

Women and Gender Studies Newsletter: Fall 2016



Welcome to the first inaugural newsletter!

This twice-yearly newsletter will be a way for students, faculty, alumni and friends of the program to stay in touch. We plan to share events, relevant news, and a little bit about what our students and alumni are currently doing. If you have news you want to have included in the future, please send it to Dr. Medora Barnes at mbarnes@jcu.edu

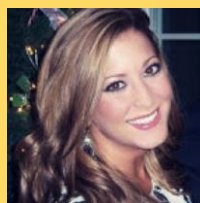
DEPARTMENT NEWS

New Space!!

Come and utilize the new Women's and Gender Studies Office and Meeting Space in AD-332. The space is great place for studying, working on group projects, and just talking to other students and faculty.

Welcome New Faculty!

Dr. Medora Barnes (below left) became the new Program Director this past summer. She is also an Associate Professor of Sociology. Danielle Bernat Sabo (pictured on right) is a new part-time professor this fall, who also works at the Flora Mather Center for Women at CWRU.



Campus Events

Meet your Major/Minor



The Meet your Major/Minor event this fall was a success. It took place in our new space in AD-332 on October 7th, 2016. Several students came to learn about the program and got to meet with faculty.

Co-Sponsored Campus Events

Drag Bingo



Students enjoying bingo in Dolan Atrium

The Drag Bingo phenomenon that started in Seattle in the 90s arrived at JCU on November 3rd! The WGS program helped provide educational materials for this event sponsored by Allies and Student Union. Over 200 students attended and had a fun-filled night learning about inclusivity and the LGBTQ community.

Bree Newsome "Tearing Hatred from the Sky"



Students from WGS and allied groups, met with Bree Newsome before her talk.

The Center for Diversity and Inclusion, and other sponsoring programs welcomed Bree Newsome to campus on October 26th. Newsome discussed the events that led up to her scaling the 30ft flagpole at the South Carolina statehouse to remove the Confederate flag following the funeral of Rev. Clementa Pinckney—one of 9 people slaughtered in the name of white supremacy at Mother Emmanuel Church. Newsome's intention was to create a new symbol and a new consciousness of the power inherent in direct action. The iconic picture of her on the pole with the flag in hand has become a touchstone of empowerment for disenfranchised people around the world.



Featured Student:

Gabrielle-Douglas Hinchey – Senior/Class of 2017

Double Major: Women's Gender Studies & Psychology
Minor: Statistics

Profile

At John Carroll, Gabby-Douglas serves as a Peer Health educator, mentors within the Pathways program, works to promote health and wellness on campus, and helps educate students on transgender issues. Additionally, Gabby-Douglas works at the CSDI Center, tutors fellow students in both German and Statistics, is a member of the JCU Diving Team, and is actively involved in a variety of student groups on campus.

We look forward to hearing about the exciting adventures that will surely follow this busy student after graduation!

Heads up! UPCOMING DEPARTMENT CHANGES

Program Name Change

A formal request has been made to change the name of the program to *Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies*. We believe the name change will help to convey the range of concepts and courses that students at John Carroll have the opportunity to study within our program.

Curriculum Requirement Changes

Check back in the spring! Changes are being made to both the major and minor requirements, which will go into effect Fall 2017. These new requirements will be publicized in the 2017-19 Undergraduate Bulletin and on the Program website

Look for ➡ Healthy Break-ups Program

Coming in February! Featuring a variety of speakers on healthy/unhealthy break-ups!

Women's & Gender Studies Advisory Board Members:

Katie Doud, PhD

Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Deniz Durmus, PhD

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Malia McAndrew, PhD

Associate Professor of History

Amanda Cottrell, BA

Coordinator, Violence Prevention and Action Center

Amy Wainwright, MS, MFA

Outreach and Student Engagement Librarian

Check out our Spring 2017 courses!

Introduction to Women's Studies (WG-101)

Critical Feminist Inquiry (WG-299A)

Advanced Studies/Internship (WG-498)

Affiliated courses:

Feminist Philosophies (PL-330)

Sexuality and Sexual Behaviors (SC-315)

Christian Sexuality (TRS-364)



Featured Alumni:

Catherine ("Cat") Cassidy – Graduating Class of 2016

Major: Women's and Gender Studies

Minor: Psychology

Checking in!

"I am volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at the YWCA in Missoula, Montana working as a Children's Advocate for those who are survivors and secondary survivors of domestic violence. I am using my WGS major in almost every way possible. First, I am working with women and children directly who have been in abusive situations, empowering them and helping them along the process of healing. Secondly, the YWCA also strives to eliminate racism within the surrounding communities and ensure that employees and other individuals within the community have the opportunity to undergo training on racial justice, the cycle of oppression, and LGBTQ sensitivity."