

Women's Caucus Panels
CSCA 2015
Madison, WI

Thursday, April 16th

1104 Thursday 8:00–9:15 AM University Room D

Competitive Papers in the Women's Caucus I

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Tennley A. Vik**, Emporia State University

Respondent: **Amanda Brown**, University of Wisconsin, Stout

The Body and its Able-ness: Articulating Eligibility through Rhetorics of Motherhood, Unjust Language, and Questionable Medical Authority

Rachel D. Davidson, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Victimhood and the Feminist Nightmare: Identifying Criminalization as the Contemporary Feminist Problem

Lindsey Badger, Indiana University

Muting Consent: Derailing for Dummies, Muted Group Theory, and Sexual Assault Prevention

Ashley Denney, Kansas State University

Locks & Keys: Navigating the College Hookup Culture

Jillene A. Krause, North Dakota State University

Kayley Erlandson, North Dakota State University

Katie Ralston, North Dakota State University

Erin Ahneman, North Dakota State University

Dawn Berry, North Dakota State University

Carrie Ann Platt, North Dakota State University

This panel highlights competitive papers in the Women's Caucus specifically related to women's bodies. Papers on this panel explore issues related to body able-ness and women-specific experiences, victimhood, consent and sexual assault, and hooking up. Please join us to learn more about these important topics in women's lives.

1203 Thursday 9:30-10:45 AM University Room D

From SlutWalks to Sex Ed: Convergent Responses to Sexual Violence

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Jennifer Kramer**, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

Presenters: **Trudi Peterson**, Monmouth College

Kate Zittlow Rogness, Monmouth College

Terri Russ, St. Mary's College

Lori A. Walters-Kramer, Monmouth College

Participants will approach the topic of sexual violence from different disciplinary perspectives. These disciplinary perspectives will converge in hopes to nuance our academic and activist understanding of sexual violence as a contemporary public debate. Topics addressed by the presenters include the discursive construction of rape culture as well as SlutWalks and sexuality education programs such as *Our Whole Lives* as forms of resistance. Audience members will be invited to respond to the participants' positions.

1404 Thursday 12:30-1:45 PM University Room D

I'm a Feminist Football Fan! A Discussion on Reconciling Feminist Viewpoints and Sports Fandom

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Joy L. Daggs**, Northwest Missouri State University

Presenters: **Anne Gerbensky-Kerber**, University of Wisconsin, Stout

Robin A. Jones, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Sarah Turner McGowen, University of Missouri

Rebekah Watson Gaidis, University of Indianapolis

With the recent issues in sports, particularly the NFL, with domestic violence, it can be difficult for feminist sports fans to reconcile being a fan of something that is unwelcoming to women.

This discussion panel will allow each female sports fan to discuss her navigation of this paradox by sharing personal experiences and views on portrayals of masculinity and femininity in sports.

1503 Thursday 2:00-3:15 PM University Room D

You Studied for Prison? A Convergence of Perspectives on *Orange is the New Black*

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Amanda Brown**, University of Wisconsin-Stout

Presenters: **Shawna J. Blake**, Independent Researcher

Jacki Brucher-Moore, Kirkwood Community College

Heather Nesemeier, Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Elaina M. Ross, Northeastern State University

Julianna Salman, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

Kellie W. Smith, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

Based on the true story by Piper Kerman, the Netflix series *Orange is the New Black* guides its viewers through a white, middle-class woman's assimilation into a federal correctional institution. The series has been both acclaimed and criticized for its pop-culture portrayal of the prison system, white privilege, racial stereotypes, and LGBT issues. Panelists will discuss and analyze the wildly popular series through various lenses.

1604 Thursday 3:30-4:45 PM University Room D

It's What She Said: Empowerment through the Convergence of Women (Top Panel)

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Malynnda Johnson**, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Presenters: **Sarah White**, Editor, *What She Said*

Leslie Ann Howard, Author, *What She Said*

Eve Scheffenacker, Author, *What She Said*

Dawn Crim, Author, *What She Said*

Jen Winiger, Author, *What She Said*

Connie Lovett, Author, *What She Said*

This panel brings together voices of Wisconsin women from all ages and backgrounds. A book titled *What She Said* brought the stories of 30 women who have been empowered to do great things. From helping make Title IX become reality, working in industries known as being for

men only, to challenging the narratives of marriage and motherhood.

