Welcome Statement

Dear Colleagues,

As WGS committee chair, I am excited to highlight the many wonderful opportunities for members interested in scholarship and issues related to gender and sexuality. WGS has had a great year, thus far! Thursday, we’ll kick off our events with the **Women, Gender, and Sexualities Committee Luncheon located in Windsor IV from 11:30 am-1:00pm**. Everyone is welcome! There will be complimentary boxed lunches for the first 20 attendees. This forum provides our committee with a chance to discuss matters important WGS; to seek and support interested individuals for leadership positions and WGS committees; to celebrate accomplishments like publications, job hires, promotions, and tenure; and finally, to learn about the process of chairing sessions, planning sessions, and submitting papers for future MSSA meetings.

In the spring of 2019, Melencia Johnson, the Chair of the Race and Ethnicity Committee, and I proposed a special issue on intersectionality to *Sociological Spectrum*. We are currently accepting submissions for the special issue entitled “Intersectional Experiences and Marginalized Voices” until May 30th, 2020. We are very excited about this opportunity to diversify the research published in *Sociological Spectrum* as well as highlight intersectional scholarship of our MSSA members. Please consider contributing to the special issue and encouraging your colleagues to do so as well!

In the remainder of this newsletter, you will find a list of sessions and individual papers dedicated to WGS themes and events sponsored by the committee.

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WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITIES CAAUSE SPONORED EVENTS

Thursday
11:30-1:00 Women, Gender, & Sexualities Committee Luncheon, WINDSOR IV

WGS SESSIONS OF INTEREST

Thursday
9:00-10:15
SESSION 4
Sociology of Gender
NEWBURY
MeToo in the Ivory Tower: Direct and Indirect Effects of Harassment Experiences on Professional Outcomes among Academic Faculty
I Just Want a Woman Who Likes Me: Support as a Motivation for Men’s Participation in Infidelity
The “New” American Way of Death? Gender, Structural Changes, and the Cultural Meaning of Death

1:00-2:15
SESSION 10
Family
OXFORD
Sibling Abuse: The Forgotten Abuse and its Effects
Changes in Family Household Structures and Possible Societal Implications
Discourse, Ideology, and Feeling Rules: Welfare Managers’ Evaluations of Mothers on Welfare

SESSION 12
Women and Rage in Popular Culture
MANCHESTER I
Women are so hysterical: Examining women’s rage through comedy
Scandalous Handmaids: Women’s anger and rage in popular culture TV

4:00-5:15
SESSION 19
Teaching from an Intersectional Perspective
WINDSOR V (Roundtable)
Sarah Donley, Jacksonville State University
Melencia Johnson, University of South Carolina Aiken
Erin Rider, Jacksonville State University

FRIDAY
9:00–10:15
SESSION 25
Women in Prison: Expanding the Narrative
MANCHESTER II

Who Wants to Die Here? Fears and Concerns of Incarcerated Women
The Benefits of Participating in Religious Activities Among Women Lifers
Examining Racial Disparities Among Women in Prison

10:30-11:45

SESSION 29
Gender Research in Progress

OXFORD

Does it Work? An Analysis of the Efficacy of Sexual Assault Prevention in Middle and High School Students
Colorblind Gendered Racism and the “Welfare Queen”
What Sort of Man Reads Playboy? Marketing Masculinity in a Men’s Magazine
Low-Income Women’s Survival Strategies in a Rapidly Gentrifying Neighborhood

FRIDAY

1:00-2:15

SESSION 31
Trans and Binary Health Across the Life Course

MANCHESTER I

Finding Healthy Aging in Nonbinary and Intersex Biography
Education Gets Old: Seeking Gender Affirming Health Care for Progressive Disease
Gender Negotiation Among People in Poly/Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationships
Not Quite a Golden Girl: Finding Healthy Aging in Fluid Family

SESSION 32
Intersectionality

OXFORD

#MeTooHBCU: Intersecting Systems of Oppression at Historically Black Colleges and Universities
#MeToo: Listen to LGBTQ + People of Color
The Land of Plenty Revisited: Race and Poverty in the United States
Intersectionality, Multiplicity, and LGBT Homeless Youth in the #MeToo Era

2:30-3:45

SESSION 38
Sexuality

OXFORD

Monogamish: Negotiating Shared Meaning of Commitment and Marriage in Same-Sex Relationships
"Bloody Hell": A Call for Quantitative Analysis of Menstruating Sex Workers
Sex, Stigma, and Pain in Secretary

4:00-5:15

PLENARY ADDRESS, “DOING INTERSECTIONALITY: FROM THEORY TO ACTION”
Dr. Lynn Weber, University of South Carolina

WINDSOR II

WGS PAPERS OF INTEREST
THURSDAY
9:00- 10:15

SESSION 3
Sociology of Education
OXFORD

What Shapes the Choice of an Engineering Major among Women? Considering School Context, Exposure, and Family Background
Emily Blosser, University of Louisiana-Lafayette

Examining Racial and Gender Differences in Experiences with Bullying among Youth
Yuanjiaozi Xue, Sierra Nelson, David C. May, H. Colleen Sinclair, and Megan Stubbs-Richardson, Mississippi State University

10:30-11:45

SESSION 6
Race & Ethnicity and Identities
NEWBURY

She Was Not Us: Examining Representations of Black Womanhood in Modern Literature and Media
Nailah Herbert, Middle Tennessee State University

1:00-2:15

SESSION 11
Medical Sociology
WINDSOR V

Privilege in the Delivery Room? Race, Class, and the Realization of Natural Birth Preferences, 2002-2013
Richard M. Simon, Mount Saint Joseph University, Katherine M. Johnson, Tulane University

FRIDAY
9:00-10:15

SESSION 22
Immigration
MANCHESTER I

Gender Boundary Negotiation and Refugee Resettlement: How Transnational Migration Ties Matter
Telesphore Kagaba, Hanover College, Patricia Gagné, University of Louisville

Mapping Gender in International Migration Studies
Cihan Aydiner, Louisiana State University. Muhammed Yildiz, Dixie State University

1:00-2:15

SESSION 35
Criminology III
NEWBURY

Sexual Deviance Theory, Generation Z, and the LGTBQ Community
Shane Gunderson, Broward College
SATURDAY
9:00-10:15

SESSION 41
Sociology of Religion
NEWBURY

   Conditional Hospitality as Lived Religion: LGBTQ Marginalization in a Southern Community
   Betsie Garner, Tennessee Technological University

10:30-11:45

SESSION 49
Health, Morbidity, and Mortality
MANCHESTER II

   New Findings: Unemployed Women and Suicide
   Kevin Breault, Middle Tennessee State University, Augustine Kposowa, Dina Ezzat, University of California, Riverside
Sociological Spectrum Special Issue:
Intersectional Experiences and
Marginalized Voices

CALL FOR PAPERS
Submissions accepted until May 30, 2020
Sociological Spectrum invites papers for a special issue entitled, “Intersectional Experiences and Marginalized Voices.” This special issue seeks to provide a collective space to synthesize research from an intersectional lens focusing on identities, experiences, and voices in various social, cultural, political, and occupational contexts within contemporary US society.

Submissions will be peer reviewed. The selection criteria will involve: relevance to the theme, paper clarity, intellectual significance, and originality. Manuscripts should directly be submitted to Sociological Spectrum: https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/sociologica/spectrum. Please designate in an email or cover letter that you wish for your manuscript to be considered for the special issue. Authors should blind their manuscripts. Submissions should be in ASA format, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins. Additional submission instructions can be found here: https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=usls20&page=instructions

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