

**SWS Virtual Student and Junior Community
Scholar Symposium (SJCSS)
October 12-14, 2023**

Thursday, October 12, 2023

11:30 am - 12:45 pm EDT

Moving Towards a Queer Future Within the Bounds of the Classroom

At a time when equity-focused instruction is under attack, we explore how our classrooms can offer an opportunity to disrupt the ruling relations of academic institutions that are rooted in systemic oppression through embracing feminist pedagogies, centering empathy in course instruction, and critically reflecting on how instructors' identities and ways of knowing can be sources of power and community building in the classroom. In this panel, we would think through how power and practice within the academy interact with our work to reimagine the classroom as a place of equity, a site for building queer utopias.

Moderator: Brandon Eby (they/them), University of Calgary

- Asmita Aasaavari, University of Connecticut
- Davina Barbee, University of Connecticut
- Dunahay Pereyra, University of Connecticut
- Lauren Danielowski, University of Connecticut
- Olivia Dono, University of Connecticut

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Work, Labor, and Economic Enterprises

Moderator: Pedrom Nasiri MStJ (they/them), University of Calgary

- Aparajita Santra, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, The common women's Jugaadopolis in the urban margins of Kolkata, India
- Emily Reyneri, Florida International University, Relevant Hierarchies within the Exotic-Entertainment Industry
- Marion Cassard, University of Florida, Diverse Economies and Their Social Imaginaries: Queering the Economy for Sustainable Post-capitalist Futures
- R Lawson (they/them), Virginia Tech, Trans* Streamers on Twitch.tv: The Intersections of Gender and Digital Labor
- Rana Abulbasal (she/her), Utah State University, CTRL+ALT+INCLUSION: Decoding the Tech Industry's Diversity Paradox for Women of Color

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm EDT

On Education: Language, Policies, and Ideologies

Moderator: Alexis Grant-Panting, Texas Woman's University

- Annie Jones, University of Central Florida, Let Kids be State Sanctioned Kids: How does education policy obscure marginalized identities?
- Jamie-Lynn Segeren, University of Windsor, Sexual Education and Attitudes on LGBTQ+ Youth
- Jinsun Yang, University of Oregon, Teaching American society with “broken English”
- Sophia Attema, Western University, “We are a family that works with our hands or uterus: An exploration of first-generation female university students” academic journey

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm EDT

Gendered Embodiments

Moderator: Pedrom Nasiri MStJ (they/them), University of Calgary

- Julie LaBagnara, University of Massachusetts, Boston, "'We Walk the Same Path, but got on Different Shoes': Reentering Women, Neighborhood Dynamics, and Community Response in Grove Hall, MA"
- Madi Pomreinke, University of Lethbridge, Where the Dead Go to Die - Queer Theory, Sex Work, and the "Less Dead" in Ti West's "X" series
- Makeiva Jenkins, University of Georgia, Justine Tinkler, University of Georgia, The Weight of It All: An Analysis of Help-Seeking Behavior Among Black and White College Women
- Zoe Lefkowitz (they/them), University of Colorado Boulder, Whiteness, Visibility, and the “Gold Standard” of Gender Performance in Gender Non-Conforming Communities
- Corinne Tam, UC Santa Barbara, Happy Mediums: How Asian American Men Find A Balance Among Stereotypes

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm EDT

On Violence and Belonging in the Digital Commons

Moderator: Chetna Khandelwal (she/her), University of Calgary

- Aitong Li, University of Florida, Digital Feminism in Post-Socialist China: A Reflection on Gender and Class through Neologisms
- Hyejin Jeon, University of Maryland, Jina Lee, University of Arizona, Framing the Victim: Understanding the Portrayal of Sex-Based Crimes in South Korean News
- Nasim Koohi, University of Houston, The Role of Sexual Orientation on Interpersonal Sexual Objectification Experiences
- Lindsay Patterson, Cal Poly Pomona, Defensive Othering Within Online LGBTQ+ Communities

- Maya Bhardwaj, University of Pretoria, No Country for Brown Queers: Diasporic LGBTQ South Asians and Indian South Africans and Navigations of Politics and Belonging

