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CONSTRUCTS

Women, Gender, & Sexualities Committee Newsletter

Letter from the Chair

As the WGS committee chair, I want to extend a warm welcome to the MSSA 2023 annual meetings in New Orleans. I invite you to the **Women, Gender, and Sexualities Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 12th from 12:30-1:45 pm** in the Dining Hall. Everyone is welcome! We will discuss current committee priorities, nominate WGS members for leadership positions, celebrate our accomplishments, and propose future meeting sessions and panels. The rest of this newsletter details the WGS Travel Scholarship winners and sessions of interest.

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Women, Gender & Sexualities Committee



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WGS Travel Scholarship Winners



Dr. Giselle Greenidge is an Assistant Professor in the Behavioral Sciences Division in the School of Health Science and Wellness at Northwest Missouri State University. She received her doctoral degree in Sociology from the University of North Texas in 2019 and specialized in Global and Comparative Sociology as well as Social Stratification. She currently teaches General Sociology, Race and Ethnic Issues, Social Stratification, and Research Methods in Social Sciences. Her research interests include race and ethnicity, culture, fashion, globalization, and visual ethnography.

Dr. Greenidge has been involved with the Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA) since 2015. At the 2023 MSSA Annual Meeting, Dr. Greenidge will be presenting her research on “College Students’ Fashion Choices and Personality” where she surveyed 294 students at a southern university in the U.S. to examine the relationship between fashion choices of college students and personality type.



Faith Myers is a sociology PhD student at Virginia Tech. Areas of specialization include gender, sexuality, family, and the workplace. She is specifically interested in studying non-traditional families (adoptive, queer, and foster families), and how they interact with gendered and heteronormative social institutions that prioritize the Standard North American Family model and biological families. Her thesis critically examined family leave policies at U.S. universities for their inclusivity of gender minorities, non-biological families, and queer parents. She will be presenting her research titled “A Critical Analysis of Family Leave Policies Across U.S. Universities.” Her dissertation research plans to focus on adoptive parents and the needs they have during their transition to parenthood.

Faith wants to contribute to research that de-genders processes such as parenting and to study policies that promote egalitarian parenting styles and promote institutional changes that allow both or all parents (regardless of gender or pathway to parenthood) to contribute equally in care work for children.

Sessions of Interest

Thursday, October 12

- Gender and Sexuality Studies [Regular Paper Session] Thursday | 9:30 am-10:45 am | PSB131

Friday, October 13

- Potpourri Roundtable [Roundtable] Friday | 10:15 am-11:15 am | PB131

Saturday, October 14

- Gender [Regular Paper Session] Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual IV
- Teaching Strategies for Dispelling Myths and Misconceptions About Trans, Nonbinary, and Intersex Populations [Workshop] Saturday | 11:00 am-12:15 pm | Virtual II
- LGBTQ+ [Regular Paper Session] Saturday | 12:30 pm-1:45 pm | Virtual IV

