October 3-7, 2018
Lake Tahoe Beach Retreat and Lodge
South Lake Tahoe, NV

ORGANIZATION FOR THE STUDY OF
COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE, AND
GENDER ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The mission of the college is to prepare our students to be effective, educated, engaged, and ethical leaders in their relationships, communities, and professions. We do so by building a student-centered learning environment that focuses on the innovative pairing of disciplinary knowledge and applied professional practice to meet the needs of a diverse society.
Dear OSCLGers:

I am so excited to welcome you to beautiful Lake Tahoe for our 41st OSCLG Conference! Sarah Blithe and Janell Bauer have put together an excellent program and done so much to welcome us to this space. When you see them, please take a minute to thank them for all of their work.

As is usually the case, there are so many interesting papers and panels in the program, but I wanted to specifically point out a few spotlight panels at this year’s conference. On Friday there is the Keynote Address about innovative and inclusive organizational design at 10 a.m., just before our business lunch at 11:30. Join the Wise Women panel on Friday at 8:30 a.m. to discuss issues realted to race in the academy. Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The Vice President’s panel will feature advice from OSCLG members at various states in their careers. Finally, Saturday at 2:30 we hope you join our local activist to learn about female entrepreneurship and body positivity in the digital age.

If you are new to our conference, please join in our social events and introduce yourself to those around. The President’s Reception at 4 p.m. on Thursday and the nightly wine and chocolate gatherings are great places to interact and get to know members of the organization—I know those were the venues where I personally connected with members, made friends, and discussed ideas when I first started attending OSCLG. The Business Lunch on Friday is a great place to learn about the workings of the organization and find opportunities to get involved in OSCLG. In addition to these, join us Saturday evening for the Awards Banquet, A Night on the Purple Carpet, where we will celebrate some great work.

Again, I can’t say how excited I am to welcome you to Lake Tahoe and to celebrate 41 years of OSCLG together. This organization is my spiritual academic home, and I look forward to reconnecting with friends and making new ones—so if we haven’t met before, please introduce yourself. Let’s join together to celebrate our history and vision our future!

Chad McBride
OSCLG President
Dear OSCLG Participants:

Welcome to beautiful South Lake Tahoe! We are thrilled to host you here and have put together a program full of academic intrigue, personal reflexivity, and methodological rigor. The panels represent the rich diversity that makes up our organization, and we hope you have the chance to experience a little of everything.

We selected our theme, Nevertheless We Persisted, to embrace and acknowledge our enduring commitments to fierce resistance and activism. We also acknowledge the great toll that tireless persistence can take on social movements, and on passionate individuals. We hope that this conference will be a space of organizing, but also of care and rejuvenation.

In addition to the programming, we are pleased to offer creative and social experiences throughout the conference. Please refer to this program to guide you to these events as well. You will notice that the center spread contains a local Hidden Gems map with some of our favorite spots. We’ve also added some fun facts about the local wildlife and natural environment.

We would like to thank the College of Communication at California State University, Chico, the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, and the School of Social Research and Justice Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, for providing monetary support to print the programs and bring in our featured speakers.

We are also grateful to Tehama Group Communications, a student-managed PR agency at Chico State, for their pro-bono event planning support. Finally, we thank our generous local sponsors (check the Hidden Gems Map to learn more about these organizations), and our student assistants, especially Samantha Gillespie, who have worked very hard to make this an amazing conference.

Let’s Paint Tahoe Purple!

Sarah & Janell

Sarah Blithe
Janell Bauer
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**Wednesday, October 3**
6:00-9:00 PM  Preconference Event: Executive Board Meeting

**Thursday, October 4**
8:30 AM-9:45 AM  OSCLG Board Meeting
10:00 AM-3:45 PM  Panels
4:00-6:00 PM  President’s Reception
9:00-11:00 PM  Wine & Chocolate

**Friday, October 5**
7:30 AM  Yoga
8:30 AM  Panels
10:00 AM  **Keynote Address**
11:30 AM  Business Lunch by the lake
1:30-5:45 PM  Panels
6:00 PM  Paint, Sip, & Shop (Offsite Event)
7:00 PM  Student Meet Up at The Hangar
9:00-11:00 PM  Wine & Chocolate

**Saturday, October 6**
7:30 AM  Yoga
8:30 AM  Creative Reflection Event
8:30 AM-5:45 PM  Panels
2:30 PM  Featured Panel with local guest speaker
6:00 PM  **Awards Banquet: A Night on the Purple Carpet**
9:00-11:00 PM  Wine & Chocolate

**Sunday, October 7**
9:00-10:45 AM  Panels

**Accessibility Note:** The Boathouse location requires stairs to access.
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30-9:30 AM:  Boathouse
OSCLG Board Meeting

10:00 –11:15 AM
10:00 AM: Mountainview A

Existence, Resistance, Persistence:
Problems of Globalizing Feminism(s) in Africa

In this panel, we explore challenges to the definitions of feminism(s) from Africa, and resistance and persistence for and against feminist goals, and examine how different people and groups have reacted to feminist labels and movements, enabled and inhibited by the use of technologies, particularly digital media. The authors in this panel examine the existence of models of locally defined and practiced decolonial feminism(s), considering the discursive resistance leveled both by and against women who take up actions and labels of feminism, to move towards a more nuanced global definition of feminist persistence.

Resistance, Discursive Activism and Gender Politics in Ghanaian Social Media: A Feminist Critical Discourse Analysis
Nancy Henaku, Michigan Technological University

African Women as Symbols of Feminist Persistence
Modupe Yusuf, Michigan Technological University

Women and Politics in West Africa: An Analysis of Feminist Criticisms Against Liberia’s Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
Toluulope Odebunmi, Michigan Technological University

Missing Voices in the WEIRD Discourse of Gendered Neuroscience: Transnational Feminist Discourses of Nature and Nurture in Gender/Sex/Sexuality
Victoria Bergvall, Michigan Technological University
Thursday, 10:00 AM:  
**Persistence and Resistance in Politics**  

Mountainview B

- **Trudeau the Feminist: A Critical Discourse Analysis**
  *Pascale Dangoisee, University of Ottawa; Gabriela Perdomo Paez, University of Ottawa*

- **Merkel the Matriarch? A Linguistic Analysis of Domestic Language in European News Media Coverage of Angela Merkel**
  *Catherine Van Halsema, Indiana University*

  *Ashley-Marie Daftary, University of Nevada, Reno; Debora Ortega, University of Denver, Mary Hylton, University of Nevada, Reno*

- **#whyimarch: Discourses of Resistance and Persistence in the Twittersphere during the 2017 and 2018 Women’s Marches**
  *Katie Cruger, Chatham University; Jennie Sweet-Cushman, Chatham University*

11:30 AM-12:45 PM

11:30 AM:  
**Intersectional and Intergenerational Feminism: Womentoring Feminist Identity Roundtable**  

Lakeview

Feminist womentoring has been occurring in the academy for as long as women have been in academe, by helping young scholars learn the ropes (Allen, 1997) of the academic culture and through academic aunting, (Sotirin & Ellingson, 2008), but now we need to address the intersectional and intergenerational complexities of feminist womentoring to truly assist feminists in the academic publishing, tenure, and promotion processes. Often feminism is discussed in terms of waves, such as the First Wave Feminists who fought for women’s right to vote, Second Wave Feminists who fought for equal rights and reproductive freedom, and Third Wave Feminists who focus on intersectionality, body-positivity, body-neutrality, sex-positivity, post-colonial theory and practice, queer theory, transfeminism, femme-inclusivity, asexuality, aromanicism and the dawning of a fourth wave of feminism (women under 16 years old, identifying as feminists on-line and unifying on social media in the global village (McLuhan, 1968).

