



Letter from Director



Spring is in the air (sort of!) and Monmouth University Gender Studies is riding the high of so many amazing student-led events and interdisciplinary faculty campaigns. Last year, faculty came together to create P.U.S.H. Back (Professors United for a Safe Haven), and we've been unstoppable ever since. Here at Monmouth, we believe the ideas shared in the classroom have real world applicability. Our many accomplishments over the past semester demonstrate how very true this is. Looking forward, the semester has only just begun and already our feminist plate is overflowing with ideas and projects. See our

upcoming events page at the end of the newsletter for a taste of great things to come.

- Corey L. Wrenn, PhD

Find us online: <https://www.monmouth.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/gender-studies.aspx>

Join the listserv: genstudy@monmouth.edu or contact Dr. Karen Schmelzkopf at kschmelz@monmouth.edu

Submissions to future newsletters can be emailed to cwrenn@monmouth.edu. This can include new classes, upcoming events, student or faculty achievements, other relevant announcements and opportunities, and short essays.



NEWS

Gender Studies Program Meeting, Fall 2017

Last semester’s open meeting began with a lively Brown Bag discussion regarding trans health based on new faculty member Sasha Canan’s recent attendance at the annual trans health conference in Philadelphia. This discussion led to a brainstorming about how we might begin a “PUSH Back against the Gender Binary” campaign. This could include working to allow students to register with their preferred name, providing campus wide/department specific safe zone training, a CETL event to help professors with strategies of supporting trans students, etc.

The spring meeting is scheduled for **February 8th**, 11:30 am in Turrell Boardroom, Bey Hall.

Intersectionality Week 2017

Monmouth’s LGBT student group SPECTRUM held a successful Intersectionality Week of programming in collaboration with several other student groups to celebrate connectedness, awareness, and support across cultures, genders, sexes, classes, and races! The Gender Studies group launched the week with an Indigenous People’s Day tabling in the Student Center. The highlight of the week was SPECTRUM’s Coming Out Day celebration, while Students Advocating for Gender Education (SAGE) hosted a wage gap bake sale which charged female customers less than male customers to highlight nationwide pay discrepancies. Youth Activists also participated by hosting an open mic on the theme of acceptance in the student center.

Eric from Project REAL attended SPECTRUM’s meeting to educate students about the organization’s efforts to provide HIV testing services for LGBTQ+ teens and adults.





American Sign Language Class

The Sociology Club hosted another successful ASL class in November. The featured speaker taught students some basic sign language, but also presented on the politics of disability and difference in the United States.



Mindful Halloween 2017

The Sociology Club and Youth Activists reminded students to be MINDFUL in their Halloween celebrations in an artful, creative, and professional tabling outside the student center on October 25th. Topics tackled included cultural appropriation, environmental stewardship, and substance / sexual abuse.





P.U.S.H. Back!

Professors United for a Safe Haven



On September 6th, the Gender Studies program collaborated with allies across campus to demonstrate to our students and the wider community that we stand behind President Dimenna's recent statement emphasizing “our shared commitment to building a community of mutual caring and respect, diversity, and integrity” and to join him in “condemning hatred, bigotry, and violence in all forms [and] offering support to those who may be feeling vulnerable.”

The event was so successful, the Gender Studies Program, in tandem with allied departments across campus, launched similar campaigns to address Monmouth’s current maternity leave policy which unnecessarily excludes men and threatens to undocumented students following recent political changes. We also held another event during SPECTRUM’s Intersectionality Week to raise awareness to rape culture which was attended by 30 or 40 faculty members, including our Provost Moriarty.



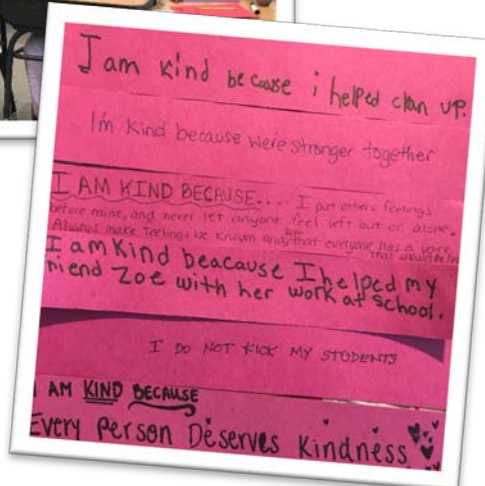
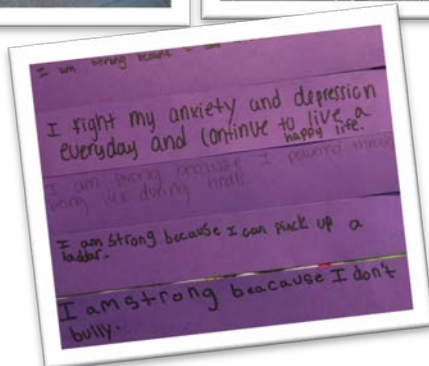


Fall 2017 Gender Studies Praxis Projects

Last semester’s SO/GS 225 Intro to Gender Studies classes under Dr. Wrenn developed over twenty community-oriented projects to creatively engage gender theory with others. Students blogged, wrote editorials for *The Outlook*, produced videos on Youtube to share across social media, lectured to school groups, invited prison justice speakers to campus, and tabled about domestic violence, women in the sciences, women in sports, and sexual assault. One group of students collected **over five boxes of school supplies** for a girls’ school for disadvantaged children. Another group **collected over 100 female hygiene products for homeless women in the area**. One student who produced a Youtube video on femininity and body hair in front of Wilson Hall has reached over **10,000 views!**



Julianna Masco’s “Quilt of Values,” challenging gender roles in a local school.