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm EDT

State, Law, and Contested Spaces: The Place of Everyday Violence and Resistance

Moderator: Pedrom Nasiri MStJ (they/them), University of Calgary

- Alexandra Eleazar, UC Santa Barbara, Between Assimilation and Towards Resistance: Building Queer Anti-Nationalist Belonging
- Carly Young, University of Texas at Austin, Who Cares? Understanding the Impact of the Repeal of Roe v. Wade on College Students
- Evelyn Rosengren-Hovee, UC Irvine, Contested Public Spaces: Discourse on City Pride Flag Adoptions and Bans
- Roberta S. Pamplona, University of Toronto, Feminist Ideas After the State: Activism, State Incorporation, and the Femicídio Law in Brazil
- Rafia Mallick, Georgia State University, Who Is the Culprit? Is It Religion or Patriarchal Traditionalism That Justifies Physical Violence?

4:45 pm - 6:00 pm EDT

Standpoints, Ontologies, and the Queer Potentiality of Social Organizing

- Jeiselynn N. Ríos Rivera, University at Albany, Teresa King, California Institute of Integral Studies, Through the Looking Glass: Revelations of Bi+ Spaces as Collisions of LGBT History and Queer Potentiality
- Julie Ford, Tulane University, Trauma, Pain, and Loss: Coalition-Building Toward a Future of Anti Violence
- Piper Thomson, University of Virginia, Towards a Trans* Standpoint: Mixture, Embodiment, and Intersectional Epistemology
- Seyed Alireza Seyed Mohseni, University of Windsor, Evolutionary Psychology: A Critical Attitude Based on Feminist Perspectives
- Brittney Jimenez, University of California, Santa Cruz, A Movement of Memories: Chicana Organizing, Activist Practices & Identity Formations in the Early 21st Century U.S.

4:45 pm - 6:00 pm EDT

On Kinning: Parenting and Procreation

Moderator: Pedrom Nasiri MStJ (they/them), University of Calgary

- Kaitlin Joshua, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "Beyond Baby Blues": Making Sense of Postpartum Depression Online

- km barnhardt (they/any), Colorado State University, Androcentrism or Class?: Family gender construction in Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Karl Marx
- Nicole McNair (they/them), McMaster University, Objective or Objectifying? A Decolonial Analysis of Policy Development and Victimization Data in Canada and their Impacts on Indigenous Mothering.
- Teresa King, California Institute of Integral Studies, Jeiselynn N. Ríos Rivera, State University of New York, Gifts of Life: The Counter-Hegemonic Potentiality of Donor-Assisted Reproduction

Friday, October 13, 2023

11:30 am - 12:45 pm EDT

The Queerness of Art and the Sublime

Moderator: Pedrom Nasiri (they/them), University of Calgary

- Elizabeth Moison, University of Notre Dame, A Bridge to Utopia: Spanning the Gap Between the Utopia and the Everyday with Imagination
- Emily Wolahan (she/her), California Institute of Integral Studies, Social Practice Art and Concrete Utopias: Futurity and Excess in Simone Leigh's Free People Medical Clinic
- Laurence Vallières, Université Laval, Queering clothing: thinking and feeling possibilities outside the binarity of sex and gender
- Emily Stevens (she/her), California Institute of Integral Studies, Queer & Pagan Subcultures as a Path to Inclusive Futurity

1:30 pm EDT - 3:00 pm EDT

SWS Town Hall Meeting

Hosted by SWS Co-Presidents, Mary Osirim and Melanie Heath

Please join us for this SWS Town Hall Meeting where we will first have a presentation of SWS' financial position before we discuss SWS' efforts to work toward diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in all of our programming. We initiated this dialogue in Philadelphia at the Summer Business Meeting. We want to hear from you about the ways in which SWS can improve to meet the needs of our members. We invite you to review the [SWS Mission Statement](#) in preparation for this meeting.