*Brenda J. Allen, University of Colorado, Denver; Ashley Cordes, University of Oregon Allison Emslie, Loyola Marymount University; Erika L. Kirby, Creighton University Victoria Newsom, Olympic College; Patricia J. Sotirin, Michigan Technological University Sarah Tellesen, San Diego State University; Paiaige K. Turner, Ball State University Kerry Wilson, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*
Thursday, 11:30 AM:  

**Analyzing Gender in Occupational Contexts**

**Mountainview A**

Delivered by Women but Created by Men: The Gender Disparity Between Psychotherapy Theorists and Psychotherapists Themselves  
*Corey Petersen, University of Kansas*

Treatment of Females in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics  
*Erin Bassett, Berry College*

Monolith or Cacophony: Unpacking the Who, the What, and the Why of Modern Women Entrepreneurship  
*Brittany Collins, Saginaw Valley State University*

“Man, Did This Really Happen to Me?”: A Communicative Exploration of Toxic Gender Norms in Correctional Officers  
*Cristin Compton, Kent State University; Jackie Brandhorst, University of Central Missouri*

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11:30 AM:  

**Theorizing Feminist Identities**

**Mountainview B**

Identity Management During Moments of Social Change  
*Anna Valiavska, University of Missouri*

“They are part of the revolution”: Men’s Provision of Social Support for the Women’s March  
*Courtney McDaniell, University of Kansas*

When the Ivory Tower Meets Ratchetness: Making a Case for Ratchet Feminism  
*Danette M. Pugh-Patton, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; Antonio L. Spikes, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

Exploring College Students Everyday Perceptions of Gender (In)equity, Equality, and Gendered Leadership Attributes  
*Marissa Wiley, University of Kansas; Elaina Ross, University of Kansas; William Hoffman, University of Kansas; Mary Banwart, University of Kansas*

I Am a Woman: Self-Defining & Deconstructing Images from an Oppositional Gaze  
*Idrissa Snider, Wayne State University*
Thursday, 11:30 AM:

**Resisting Gender Violence**

Boathouse

No Two Calls are the Same: Applying Problematic Integration Theory to Police Perceptions of Domestic Violence in the UK and US
Jennifer Guthrie, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Amanda Robinson, Cardiff University; Gillian Pinchevsky, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

..little girls don’t stay little forever: Persistence, Strength, and Survivorship among Female Gymnasts
Madeline Michalik, UNC-Charlotte; Stephanie Norander, UNC-Charlotte

The first reaction from my boyfriend was, “Why did he feel comfortable doing that to you?”: Performative Face in Disclosing Sexual Harassment to Close Others
Stephanie Kaczynski, DePaul University; Kendra Knight, DePaul University

College Debate is Rife with Sexual Harassment: An Autoethnographic Exploration of Family Disclosure
Maggie Unruh, Emporia State University; Tennley Vik, University of Nevada, Reno

1:00-3:45 PM

1:00-3:45 PM: [double session] Lakeview

**Grant Writing Workshop**

In this workshop participants will get an overview of the grant application process and learn how to get started with grant writing. With greater mentoring we hope to inspire and support more of our community members to pursue grant work to fund their research and activism.

Rebecca Dohrman, Maryville University
Kristi Wilkum, University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac
Janell Bauer, California State University Chico
While the number of women in the academy has increased over the last few decades, female faculty, and in particular female faculty of color, still make less money than their male counterparts, take on more service roles, receive less recognition, have their research interests marginalized or ridiculed, reside in hostile work environments, and occupy more non-tenure track positions, where they have heavier teaching loads and fewer opportunities for research and professional development.

This double session panel brings together a diverse group of higher education professionals, from adjunct to full professors, administrators and graduate students, to discuss the struggles they have experienced, and offer strategies to navigate the precarious paths of persistence in the academy. It is our hope that this panel provides advice and inspiration for success in higher education while advocating for change, finding resilience, building coalitions, helping others, and encouraging self-care.

Moderators: Deborah A. Macey and Anita Taylor, George Mason University, retired Patricia Lucero Chantrill, Eastern Washington University; Elizabeth A. Kissling, Eastern Washington University; Rosario Rodriguez, Eastern Washington University; Heather C. Robinson, Eastern Washington University; Catherine Van Halsema, Indiana University; Nicole Defenbaugh, ND Communication Consulting; Karla Scott, Saint Louis University; Carrie P. Freeman, Georgia State University, Atlanta; Alina Padilla-Miller, Oregon State University; Estella Porras, Cal State Monterey Bay; Allyson Jule, Trinity Western University, Canada
Thursday, 1:00-2:15 PM:  
**Boathouse**

**Answering the #MeToo Call to Action on Campus: Making Our Stories Visible through Collective Creation and Action**

The women in the forefront of the #MeToo movement consistently credit their power and position for enabling them to speak for all women who lack such privilege. In academia, our superstar culture is not, thus far, proving effective in taking up the torch that will facilitate changes or restitution for victims. Too few of us have the clout for our reports of harassment to lead to institutional changes: SO LONG AS WE STAND ALONE. Join us as we present a range of intersectional topics, including Title IX and on-campus activism/media exposure in combatting gender-based violence and discrimination; the personal, social, and professional impacts of institutional victim blaming and silencing in cases of harassment, stalking, and bullying; the consequences of free expression for students, staff, and faculty who openly call out harassment and racism on campus; and a collaged #MeToo performance of re-lived experiences in academia. This roundtable, in the best feminist activist tradition, invites all to participate not just as listeners, but as pubic allies; the ultimate goal is to collect our stories to create a narrative for publication in a legacy press. We will provide the tools for you to help co-create this written and oral history. Through this collective story gathering and sharing, we can support one another by witnessing our shared trauma while calling attention to the lasting damage caused by harassment in a career so dependent upon relationships and reputation.