Roxanne Quow and Morgan Fortner’s Intersectionality Class

Recent Student Achievements in Gender Studies

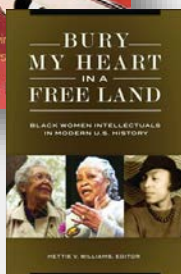
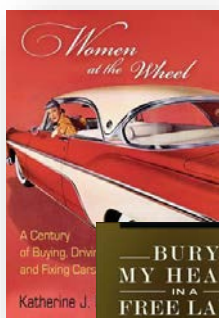
Vaune Peck’s niece Kara Hartnett was nominated for Women of the Year at her University and an award for the series [Accounting for Assault](#).

Recent Faculty Publications and Achievements in Gender Studies

Lisa Dinella was quoted in *Forbes Magazine*’s “[10 Science-Backed Tips for Bringing Up Your Child Gender Neutral](#).”

Janice Stapley was interviewed by the [Asbury Park Press](#) on the #metoo campaign.

Corey Wrenn was [interviewed](#) by Animal Concerns Texas, KTEP Radio, El Paso on the social psychology of social change and the political economy of the American animal rights movement.





Foster, J. 2018. "In Keeping with Family Tradition: American Second-Wave Feminists and the Social Construction of Political Legacies." *Qualitative Sociology Review* 24 (1): 6-28.

Parkin, K. 2017. *Women at the Wheel: A Century of Buying, Driving, and Fixing Cars*. University of Pennsylvania Press.

Williams, H. (Ed.) 2017. *Bury My Heart in a Free Land: Black Women Intellectuals in Modern U.S. History*. Preager.

Wrenn, C. 2017. "Trump Veganism: A Political Survey of American Vegans in the Era of Identity Politics." *Societies* 7 (4), 32; doi:10.3390/soc7040032.

Wrenn, C. 2017. "The Nonhuman Disney Princesses." *Sex & Gender Newsletter* Fall: 9.

Wrenn, C. 2017. "Why Can't We All Just Get Along? Factionalism in Animal Rights." *Critical Mass* 42 (4): 6-8.

INFORMATION

Gender Studies Club

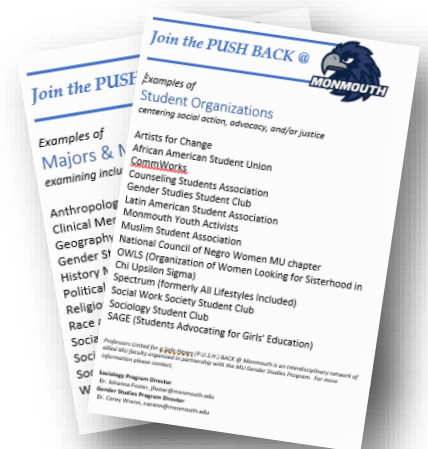
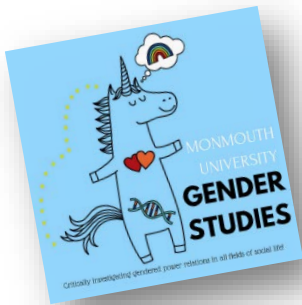
Taffy Lashley and Drue Clark are now leading our Gender Studies Club. They began the semester in collaboration with psych counseling creating a gender pronouns tabling with pronoun identification buttons. There are plans to run this tabling again. Stay tuned for the annual Gender Fashion Show in March as well!

Gender Studies Promotional Material Available

Posters and brochures for the gender studies program are available. We also have totes, pens, and stickers! Please contact Corey Wrenn to request copies be sent to your office through inter-office mail.

"I'll Go With You" buttons in support of bathroom safety and solidarity for trans students are also available.

P.U.S.H. Back student information flyers are available highlighting anti-oppression student organizations and majors/minors at Monmouth.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Expression
January 31st, 2018
a festival sponsored by spectrum lgbtq club at monmouth university.

Adult Mom
Teenage Halloween
Free Cake for Every Creature
Melissa Febos
(author of whipsmart & abandon me)


7:30 - 10 pm
amazon hall (2nd floor of rebecca stanford student center)
tickets for monmouth students: \$5
outside guests: \$7
all proceeds donated to the ali forney center
please RSVP to janekai123@gmail.com



Guerrilla Girls On Tour presents:
If You Can Stand the Heat:
A History of Women and Food
Mon. Feb. 5 | 4:30 PM | POLLAK THEATRE



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**Know Her Truths:
Life Behind Bars
for Women in NJ**

FEBRUARY 18, 2018
1-3 PM

Sponsored by

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION OF MONMOUTH
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1475 FRONT STREET LINCROFT,
NJ



A panel discussion with returning citizens, Nafeesah Goldsmith and Ivelisse Gilestra, and NJ prisons researcher and activist, Prof. Johanna Foster (Monmouth Univ.) on some of the persistent injustices facing women in the NJ prison system. Convenors: Reproductive Justice and Criminal Justice Task Force chairs, Carol Loscalzo and Susan MacDonnell.



WE ARE ALL WONDERWOMEN!



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY is March 8th. The Gender Studies Program will be hosting TAKE BACK THE NIGHT this year (stay tuned for details). The Gender Studies Club is also planning its annual GENDER FASHION SHOW on March 8th, and SAGE will be tabling on women’s issues.



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SUSAN FOWLER

April 11th, 2018

2:45PM

Pollak Theater

Whistle-blower for sexual harassment in Uber.

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