

The Women's and Gender Studies Department presents

Gendered Intersections

Fall 2008 Faculty Research Colloquia

“How does Gender Mean? Trans Studies and Transcendence”

Ada Jaarsma, Philosophy

Thursday, October 23, 2008 ~ 12-1pm Rachel Carson Hall 14

Attending especially to feminist existentialism, I take seriously the challenge, raised from within trans studies, that feminist philosophy must interrogate its own history and take responsibility for either precluding or failing to take up solidarity with trans activism and academic inquiry.

“Each Day a New Being: Social Reproduction and Death-in-Life”

Tryon P. Woods, Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies

Thursday, November 6, 2008 ~ 12-1pm Rachel Carson Hall 14

In this presentation, I focus on women in Chiapas and in the Niger River Delta, in the southernmost regions of Mexico and Nigeria, respectively, out of recognition that the subordination of women across contexts reveals precisely how central women are to cultivating alternatives to the violent global order that attempts to disintegrate their communities.

“Bringing Betty To America: Transforming a Telenovela For U.S. Mainstream Television”

Patricia Kim-Rajal, Chicano and Latino Studies

Thursday, November 20, 2008 ~ 12-1pm Rachel Carson Hall 14

When "Ugly Betty" premiered on ABC-TV in the Fall of 2006, it became the first series derived from a Latin American telenovela to air in prime-time on a major broadcast network. My work posits that its success derives, in part, from the producers' decision to transform Betty's appearance to fulfill the expectations placed on Latina bodies in American culture.

“Troubling Reproduction: Birth and Belonging in New Mexico”

Lena McQuade, Women's and Gender Studies

Thursday, December 4, 2008 ~ 12-1pm Rachel Carson Hall 14

From the U.S.-Mexico War when the inhabitants of the New Mexico territory were described as a “mongrel race” to contemporary debates about teen pregnancy, the reproductive potential of New Mexicans has been deemed problematic. In this presentation, I explore the historical entanglements between reproduction, racial hierarchies, economic inequities, and New Mexico's liminal position within the nation.

Join us! Gendered Intersections is the continuation of the Women's and Gender Studies Department's faculty colloquia series. This fall, the colloquia series highlights faculty research that engages intersectional analyses particularly into the interworkings and tensions between and among: gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, and/or nation. Come and learn more about your colleagues' research or works in progress and discuss ways to incorporate intersectional analyses into research and teaching. Feel free to bring your lunch.

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