



**NEW JERSEY
WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES CONSORTIUM
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM**



March 29, 2019, 8:30 am

3711 Atlantic Avenue
Atlantic City, NJ, 08401

Program Schedule

8:30—9:30 AM: REGISTRATION/ BREAKFAST

Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room

9:30 AM: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room

- ◆ Dr. Cynthia Ninivaggi, NJWGSC Co-Chair
- ◆ Dr. Michelle MacDonald, Chief Officer for Academic Programming, Atlantic City & Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Stockton University
- ◆ Dr. Deborah Gussman, NJWGSC Colloquium Co-Chair

10:00 — 11:30 AM: PANEL SESSIONS

- ◆ Panel A: *Room 210*
- ◆ Panel B: *Room 211*
- ◆ Panel C: *Room 212*
- ◆ Panel D: *Room 214*

11:45 — 12:35 PM: KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room

- ◆ Welcome: Dr. Rob Gregg, Dean, School of General Studies, Stockton University
- ◆ Introduction of Keynote: Erin O'Hanlon
- ◆ Dr. Christina Jackson, Stockton University



12:45 — 1:45 PM: LUNCHEON

Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room

Sponsored by the NJWGSC and Stockton University

For Presenters and Registered Guests

- ◆ NJWGSC Summer Internship Winners Briefing: Arlene Scala

2:00 — 3:30 AM: PANEL SESSIONS

- ◆ Panel A: *Room 210*
- ◆ Panel B: *Room 211*
- ◆ Panel C: *Room 212*
- ◆ Panel D: *Room 214*

3:40 — 4:30 AM: CLOSING CEREMONY

Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room

- ◆ Presented by Cynthia Ninivaggi and Rosemarie Bello-Truland, NJWGSC co-chairs
- ◆ Awards, Photos and Cake

Morning Session: 10:00-11:30 am

Panel A: Intersectionality (Room 210)

Moderator: Jennifer Musial, New Jersey City University

- ◆ “Toxic Towns: A Case Study Analysis of Environmental Racism in Urban Communities” *Alexandra Mallinas, The College of New Jersey*
- ◆ “An Ode to Listening” *Giana Apreza, Brookdale Community College*
- ◆ “Political Recruitment as an Extension of Intersectional Feminism” *Marissa Luca, Stockton University*
- ◆ “Care is Missing: The Inequalities of the ‘Missing White Woman Syndrome’” *Alexandra Roman, Georgian Court University*
- ◆ “Reclaiming Reflections: Black Women’s Bodies and Representation in Paule Marshall’s *Brown Girl, Brownstones* and *Praisesong for the Widow*” *Nia Dove, Drew University*

Panel B: Literary and Cultural Analysis, I: Race, Sexuality, and Embodiment (Room 211)

Moderator: Heather McGovern, Stockton University

- ◆ “Queer Environmentalism in *So Far from God* and *Heroes and Saints*” *Susan Russo, Rider University*
- ◆ “Lifting the Veil: Female Sexuality and the Fall of the Round Table” *Kaitlin Kortnick, Rowan University*
- ◆ “Film, Femininity, and Postwar Japan: *Ikiru* and *Late Spring*” *Mary D’Anella-Mercanti, Rutgers University*
- ◆ “The Importance of Ethnicity Within Girls in Sports” *Georgina Rayo, New Jersey City University*

Panel C: Feminist Praxis: Speaking Our Truth (Room 212)

Moderator: Roseanne Alvarez, Brookdale Community College

- ◆ “The Awakening of Feminist Consciousness in Brazil” *Marina Sell Schinemann, Raritan Valley Community College*
- ◆ “Representing Gender Zine” *Angela D’Alessandro, Brookdale Community College*
- ◆ “We Must Diverge: Ecofeminist Performance Art” *Hailey Benson, Drew University*
- ◆ “The Time is Now” *Jennifer Johnston, Atlantic Cape Community College*

