



UCSD Critical Gender Studies

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Faculty Director Message

Dear Colleagues,

I write to you at the start of another busy year for all of us at Critical Gender Studies. This quarter we have three different and very successful courses offered to UCSD undergraduate students. CGS 2A on social movements is being taught by Prof. Steve Epstein from the Sociology department. Prof. Lisa Yoneyama from the Literature department is offering a newly designed class on comparative East Asian feminisms. I am thoroughly enjoying teaching the honors seminar in which CGS majors who qualify for the honors program plan and research their honors thesis project.

The major task we at CGS have undertaken this year is the joint search with the Ethnic Studies department for a tenure-track faculty member. This hire, which was carried over from last year, should bring some very exciting candidates to our campus for job talks. Stay tuned for more details on this search.

This year we also begin preliminary discussions on adding a graduate component to the CGS program. This is something that graduate students have been lobbying for for a while and that CGS affiliated faculty have been discussing for some time. We hope to have public meetings about this planned expansion of the program later in this academic year.

This year we have a host of academic and social events lined up for you. Please attend the annual Fall Quarter Reception for CGS majors, minors and interested undergraduates on November 6th (details below). We promise lots of free food, a chance to meet people in your CGS class, chat with CGS professors, and learn about career options for CGS majors.

We are also happy to announce that we will continue our fine tradition of quarterly film screenings, jointly sponsored with the Women's Center and organized by UCSD graduate students. This quarter join us at 6:00 on November 20th at the Women's Center for dinner, the screening of Julian Schnabel's Before Night Falls (based on the memoirs of gay Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas), and a panel discussion after the screening. Our graduate student organizer for this event is Tania Triana from the Literature department. This event like all our events is free of charge.

And finally, let me offer a quick preview of the three new courses offered by CGS in the Winter 2003 quarter. CGS 2B is being taught for the first time by Prof. Winnie Woodhull who will focus on gender and the media. Prof. Halberstam is also offering a new course -- an introduction to gender and sexuality (CGS 102). And Prof. Leigh Star from the Communication dept. offers our third new course, CGS 109A on gender, science and technology. All three courses have been designed exclusively for CGS and promise to be very exciting. So sign up!

If you are interested in taking a CGS class, writing an honors thesis, majoring in, double majoring in, or doing a CGS minor, please drop by my office or drop me a note via email or come chat with Nancy Hatch. **We have the answers to all your questions.**

Peace,
Rosemary M. George
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Upcoming Events

CGS Student Reception

Wednesday, November 6th

4:00-5:30

Davis/Riverside Room, Price Center

Refreshments

Majors, minors, interested students: all are welcome.

CGS New Faculty Lunch

Wednesday, November 20th

12:00-1:30

Faculty Club Dining Room

Reservations: Please get in touch with Nancy Hatch:

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CGS Film Screening

Wednesday, November 20th

6:00

Women's Center

Screening of Julian Schnabel's *Before Night Falls* (based on the memoirs of gay Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas), and a panel discussion after the screening. Graduate student organizer: Tania Triana, Literature department

Call for Proposal

National Women's Studies

Association 24th Annual Conference

June 19-22, 2003

For information on the conference and proposal guidelines, please come to the CGS Office, 2073 HSS. PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Sunday, November 24, 2002.

Call for Paper

"Thinking Gender"

Thirteenth Annual Graduate Student Research Conference

A public conference highlighting feminist research by graduate students in the humanities, social sciences, the arts, law, social welfare and public health.

UCLA Faculty Center

8:00am-5:00pm

March 7, 2003

Graduate students are invited to present their research on women and/or gender. Papers on women of color and queer issues and any exhibits utilizing the arts are especially welcome. Please submit an abstract and a CV (each 2 pages maximum) to the UCLA Center for the Study of Women.

For further information contact the CSW Office.

DEADLINE: December 6, 2002

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Alumni/ae News

Maureen Ray '02

I'm now in my fourth week of graduate school, and I wanted to write you a note to let you know how I'm doing. I'm in UCLA's Teacher Education Program, and I'm having a blast! It is a wonderful curriculum with a social justice mission, and my work in under-served schools is very challenging and fulfilling.

Not a day passes when I don't draw upon my gender studies work. With every reading I puzzle over, every class discussion, and every school interaction, I return to my work in CGS to guide me to be a more critical thinker. I come to class every day armed with theory to explore and the ability to constantly evaluate what I do and do not know. Not only do I feel empowered in my work, but I bring a perspective to the classroom that enriches everyone's experiences. In one of my cultural foundations classes, for example, we were asked to consider what it meant to be heterosexual. My friends stared blankly for a minute, and when I mentioned a few privileges straights have that gays don't, the whole conversation changed. They began to brainstorm passionately, asking me questions and reconsidering their own lives. It was quite exciting for me!

So thank you, thank you, thank you for offering such a wonderful major! I thank my lucky stars every day that I was part of such a wonderful community of learners. Viva CGS!

