

9:30am Media Representations of Black Women Moderator: Kristin Rowe (African American and African Studies)

Bhargavi Dixit: Television vs. Modern Women of Color

Breanna Escamilla: The Politics of Black Womanhood and Reality Television

Sarah Fleming: The curious case of the Awkward Black Girl

Keiarra Menefee: Hidden Figures: Unlocking Representations of Black Women in Video Games

Social Scientific Perspectives on Gender, Sexuality, and Family Moderator: Praveena Lakshmanan (Sociology)

Sara Burnosky and Monica Williamson: Parental Navigation of Adolescent Sexuality

Weslie Murphy: Current HIV Prevention Practices Among Domestic Violence Advocates

Elizabeth Bloom and Briann Wilson: Effects of Economic Abuse

11:00am Gender and Feminism in Religion, Politics, Philosophy, and History Moderator: Kelly O'Brien (Sociology)

Marisa Meyerson: Nidah: When Tradition is Not Enough

Rachel Rossow: For Liberty and Justice for Christian Men

Lauren Tamboer: Masculinity, Meat and the Martyr

Women, Gender, and Health Moderator: Robyn Bluhm (Philosophy and Lyman Briggs College)

Madelyn Averill: Gender Discrimination and the Missing Girl in India: A Case Study of the PNDA Act

Ayda Sadat Alavi: The Dire Conditions of Women and Young Girls in the Za'atari Refugee Camp and the Implications on Their Health

Valerie Russell, Joel Soler, and Lily Yan: Gender Disparities in Photic Modulation of Learning/Memory and Hippocampal Plasticity in the Diurnal Grass Rat (*Arvicantis niloticus*)

12:30pm Keynote/Lunch – See below

2:15pm Black Relationships in the Media Moderator: Tara Mock (African American and African Studies)

Legacy Cannon: In Honor of Artina: An Analysis of Black Relationships Portrayed in Mass Media

Asha Dawsey: Colorism in the Animated Series the Proud Family and its Impact on African American Millennials

Tierra Nelson: Comical Misogyny

Destiny Morris: Exploitation or Reality Check? A look at Representations of Black Bodies Crime Shows

Sexualities Moderator: Tim Retzlaff (Center for Gender in Global Context)

Elizabeth Schondelmayer: You're Here, You're Queer, and We've (Suddenly) Gotten Used to It: An Analysis of the Rapid Changes in American Acceptance Towards the LGBTQ Community

Alyse Maksimoski and Katrina Groeller: The Bi/Pan Experience: Exposing Bi/Pan Marginalization on Michigan State University's Campus

Gender and Music Performance Moderator: Cwen Homa (Musicology)

Bronwen McVeigh: Playing Pretty: Performing Gender at the Piano in Film

Emma Gregory: What Mama Never Told Me: Sex, Shame, and Growing Up

Keynote delivered by Dr. April Zeoli, School of Criminal Justice:

Do Legal Firearms Restrictions for Perpetrators of Domestic Violence have an Impact on Intimate Partner Homicide levels?

Whether legal firearms restrictions are effective in reducing gun violence and homicide is an important and timely question. In this research, we investigate this question by analyzing the impact of laws that are expressly designed to reduce a specific subset of homicide: firearms prohibitions for those subject to domestic violence restraining orders and for those convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence. There is great variation among states on whether and how these restrictions are legislated; these variations may be critically important to the implementation and effectiveness of the laws. The goals of this project are to determine whether the potential impact of these policies on intimate partner homicide are affected by 1) broader coverage of firearm restrictions to many groups of domestic violence offenders; 2) the provision of specific power to the justice system to compel firearm surrender or removal from prohibited persons; and/or 3) the presence of additional state laws designed to prevent diversion of guns to prohibited persons. To that end, we conducted a quantitative policy evaluation using annual state-level data from 1980 through 2013 for 46 states. Results will be presented and implications of the research discussed.