Shannon Stevens, California State University, Stanislaus; Dana Schowalter, Western Oregon University; Betsy Eudey, California State University, Stanislaus; Jennifer Jackson, Missouri Western State University; Elizabeth Brookbank, Western Oregon University; Shanice Littlejohn, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Alison Fisher Bodkin, James Madison University; Katie Lese, James Madison University

2:30-3:45 PM  
**Mountainview B**

**Conflicting Identities and Acceptance in Religious Communities**  
**Documentary**

A 2015 Pew research poll shows that there have been great strides in the acceptance of homosexuality in Christianity since 2007, which can be seen in the form of an increase in the number of churches that avow themselves as accepting of all individuals. However, the tension of the opposing views of homosexuality within Christianity can be heard in my documentary of three participants who were raised in conservative Christian households, and who identify as lesbian or gay and religious/spiritual. The 60-minute documentary is based on research that I conducted using visual ethnography, in which I examine the benefits and challenges of participants who are members of three different churches in San Antonio, TX, that avow themselves as inclusive communities, but whose difference in their approach of homosexuality can present limitations to lesbian and gay individuals. In my presentation, I will propose a method of integrating LGBT individuals into Christian churches that involves a thoughtful approach to acceptance that will allow the opportunity for all individuals to thrive in church communities that seek to serve all people.

Jessica Ramirez, University of Texas at San Antonio
Thursday, 2:30-3:45 PM: Boathouse

Shine Theory: We Persist Together

I shine when you shine - we shine when WE shine. In this collaborative and interactive workshop, we persist in our postulation and implementation of Shine Theory. Last year, we looked back at how Shine had manifested in the past and this year we move the conversation forward, taking an expansive and multidimensional view of the theory, and workshopping tangible ways to implement it in our personal and professional lives. Shine Theory means connecting with other individuals committed to fighting peripheralization. It means recognizing and crediting and being intentional in our amplification of one another’s voices. It means being able to rely on a network of strength and solidarity in those times when we are confronted with hatred, bigotry, and willful ignorance. Together, we will workshop strategies for intentional connectivity and network growth.

Micah Fry, Southwestern College; Michelle Dreiling, University of Oregon; Deborah Ballard-Reisch, Wichita State University

4:00 – 6:00 PM: Sidelines Sports Pub

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION
*Including local jewelry and henna artists

9:00-11:00 PM: Friendship Suite

Wine & Chocolate

MacDuffs’s Public House
Scottish pub with a South Lake Tahoe take.
Lake Tahoe Fun Facts

- Lake Tahoe is the second deepest lake in the U.S.
- It is the largest alpine lake in North America.
- Lake Tahoe is 2/3 in California and 1/3 in the state of Nevada.
- The amount of water in Lake Tahoe (39 trillion gallons) is enough to supply each person in the U.S. with 50 gallons of water per day for 5 years.
- The amount of water that evaporates from the Lake each day (330 million gallons) could supply a city the size of Los Angeles for 5 years.
- Lake Tahoe is over 2 million years old. Tahoe is considered an ancient lake and is counted among the 20 oldest lakes in the world.
- The water is 99.994% pure, making it one of the purest large lakes in the world.

Lake Tahoe Tree, Plants, and Bear Facts

Common Tahoe Pines:
- Jeffrey Pine
  - Most common tree in Tahoe.
  - The bark smells like vanilla or pineapple.
- Sugar Pine
  - The largest and most magnificent of all the pines.

Useful Plants in Tahoe Area:
- California Poppy
  - Used for toothaches, headaches, when you take the mashed up plant and apply to cavities or rub on head.
  - Avoid if nursing because of its milk-suppressing ability.
- Yarrow
  - Used as a tea for indigestion and various inflammations.
- Elderberry
  - Used in jams, jellies, pies, and wine.
  - Can be dried and eaten like raisins.
  - Seeds contain hydrocyanic acid which can cause nausea and vomiting.
- Wild Rose
  - The rose hips are high in vitamin C and can be used for jellies or even teas.

Bear Facts:
- Black bears are native to Lake Tahoe and can grow to 50-80 inches long.
- They’re not aggressive, but can cause problems when looking for food.
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University of Nevada, Reno
Most institutions that Americans appreciate today as key parts of our healthy democracy have their roots in social movements. Student involvement in social movements is not a new phenomenon (Rudolph, 1990), American colleges and universities, in particular, provide environments suited for student activism (Broadhurst, 2014, p. 3). Social movements that happen in the communities, online, and in the streets are deeply tied to social movements that happen across the college campuses. In the present day, institutions of Higher Education are experiencing a series of crises and disruptions centering on race, social class, and creation of new policies that are inclusive of the larger university population (Broadhurst, 2014). This panel will explore the roles we as educators play in addressing these changes and movements. The panel is designed to address experiences, theories, and practices for teaching and mentoring during campus protests. This panel features participants from different career stages and positions. The panel will take the form of a roundtable discussion that focuses on pedagogical approaches, navigating campus politics and managing multiple roles and identities.

Anna Valiavska, University of Missouri; Lisa Gates, San Diego State University; Katie Lese, James Madison University; Cassidy Ellis, University of Denver; Beth Bollinger, University of Washington; Ana Gomez Parga, The University of Utah

Through examination of popular science fiction media these panelists critically examine the intersection of gender and race within this genre. This panel includes an analysis of WestWorld as a neoliberal microcosm of gender politics, a generic criticism of Wonder Woman’s place in superhero films, and the gender politics of Black Panther and the sexualization of women within the X-Men films. Additionally, this panel proposes opportunities moving forward for inclusion within the sci-fi genre as the genre continues to grow in popularity.

Moderator: Stephanie Young, Southern Indiana University
Wonder Woman: Kayla Rausch, Ohio University
WestWorld: William Sipe, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Black Panther: Savaughn Williams, Ball State University
X-Men: Shannon Grosenbacher, Ball State University

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**Food**
- MacDuff’s Public House – 1041 Fremont Ave. $$, 0.3 mile
  *Scottish pub with a South Lake Tahoe take. MacDuff’s is a pub dedicated to locals and visitors for a traditional pub experience. Best dishes: chicken pot pie, bread pudding with ice cream.*
- Blue Angel Café – 1132 Ski Run Blvd. $$, 0.9 mile
  *Dedicated to providing a welcoming place for locals and visitors with a variety of dishes for everyone. Best dishes include: coconut tofu, fish and chips, cioppino, and local wine.*
- Cup of Cherries – 3434 Lake Tahoe Blvd. $, 295 ft.
- Sprouts Café – 3123 Harrison Ave. $, 0.7 mile
- Revive Coffee & Wine – 3135 Harrison Ave. $$, 0.7 mile
- Chimayo – 1142 Ski Run Blvd. $$, 0.9 mile
- Off the Hook – 2660 Lake Tahoe Blvd. $$, 1.8 miles

