

October 2020 Newsletter

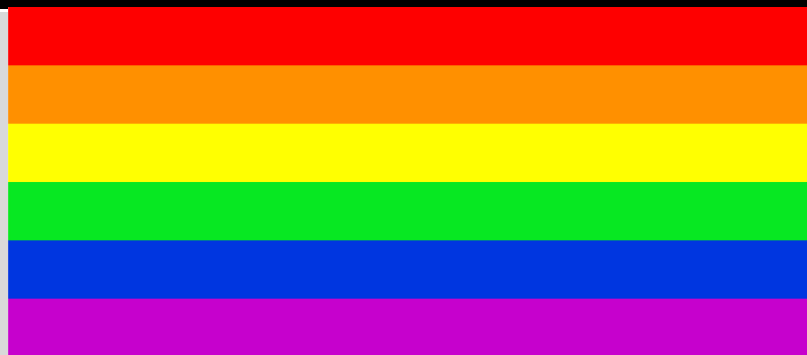


Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Learn About Our New LGBTQ+ Certificate!

The Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) at the University of Cincinnati (UC) is excited to announce its new LGBTQ certificate! The LGBTQ certificate honors the legacy of activism and studies of former UC faculty. This certificate will explore the experiences, identities, and cultural and political contributions of LGBTQ people in the US and around the world. The certificate will allow students to examine concrete, local, and global social justice issues with the opportunity to complete an optional internship experience.

You can sign up for our LGBTQ Studies Undergraduate Certificate now!



4 Required Courses:



Human Sexuality (WGS/PSYC 2010)
Gender, Race, Class, & Sexuality (WGS 3010)
Queer Studies (WGS 3030)
Queer Theory (WGS 4037)



And 1 Elective of Your Choice:

Intro to Black Women's Studies (AFST/WGS 2030)
Lesbian/Gay Literature (WGS/ENGL 2045)
Women/Activism (ORGL/PSYC/WGS 2062)
LGBTQ Activisms* (WGS 2063)
Global Monsters (AIST/EUST/WGS 2080)
Women, Sexuality, & Society in South Asia (AIST/HIST/WGS 2103)
Advanced Human Sexuality (WGS 3011)
Black Women in the US (AFST/WGS 3015)
Sex and Gender in the Ancient World (CLAS/WGS 3021)
Love and Sexuality in Arabic Literature (ARAB/WGS 3023)
Transgender Studies* (WGS 3036)
Black Feminism (AFST/WGS 3059)
Gender and Health (WGS 3071)
Sex & Gender in the Middle East & North Africa (HIST/WGS 3107)

Independent Study in WGSS (WGS 4002/4003)
Comparative Black Feminisms (AFST/WGS 4021)
Gender, Sexuality, & Culture (ENGL/WGS 4029)
Queer Francophone Literature and Culture (FREN/WGS 4029)
Seminar in Sexuality Studies (WGS 4030)
Global Sexualities (WGS 4031)
Gender, Sexuality, & Social Movements (WGS 4032)
Childhood Sexual Violence and Contemporary Media (WGS 4034)
Seminar in Transgender Studies* (WGS 4036)
Queer of Color Critique* (WGS 4039)
Internship (WGS 4050)

*= New Course

Please contact Carolyn.Peterson@uc.edu if you are interested in exploring your options.

See the news article below to discover the journey to creating the LGBTQ certificate at UC and our aspirations to increase LGBTQ visibility on campus and throughout the Cincinnati community.

https://www.newsrecord.org/news/uc-introduces-lgbtq-undergraduate-certificate/article_b451628c-f178-11ea-ba64-5fdcac94347c.html?fbclid=IwAR3tEFhGAAQbwhtrXdjINvqomBnuWQqMp499NjLfZbrludluy_0xlwwJbl



Calling ALL WGSS Alumnae!

We want to know about your endeavors since graduating!

Reach out to us at:
friendsws@ucmail.uc.edu

Graduate Student Spotlight: Kadi Riffe

Kadi is a graduate student in our 4+1 program and is currently finishing her thesis, "Feminist Definitions of Violence," looking at how feminist undergraduate UC students develop their working definitions of rape.

How did you hear about the WGSS MA program?

"I was looking online to make sure I was on track to graduate with a WGSS bachelors when I saw the 4+1 program!"

What has been your experience being a Graduate Assistant?

"My GA position at the LGBTQ center has been awesome--I have met new people, learned so many things, and have been able to kick off a couple of programs that I'm really excited about!"

Who are your favorite theorists?

"Catherine MacKinnon—she's outrageous and I disagree with a lot of her stuff, but her ability to think outside the box and put look at things from new perspectives is really inspiring."

What excites you about the field of WGSS?

"The fact that there is so much to learn, and the field is constantly evolving. I love learning, and to be a part of a field where learning makes me a better human citizen is really fulfilling."



WGSS Faculty: Michelle McGowan



Michelle McGowan, Danielle Bessett (UC Sociology), and Alison Norris (Ohio State University) published their perspective on abortion care churn in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Their collaborative article titled, "Care Churn: Why Keeping Clinic Doors Open Isn't Enough to Ensure Access to Abortion" covers the factors of services offered, availability, wait time, gestational limit, cost, and legislation that lead to "clinic-level instability of abortion care services and chronic uncertainty about the potential for closure or service delivery changes" (2020).

View the full publication here:

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2013466?af=R&rss=currentIssue>

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