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm EDT

On Kinning: Queering Family Practices

Moderator: Pedrom Nasiri (they/them), University of Calgary

- Athanasia Platis, Georgia State University, Beyond Seahorses: An Exploratory Analysis of Trans*-Queer* Procreation
- Eli Williams (she/her), University of Notre Dame, Chosen Family Among LGBTQ+ People
- Paige Allen (she/her), University of Maine, Daniel Puhlman, University of Maine, The Intersection of Ambitious Women & Parenting

Saturday, October 14, 2023

11:30 am - 12:30 pm EDT

SWS Student Town Hall: Queer Inclusion at SWS

Facilitators: Pedrom Nasiri MStJ (they/them), University of Calgary, Hayden Fulton , Christina Chica

In this co-facilitated Town Hall meeting, members are encouraged to continue discussions that began in Philadelphia during the 2023 SWS summer meeting about the need for sustained institutionalized support for 2SLGBTQIA+ members. Particular emphasis will be provided for discussions concerning the types of intersectional supports and resources necessary for QTBIPOCs, disabled, trans, enbies, and additional folx who continue to be marginalized within Queer and institutionalized spaces. The goal of this Town Hall is to begin the process of moving beyond discussion so that we can begin generating tangible action-oriented practices that can be implemented by SWS, as the institution continues striving for radical inclusion. Discussions and actions.

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm EDT

**Communion as a Form of Disruption:
Critical Reflections on Femtorship in the Adobe Tower**

- Christy Frederick, The University of New Mexico, Monserrat Rodriguez-Rico, The University of Illinois Communion as a Form of Disruption: Critical Reflections on Femtorship in the Adobe Tower

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm EDT

Women's Liberation in Syria

In Anna Rebrîi and Jihan Ayo's article "Woman, Life, Freedom: Syrian Women Are Rising Up Against Patriarchy," we are given a snapshot of the women's liberation movement in the Autonomous Administration of Northeast Syria (AANES), since the Rojava Revolution. The authors chart for us the ways in which women have worked to equalize gender representation in governance, create space for women's defense, transform marital practices, and encourage equal access to education, to name a few. They also help shed light on the field of Jineolojî, developed by the Kurdish women's movement, and taught in institutions throughout the AANES.

This session will be led by four femme panelists who will delve deeper into Rebrîi and Ayo's conversation by discussing their direct experiences and observations of the women's liberation movement in the AANES, offering a brief history of the movement in the region, and unpacking

the mechanisms put in place to ensure that gender equality is not simply a process of checking off boxes, but a significant ideological change throughout the region.

Organizer/Moderator:

- Annitchka Mariket, University of Kobani

Panelists:

- Jihan Ayo, University of Rojava
- Berivan Agho, Co-founder of "Waqfa Jin" healthcare center, Co-founder of Medicine Faculty, which was known as "Medical Academy", and was the head of the healthcare council in North and East Syria.
- Berivan Omar, Rojava University
- Anna Rebrii, Emergency Committee for Rojava and Sexta Grietas del Norte.

4:30 pm - 5:45 pm EDT

**Student Activism, Public Policy, and the United Nations:
"Colleges for CEDAW" and how to get involved.**

This workshop aims to share the experiences of the student-led activist initiative that follows the work of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). "Colleges for CEDAW" connects feminist global action to local college campuses and their respective communities. It engages younger generations in developing gender-relevant public policy through academic engagement in the production of Public Policy. Some activities include a gender audit that assesses the extent of gender inequality on campus. The audit includes recommended actions to achieve full gender equality at their colleges. In addition, Colleges for CEDAW encourages students to serve their community through a gender action project in tune with current political development within the United Nations.

Presenters:

- Asmita Aasaavari, Member CEDAW Subcommittee, University of Connecticut
- Erika Galban, Student Activist of 'Colleges for CEDAW', University of Florida
- Janie Zhang, Student Activist of 'Colleges for CEDAW', University of Florida
- Jacquelyne (Assi) Abe, President of 'Colleges for CEDAW', Hollins University
- Vicky Demos, Faculty member, University of Minnesota
- Rodica Lisnic, Lecturer of Sociology, University of Arkansas
- Edelweiss Murillo Lafuente, Member CEDAW Subcommittee, University of Florida