**The Village**
- Basecamp Pizza Co. – 1001 Heavenly Village Way #25A. $$, 1.3 miles
  *(And various other restaurants since it’s in a shopping mall.)*

**Entertainment**
- Tahoe Bowl – 1030 Foremont Ave., $$, 0.3 miles

**Shopping**
- Wildwood Makers Market – 989 Tallac Ave. South Lake Tahoe, CA, 0.7 miles
- Earthbound Trading Company – 1001 Heavenly Village Way, 1.4 miles
- Marcus Ashley Gallery – 4000 Lake Tahoe Blvd #23, 1.4 miles
- On Tahoe Time – 1001 Heavenly Village Way #36b, 1.5 mile

**Brewery Tour & Restaurant**
- Base Camp Beer Garden – 4151 Cedar Ave. 1.8 miles
- The Hangar – 2401 Lake Tahoe Blvd. 2.3 miles.
- Lake Tahoe AleWorX – 2050 Lake Tahoe Blvd. Suite #2050. $$, 3.3 miles.
- Tahoe Brewery Tours – 775-386-BREW(2739) – www.tahoebrewtours.com

**Spas**
- Edgewood Tahoe – 100 Lake Pkwy, Stateline, NV, 2.5 miles
- Elements Spa – 100 Lake Pkwy, Stateline, NV, 2.5 miles

**Sightseeing**
- Emerald Bay State Park – 138 Emerald Bay Road, 12.3 miles
- El Dorado Beach – South Lake Tahoe, CA, 0.5 miles
- Heavenly Gondola – South Lake Tahoe, CA, 1.6 miles

**Trails**
- Timber Cove Marina – 3411 Lake Tahoe Blvd, 0.1 miles
- Rubicon Trail – 11001 California 89, 2.0 miles
- El Dorado Beach – South Lake Tahoe, CA, 0.5 miles
- Van Sickle Bi-State Park – 30 Lake Pkwy, 1.4 miles
- Bike the City of South Lake Tahoe class one bike trail - hop on in front of the Beach Retreat with a Lime Bike and either bike to Stateline our all the way to Camp Richardson
Friday, 8:30 AM:  
Reflections on Identity, Faith, and Loss  
Mountainview B

The Body as Third Term: Buddhist Women of Color Address Racism in America  
Carol Winkelmann, Xavier University

A Dying Breed: The Secret Lives of America’s Nuns  
Jessica Pauly, Utah Valley University; Jessica Eise, Purdue University

Mormon or Gay? Conflicting Sexual and Religious Identities Constrain Wellbeing  
Rebekah Perkins Crawford, Ohio University

Performing/Challenging Masculinities: Men’s Experiences after Their Wives Miscarriage  
Chad McBride, Creighton University; Amanda Holman, Creighton University; Haley Kranstuber Horstman, University of Missouri

8:30 AM:  
Boathouse

Wise Women Panel: Why do We Persist in Talking About This?  
Race in the Academy: Issues, Questions, and Strategies

Building on discussions of race in “the academy,” the OSCLG Wise Women will initiate a discussion about why we are still talking about this and consider a call to action. The discussion begins with the rationale we are still taking about this. Initiating participants will discuss what have they tried, what has failed, what is promising and what do to do. We hope this will be followed by an intentionally multi-generational discussion and then a totally open discussion. We would like to conclude with a call to action, both individual and organizational.

10:00 AM:  
Lakeview

Keynote Speaker:  
Designing for Women: Feminist Theory and Activism Applied

Virginia Santy, founder of Women in Kind

Virginia Santy is founder and editor in chief at The Broadview Denver. She also owns Executive Suite Communication, a strategic communication firm, and is co-founder of Women in Kind (WinK), a co-working space for women. Virginia received her Ph.D. from the University of Colorado-Boulder and lives in Denver. In her spare time, she can be found patroning the many badass women-owned businesses of Denver with her warrior-hearted daughter, Keaton.

11:30 AM: Business Lunch by the lake
1:30-2:45 PM

Friday, 1:30 PM:  

**Teaching Gender and Sexuality Studies:**  
**Process and Practices of Persistence in the Classroom**  

In this high-density panel, panelists will share practical ideas, exercises, and approaches they have used when teaching what might be broadly grouped as gender studies courses within and outside of Communication Departments. Panelists will be organized at tables, participants will be guided to join each table for 20 minutes to hear and share ideas, and we will close with a more general discussion.

**Moderators:** Shauna MacDonald, Villanova University and Patricia Geist-Martin, San Diego State University  
**Ruth Beerman, Randolph-Macon College; Sonja Foss, University of Colorado Denver; Maureen Ebben, University of Southern Maine; Sarah Jones, Arizona State University; Victoria DeFrancisco, University of Northern Iowa; Lori Joseph, Hollins University; Rachel Silverman, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Adrianne Kunkel, University of Kansas; Kendra Rivera, California State University, San Marcos

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1:30 PM:  

**Feminist Research as Translatable Research:**  
**Using Podcasts, Documentaries, and Blogs to Engage in Public Storytelling**  

As feminist researchers, our goal is always to not only generate critical understandings of the world but to then share them both within and outside of the academy. This interactive panel will feature both feminist narrative theorizing and practical advice for reaching beyond academic outlets to share our research and promote social justice through passionate and persuasive storytelling.

**Lynn Harter, Ohio University; Laura Ellingson, Santa Clara University**

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1:30 PM:  

**Nevertheless, Sexual Harassment Persists:**  
**Hill/Thomas, #MeToo, and Feminist Activism**  

This roundtable panel discussion brings together scholars/teachers/feminist activists for a look backward and forward at the persistent problem of sexual harassment in workplaces and schools. What we learned about sexual harassment in the early 1990s via the televised saga of the Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas Supreme Court confirmation hearings. Panelists Sterk and Mandziuk will then discuss the #MeToo movement in terms of what it teaches us today about sexual harassment, effective responses to it, and activism surrounding the issue. Gomez Parga will examine some international reactions and conversations this movement has generated, particularly in Europe and Mexico, stressing the importance of feminist activism in the face of political chaos and incendiary rhetoric being used as a political tool around the world. Finally, panelists will speculate in a forward direction to consider opportunities and challenges for feminist activism in our efforts to educate, persuade, and legislate for change on this front.

**Moderator:** Diana Ivy, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi  
**Helen Sterk, Western Kentucky University; Roseann Mandziuk, Texas State University; Ana Gomez Parga, University of Utah**
This panel seeks to explore how feminist theories, methodologies, and practices can enhance, transform, or challenge studies of relationships. After three research studies are presented—each using a feminist approach in conjunction with a method or theory that is novel to relationship studies—the remaining half of the panel will be dedicated to discussion both about the projects presented and especially how attendees envision a feminist future for relationship research.

