



Women, **Fall Newsletter 2018** Gender & Sexuality

WGS Graduate Certificate Underway

The department of Women, Gender & Sexuality (WGS) Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies is underway and already gaining in popularity. Open to doctoral students in any department of UVA's School of Arts and Sciences, the certificate program is designed to allow doctoral students to gain expertise in gender and sexuality studies, access to a network of graduate students and faculty with similar interests and obtain a professional qualification that, upon completion, can expand their employment options.



Denise Walsh

The program requires successful completion of four courses. There is one required foundational course, Fundamentals of Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGS 7500; 3 credits). It was offered by Dr. Denise Walsh (Associate Professor of Politics and WGS), in Fall 2017, when it filled to capacity with enthusiastic graduate students from various departments. Offered again in Fall 2018, it is again fully enrolled. After completing WGS 7500, each student selects three elective courses, drawn from a list of approved graduate-level courses in various departments, to complete the certificate. At least one of the elective courses must be taken in a department other than the student's home department. In addition, each student selects from among the WGS faculty a principal advisor to guide his or her work on the certificate and consults with

this advisor on a regular basis throughout his/her graduate training. This certificate will allow participants to enrich their experience as graduate students and also to compete successfully in changing job markets.

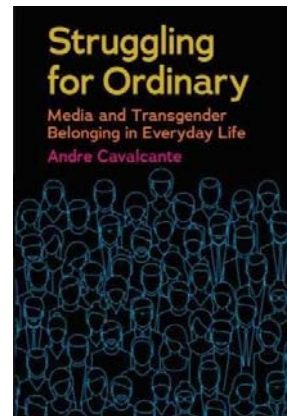


André Cavalcante

Cavalcante Publishes New Work

From popular television shows like *Orange is the New Black* and *Transparent*, to news stories like those about Janet Mock and Caitlin Jenner, transgender issues have been in the public eye more than ever. André Cavalcante, Assistant Professor of Media Studies and WGS, this year published his new study of these media images. Called *Struggling for Ordinary: Media and Transgender Belonging in Everyday Life* (NYU Press, 2018), the book examines media representations of transgender people and explores the ways in which media depictions have offered both uplifting

and disheartening images of transgender lives. The book is being well received, with one reviewer calling it "an innovative and unique study", and another saying "this book serves as a model for other scholars working with underrepresented populations". Cavalcante also published an article during 2018 on the use of media among queer youth, called "Tumbling into queer utopias and vortexes: Experiences of LGBTQ social media users on Tumblr", in the *Journal of Homosexuality*.



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WGS Faculty Member Corinne Field Selected as Radcliffe Institute Fellow



Corinne Field

Dr. Corinne T. Field, Associate Professor of WGS, has been selected by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University to be a Radcliffe Institute Fellow during the 2018-2019 academic year. Dr. Field joins more than fifty women and men in this year's Radcliffe fellowship class as they pursue work across the sciences, social sciences, humanities, and arts.

Field will be drawing on the collections of Radcliffe's Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America to explore the intertwined roots of race and age segregation in American feminism, arguing that white woman suffragists first promoted the idea of generational waves in order to justify political alliances with white supremacists. While in residence, fellows at the Radcliffe Institute present lectures to the public, participate in cross-disciplinary study groups, and work closely with students. WGS is delighted to congratulate Cori Field on this honor.

WGS Faculty Active at National and International Conferences

WGS faculty members presented at many different national conferences in the past year. Below is a small sampling of their recent presentations.

Lanice Avery, Assistant Professor Psychology and WGS, presented "I'll do anything you say, 'cause you the boss: How Heteropatriarchal sexual beliefs foreclose the possibility of Black women's sexual agency" at the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) annual conference in Baltimore. Avery and her colleagues also presented two additional papers at this meeting.

Also for the NWSA conference, *Corinne Field* organized and contributed to a roundtable on "The Outgrowth of countless generations: Ancestors, lineages, and intergenerational alliances in Black feminist freedom making".

Farzaneh Milani, Raymond Nelson Professor of MESALC and WGS, presented "The life and work of Chahla Chafiq" at the International Foundation of Iranian Women Studies, in Italy in June 2017.

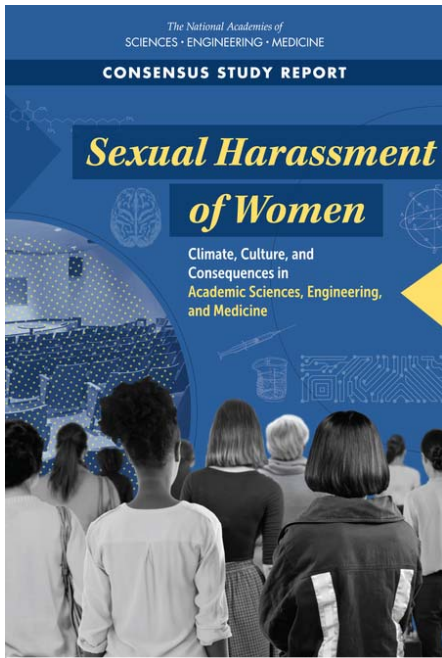
Denise Walsh, Associate Professor of Politics and WGS, presented "Beyond multiculturalism versus women's rights: Customary marriage reform in South Africa", at the annual convention of the American Political Science Association (APSA), in San Francisco, in September 2017.

Together with current and former students, **Charlotte Patterson**, Professor of Psychology and Chair of WGS, presented papers at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association (APA); one was entitled "Sexual orientation, relationships with parents, and mental health among women in adulthood."



