

March 24 - March 25th 2021



West Chester University of Pennsylvania

FIRST ANNUAL GENDER JUSTICE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Addressing gender-based oppression and centering joy and liberation for all.

MARCH 24TH

12:00 - 1:30 PM WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

A Conversation with CW&GE Peer Educators Sasha Alvarado & Dana Pfieffer with the authors of *Sexual Citizens* Jennifer S. Hirsch & Shamus Khan

A public interview on campus sexual assault prevention

2:15 - 3:15 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION #1**

Consent: Sexual, Social, Professional, and Beyond *A student led panel discussing consent.*

Panelists: Kathleen Shannon, Gabriella Margheriti, CJ Deskie, Bruce Bunns & Tiya Proctor-Floyd

3:30 – 4:30 PM ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: NAHJE ROYSTER

"I said what I said"

A webinar addressing the current sociopolitical uprisings, cultural and political shifts, civil unrest, and pandemic centering Black nonmen.

4:45 - 5:45 PM STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: NAJAH HENDRICKS

Becoming Yourself in a PWI and Beyond

A student led conversation about experiences of activism and advocacy as a member of a historically marginalized population at a *PWI*.

6:00 - 7:00 PM MINDFULNESS MEDITATION WITH UPASNA

A presentation and discussion about the concept of mindfulness, followed by a mindfulness meditation.

MARCH 25TH

10:00 - 11:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSION #2

COVID-19 and Beyond: How LGBTQ+ Spaces Have Adapted to Changing

A student led panel on finding community as part of the LGBTQ+ population during Covid-19.

Panelists: Kimmy Herman & Em Evans

11:15 - 12:00 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION #3**

Spotlighting QTPOC Activism

A staff led workshop where audience members will learn about the histories of QTPOC activism in the past and recent present.

Facilitators: Denice Vélez & Steven Feldman

12:45 - 1:45PM **BREAKOUT SESSION #4**

Battery in the Workplace: A Conversation About Black Hair and Nonconsensual Touching

A graduate student webinar that will discuss battery at work as it relates to the touching of hair, especially as it related to the cultural hairstyles of African Americans women.

Facilitator: Tynslei Spence-Mitchell

2:00 – 3:00 PM FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: DR. TABASSUM F. RUBY

Muslim women's rights: Unpacking a hegemonic liberal-secular framework

Faculty lecture. In the post-9/11 environment, Muslim women's representation is often articulated within a rights discourse owing much to liberal-secular sensibilities—notions of freedom, equality, rational thinking, individualism, and modernization. Based on her book, Muslim Women's Rights: Contesting Liberal-Secular Sensibilities in Canada, Dr. Ruby unpacks the ways these liberal-secular sensibilities inform, shape, and foreclose public discussion on questions of Islam and gender.

3:15 - 4:15 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION #5**

Exploring LGBTQ+ Rape Myths

Faculty + graduate student panel exploring the concept of rape myths involving the LGBTQ community. The current study explores students' views of rape and sexual assault of LGBTQ individuals.

Panelists: Dr. Jane M. Tucker & Mallory Norris

4:30 – 5:30 PM MOVEMENT & BODY WORK & CLOSING

Closing session of the conference finishing with a trauma informed yoga session with Lori Klein

PRE-RECORDED SESSIONS

PRE-RECORDED SESSION # 1

Introduction to WCU Gender Justice Conference 2021

Presenter: Mx. Tess Benser

PRE-RECORDED SESSION #2

Mental Health Effects of Maternal Substance Abuse Policymaking: Finding a Solution

A graduate student led workshop discussing research and public policies regarding the mental health needs of expectant needs of expectant mothers.

Facilitator: Sarah Foster

PRE-RECORDED SESSION #3

Trauma Informed Yoga

A 30 minute trauma informed yoga session.

Facilitator: Juliana Collins

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