Exploring the Romantic Cyborg Relationship through Popular Media
Julia Moore, University of Utah; Joshua Ewalt, University of Utah

Work-Life Negotiations, Stress, Persistence, and Family Roles:
A Critical Interpersonal Analysis
Katherine Denker, Ball State University

Affect, Masculinity, and Hair Loss: Exploration of an Online Message Board
Jimmie Manning, Northern Illinois University

3:00-4:14 PM

3:00 PM: How to Plan an OSCLG Conference
Mountainview B

Interested in hosting OSCLG or working with a local host to plan a conference? Come join us as we discuss ideas and answer questions.

Jennifer Dunn, Dominican University; Sarah Blithe, University of Nevada, Reno; Janell Bauer, California State University Chico

3:00 PM: Talking with/as Mothers
Livingroom

This panel explores methodological issues in research by reflecting on research experiences as we talk to mothers. Talking to mothers is critical to understanding the experience of mothering and the lived contradictions of motherhood. Inspired by feminist research promoting the value of talking with rather than to mothers, our panelists reflect on current projects that expand on conventional interviewing.

Militarized Mother Legacies: Talking with WWI Mothers
Patty Sotirin, Michigan Tech

Motherhood as a Jointly Constructed Narrative
Sara Potter, Michigan Tech

“‘I Didn’t Understand Anything!’” A Muslim Mother’s Narrative Reflections on Privacy, U.S. Sex Education, and a Daughter’s Denials
Nada Mohammad Alfieir, Michigan Tech

Birthmothers and Adoptive Mothers in Dialogue
Diane Shoos, Michigan Tech
Friday, 3:00 PM:                      Friendship Suite

Women & Language Editorial Meeting

4:15-5:45 PM

4:15 PM:              Lakeview & Mountainview A

Performance: Performing Persistence

In this performance, we explore meanings and interpretations of persistence in activism, teaching, and research. We examine the personal and political aspects of being persistent, acknowledging past and present persistence, and commanding it now and into the future. We ask critical questions about persistence, and reflect on our struggles as educators, researchers, and activists.

Our stories will be interwoven with news coverage and content related to persistence. Together, our collaborative performance will invite personal and scholarly reflection on persistence, celebrate many decades of our intersectional feminist movement, and light the way forward.

Jenn Freitag, University of Dayton
Shauna MacDonald, Villanova University
Nicole Defenbaugh, ND Communication Consulting
Victoria DeFrancisco, University of Northern Iowa
Meggie Mapes, University of Kansas
Jennifer Morey Hawkins, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Bren Ortega Murphy, Loyola University Chicago
Gloria Pindi Nziba, California State University San Marcos
Brianne Waychoff, CUNY, Borough of Manhattan CC

4:15 PM:                     Mountainview B

Writers Workshop and Q&A with Women & Language Editors

OSLCG is known as an organization that nurtures feminist scholars throughout their careers. This session offers an opportunity for participants to experience the mentorship of OSLCG in a hands-on workshop. All participants are invited to bring a work in progress (essay in preparation for submission to Women & Language or another journal; book proposal; grant or sabbatical application; personal statement for graduate school admission; job market materials). Participants will be paired with intellectually generous scholars who have agreed to give feedback for revision. In addition, the editor, editor-elect, and immediate past editor of Women & Language will be on hand to answer questions about the publication process. All are welcome!

Moderator: Leland Spencer, Miami University
Deborah Ballard-Reisch, Wichita State University
Melanie B. Mills, Eastern Illinois University
Tina M. Harris, University of Georgia
Patricia Sotirin, Michigan Technological University
Carol L. Winkelmann, Xavier University
Friday, 4:15 PM: Friendship Suite

Motherhood, Voice and Stories of Birth

Hiccups and Highlights of Academic Motherhood: Three Accounts of Cultivating Community and Friendship as an Academic and a Mom
Jessica Pauly, Utah Valley University; Mary King, Bloomsburg University; Skye Chernicchky-Karcher, Bloomsburg University

Existential Conundrums in Negotiating Feminist Identity: An Autoethnography of My Home Birth
Kim Kline, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Persisting Through Childbirth: Doulas Supporting Women
Ginger Bihn-Coss, Kent State University, Tuscarawas

Wishing on a Star: Exploring the Marginalization of the Birth Mother in Adoption Narratives
Cindi Clayton, University of Southern Indiana

Working Mothers and Missing Voices: A Critical Review and Research Proposal
Jordyn Biffle, University of North Carolina Charlotte

6:00-11:00 PM

6:00 PM: Wildwood Makers Market (Off Site)

Paint, Sip, and Shop Event
**Advance sign-up required, details and cost at registration desk.

Relax with a glass of wine while you brush up on your painting skills to create Tahoe-themed art with a local artist. Then, swing next door to Wildwood, a local boutique to shop for unique, local treasures.

7:00 PM: The Hangar (Off Site)

Student Meet Up

Join with other OSCLG students to relax and chat; play some corn hole while enjoying the cozy fire pit. Meet in the hotel lobby at 7pm to share a ride.

9:00-11:00 PM: Friendship Suite

Wine & Chocolate
7:30-8:30 AM:  
Mind Body: Yoga
Rachel Silverman

8:30-9:45 AM:  
8:30-11:45 AM:  
Creative Reflection Event
Swing by anytime to the picnic tables on the dock for rock painting, affirmation writing, and journaling.

8:30-11:45 AM:  
Lakeview [Double Session]
Exploring Cases and Themes in #MeToo

#MeToo within Media Convergence: Sexual Harassment, Media Industries, and the Limits of Hashtag Feminism
Allison Page, Old Dominion University; Jacquelyn Arcy, University of Wisconsin Parkside

#MeToo Movement: Exploring Silence, Shame, and Gaslighting when Speaking Out About Sexual Assault
Kimberly Field-Springer, Berry College; Hannah Draut, Berry College

#MeToo: Engaging in Online Social Justice Movements to Rally Against Sexual Harassment, Assault, and Violence
Marissa Wiley, University of Kansas; Adrianne Kunkel, University of Kansas; Courtney McDaniel, University of Kansas; Mike Kearney, University of Kansas; Razan Mansour, University of Kansas

Resistance to #MeToo: How the Opposition Voice Toxic Masculinity in Response to a ‘Threat’ to the Hegemonic Power
Jennifer Jackson, Missouri Western State University

Women Upholding Patriarchy and Immorality in the Church: Hello! Methodist Church
Lindani Mbunyuza-Memani, Southern Illinois University

Coercion, Resistance, and Blame: An Experimental Study Based on Grace and Aziz’s Bad Date
Jennifer Collins, Ohio University; Charee Thompson, Ohio University
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College of Liberal Arts
University of Nevada, Reno
Saturday, 8:30 AM:

