology

**Presentations**
- Oxford College of Emory University
  March 2014: Oxford, GA
  Invited Talk, “Negotiating Non-Monogamies”
- 84th Annual Eastern Sociological Society Conference
  February 2014: Baltimore, MD
  “Negotiating Non-Monogamies”
- Re-Imagining Human Rights Conference
  August 2013: NY, NY
  “Undoing the Reasonable Middle: Gender and Sexuality in the Anti-austerity Movements and the Human Rights Enterprise”

**Daniela Yordanova**

**Awards**
- Literatures, Cultures, and Languages Department, Spanish Program—Excellence in Teaching Award, 2013-14
Kristie Ann Wood Endowment Scholarship
This endowed scholarship was established by the family and friends of Kristie Ann Wood, the first Women’s Studies major at UConn, to honor her passion for social justice and to support a WGSS undergraduate student majoring in WGSS in recognition of academic achievement and demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to students with senior standing who have been involved in activities to promote social justice.

Awarded to: Giorgia Paiella. English major, WGSS minor

Chase Going Woodhouse Award
This award is established in honor of Chase Going Woodhouse, whose lifetime of dedicated public service included serving in the U.S. House of Representatives and as the Director of the Auerbach Women’s Service Bureau (1945-1981). It is awarded to an undergraduate for an academic project that focuses on feminist concerns.

Awarded to: Lauren Todd for her paper “Transgender Latinas/os in America”

Gladys Tantaquidgeon Award
This award is presented to an undergraduate student whose academic and/or community work reflects a dedication to the understanding and advancement of women of color in the U.S. The award is named in honor of the Mohegan Indian medicine woman, anthropologist and community educator, Gladys Tantaquidgeon featured original scholarship on Eastern Native American culture through the Tantaquidgeon Indian Museum. In her leadership role and scholarly research she has highlighted the significance of Native American women’s culture.

Awarded to: Martina Powell for her work on Queen Latifah and excellence in contributing to the understanding and advancement of women of color in the U.S.

Jacqueline Brown-Dickstein Scholarship in Women’s Studies
This award was established by George Dickstein in honor of his wife to honor students pursuing a feminist education. It is awarded to a sophomore or junior either WGSS minor or major or intending to declare a minor or major who demonstrates academic achievement and financial need.

Awarded to: Abdullah Hasan, Giorgia Paiella, Martina Powell

Feminist Art Award
Given for the first time in 2002, it was established to recognize feminist visual, music, poetry, fiction, or film created by an undergraduate. This award honors the wonderful outburst of feminist arts activity at UConn.

Awarded to: Martina Powell, for her two poems, “Black Bones” and “Brown”

WGSS Excellence Award
This annual award, awarded for the first time in 2013, recognizes a WGSS student who has made notable contributions to feminist activism at UConn.

Awarded to: Becky Barton, WGSS and Sociology major

Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award
This award recognizes excellence in teaching by graduate students who exemplify feminist pedagogy in the classroom and brings passion and commitment to women’s issues to teaching.

Awarded to: Julie Shoults, Ph.D. candidate in German, Feminist Studies Certificate

Susan Porter Benson Graduate Research Award
This award honors former director Susan Porter Benson whose energy, leadership, and vision advanced feminist scholarship and mentoring at UConn. Her many contributions include establishing the Graduate Certificate in Feminist Studies. The award recognizes cutting edge research in the field of feminist studies that takes an interdisciplinary approach and provides an innovative articulation of theory and practice.

Awarded to: Kristina Reardon, PhD candidate in Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies for her paper “Trail of Tears: Researchers, Workers, and Excavating Emotion in Post-War Bosnia”
The Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Program has several ways in which we use the funds generously donated by our supporters. Most importantly are our annual awards. All graduate and undergraduate WGSS students are eligible to be nominated for these prizes. The nominations are reviewed by the Awards committee which offers recommendations to the Core Faculty, who select the best nominee(s) for the prizes. The awards are presented to students at the Graduation Celebration in May. The undergraduate awards carry with them financial prizes; the graduate awards, instituted in 2009, do not yet have financial prizes associated with them, although we do hope to add some in the future.

The WGSS Annual Awards are supported by funds in accounts at the University of Connecticut Foundation. These accounts are privately funded by donations from alumni, faculty and other friends of the WGSS Program. Additionally, we can use the donated funding for other things, such as paying for students to attend regional or national conferences, purchase equipment or videos for the program, and even pay for publications like this newsletter.

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To donate in support of the Chase Going Woodhouse Prize, the Gladys Tantaquidgeon Award and the Feminist Art Award, the Women’s Studies Prize Fund, #21592, is the account to direct your donation to. This is also the account from which we would draw graduate student prizes in the future. Donations to the newly established Kristie Ann Wood Scholarship in Women’s Studies should be directed to account #31237. WGSS also has a general account, the Women’s Studies Fund, #20446, from which WGSS can draw funding to carry out non-awards activities such as funding students to attend national conferences. The Jacqueline Brown-Dickstein Scholarship is funded by a generous endowment from the Brown-Dickstein family to which other donations are not possible.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the WGSS Program in 2013-2014!

We’d like to say a special thank you to Dr. Lisa D. Brush, a former student who is always so generous to the WGSS Program. Lisa’s long-time, monthly contributions are greatly appreciated.
Notes
New Ways to Connect with WGSS
Via Social Media

To facilitate easier communication among students and create a sense of community so that students can learn about each other’s interests, ask to borrow a book, or learn about upcoming WGSS events, we have created a Facebook page for graduate students and one for undergraduate students. We have also created a fan page to share information about events and public activities.

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UConn WGSS Graduate Students:
UConn WGSS Undergrad Students

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