Panel D: Herstories (Room 214)

Moderator: Sharon Musher, Stockton University

- ◆ “Your Best American Girls” *Natalie Obedos, Raritan Valley Community College*
- ◆ “Women United” *Rosalie Bush, Raritan Valley Community College*
- ◆ “Sex Work and the City: Prostitution and Choice in Depression Era New York City” *Samantha LeRoy, Stockton University*
- ◆ “How Capitalistic Values Affected Women Artists in the Renaissance: A Look at Sofonisba Anguissola, Artemisia Gentileschi, and Judith Leyster” *Huey Fathy, William Paterson University*
- ◆ “Pacifism’s Founding Mothers: The Women at the Hague and their Mark on the World” *Katherine Trauger, Rowan University*

Afternoon Session: 2:00-3:30 pm

Panel E: Recovering the Forgotten: Historical and Contemporary Cultural Interventions & Analysis (Room 210)

Moderator: Erica Ryan, Rider University

- ◆ “Implications of Gender for Lesbian and Bisexual Women within the U.S. AIDS Crisis & Movement in New York City” *E. Rosie Driscoll, The College of New Jersey*
- ◆ “Mithal al-Hassan and the Women Forgotten in Abu Ghraib” *Shaylyn MacKinnon, Drew University*
- ◆ “The 1978 Rally for Rights: Rochester, New York’s Gay Community Versus Fundamental Christians” *Sarah Cook, Georgian Court University*
- ◆ “The American Prison System’s Impact on Female Prisoners’ Sexual Identity” *Sarah F. Pomeranz, Rutgers University*

Panel F: Education, Curriculum, and Identities (Room 211)

Moderator: Arlene Scala, William Paterson University

- ◆ “Gender Identity in the Kindergarten Classroom” *Alyssa Denfeld, New Jersey City University*
- ◆ “The Utilization of Self Esteem and Self-Affirming Networks in Combating Cyberbullying for Girls in Middle School” *Oluchi Austin-Adesina, New Jersey City University*
- ◆ “Transgressing NJ Higher Education” *Matt Diaz, William Paterson University*
- ◆ “Male Emotional Support: The Confounds of Masculinity” *Corine Joy Tamayo, Brookdale Community College*

Panel G: Literary and cultural analysis, II: Patriarchy and its Violent Effects (Room 212)

Moderator: Donnalynn Scillieri, William Paterson University

- ◆ “The Treatment of Women in Native American Literature” *Jessica English, Stockton University*
- ◆ “Rape Culture” *Amanda Brady, Atlantic Cape Community College*
- ◆ “The Bright World and The Dark” *Kat Schonheyder, William Paterson University*
- ◆ “Part of His World: A Feminist Examination of Hierarchy and Masculinity in *The Little Mermaid*” *Cara Hardman, Rowan University*
- ◆ “Ellen Page, Custer’s Revenge and LSD: A Historical Examination of Pornographic Deepfakes” *Hallel Yadin, Rutgers University*

Panel H: Gender and Genre (counter narratives) (Room 214)

Moderator: Richard Russell, Atlantic Cape Community College

- ◆ “Following The Arrow, or Not: Kacey Musgraves as Bro-Country’s Antithesis” *Paul David Flood, Rider University*
- ◆ “Nemeses! Dragons! Symbolism!”: Representations of Queer Identity and Relationships in *Nimona*” *Lauren Barbour, The College of New Jersey*
- ◆ “An Examination of John Adams’ *Scheherazade.2* as an Illustration and Exploration of the Oppressed Women’s Authentic Experience in the 21st Century” *Sarah Morrow, Rider University*
- ◆ The Trans Experience: Explication of Justice Ameer’s “body without the ‘d’” *Kiera Quade, Atlantic Cape Community College*

Dr. Christina Jackson, Keynote Speaker

Dr. Christina Jackson is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Stockton University. Dr. Jackson is also a member of the Africana Studies and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies programs. Her research and teaching areas include urban sociology, inequality, intersectionality, redevelopment and gentrification.