**Mountainview A**

**Gender, Power, and Health**

*Gendered Social Support: An Autoethnographic Account of Cancer and its Discontents*
*Jay Baglia, DePaul University*

*Deserving or Innocent: HIV/AIDS Depictions in Precious*
*Alisha Menzies, University of Texas; Emily Ryalls, California Polytechnic State University*

*Exploring Power Dynamics Within A Local Women Health Organizing Network*
*Sarah Storey, Berry College*

*Viagra, Metaphor, and the De-Medicalization of Masculinity*
*Mario Sanders, California State University Chico; Jennifer Malkowski, California State University Chico*

*Visual Activism, Persistence, and Identity: Ostomy Selfies as a Form of Resistance to Dominant Body Ideologies*
*Ruth Beerman, Randolph-Macon College; Michael Martin, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania*

8:30 AM:  

**Mountainview B**

**Persistence through Resistance:**
**Exploring Communication Strategies for Taboo Topics**

Conversations about race and gender inequities, sexual harassment, power and privilege continue to challenge classroom efforts to integrate the implications of such interaction as pedagogy. Communication courses offer opportunities to examine specific strategies for difficult dialogues and perceptions of communication choices in those conversations. In this panel participants at various stages of their academic career will discuss approaches to examining communicative contexts that facilitate better understanding despite resistance to talk about taboo topics.

*Persisting Despite Politeness, Whiteness, Guilt and Fear: Building Capacity to Talk About Race*
*Moderator: Karla D. Scott, Saint Louis University*

*De-compartmentalizing Diversity: Intergroup Dialogue as a Universal Pedagogical Strategy*
*Kerry Wilson, Saint Louis University*

*Evaluations of Facework and Communication Competence in College Classroom Discussions About Race at a Predominantly White Institution*
*Shelby Hubbard, Saint Louis University; Susana Valenzuela, Saint Louis University; Valerie Crook, Saint Louis University*

*Just Listen: Women’s Perceptions of Men’s Participation on #MeToo*
*Christopher Franco, Saint Louis University; Daniela Pedraza, Saint Louis University; Carter Chapley, Saint Louis University; Matt Thomas, Saint Louis University*
Saturday, 8:30 AM: Persistence and Peril in Activism

Defend Europe: Blocking Rescue Efforts in the Mediterranean During the Largest Refugee Crisis in History
Sarah Gonzalez Noveiri, University of Denver

Researching in the Era of Too Soon When Timely is Too Late: Combating the Chilling Effect by Reclaiming the University as a Community
Samantha Kutner, University of Nevada, Reno; Sarah Blithe, University of Nevada, Reno

Feminism in a Time of Rising White Nationalism
Ashley-Marie Daftary, University of Nevada, Reno
Paul Devereux, University of Nevada, Reno

Taking a Knee: Masculinity, Race, Patriotism, and Protest in the National Football League
CJ Rivera, California State University, San Marcos;
Kendra Rivera, California State University, San Marcos

Beyond Feminism: Feminist Organizing Strategies in Non-Feminist Organizations
Elaina Eakle, Kent State University; Cristin Compton, Kent State University

The Red State Resistance Moves West: A Southerner's Autoethnography of Interstate Persistence and Activism
Cassidy D. Ellis, University of Denver

10:00-11:15 AM

10:00 AM: Lakeview [Double Session Continued] Exploring Cases and Themes in #MeToo

Allison Page, Old Dominion University; Jacquelyn Arcy, University of Wisconsin Parkside; Kimberly Field-Springer, Berry College; Hannah Draut, Berry College; Marissa Wiley, University of Kansas; Adrianne Kunkel, University of Kansas; Courtney McDaniel, University of Kansas; Mike Kearney, University of Kansas; Razan Mansour, University of Kansas; Jennifer Jackson, Missouri Western State University; Lindani Mbuyuza-Memani, Southern Illinois University; Jennifer Collins, Ohio University; Charee Thompson, Ohio University
Saturday, 10:00 AM:  

**Mountainview A**

**Awards Panel**

Moderator: Chad McBride, Creighton University

**Outstanding Book Award**: “Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Legacy of Dissent: Feminist Rhetoric and the Law”  
*Katie Gibson, Colorado State University*

**Anita Taylor Outstanding Published Article or Chapter Award**: “Re-situating Organizational Knowledge: Violence, Intersectionality, and the Privilege of Partial Perspective”  
*Kate Lockwood Harris, University of Minnesota*

**Anita Taylor Outstanding Published Article or Chapter Award**: “You need to do your research”: Vaccines, Contestable Science, and Maternal Epistemology  
*Melissa L. Carrion, Georgia Southern University*

**Outstanding Conference Paper Award**: “Bathroom Bills, Memes, and a Biopolitics of Trans Disposability”  
*Leland Spencer, Miami University*

**Cheris Kramarae Outstanding Dissertation Award**: “Translating Identity: Norms and Industrial Constraints in Adapting Glee for Latin America”  
*Laurena Bernabo, University of Iowa*

**Feminist Teacher/Mentor Award**:
*Bren Ortega Murphy, Loyola University Chicago*  
*Jane Jorgenson, University of South Florida*

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**10:00 AM: Mountainview B**

**Troubling Persistence: A Discussion about the Challenges and Complexities of Feminist Politics, Theory and Activism**

This roundtable discussion explores the complexities and nuances of the “Nevertheless She Persisted” rallying cry and ideas of persistence in contemporary feminist movement. Together we will trouble definitions of persistence, trouble assumptions about persistence, explore what troubles us in the midst of discussions about our engagement in persistence, and trouble ways persistence may be embodied in teaching, research, and activism. By both celebrating and critically engaging #shepersisted and ideas about persistence, this panel discussion will ask challenging and difficult questions about feminist theory and activism.  

