Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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The Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies offers students an interdisciplinary curriculum that focuses on the diverse experiences of women in both national and international contexts. The department also examines the meaning of gender as a socially constructed category that shapes personal identities, beliefs, opportunities, and behaviors. The wide range of courses explores the intersections of gender, race, class, and sexuality; the institutional structures that have an impact on women's and men's lives; and the broad range of feminist theory that seeks to explain and influence women's status in society. Among the areas of emphasis in women's, gender, and sexuality studies are gender and sexuality, queer studies, third-world feminism, cultural representation and literature, women and labor, feminist theory, critical race feminism, immigration and citizenship, and social activism.

Core and affiliated faculty members in the department come from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives including history, literature, anthropology, sociology, geography, environmental studies, ethnic studies, philosophy, religious studies, architecture and fine arts, music, Romance and Germanic languages, political science, public policy, and law.

Any student may take women's, gender, and sexuality studies courses. Some students take a few courses to complement the curriculum in another major. Others choose to fulfill the requirements for a major in women's, gender, and sexuality studies or a minor in women's, gender, and sexuality studies or in queer studies.

Faculty

Oluwakemi Balogun, associate professor (globalization, nationalism, African studies). BA, 2003, Pomona College; PhD, 2012, California, Berkeley. (2013)

Jamie M. Bufalino, associate teaching professor (gender and sexuality in US history, history of feminism, US consumer culture). See **History**.

Ana-Maurine Lara, associate professor (Black feminisms, decolonial theories and methodologies, speculative fiction and poetry). BA, 1997, Harvard-Radcliffe University; MA, 2012, Yale University; PhD, 2014, Yale University. (2015)

Isabel Millán, assistant professor (Latino and Chicano studies, transnational feminism, women and queer of color theory). BA, 2004, California, Santa Barbara; MA, 2007, San Francisco State; PhD, 2013, Michigan, Ann Arbor. (2018)

Judith Raiskin, associate professor (postcolonial literature, feminist theory, sexuality). BA, 1979, California, Berkeley; MA, 1981, Chicago; PhD, 1989, Stanford. (1995)

Yvette Saavedra, assistant professor (Chicana/o history, US history, gender and sexuality history). BA, 2001, Pitzer College; MA, 2003, University of Texas, El Paso; PhD, 2013, University of Texas, El Paso. (2019)

Carol Stabile, professor (gender, race, and class in the media). AB, 1983, Mount Holyoke College; MA, 1985, PhD, 1992, Brown. (2008)

Kristin Yarris, associate professor, (disability studies, global studies, women's gender and sexuality studies). BA, 1994, Lewis & Clark College; MA, 2007, PhD 2011 UCLA. (2012)

Emerita

Barbara Corrado Pope, professor emerita. BA, 1964, Hiram; MA, 1966, Iowa; PhD, 1981, Columbia. (1976)

Linda O. Fuller, professor emerita. BA, 1966, MA, 1977, PhD, 1985, California, Berkeley. (1989)

Elizabeth Reis, professor emerita. AB, 1980, Smith; MA, 1982, Brown; PhD, 1991, California, Berkeley. (2002)

The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Affiliated

Shabnam Ahktari, mathematics
Yvette Alex-Assensoh, political science
Susan C. Anderson, German and Scandinavian
Erin Beck, political science
Sonja Boos, German and Scandinavian
Yvonne Braun, international studies
Charise Cheney, ethnic studies
Krista Chronister, counseling psychology and human services
Carolyn Craig, Research Compliance Services
Lynn Fujiwara, ethnic studies
Alison Gash, political science
Amalia Gladhart, Romance languages
Bryna Goodman, history
Michael Hames-Garcia, ethnic studies
Julie Heffernan, education studies
Ellen Herman, history
Sara Hodges, psychology
Jocelyn Hollander, sociology
Lamia Karim, anthropology
Kate Kelp-Stebbins, English
Rebecca Linder, honors college
Sharon Luk, ethnic studies
Kathryn A. Lynch, environmental studies
Bonnie Mann, philosophy
Erin McKenna, philosophy
Michelle McKinley, law
Kate Mondloch, history of art and architecture
Dorothee Ostmeier, German and Scandinavian
Eileen M. Otis, sociology
C. J. Pascoe, sociology
Scott L. Pratt, philosophy
Alai Reyes-Santos, ethnic studies
Camisha Russell, philosophy
Ellen Scott, sociology
Carol T. Silverman, anthropology
Gretchen Soderlund, journalism and communication
Beata Stawarska, philosophy
Leslie H. Steeves, journalism and communication

Lynn Stephen, anthropology
Analisa Taylor, Romance languages
Courtney Thorsson, English
Jessica Vasquez-Tokos, sociology
Jo Weaver, international studies
Elizabeth A. Wheeler, English
Frances J. White, anthropology
Mary E. Wood, English

Undergraduate Programs

Major - Bachelor's Degree

- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (BA/BS) (https://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/wgss/ug-wgss/)

Minors

- Queer Studies (https://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/wgss/min-queer-studies/)
- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (https://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/wgss/min-wgss/)

Graduate Programs

Certificate

- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (https://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/wgss/gcert-wgss/)