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!

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=IwAR3tEFhGAAQbwhtprXdj1NvqomBnuWQqMp499NjLZbRludlyy_0x1wwwJb

Calling ALL WGSS Alumnae!

We want to know about your endeavors since graduating!

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

Research Associate Professor, Graduate Program Director of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Graduate Student Spotlight: Kadi Riffe

Please donate to WGSS at the University of Cincinnati!

Your contribution helps us create a fabulous Feminist future!

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:

WGSS Faculty: Michelle McGowan

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