*Stephenie DeArcangelis, Southern Illinois University Carbondale; Michelle Dreiling, University of Oregon; Jennifer C. Dunn, Dominican University; Jenn Freitag, University of Dayton; Natalie Hoskins, Middle Tennessee State University; Jimmie Manning, Northern Illinois University; Meggie Mapes, University of Kansas; Danette M. Pugh Patton, Southern Illinois University Carbondale; Antonio Spikes, Southern Illinois University Carbondale; Cheris Kramarae, University of Oregon*
Saturday, 10:00 AM:  
**Gender and Sexuality in the Media**  
Boathouse

- **Skin Colour on Sale: Advertising and Postfeminism**  
  *Nancy Achiaa Frimpong, Michigan Technological University*

- **Craft Beer Labels as Linguistic Practices: Gender Construction, Performativity, and Representation**  
  *Melissa Hafey, University of Nevada, Reno*

- **How The CW Buries Their Gays: An Analysis Of How TV Producers Hegemonic Heteronormative Influences Affect Lesbian Representation On TV**  
  *Erin Slattery, Colorado State University*

- **This Isn’t How Any of This Works: When Women Attack Women in the Name of Feminism**  
  *Corey Petersen, Kansas University*

- **You Are an Experience: A Closer Look at Gender Variance in Steven Universe’s Stevonnie**  
  *Marie Perez Navarro, University of Nevada, Reno*

10:00 AM:  
**Friendship Suite**

- **Special Research Opportunity for Current and Former Graduate Directors: Revealing Promising Practices for MA Programs**
  *Sarah Blithe, University of Nevada, Reno; Jimmie Manning, Northern Illinois University*

11:30 AM -12:45 PM

11:30 AM:  
**Lakeview**

- **OSCLG Vice President Panel - Thriving through Persistence: Potential Paths**
  
  Panelists will share their advice for thriving at different points of their intellectual and professional careers including as graduate students, assistant, associate, and full professors, administrators both inside and outside of the academy.

  *Sarah Potter, Northern Michigan University; Jenna Hanchey, University of Nevada, Reno*  
  *Katherine Denker, Ball State University; Patricia Sotirin, Michigan Technological University*  
  *Chad McBride, Creighton University; Paaige K. Turner, Ball State University*  
  *Nicole Defenbaugh, Owner and Founder of ND Communication Consulting LLC; Jimmie Manning, Northern Illinois University; Leland G. Spencer, Miami University*

11:30 AM:  
**Mountainview A**

- **Persisting through Performance**
  
  - **Ending the Silence**  
    *Anjuliet Woodruffe, University of South Florida*
  
  - **Only God Can Forgive: A Resurrection Co-story of Coping With Abuse in Silence**  
    *Jennifer Gutherie, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Joshua Morgan, University of Kansas*
  
  - **Creativity and Artistic Research Methods as Strategies of Autoethnographic Persistence**  
    *Shauna MacDonald, Villanova University; Jennifer Srolovitz, Villanova University*
Saturday, 11:30 AM: Mountainview B
Friends, Handmaids, and Saturday Night Live: Analyzing Gender in TV and Film

Your Friends and Mine: White, Upper Middle Class, Heterosexual Women and Men
Jennifer Dunn, Dominican University

Rachel Green as an Anti-feminist Role Model: How Friends Cultivates Ambiguity to Create a Feminist Message
Anastasia Strodel, University of Southern Indiana; Jessica Rick, University of Southern Indiana

The Dystopian Midwife: Aunt Lydia and the “Fight for Life” in Hulu’s ‘The Handmaid’s Tale’
Kendra Rivera, California State University San Marcos

Queering the Podium and the Man(?) Behind It: Saturday Night Live’s Gendered Parody of Sean Spicer
Kate Rich, University of Texas at Austin

Bechdel Boon or Bust: A Comparative Quantitative Study in Film
Michelle Dreiling, University of Oregon

11:30 AM: Friendship Suite
Theorizing Masculinity in a New Era

Masculinity in Hipsterdom: A Subcultural Scene as a Site for Identity Work
Margaret Murray, University of Michigan

Explication of Toxic Masculinity: Analyzing Twitter
Nathalie Desrayaud, Florida International University; Katleen Li, Florida International University; Emily Boulos, Florida International University

Self-Identified Male Feminists: Sharing Power and Resisting Traditional Models of Masculinity
Linda Crafton, University of Wisconsin Parkside

Is Degendering the New Norm? Exploring Definitions of Gender in the #MeToo Era
Sarah Bradshaw, University of Kansas
A recent spark of outrage about sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and continued wage differences has reignited dialogue about the barrier’s women face in their paths to leadership and influence. This national dialogue has played out in unique ways in individual cities. One interesting case for examining the local shape of this dialogue is Reno, Nevada. A previously small city with deep roots in mining, gaming, and legal prostitution, Reno is experiencing a complete reimagining with extensive growth in technology, health care, and the University of Nevada. Although women leaders represent only 10% of the 1000 members of the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce, they have emerged as a powerful group. Reno has a woman Mayor; for the first time in its 100-year history, the Chamber of Commerce CEO is also a woman; and one-third of new entrepreneurs in the area are women. To understand but also to facilitate the changes occurring in the Reno-Sparks area, we have created the first city-sponsored Northern Nevada Women’s Leadership Initiative, which supports and develops women leaders from a community perspective.

Sarah Blithe, University of Nevada, Reno; Melanie Duckworth, University of Nevada, Reno; Marta Elliott, University of Nevada, Reno; Kjerstin Gruys, University of Nevada, Reno; Debra Moddelmog, University of Nevada, Reno

1:00 PM: Exploring Gender in New Media

Body Image, Social Media, and Feminist Digital Consciousness-Raising
Hannah Stevens, University of California, Davis

Smart Talk: Feminist Feedback to AI Systems
Maureen Ebben, University of Southern Maine; Cheris Kramarae, University of Oregon

The Persistent Subculture of Makeup: Facebook Groups and Feminist Shades of Beauty
Sarah Tellesen, San Diego State University

Capitalizing on the Selling of Self-Objectification through the Kardashian Brand
Emma Taghon, Berry College

I Wasn’t Going to Let Him Win: Examining Women’s Resilience in Response to Online Harassment
Jasmine Linabary, Emporia State University
Navigating multiple roles and tasks, African women have demonstrated persistence and resilience in the face of adversity and pain. Unfortunately, claims Mama (2010), many women remain historically unknown because many events that happened outside of a Western cultural context were not documented or validated. In fact, the spotlight misses them as in the case of Winnie Madikizela so that she was more celebrated in death or say after the 2018 revealing documentary WINNIE by Pascale Lamche which was released just before she passed away. This panel is designed to make the stories of African women known, their voices heard, and their lived experiences validated. As social justice activists, panelists use various case studies of African women’s embodiment of persistence within and outside the African continent in order to demonstrate the complexities and intricacies at stake in their historical and contemporary contributions to global activism.

