

The gender symposium aims at bringing together area graduate students engaged in the pursuit of the meaning of gender in all its forms and by way of diverse disciplinary methodologies and perspectives. The opportunity to present one's work, to share with one another the insights discovered through research and reflection, is a first step towards life-long careers as scholars and teachers dedicated to critically analyzing gender and its discontents. Through discussion and mutual inquiry, we intend to hone our skills as communicators, create and sustain a learned community, and inspire ourselves and others to interrogate the operations of gender with rigor and dedication to the multi-disciplinary field of feminist studies.

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### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Thursday April 20th~6:00 PM  
Knight Room ~Martin Center~Fir Hill St.

"Crossing Borders in the Interrogation of  
the Gendered Past"

Martha S. Santos  
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"The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn."  
—Gloria Steinem



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FRIDAY APRIL 21ST

## PROGRAM

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8:30 – 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Remarks~Jean-Anne Sutherland

### 9:15 – 10:45 Panel I ~ Engendering Spanish Culture

Jennifer Savitscus (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of Modern Languages) "Women's Transcendence and Redefinition through Art and Literature"

Amanda Matousek (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of Modern Languages), "Franco's Puppets: How the Indoctrination of Women Contributed to the Stabilization of the Spanish Dictatorship,"

Brenda Ortiz-Loyola (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of Modern Languages), "Rewriting History: The Feminine Perspective of the Spanish Civil War"

Emily Betz (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of Modern Languages), "Bernarda Alba, Female Patriarch: The Role of the Woman in Franco's Spain."

Facilitator: Martha Santos (Univ. of Denver)

10:45 – 11:00 Break

### 11:00 – 12:00 Panel II ~ Rules, Relationships and Sexuality

Russell Toomey (Kent State Univ., Dept. of Human Dev/Family Studies and Gerontology), "Perceived Sibling Relationships of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and

Transgender Youth"

Amanda Dennison (Univ. of Toledo, Dept. of History), "Allowed to be an American?: Lesbian Immigrants Face the Hypocrisy of U.S. Immigration Policies";

Thomas Gore and Molly Taggart (Kent State Univ., School of Communications Studies), "Expressing Opinions Regarding the Legalization of Same-Sex Marriages: An Application of the Spiral of Silence Theory."

Facilitator: Lisa Grossman, (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of Sociology)

12:00 – 12:45 Lunch

### 12:45 – 1:45 Panel III ~ Race(jing) Women

Jenifer Knight (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of History), "Naked, Savage, Woman: The Struggle for Black Subjectivity in the Life and Dance of Josephine Baker"

Caroline Rowe (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of History), "A Microcosm of Womanhood: Akron Women's Ku Klux Klan"

Denise Lacombe (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of History), "The Reluctant Cultural Hitwoman: Native American Women, Domesticity and Resistance in Indian Boarding School Outing Programs"

Facilitator: Christopher Howard, (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of History)

1:45 – 2:00 Break

### 2:00 – 2:45 Panel IV ~ Beyond the Bounds and Within the Bond

Lisa Smith (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of History), "Domesticity Challenged: The Female Spy and Soldier of the Civil War and the Re-Definition of True Womanhood"

Barbara Wittman (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of History), "Louisa S. McCord: The Content of Her Character"

Facilitator: Peter Guiler (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of History)

2:45 – 3:00 Break

### 3:00 – 4:30 Panel V ~ Unmasking Masculine Performances

Jordon A. Fenton (Kent State Univ., Art History), "Gender Dualities in Masks Among the Igbo and Ejagham of Nigeria"

Emily Lane (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of English), "The Back-Row Boys: Challenged Masculinities in the College Composition Classroom"

Thomas D. Gore (Kent State Univ., School of Communications Studies) and Patrika Janstova (Cleveland State Univ.), "Taking a Quantitative Approach to Examine Female Roles in James Bond Films"

Ariane Prohaska (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of Sociology) and Jeannine Gailey (Texas Christian Univ., Dept. of Sociology, Criminal Justice and Anthropology), "It's a Dog's Night Baby and We're Gonna Score: Achieving Masculinity through Hogging"

Facilitator: Jean-Anne Sutherland (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of Sociology)

4:30 – 4:45 Break

### 4:45 – 5:45 Panel VI ~ Embodying Ourselves

Jessica Leveto (Kent State Univ., Dept. of Sociology), "The Need for Gender Specific Treatment of Adolescent Females in Residential Treatment Centers"

Michelle Kelly (Kent State Univ., Dept. of Sociology), "What Society Expects When You're Expecting"

Jodi Ross (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of Sociology), "(Re)Presenting Breast-Feeding: Rhetoric and Reality"

Facilitator: Stacie Goosman (Univ. of Akron, Dept. of History)

5:45 – 6:00 Closing Remarks