



SIMMONS COLLEGE

Graduate Program

GENDER

AND

CULTURAL

STUDIES



Intersectionality

Crossing disciplinary boundaries, the graduate program in Gender and Cultural Studies [GCS] is dedicated to critically analyzing intersecting systems of power and privilege, and examining the ways in which race, ethnicity, nation, class, gender, sexuality, and sexual orientation are constructed within the United States and in international contexts.

Cutting Edge Theory

The program places an emphasis on cutting-edge theory, including theories in feminism, poststructuralism, cultural studies, and postcolonialism, and promotes multi-perspectival, multi-factored theoretical analyses.



Interdisciplinary

The interdisciplinary nature of the GCS program allows students to pursue more specialized courses of study by providing access to courses from a range of disciplines, including Africana Studies, Communications, Economics, Education, English, History, Modern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies.

Inspiring Social Change

The GCS program strives to prepare and inspire the next generation of scholars, educators, activists, and professional leaders.

Degree Requirements

Candidates for the Gender/Cultural Studies degree must complete eight courses [32 semester hours]. Students usually complete their degree in two years.

Required core courses

Students must take both of the following courses:

GCS 403 Seminar in Gender/Cultural Studies

GCS 430 Cultural Theory

GCS core elective course

Students must take one of the following courses:

GCS 406 Feminism and Literature

GCS 410 Issues in International Studies

GCS 412 Theoretical Approaches to Cultural Narratives

GCS 415 Feminism and Economic Difference

GCS 417 Race Theory

GCS electives

Students must take at least three courses from the GCS electives list [next page].

Capstone

All students must complete at least 4 capstone credit hours and present their work at the GCS colloquium. The capstone options are list below:

GCS-455 Thesis

GCS-460 Project

GCS-470 Internship

GCS-480 Gender/Cultural Fieldwork





GCS electives

[please visit the course catalog for the complete list]

GCS/ENG 405 Contemporary Critical Theory
AST 513 The Black Struggle for Schooling in America
AST 529 Race, Culture, Identity and Achievement
AST 536 Black Narratives of Oppression, Resistance, and Resiliency
AST/SOC/WST 540 Intimate Family Violence: A Multicultural
Perspective
AST 588 Black Popular Culture and the Education of Black Youth
ENGL 508 The Postcolonial Novel
ENGL 517 Toni Morrison and American Literature
ENGL 527 Race and Gender in Psychoanalytic Discourse
ENGL 598 Feminist Film Studies
HIST 527 Archives, History, and Collective Memory
HIST 560 Seminar in the History of Women and Gender
HIST 561 Topics in World History: Cross Cultural Encounters
HIST 567 Memory and the Holocaust
INRL 590 Seminar in International Relations
PHIL 532 Law and Philosophy
SOC 500 Gender and Islam
SOC/AST 511 Critical Race Legal Theory
SOC 538 (TC) Cross-Cultural Alliance Building
SOC 539 Qualitative Research Workshop
SOC 545 Health Systems and Policy
SOC 547 Antiracism and Justice Work
SOC 548 Re-envisioning the Third World
WGST 554 Feminist Theories
WGST 580 Gender and Queer Theory



Common Career Tracks

- ◆ Preparation for admission to a competitive Ph.D. program
- ◆ Non-Profit Organizing
- ◆ Student Life and Student Services
- ◆ Social Work/Social Services
- ◆ Non-Profit Management
- ◆ Preparation for admission to Law School
- ◆ K-12 Educational Programming/Administration
- ◆ Public Policy – GCS/ Public Policy Dual Degree
- ◆ Communications



Dual degree programs

Dual degree programs are full time, 2-4 yr programs. Students receive two degrees.

Dual Degree with MS in Management (MSM)

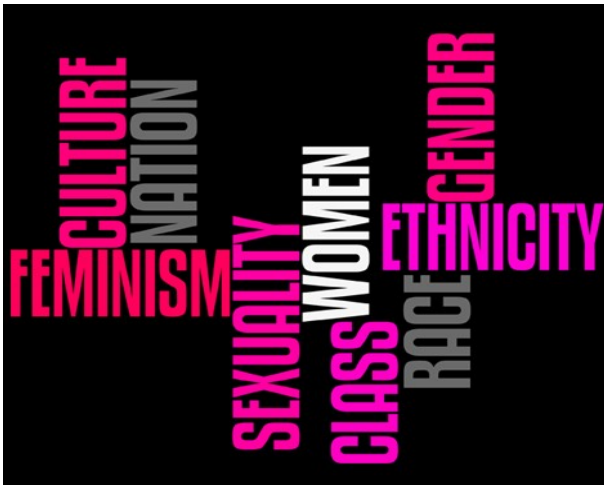
Dual Degree with MA in Public Policy (MPP)

The Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality



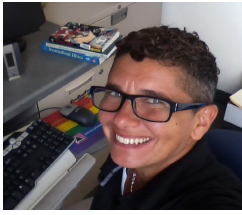
Simmons is a member of The Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality. The Consortium is housed at MIT

and offers interdisciplinary, team-taught seminars to students who are enrolled in member institutions. Courses critically address gender, race, class, nation, sexualities, and the practical implications and applications of feminist theory. The Consortium membership includes Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Simmons College, Tufts University, and the University of Massachusetts, Boston.



Featured GCS Affiliated Faculty

For a complete list of GCS Affiliated Faculty, please visit:
<http://www.simmons.edu/academics/graduate-programs/gender-cultural-studies-ma>



GCS Program
Director

Jo Trigilio

Specializations: non-binary gender; intersections of feminist, gender, race, sexuality, & queer theories; feminist epistemology

Courses: WGST 554 Feminist Theories; WGST 480 Gender & Queer Theory; GCS 403 Seminar in Gender & Cultural Studies



Saher Selod

Specializations: Racialization of Muslims, Islamophobia, gendered racialization, citizenship, and aging

Courses: GCS 417 Race Theory; SOCI 500 Gender and Islam



Jyoti Puri

Specializations: Sexualities, states, nationalisms, and postcolonial feminist critiques; India/South Asia studies

Courses: GCS 410 Queer Transnational; GCS 410 Sexuality, State, and Governance



Sheldon George

Specializations: American & African-American literature Lacanian psychoanalysis; effects of slavery and racism on American racial identity

Courses: GCS/ENG 405 Contemporary Critical Theory; ENGL 517 Toni Morrison and American Literature; ENGL 527 Race and Gender in Psychoanalytic Discourse



Sarah Leonard

Specializations: Cultural Theory; history of gender & modern Germany; intersection of theory & empirical research

Courses: GCS 430 Cultural Theory; HIST 567 Memory & the Holocaust; HIST 577 Sem in Topics in Modern European History; HIST 597 Historical Methods & Research



Theresa Perry

Specializations: Education & African American social identities; meta-analyses of educational environments and high achievement among African American students.

Courses: AST 513 Black Struggle for Schooling in America; AST 529 Race, Culture, Identity, & Achievement; AST 536 Black Narratives of Oppression, Resistance, & Resiliency; AST 588 Black Popular Culture & Education of Black Youth

Suzanne Leonard



Specializations: Feminist media studies, film & television studies; women's literature; intersections of feminism & pop culture.

Courses: GCS 406 Feminism and Literature; GCS 430 Cultural Theory; ENGL 554 Studies in Film Genre; ENGL 598 Feminist Media Studies

Valerie Leiter



Specializations: Medical sociology, gender and health, research methods, sociology of childhood and youth, and disability.

Courses: MPP 504, Quantitative Analysis; SOCI 521 Sociology of Food; SOCI 539 Qualitative Research Workshop; SOCI 545 Health Systems and Policy

Dawna Thomas



Specializations: Intersection of disability, gender, race, ethnicity, and class; Race/Ethnic Studies; Healthcare policy, disability policy, community-based research, and grassroots coalition building.

Courses: AST/SOC/WST 540: Intimate Family Violence: A Multicultural Perspective



Renee Bergland

Specializations: Early and Nineteenth-Century American Literature and Culture; Native American Studies; Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Courses: GCS/ENG 405 Contemporary Critical Theory; GCS/ENG 406 Feminism and Literature; ENG 520 American Women's Poetry; ENG 528 American Ghosts: The Cultural Politics of Haunting; ENG 531 Literary Boston



Becky Thompson

Specializations: antiracism, social justice, whiteness, liberatory education and contemplative practices

Courses: SOCI 544 Sociology of Poetry and Prose; SOCI 547 Antiracism and Justice Work



Diane Grossman

Specializations: Continental philosophy, feminist theory and applied ethics.

Courses: GCS 430 Cultural Theory; WGST 554 Feminist Theories, PHIL 532 Philosophy and Law

Simmons

Simmons is a private, small, urban university with a history of progressive, visionary thinking and a commitment to social responsibility.



Its core purpose is transformative learning that links passion with lifelong purpose.



Boston

Simmons is located in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston. Boston is a thriving, dynamic city offering a wealth of historical sights, museums, sports events, cultural productions, and live performances, and is internationally renowned for its educational and medical institutions.



Information and Contacts

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