Moderator: Gloria Pindi Nziba, California State University San Marcos
Lindani Mbunyuza-Memani, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Consolata Nthemba Muta, Randolph-Macon College
Nancy Henaku, Michigan Technological University
Tolulope Odebunmi, Michigan Technological University

1:00 PM: Friendship Suite

Analyzing Gender and Identity in Important Relationships and Contexts

I Can’t Believe She Said That? An Autoethnography of an Interracial Friend Group
Savaughn Williams, Ball State University

What We Carry, What We Leave Behind: Speaking to Silent Sacrifices of my Umma
Stephanie Young, University of Southern Indiana

Goodbye, Dad: An Exploratory Study of Social Support Networks and Perceived Support for Bereaved Women of Fathers in Adulthood
Shelby Bowman, University of Kansas

Non-normative Relational Negotiations: An Exploratory Analysis of Gender Differences in Perceptions, Definitions, and Roles Outline
Abigail Gibbs, Ball State University; Isa Escobio, Ball State University; Katherine Denker, Ball State University; Kayla Rausch, Ohio University; Jacob Fox, Ball State University

Exploring Women and Gang Activity
Grace Gonzalez, California State University Chico

Issues of Language and Gender in First-Generation Students’ Performances of Self
Theresa Conefrey, Santa Clara University
2:30-3:45 PM
Saturday, 2:30 PM: Lakeview

Featured Panel: Constructing Bodies

Moderator: Janell Bauer, California State University, Chico

**Body Positivity, Fashion and Female Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age**
**Featured Speaker: Malia Anderson, CEO Style By Malia**

Nevertheless, She Feels Pretty: A Critical Co-Constructed Autoethnography on Fat Persistence and Resistance
_Cassidy D. Ellis, University of Denver; Sarah Gonzalez Noveiri, University of Denver_

Describing the Body in New Terms: An Examination of 3D Body Scanning Technology and Language Use
_Mary Beth Asbury, Middle Tennessee State University; Frederick. R. Cottle, Middle Tennessee State University_

2:30 PM: Mountainview A

Resisting Binaries and Exploring Metaphors

Building Intersectional Alliances through the Closet Metaphor
_Jamie McDonald, University of Texas at San Antonio; Sara DeTurk, University of Texas at San Antonio_

Catachresis: Hegemonic Misuse of Signifying Terminology
_Nathan Pope, The University of South Carolina in Charlotte_

Am I Queer Enough?: Identity Gaps Among Queer Women
_Alexandria Spadaro, University of Kansas_

Performing in the Middle: A Narrative Exploration of Gender Fluidity and the Politics of Binaries
_Justin Rudnick, Minnesota State University; Nicole Hudak, Ohio University_

Still Looking for Langston
_Jacob Dorman, University of Nevada, Reno_

4:00 PM: Livingroom

Narratives of Global Issues

Widening the Looking Glass: The Silenced Voices of Climate Change
_Jessica Eise, Purdue University_

Versus Tour: From Dissonant Divas to Transfeminist Allies
_Ana Gomez-Parga, The University of Utah_

Reframing the Present: Mock Aid Videos and the Potential for Decolonial Feminist Futures
_Jenna Hanchey, University of Nevada, Reno_

Nevertheless, MENA Women Persisted: Gendered Identity Narratives, Post-truth Crises, and Digitally Reflexive Critique of Middle Eastern and North African Women’s Voices
_Victoria Newsom, Olympic College; Lara Lengel, Bowling Green State University_

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Embodied experiences of disability often collide with (hetero)sexist/ableist conceptions of feminine beauty and masculine strength. These collisions complicate both individual performances of, and cultural discourses about, gender. By exploring intersections of disability and gender, this panel considers how attending to such collisions—including the embodied experience of being a “misfit” (Garland-Thompson, 2011)—might enrich critical, feminist approaches to health communication. The first two papers provide examples of how feminist health communication scholars might explore disability/gender intersections in both public discourse and individual narratives of recovery and advocacy. The final two papers discuss how attending to disability/gender intersections demands embodied approaches to conducting and representing (auto)ethnographic research.

Exploiting the “Super Crip:” A Feminist Analysis of Gender, Disability, and Sport  
Danielle C. Biss, San Diego State University

What Do Disabled Data Do? Feminist Possibilities for Embodied Data Collection of Lived Experiences of Disability  
Laura L. Ellingson, Santa Clara University

Enacting Researcher While Embodying Friend: Friendship as Mutual Life Support  
Jennifer Morey Hawkins, University of Wisconsin

“I never got to cry for all these years. Why don’t you just enjoy it?“: Performing Masculinity as a Stroke Survivor and Advocate  
Sarah M. Parsloe, Rollins College; Patricia Geist-Martin, San Diego State University; Marcella A. Anderson, San Diego State University

4:00 PM: Mountainview B  
You’ve Reached the Mountain Top, Now What?: Cautionary Tales and Thoughts on Post-Tenure Careers

Most of the advising, mentoring, and training graduate students and junior faculty receive is focused on successfully navigating the assistant professor role and earning tenure. While that advice is relevant and needed, so is preparation for post-tenure careers, which is not all learned through time served at the junior level. However, this arguably valuable preparation is often overlooked; organizations may not provide any formal training and colleagues may be unable or unwilling to provide any advice, tips, or mentoring. This roundtable discussion will provide a forum for discussing post-tenure careers (expected and unexpected issues mid-career faculty may face), a safe space for asking questions, and an environment of support and (wo)mentoring.

Tara Schuwerk, Stetson University; LaKresha Graham, Rockhurst University; Karla Scott, Saint Louis University; Cerise Glenn, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

6:00 PM: AWARDS BANQUET  
9:00-11:00 PM: Lakefront Room  
Wine & Chocolate
The public/private dichotomy is problematic as female instructors and professors tend to take up this privatized work through increased advising responsibilities, being more responsive to student needs and concerns, and committing more time to service than their male counterparts. These acts of care often are not recognized publicly. We hope to turn toward our audience to discuss the ways this must change. We claim this work as a legitimate form of resistance; it is time to recognize the tremendous institutional value this work offers. We claim that #timesup within educational spaces that fail to recognize the value for the ways that compassion, love, human connection, and hope serve to dismantle fear, imposterism, and self-loathing so common within institutional life. We do this work privately. But as it turns out, these communicative strategies are powerful in reshaping institutional practices.

In the Name of Love in Higher Ed: Cultivating an Everyday Pedagogy of Love for Radical Resistance
Lisa Gates; San Diego State University

Reflecting on Persistence: Radical Spaces of Resistance in Pursuing Education
Patricia Geist-Martin; San Diego State University

Small Acts of Resistance in Higher Education: Creating Spaces of Deeper Understanding
Kaitlin Brooks, San Diego State University

Reinvigorating Maneuver Warfare as Crafting Human Systems: Radically Decolonizing Spaces to Create Adaptive Marines
Alana Nicastro, Marine Corps Tactics and Operations Group United States Marine Corps

The Gendered Nature of Generosity in Post-Hysterectomy Dear Honey Letters
Jill Yamasaki, University of Houston

Eulalia Abaitua: A Lens for Fin-de-Siecle Basque Society
Cameron Watson, University of Nevada, Reno

Scripted Urbanscapes and a Resistance of Subterfuge: A Mother’s Story
Monique McDade, University of Nevada, Reno

Bharati Mukherjee’s Miss New India: Telemarketing, Virtual Migrations, and the Crisis of Globalization
Adriana Varga, University of Nevada, Reno
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