



GENDER, SEXUALITY & WOMEN'S STUDIES

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Newsletter: Fall 2017

Director's Message

Dear Friends of the GSW program,

This fall we find ourselves surrounded by news stories concerning gender—in politics, in social media, and in Hollywood. As the #MeToo campaign went viral in October and victims of sexual harassment and sexual assault shared their stories to raise awareness, more people than before became aware of how ubiquitous these experiences have been in the lives of women close to them. As powerful men, such as Harvey Weinstein—who has been accused before of sexual assault with no consequences—finally appear to be experiencing the negative consequences of their actions, one hopes these are signs of progress on the issues.

According to several reports, more women are entering politics now than at any previous time. Whether this is framed as a backlash or a continuity of forward progress, their opportunities appear to signal that there may be more men and women in the country who no longer see gender as a barrier to public office and leadership positions. As men make the news for sexist reasons, there is a simultaneous increased focus on the role of male feminists and allies. Here at JCU, we've had a Student Union president who has cared about issues of gendered violence and encouraged initiatives on the matter over the past year. In the Student Union, we have also seen increased programming, structural changes, and sub-committee work around issues of diversity more broadly. These changes occurred the same year that John Carroll celebrated the first female President in the history of the institution.

In other words, there are a lot of awful things going on in the world—inequality, poverty, discrimination, mass shootings, domestic violence, sex trafficking and more. While the classes in the GSW major and minor sometimes explore the causes and consequences of these, it is important to also pause and recognize that there is evidence that progress is slowly being made. As we get ready for snow here in Cleveland over the next few weeks, it can be a gloomy time for many people; I hope you are all also noticing around you, reasons to feel hopeful.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Welcome New Faculty!

Amy Wainwright agreed to teach *Introduction to Gender Studies* for us this fall. She has been serving on the WGS Advisory Board since last year, but we welcome her teaching contributions to the program. Please say “Hi” to Prof. Wainwright if you see her around or in the library, where she serves as Outreach and Student Engagement Librarian.



Upcoming Events

***The Mask You Live In* (film)**
Wed. Nov. 8th, at 7pm
LSC conference room

This film follows boys and young men as they struggle to stay true to themselves while negotiating America’s narrow definition of masculinity. Examines the negative consequences for boys and society.

#NoFilter Event
Thur. Nov. 9th, 6:00-9:00pm
Inn Between

Each student has a polaroid picture of themselves taken and hung on the wall, then throughout the night other students will place notecards of affirmations around each picture. Everyone brings home their picture and tokens of empowerment given to them by fellow students!

White Ribbon Campaign
Friday, Nov. 17th, mid-day
LSC Atrium

Diversity and Inclusion On-Campus Week
Nov 13-18th
Be on the lookout for upcoming events!

How do I do that?

Need to **file a Major or Minor form**? This is done online at the Registrar’s Student Forms page: <http://sites.jcu.edu/registrar/pages/services-and-forms/>

Need to **complete an Academic Petition Form**? This is done by logged into BannerWeb. Directions: <http://webmedia.jcu.edu/registrar/files/2017/04/Undergraduate-Academic-Petition-Overview.pdf>

Need to **file a Bias report** or learn more about the process? More information can be found here: <http://sites.jcu.edu/bias/>

Need to know how to **file a Title IX report**? Email or call the Title IX coordinator, or find out more information here: <http://sites.jcu.edu/title-ix/>



Featured GSW Student:

Casey Bednarski– Senior/Class of 2018

Double Major:

**Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies;
Sociology**

During her years at John Carroll, Casey has balanced her academics, employment, and being involved with campus life. One special experience was participating in the study abroad, Peacebuilding in Northern Ireland program during the summer of 2017. She has utilized what she has learned in her GSW courses while volunteering time at *Fear2Freedom*, where she assembled care kits for survivors of sexual assault at Hillcrest Hospital and engaged in discussions with sexual assault survivors and hospital staff. This year she will be engaging in an internship capstone at a non-profit organization that supports victims of gendered violence.

Good luck to Casey as she finishes her senior year and works at her GSW internship site this spring!

Did we see you there?

"Struggles and Successes of a Female Entrepreneur: Healing Bodies and Souls in India"

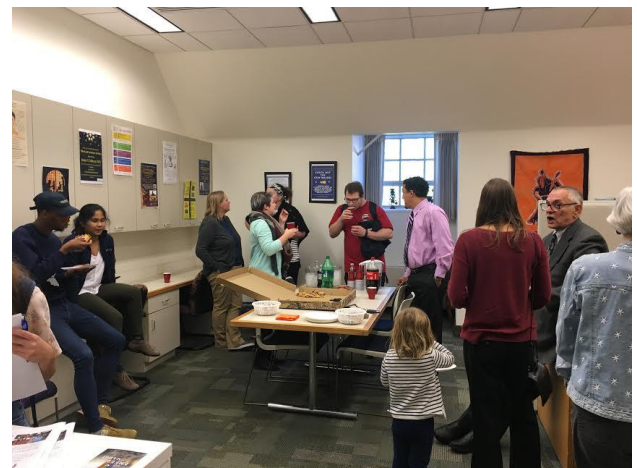
Speaker: Jennifer Heemstra



An informal talk and discussion was held on October 11th, with Ms. Jennifer Heemstra, winner of the Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad. She discussed her work organize the Kolkata Classics and Hathor Health Series, which combined a classical music concert series with free medical and social services to women and children trapped in intergenerational prostitution or sex-trafficking.

Meet your Major/Minor

The Meet your Major/Minor event this fall was a success. It took place in our space in AD-332 on October 17th, 2017. Several students came to learn about the program and got to meet with faculty.



Spring 2018 Course Offerings

Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Courses:

GEND-101-51 Introduction to Gender Studies (ISJ)

GEND-299A Women, Work and Occupations

GEND-410 Internship and Seminar (C)

Affiliated courses:

IC-299A-51 Gazing Women: Paris to Florence (ISJ)

HS-397A-51 Women & the Catholic Church (EGC)

PL-330-51 and 330-52 Feminist Philosophies (PLVS)

PL-385-51 and 385-52 Philosophy & the Body (PLVS)

PO-316-51 Social Movements

SC-225-51 Sociology of the Family

TRS 364-51 Christian Sexuality

***NOTE: Using John Carroll's new course schedule listing on BannerWeb, there is an extra step to view all affiliated courses that will count toward the GSW program. You need to select all the departments/programs in the "Subject" box (easiest way to do this is by hitting "Control + A"). Then in the bottom "Attribute Type" box, select our attribute of "Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies" and hit "search." This will allow you to see courses from all departments that carry the GSW attribute.*

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GSW would fit with
your plan of study

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