1704 Thursday 5:00-6:15 PM University Room D

Converging Stories: Bringing Women on the Fringe into Focus through Narrative

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Karyl Daughters**, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

Respondent: **Jennifer Adams**, DePauw University

I Thought I Would be put in an Insane Asylum: Expanding narratives of the lived experience of menopause

Terri Russ, St. Mary's College

No Matter What I Have, It's Because I'm Fat: Harm in framing weight as a medical concern

Jennifer Kramer, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

Waiting for the invitation: Women's narratives of struggling to enact partnership with their cancer surviving spouses

Rebecca Imes, Carroll University

You just have to be Careful: Support network building strategies among victim advocates

Johnanna Ganz, Bowling Green State University

Hear Our Voices: Narratives of Indiana girls

Marne Austin, St. Mary's College

Oppression pervades such that "absence of choices" (hooks, 2000) becomes the norm for many women. As Allen (1996) explains, "When we privilege the knowledge of the oppressed...we reveal aspects of the social order that previously had not been exposed." This panel highlights the previously neglected narratives of women entering menopause, obese women experiencing discriminatory medical encounters, domestic violence advocates' occupational stigma, and young girls. Convergence of these unheard narratives is vital to changing oppressive systems.

Friday, April 17th

2203 Friday 9:30-10:45 AM University Room D

What are you doing here? Exploring the Discourse Surrounding Women in Men's Space of Sport

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Tiffany R. Wang**, University of Montevallo

Respondent: **Elizabeth Ribarsky**, University of Illinois, Springfield

The Increased "Talk" about Female Athletes in the Media: Delightful or Dangerous?

Angela M. Jerome, Western Kentucky University

We Sort of Care about Female Fans: Roger Goodell's Response to the Ray Rice Incident

Rebekah Watson Gaidis, University of Indianapolis

We've Got Something to Say! Female Fans Reaching out and Connecting on Social Media

Jody Strauch, Northwest Missouri State University

Joy L. Daggs, Northwest Missouri State University

The papers on this panel explore the discourse around women and sports. Whether it be how women talk sports among themselves, how women are talked about as athletes, or how women are talked to as fans, there is a unique discourse unfolding in this country as women enter and take up nearly half of what has been traditionally "men's space."

2304 Friday 11:00 AM-12:15 PM University Room D

Managing the Convergence Points of Work and Life: Discussions of Work-Life Balance with Pre-Tenure Female Faculty

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Sarah E. Wilder**, Luther College

Presenters: **Sylvia L. Mikucki-Enyart**, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

Jennifer Anderson, South Dakota State University

Angela M. Hosek, Ohio University

Haley Kranstuber Horstman, University of Missouri

Amanda Holman, Creighton University

Tiffany R. Wang, University of Montevallo

The work-life conflict, especially for females, is an area brimming with opportunity for research and discussion. As such, six female panelists, pre-tenure, at differing types of institutions, with a variety of life and/or family commitments, come together to discuss work-life challenges. Panelists will discuss discourses surrounding work-life balance, share their experiences in academia, and discuss tips and best practices. The panel will encourage conversation with attendees about managing the convergence points of work and life.

2503 Friday 2:30-3:45 PM University Room D

Doing It Alone: Challenges of the Paired Norm in Academia

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Karla Mason Bergen**, College of Saint Mary

Presenters: **Amanda Brown**, University of Wisconsin, Stout

Joy L. Daggs, Northwest Missouri State University

Elizabeth Ribarsky, University of Illinois, Springfield

Tiffany R. Wang, University of Montevallo

Rebekah Watson Gaidis, University of Indianapolis

Although being a woman faculty member brings with it inherent challenges, when this is coupled with being single, the challenges are augmented. Many individuals assume that without a romantic partner (and often children), the single faculty have copious amounts of free time and flexibility than romantically-paired faculty, and therefore, are sometimes charged with increased demands. This collaborative discussion panel will invite participants and attendees to reassess the expectations of single women faculty members.

2604 Friday 4:00-5:15 PM University Room D

Not the "F" Word: Approaches to Feminism in the College Classroom

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Emily Rauscher**, Texas A&M University

Presenters: **Rebekah Watson Gaidis**, University of Indianapolis

Jessica M. W. Kratzer, Middle Tennessee State University

Heather Nesemeier, Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Tennley A. Vik, Emporia State University

Malynnda Johnson, Minnesota State University, Mankato

This panel will focus on how instructors broach the topic of feminism, the challenges faced in approaching this topic with students, and how to introduce it to students in an attempt to address

stigmas related to feminism. Panelists will discuss perspectives from teaching a variety of communication classes in areas such as media, health, and interpersonal as well as offer a variety of approaches used to tackle the “F” word and the deeper societal context.

Saturday, April 18th

3104 Saturday 8:00–9:15 AM University Room D

Hashtagging Gender: Converging Feminism and Activism

Sponsor: Women’s Caucus

Chair: **Stephanie Young**, University of Southern Indiana

Respondent: **Danielle M. Stern**, Christopher Newport University

#WhyIStayed: Using Twitter to Re-frame Narratives of Domestic Violence

Jennifer Billinson, Christopher Newport University

#direnkahkaha: Laughter as Turkish Feminist Protest

Michelle Calka, Manchester University

#WomenAgainstFeminism: Why We Need Feminism Online and Offline

Krista Catalfamo, Christopher Newport University

Disrupting #AskThicke: Feminism or Bullying Free-For-All?