Charlotte J. Patterson

Sexual Harassment in the Academy



Cover of the NAS Panel Report

In June 2018, a specially appointed committee at the National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine (NAS) issued a comprehensive report entitled “Sexual Harassment of Women: Climate, Culture and Consequences in Academic Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine”. The report identifies key findings on the causes and impact of sexual harassment, and also offers recommendations for institutional policies, strategies and practices to address and prevent it. The report has generated considerable discussion and UVA as well as at other universities across the country.

In response, WGS and a group of concerned UVA faculty and staff organized “Reducing Sexual Harassment at UVA: A Day of Discussion.” Attended by more than 100 faculty, staff, postdoctoral researchers and graduate students, this event took place on October 10 2018. Dr. Liza Gold, from Georgetown University School of Medicine, who was a member of the NAS committee that wrote the report, served as the keynote speaker. Her talk was followed by panel discussions and talks by local experts, and by further discussion in small groups. Informed by the findings of the NAS report, conversations focused on actions that individuals and institutions like UVA can take to reduce sexual harassment. The event was spearheaded by WGS and others with support from UVA’s Provost, Office of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights, Directors of Diversity and Inclusion in the College of Arts & Sciences and by the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Hillary Rodham Clinton Headlines Women’s Global Leadership Forum

As part of University’s Bicentennial celebrations, WGS was a sponsor of the UVA Women’s Global Leadership Forum, held in November 2017. This symposium drew leaders from across the country and around the world to explore the role of women in 21st Century democracies. Headlined by former U.S Secretary of State and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, other nationally and internationally prominent speakers included U.S Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R- West Virginia); David Gergen, senior political analyst for CNN; Atifete Jahjuga, Kosovo’s first female presidents; and Maya Ajmera, founder of the Global Fund for Children.

In all, participants included leaders from more than 20 countries. UVA Student Council President and WGS Minor Sarah Kenny, who spoke at the event, said “UVA was founded to train the next leaders of this great (nation). It is critical to elevate the voices and status of women as we continue this commitment into the next century.” WGS was proud to partner with many other groups on Grounds, including the Provost’s Office, UVA Morven Programs, the Maxine Platzer Lynn Women’s Center, and the Alumni Board of Trustees, to support this event.



Hillary R. Clinton

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- Do you have unusual hobbies or interests that you would enjoy sharing with students?
- Have you written a book or made a film that you would like to read or screen at UVA?
- Would you be willing to talk with current UVA students about the work that you do?
- Send us your ideas about how we can work together to help today's WGS students.

If you can make a donation, please consider:

- Gifts can support extracurricular events in areas of high student/faculty interest
- Bequests and other larger gifts can help to create new faculty positions
- Send us your ideas about the WGS activities that matter most

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Congratulations to the WGS Class of 2018

Congratulations to all the WGS majors and minors who graduated in the past year. We are proud of all the students who graduated with a Major or Minor in WGS. Many students have a second major, so not all were able to attend our ceremony, but many students and their families attended the 2018 WGS Diploma Ceremony (see photo). WGS was honored to have Dr. Abby Palko, who is the Director of the Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center, as our graduation speaker. Following the ceremony, a light lunch was served together with many congratulations. The complete list of the 2018 graduating class of WGS Majors and Minors is shown below.



Students and Faculty at 2018 WGS Diploma Ceremony; photos by Jason Heuer

WGS Majors, CLAS '18

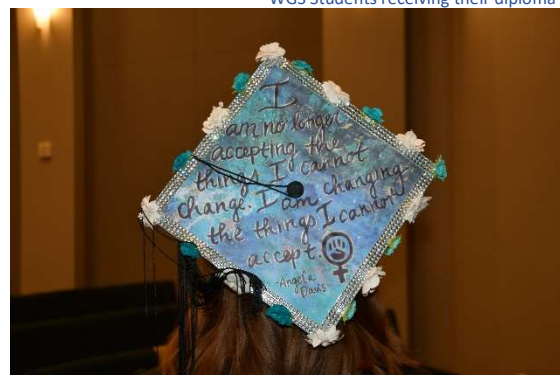
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WGS Minors, CLAS '18

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WGS Students receiving their diploma



Mortarboard with Angela Davis quote

A Sampling of WGS Events



Courts That Work: When Women Organize Against Violence
Gouri Choudhury, Action India

LGBTQ Youth Health and Resilience- Stephen T. Russell, Priscilla Pong Flawn Regents Professor in Child Development & Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Texas.

Film Fest: Female Voices from the South- Women directors and women's stories from the Global South with subtitles in English

Lunch with Alumni in Residence- WGS alumni return to the Grounds to talk about career options with WGS Students.



Embodied inequalities: Class, Race and the Biosocial Brain
Victoria Pitts-Taylor, Professor of Sociology and Women/Gender Studies at Wesleyan University

Calling in the Calling Out Culture – Accountability Through Love
Loretta Ross, Co-founder of SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective

Reimagining Modern Manhood – Carlos Andres Gomez, star of stage and screen, author of Man Up: Reimagining Modern Manhood.

The invention of the French Royal Mistress: Agnes Sorei and The Paradox of Female Power – Tracy Adams, Associate Professor, University of Auckland, New Zealand



Landscape for a Rebel Woman: Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Violence and the Intimacies of Gender in South African Politics
–Shireen Hassim, Professor, University of Witswatersrand

Homonationalism in Trump Times– Jasbir Puar, Professor and Director of Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers University

Gendering the Garden – An Interdisciplinary Conference –
Sara Meyers, Professor and Chair, UVA Classics Department

Women and Cinema Symposium: A Symposium on Women, Cinema, and Intersectional Feminism

Women's Rights and Feminist Movements in Morocco –
Hakima Fassi Fihri, Professor at Université Internationale de Rabat

