



Thursday, February 24 & Friday, February 25, 2022 (10 AM-3 PM)

Fourth Gender & Women's Studies Conference

Gender, Sex, and Politics: On Power, Identity & Biopolitics

Day 1: February 24, 2022

10:00-10:10 AM: **Opening Remarks**

10:10-10:55 AM: **Keynote Talk by Dr. Carol Mason (30 minutes talk + 15 minutes Q&A)**

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Panel discussions/workshop

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - **Panel 1: Embodiment, Autonomy, and Spaces**

Moderator: Dr. Elizabeth W. Williams, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky

Panelists:

- Jennifer L. Brinkley & Nicole Niebuhr, (Faculty, University of West Florida), *Period Poverty and Life Strains: Efforts Made to Erase the Stigma Surrounding Menstruation and to Expand Access to Menstrual Hygiene Products*
- Sancharini Mitra, (Graduate Student, Indian Institute of Technology Madras) *"Resisting 'stigma': Menstrual activism in contemporary India*
- Tannaz Zargarian, (Faculty, University of Manitoba, Canada) *Body Autonomy in Spaces*

Feb 24, 12:00-1:00 - **Panel 2: Agency and the Subversive Potential of Trans Bodies**

Moderator: Dr. Melissa N. Stein, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky

Panelists:

- G Angel (Graduate Student, Indiana University Bloomington), *Painted as a Monster: Monstrosity and its Impacts on Trans Bodily Autonomy*
- Finn Johnson (Graduate Student, Oregon State University), *The Trans Panic Defense and the Biopolitics of Transphobia*
- Philesha Colquitt (Graduate Student, Arizona State University), *He Didn't Do Her; She Did Him: Octavia Butler's *Bloodchild* and Trans Cartographies of Space Makings and Meanings*

1:00-2:00 PM - Panel 3: Transnational Movements and Neoliberal Exploitation**Moderator:** Dr. Karen Tice, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky**Panelists:**

- Tatiana Ruiz (Graduate Student, George Washington University), 'Un Violador en Tu Camino': A Postcolonial and Feminist Analysis of Contemporary Chilean Feminist Movements
- Alexandra Maris (Graduate Student, University of Toronto), Biopower and Biopedagogies in the Healthified Spaces of a Martial Art Destination Training Camp in Thailand
- Jessica Tjiu (Graduate Student, The Ohio State University, Columbus), The Politics of Legibility for Sex Trafficking Victims: The Intersections of Immigration Apparatus and Human Trafficking

2:00-3:00 PM - Panel 4: Queering Family and Kinship**Moderator:** Dr. Frances B. Henderson, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky**Panelists:**

- Lauren Swain (Graduate Student, Eastern Michigan University), The Diary of a Prison Wife
- Madison Givens (Graduate Student, Loyola University of Chicago), Black Reproduction: Slavery, Eugenics, and Birth Control
- Yelena Dzhanova (Graduate Student, The CUNY Graduate Center), Excavating Abortion Narratives to Document the Human Psyche

Feb 24, 3:00-3:15: Wrap-Up Day 1

Day 2: February 25, 2022**10:00-10:10 AM: Opening Remarks****10:10-10:55 AM: Keynote Talk by Dr. P. Carl (30 minutes talk + 15 minutes Q&A)****11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Panel Discussions/Workshop**

Feb 25, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Moderator: Dr. Shui-yin Sharon Yam, Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky

Panel 5: The Gendering of Nationalist and Right-Wing Movements

Panelists:

- Swati Dyahadroy (Faculty, Savitribai Phule Pune University, India), Understanding Politics of Right-Wing Women: Through Life and Times of Aparna Ramtirthkar
- Nupur Jain & Sayali Shankar (Graduate Students, Savitribai Phule Pune University, India), No Way Home: Bollywood Hero-Cop Universe Rescuing the Nation State
- Susanna Hansel (Graduate Student, University of Kentucky), Double Standards through the Lens of Gender in the Weimar Republic

Feb 25, 12:00-1:00 PM

Panel 6: Insurgency: Navigating the Political Sphere as Black Women

Moderator: Dr. Aria Halliday, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky

Panelists:

- Madison Givens (Graduate Student, Loyola University of Chicago), Female Blackness in an Abyss of Racism, Sexism, and The Black Panther Party
- Deborah Daley (Graduate Student, University of Kentucky), Reclaiming 'I' in Nicole Goodwin's War Poetry
- Shawnika Johnson (Graduate Student, Claremont Graduate University), African American Female Legislative Behavior in Georgia State Legislature: Position, Policy and Power

Feb 25, 1:00-2:00 PM

Panel 7: The Emancipatory Potentiality of Affect, Erotics, and Desire

Moderator: Dr. Anastasia Todd, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky

Panelists:

- Katrina Solomon, (Graduate Student, Eastern Michigan University), Consent and Pleasure
- Shawna Irissarri (Graduate Student, University of Kentucky), Foucault, Power and Pornography: *Scientia Sexualis*, Pornography Studies, and Black Feminist Critiques
- Sayali Shankar (Graduate Students, Savitribai Phule Pune University, India) Battle of Ages: Unpacking 'Age at Marriage Bill'

Feb 25, 2:00-3:00 PM

Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Hunt, Associate Professor, Gender and Women's Studies, University of Kentucky

Panel 8: Critical Sexuality Studies, Necropolitics and Social Media: Workshop

Panelists:

- Allison Grossman, Jermisha Frazier, Natashia Fuksman, and Emily Owens-Edington, Graduate Students,

Feb 25, 3:00-3:15 PM: Wrap Up Day 2 and the Conference