

Spring 2018 Women's Studies Colloquia

All colloquia for Spring 2018 will be held in Saunders Hall 637 from 12:30 -1:45pm

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Friday Jan 19; 12:30-1:45. Derrick Higginbotham, PhD

Derrick Higginbotham is a new faculty member of the Department of English at UH Mānoa, joining the department as an Assistant professor in fall 2017. Dr. Higginbotham's primary teaching and research interests are late medieval and early modern English literary cultures, queer theory/gender studies, and contemporary queer African literatures. He is especially interested in interrelations between literature, sexuality, and economics, both in the past and present. Currently, Dr. Higginbotham is finishing his first book manuscript entitled *Winners and Wasters: Profit, Pleasure, and Plays in Late Medieval and Early Modern England*.

Friday Feb 2; 12:30-1:45. Charlene Baker, PhD

Charlene Baker is professor and department chair of Psychology at UH Mānoa. Her research is focused on understanding the causes of and strategies for preventing violence against women and children. Specifically, she examines how individual, family, community, systems, and societal factors influence social problems, and in particular emphasizes the intersection of social problems; e.g., domestic violence and homelessness; dating violence and substance use. Dr. Baker's current line of research is focused on exploring the intersection of dating violence and technology use among adolescents and young adults.

Friday March 9; 12:30-1:45. Ivette Rodriguez Stern, MSW & Sarah Yuan, PhD

Ivette Rodriguez Stern is a Junior Specialist with the University of Hawai'i – Center on the Family and the director of the Hawai'i KIDS COUNT project. She is a social worker by training, now specializing in macro level practices related to child and family well-being. Her work integrates research and extension activities and focuses on assessing and evaluating the conditions of children and families in Hawai'i through the use of program data and social indicators for policy and program development efforts.

Sarah Yuan is an Associate Specialist at the Center on the Family at the University of Hawai'i. She is a sociologist, specializing in medical sociology, demography of aging, and survey methodology. She engages in multidisciplinary research and outreach activities with an emphasis on bringing research-based and credible information to the public. Her recent and on-going studies include community quality of life, homelessness, substance-abuse prevention, population aging, and intergenerational relationships.

Friday April 27; 12:30-1:45. Julie Walsh, PhD

Julie Walsh is an Assistant Specialist at the Center for Pacific Islands Studies. Dr. Walsh's research interests include Marshallese models of leadership and authority, RMI-US relations, Marshallese histories, Micronesian traditions and politics, immigrant experiences, indigenizing education, cross-cultural adoptions, and public anthropology. Much of her work demonstrates a commitment to increasing cross-cultural awareness in the public realm including a non-profit organization she cofounded with Marshallese colleagues, Small Island Networks, that offers skills-training opportunities for Marshallese immigrants and cultural orientations for Hawai'i service providers.

Friday May 4; 12:30-1:45. Women's Studies Capstone Presentation.

Please join the Women's Studies department for the final colloquia event of the semester, where graduate students in the capstone class will present their final presentations. We look forward to a wide range of topics and a lively discussion afterward.