Katherine J. Denker, Ball State University

#Scandal: Fans Dismiss Feminist Possibilities of *Scandal*

Jennifer C. Dunn, Dominican University

Online participatory media provides outlets for performing collective identities of gender and feminism, and resisting normative expectations of identity via interventions against sexist messages, individuals, and institutions. Scholars need to examine the dispersed, symbiotic, and polymediated curation of and reaction to gender and feminism in popular and political culture. This paper panel brings together five examinations of the convergence of feminism and activism, including in popular television, popular music, identity politics, and causes of encouraging political participation and advocating against domestic violence.

3204 Saturday 9:30-10:45 AM University Room D

First Person Narratives of Female Student Leaders: Connected Leadership as Activism in Higher Education

Sponsor: Women’s Caucus

Chair: **Andrea Baldwin**, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Presenters: **Melinda Yeomans**, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Summer Stewart, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Savannah McCord, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Kelly Meloy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Xiaoxuan Ji, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Sarah Wagner, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Megan Peterson, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Since 2012, the Center for Inclusive Excellence at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale has provided resources for diversity and innovation to diverse demographics of students. This Panel includes members of student organizations housed under the Women’s Resource Center, a branch of the CIE. Their experiences provide a map to explore where this newly minted program will develop. This panel aim to share transformative experiences of empowering

women as student leaders and beyond.

3304 Saturday 11:00 AM-12:15 PM University Room D

Competitive Papers in the Women's Caucus II

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Sarah Turner McGowen**, University of Missouri

Respondent: **Joy L. Daggs**, Northwest Missouri State University

Beyond Choice: A Call to the Conversation

Sarah Jedd, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Representation of Women in Political Coverage: Using Media Subversion and Pragmatism to Change Political Discourse

Rachel Kinnard, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Place as Consciousness Raising: The Place-making Strategies of the Women-only Safe Spaces of the Occupy Wall Street Movement

Christopher Thomas, University of Iowa

Humor and "Feminine Style" in Tina Fey's *Bossypants*

Claire A. Kochmer, Ball State University

This panel highlights competitive papers in the Women's Caucus specifically related to political issues. Papers on this panel explore issues related to a Planned Parenthood abortion-rights campaign, women in political media coverage, women in the Occupy Wall Street Movement, and how Tina Fey navigates both the personal and political using humor. Please join us to learn more about these important topics in women's lives.

3404 Saturday 12:30-1:45 PM University Room D

**Celebrities who become Feminists versus Feminists who become Famous:
The Convergence of Celebrities and Feminism**

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Chair: **Heather Nesemeier**, Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Presenters: **Elaina M. Ross**, Northeastern State University

Tennley A. Vik, Emporia State University

Shawna J. Blake, Northeastern State University

Karla Mason Bergen, College of Saint Mary

Jamie L. Shanks, Northeastern State University

Marisa Rodriguez, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi

From Beyoncé to Taylor Swift to Amy Poehler to Emma Watson, celebrities have begun to proudly tout their newly public feminist monikers. This panel will discuss the convergence of celebrities and feminism and the impact on how feminism is perceived with these new spokespeople who represent varying degrees of feminist beliefs. Additionally, the panel will discuss the impact of celebrities who proudly declare that they are not feminists, such as Katy Perry and Madonna.

3503 Saturday 2:00-3:15 PM University Room D

Top Papers in the Women's Caucus

Sponsor: Women's Caucus

Chair: **Rebekah Watson Gaidis**, University of Indianapolis

Respondent: **Malynnda Johnson**, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Paradoxes of Young Women's (Im)Purity: Affirming Heteronormativity and Queering
Heterosexuality in Family Discourses of Purity Pledges (Top Paper)
Jimmie Manning, Northern Illinois University
Visuality, Role, and Representation: The First Ladies at the Smithsonian (Top Student Paper)
Sara Kitsch, Texas A&M University
Appropriates of Motherhood: Constructing the Mythic American Teacher
Hilary A. Rasmussen, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Angelina Jolie's ovaries: Influence of metaphors of the ovary and ovarian cancer public
discourse of ovarian cancer

Dinah A. Tetteh, Bowling Green State University
This panel highlights the top papers in the Women's Caucus. Diverse issues are covered that
include both personal and political aspects of women and women's bodies. These papers cover
issues pertaining to family and purity, historical representations of women, motherhood, and
ovarian cancer. Check out this panel to learn more about these interesting topics and to hear
from our top paper authors.

3603 Saturday 3:30-4:45 PM University Room D

Women's Caucus Business Meeting

Chair: **Jessica M. W. Kratzer**, Middle Tennessee State University
Vice Chair: **Malynnda Johnson**, University of Wisconsin, Mankato
Secretary: **Molly Wiant Cummins**, St. Cloud State University