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Her first co-authored volume, *Embodied Difference: Divergent Bodies in Public Discourse* (2019), examines marginalization and normalization with a focus on the body across public arenas. She has another forthcoming co-authored book, *Black In America: The Paradox of the Color Line*, which examines the sociology of the Black experience today amidst post-racial and colorblind ideals that have dominated the American narrative. She has authored articles in books such as *Black California Dreamin’: The Crises of California’s African –American Communities*, *The Ghetto: Contemporary Global Issues and Controversies*, and in journals such as *Sociology Compass* and the *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

Dr. Jackson enjoys studying urban ecosystems and place-based movements. Most of her work and interests are rooted in community relationships that seek to be decolonial and intersectional. She builds bridges between students and the wider community through service-learning and community-engaged research in Atlantic City. In the Atlantic City community, she has developed relationships with Black Lives Matter Atlantic City, the NAACP, Asbury United Methodist Church, New Jersey Organizing Project, Atlantic City Civic Associations, National Action Network Atlantic City Chapter, the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, Food and Water Watch and the New York Avenue apartments. Due to this, in 2017, Dr. Jackson was awarded the Faculty Community Engagement award and was listed by the *Press of Atlantic City* as one of the “17 People in South Jersey to Watch.” She is also the current faculty fellow for Stockton’s Center of Community Engagement.

She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California Santa Barbara in 2014 and completed her Predoctoral and Postdoctoral fellowship in Africana Studies at Gettysburg College. Dr. Jackson considers herself a scholar-activist, community arts facilitator, meditator, and is a twin mom. She is also a Philadelphia-based community board member of Camp Sojourner, a girls’ leadership camp.

About the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium

The mission of the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium is to ensure the continued strength, visibility and development of interdisciplinary women's and gender studies at universities and colleges in New Jersey. The Consortium stands as the formal organization of WGS programs, departments and initiatives across New Jersey. The Consortium serves as a network of WGS programs, departments and initiatives and provides collaborative space where WGS students, staff and faculty can share resources, knowledge and strategies for achieving our common goals of feminist, multicultural education, research education, research and practices for social justice.

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Miss America protest on Atlantic City Boardwalk, Freedom Trash Can, Sept 7, 1968

NJWGSC Summer Internship Awards

The New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium (NJWGSC) will grant \$1,000 each to two students who complete a minimum 160 hour internship related to Women's and/or Gender Studies during the Summer of 2019. The awards are competitive.

For the Summer 18 program the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium (NJWGSC) awarded a grant of \$1,000 to Lauren Barbour of The College of New Jersey and Chanell Singletary-Eskridge, of Monmouth University.

NJWGSC members should encourage their students to apply for the Summer 2019 Summer Internship Awards.

Eligibility

- ◆ All undergraduate students (preference will be given to rising juniors and seniors) currently enrolled at a college or university in the State of New Jersey who will be doing an internship related to Women's or Gender Studies during the summer 2019. Awardees will be invited to present a brief discussion of their work at the Consortium's Annual Student Research Colloquium in late March or early April 2020.
- ◆ Eligible internships include but are not limited to women's organizations. For example, several students have done internships with LGBTQ+ organizations. Eligible internships must take women's or gender issues seriously and students must be able to explain how their internship is connected to and will augment their academic interests and course of study.
- ◆ Students must present a budget of how the award will be spent but do not have to have secured an internship in order to apply for the award.
- ◆ Students must have a faculty advisor on their campus who will certify that they have an internship and sign off that the required hours have been completed.

How to Apply

- ◆ Students should submit a completed application, including one letter of recommendation and a copy of their college or university transcript, by June 1, 2019. Grants will be announced no later than June 18, 2019. Go to <http://njwgsc.pages.tcnj.edu> to download a copy.

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