

28th Annual Women's Studies Student Research Symposium

"Feminist Research Across the Disciplines"

Friday, February 24 2023

12:40p.m.-5:15p.m.

Miller Learning Center (MLC), University of Georgia

12:40p.m. - 1:30p.m. (50 minutes Concurrent Sessions)

Title: Zine Workshop

Location-MLC Room 251

Workshop hosted by Kathryn Manis, Instruction and Community Engagement Librarian, Hargrett Library-Special Collections, University of Georgia

Co-Chairs: Dr. Cecilia Herles, Assistant Director, Institute for Women's Studies, University of Georgia and Vanshika Singiseti, Undergraduate Majors in Biology and Women's Studies, University of Georgia

Title: "Feminist Research Praxis"

Location-MLC 274

Chair: Britta Girtz, Doctoral Candidate in Sociology, University of Georgia

"The Importance of Researching with Pencils, Not **Markers"**

-Janessa Harris, Undergraduate Major in Women's Studies, University of Georgia

"'She Thinks She's All That': Intra-group Colorism, Stereotypes and the experiences of Light-Skinned women that identify as Black"

-K.L. Long, Doctoral Student in Sociology, University of Georgia

"'She Dresses Nice': The Lived Experience of Being a Female Administrator"

-Lisa Hamilton-Rajaram, Graduate, Ph.D. Student in Educational Theory and Practice, University of Georgia

1:50p.m. - 2:40p.m. (50 minutes Concurrent Sessions)

Title: “But Some of Us are Sad: Exploring Sisterhood as Salvation in Graduate Education” Roundtable

Location-MLC 251

Co-Chairs: Meko McFadden, M.A., Ph.D. Candidate Hispanic Literature and Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies, and Dr. Cecilia Herles, Assistant Director, IWS, UGA

Participants:

Chanara Andrews-Bickers: Doctoral candidate in The Institute for African American Studies and Department of English, UGA

Chera Jo Watts: Doctoral student in The Institute for African American Studies and Department of Religion, UGA

Briana Spivey: Doctoral candidate in Department of Clinical Psychology, UGA

Kristian Hogans: Doctoral candidate in Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors, UGA

Sha’Mira Covington: Doctoral candidate in The Institute for African American Studies and Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors, UGA

Title: “Redefining Families”

Location-MLC Room 269

Chair: Leslyn Beckles, Doctoral Student in Learning, Leading, and Organization Development, University of Georgia

“Development of Southern Interracial Marriage and Divorce: Why Our Children are Code-Switching”

- Zoe Grant, Undergraduate Majors in Women’s Studies and Political Science, University of Georgia

“The Kids are (Not) Alright: Marginalization and Liberation of Queer and Trans Youth”

-Joseph Mazzola, Undergraduate Major in Women’s Studies and Comparative Literature, University of Georgia

“Why Are There So Few Children’s Books Featuring Single-Parent Households? An Analysis of Family Structures, With a Focus on Queer and POC Representations in Young Children’s Books”

-Saja Yim, Graduate, Ph.D. Student in Art Education, University of Georgia

3:00p.m. - 3:50p.m. (50 minutes Concurrent Sessions)

Title: “Holistic Experiences of Black Womanhood”

Location-MLC Room 251

Co-Chairs: Jennifer John Britto, Undergraduate Majors in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Women’s Studies and Dr. Cecilia Herles, Assistant Director, IWS, UGA

“Where Do You See Yourself Five Years from Now?’: Examining the Black Female Characters as Empowered Young Black Women in *Set It Off*”

-Sophia Muriel Flemming, Graduate, Doctoral Student in Communication (Rhetorical) Studies, University of Georgia

“Mommy, Me, and We: Why Black Mothers Have Turned to Doulas”

-Janessa Harris, Undergraduate Major in Women’s Studies, University of Georgia

“Zaita esqueceu de guardar os brinquedos’: The Denials of Childhood and Motherhood for Black Women in Conceição Evaristo”

-Lívia Maria Duarte, Graduate, Masters in Romance Languages, University of Georgia and Antoniele de Cássia Luciano, Graduate and Visiting Scholar, Ph.D. in Literary Studies at Federal University of Paraná (UFPR), Curitiba, Brazil

Title: “Wrongs and Rights: Marginalized Bodies & the Law”

Location-MLC 213

Co Chairs: Alina Baiju, Undergraduate Majors in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Women’s Studies and Erin McDermott, Graduate-Theatre, and Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies

“Villainizing a Victim: How the Far Right Used Amber Heard to Take Down the Me-Too Movement”

-Sawyer Bradford, Undergraduate Major in Social Work, University of Georgia

“More Abuse and Less Help: Intimate Partner Violence and Barriers to Help-Seeking for LGBTQ Survivors”

-Jennie Pless, Graduate, Ph.D. Student in Social Work, University of Georgia

“Abortion and Women’s Right to Privacy: The Consequences of Reversing the Decision of *Roe v. Wade* in the United States”

-Saifa Tazrin, Graduate, Ph.D. Student in Sociology, University of Georgia

4:10p.m. – 5:15pm. (65 minutes Concurrent Sessions)

Title: “Student Responses to *But Some of Us Are Brave*”

Location-MLC Room 251

Co Chairs: Elise Robinson, Graduate-Theatre and Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies, University of Georgia and Dr. Cecilia Herles, Assistant Director, IWS, UGA

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Elise Robinson, Ph.D Student in Theatre and Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies, UGA

Elisa Bedê Braga, M.A. student, Romance Languages, UGA

Michel do Carmo, M.A. student, Romance Languages, UGA

Victória Lane Silva, Fulbright FLTA, Romance Languages, UGA

Title: “Feminist Literary and Media Interventions”

Location-MLC Room 269

Chair: Dr. Amy Bonnaffons, Ph.D. in English, Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies, University of Georgia

“Deconstructing Gender: Defying and Subverting Gender Roles in *When Rain Clouds Gather*”

-Chelton Burke, Undergraduate Major in Political Science, University of Georgia

“A Home For Fear: *Barbarian* and the Horror of Male Privilege”

-Meredith Eget, Undergraduate Majors in English, Spanish, and Women’s Studies, University of Georgia

“‘A Part of Her That Was Always Watching Her’: Voyeurism and Feminine Adolescence in *A Hat Full of Sky*”

-Maggie Yarbrough, Undergraduate Major in English, University of Georgia

“Subversions and Negotiations of Heroic Gender in Early Medieval Poetry through the Old English *Judith*”

-Reif Evans, Undergraduate Majors in English and Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies, University of Georgia

Women's Studies Student Symposium 2023 Committee:

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