

**NO LIMITS 2017**  
**Women's & Gender Studies Student Research Conference**  
**University of Nebraska, Kearney**  
**Friday, March 10, 2017**



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

11:15AM-12:05PM

**DR. ABBY FERBER**

University of Colorado-Colorado Springs

Dr. Ferber is Professor of Sociology and Women's & Ethnic Studies, director of The Matrix Center for the Advancement of Social Equity & Inclusion, and co-founder of the White Privilege Conference and Knapsack Institute at UCCS.

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**9:00-9:45am Check-in (name tags, wifi), coffee, rolls, fruit**

**9:45-11:05am Session #1 (panels 1-2-3)**

**PANEL #1: CHANGING LANDSCAPES (9:45-11:05am) ROOM B**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Maria O'Malley (UNK)**

Lesley Towery, "A Demand for Change: Women's Efforts towards Equality" (UNK; mentor Dr. Maria O'Malley; #6)

Carly Spotts-Falzone, "How tall are you? Stereotypes" (Hastings College; mentor Dr. Kittie Grace; #1)

Melanie Vigil, "Latina Political Leadership in Wyoming" (University of Wyoming; mentor Dr. Cecelia Aragon; #31)

**PANEL #2: IMAGES (9:45-11:05am) ROOM C**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Jessica Henry (Hastings College)**

Michelle Allen, “Gender Stereotypes in Advertisements for Men’s Fragrance Products” (UNL; mentor Dr. Tamy Burnett, #25)

Marley Sandberg, “The Negatives of Body Positive Advertising: A Closer Look at the Dove Real Beauty Campaign” (UNL; mentor Dr. Jeannette Jones; #26)

Mala Samal, “The Clark Doll Test and Cultural Change” (UNO; mentor Dr. Peggy Jones; #3)

**PANEL #3: LAW & PUBLIC POLICY (9:45-11:05am) ROOM D**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Toni Hill (UNK)**

Ashley Morrison, “Examining the Change from Fault Divorce to No Fault Divorce in Nebraska During the Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century” (UNL; mentor Dr. Joann Ross; #27)

April C. White, “Forgiving the Fallen: Progressive Hopes for Nebraska’s Reformatory Solution for Women, 1870s-1930s” (UNK; mentor Dr. Linda Van Ingen; #11)

Caitlin Williams, “CEDAW’s Broad Language Contributes to a Lack of Gender Equality Progress in Canada,” (UNK; mentor Dr. William Aviles; #32B)

**11:15-12:05pm KEYNOTE SPEAKER (Ponderosa Room E)**

**Dr. Abby Ferber, “The Politics of Hate: From the Mainstream to the Far Right”**

Dr. Abby Ferber is professor of Sociology and Women's & Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She is also the director of the Matrix Center for the Advancement of Social Equity and Inclusion and co-founder of the White Privilege Conference and the Knapsack Institute at UCCS. She is a founding editorial board member for the journal *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, and she has authored, edited, and co-edited numerous articles and books including *The Matrix Reader: Examining the Dynamics of Oppression and Privilege* (McGraw Hill 2008), and *Sex, Gender and Sexuality: The New Basics, Third Edition* (Oxford, 2016). She earned her B.A. from The American University in Washington D.C., and her M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Oregon in Eugene. She has been at UC-Colorado Springs since 1995.

**12:15-12:55pm LUNCH BUFFET (complimentary; Room A)**

- Marinated Argentinean-Style Beef
- Mixed Greens with Dressing
- Brazilian-Style Black Beans and Rice
- Grilled Sweet Peppers and Mixed Vegetables
- Grilled Parmesan Flatbread
- Banana Cake with Cream Cheese Icing
- Coffee, Iced Tea, and Water

**1-2:20pm Session #2 (panels 4-5-6)**

**PANEL #4: CHALLENGING THE FEAR OF DIFFERENCE (1-2:20pm) ROOM B**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Tamy Burnett (UNL)**

Jenna Roberts, “Pretty Little Phobias: Naturalizing Fear of Transgender Individuals and Mental

Illness” (Kansas State University; mentor Dr. Valerie Padilla Carroll; #5)

Karina El-Refai, “A View of Islam in the West” (Hastings College; mentor Dr. Kittie Grace; #20)

Samantha Snogren, “A Woman’s Role: From Past to Present” (UNK; mentor Dr. Maria O’Malley; #29)

**PANEL #5: PUSHING BOUNDARIES (1-2:20pm) ROOM C**

**Faculty moderator: Laurinda Weisse, M.S. (UNK)**

Laura Meli, “Breaking the Binary: How a Relatively Unknown 17<sup>th</sup> Century Woman Started a Movement” (University of Iowa; #33)

Miriam Navas Hernandez, “Locked in a Lovers’ Embrace: The Representation of Women’s Sexuality in the Erotic Novel *Ent us Brazos* by Noel Casado” (UNL; mentor Dr. Iker Gonzalez-Allende; #12)

Carly Brown, UNK, “Women and Guns: From Repressed Republicanism to Modern Rules” (UNK; mentor Dr. Lorna Bracewell; #4)

**PANEL #6: SEX WORK AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (1-2:20pm) ROOM D**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Sandra Loughrin (UNK)**

Sarah Dyer, “Genocide and Sexual Assault Against the Tutsi” (Nebraska Wesleyan; mentor Dr. Herndon; #22)

Sophia Kallas, “Prostitution Prohibition: An Examination of Prostitution, Public Health, and Public Policy” (UNL; mentor Dr. Joann Ross; #24)

Abby Wild, “Sex Work in the Sociopolitical Realm: Intersections of Culture and Sex Work Policy in Europe” (UNL; mentors Dr. Iveta Jusova from Antioch College and PG Maciotti in Berlin; #30)

**2:30-3:50pm      Session #3 (panels 7-8-9)**

**PANEL #7: SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STERILIZATION (2:30-3:50pm) ROOM B**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Rose Holz (UNL)**

Caitlin Williams, “Black Women Fought for Their Rights and Faced Violent Backlash” (UNK; mentor Dr. Linda Van Ingen; #32A)

Meredith Underwood, “Involuntary Sterilization in Nebraska: *Caritt v Nebraska*” (UNK; mentor Dr. Katrina Jagodinsky-UNL, #35)

**PANEL #8: SOCIAL MEDIA AND A MELTING POT OF LITERACIES (2:30-3:50pm) ROOM C**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Joann Ross (UNL)**

Riley Katz, “Modes of Masculinity: Finding One’s Trans Masculine Self in Feminism” (Kansas State University; mentor Dr. Valerie Padilla-Carroll; #2)

Breanna Dawe, “Responding to Rape Culture: Hashtag Edition” (UNL; mentor Dr. Tamy Burnett; #17)

Nina Hjermstad, “Say My Name: The Perpetuation of Roller Derby Names and their Effect on the Sport” (UNL; mentor Dr. Shari Stenberg; #13)

**PANEL #9: WOMEN AT WORK (2:30-3:50pm) ROOM D**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Karen Falconer Al-Hindi (UNO)**

Faviola Seiler, “Latinas at Work and at Home: The Impact of Mexican-American Women on American History” (UNK; mentor Dr. Linda Van Ingen; #15)

Tiffani N. Luethke, “Where the Glass Ceiling is Lower and Thicker: Understanding the Cultural and Contextual Factors Impacting the Advancement of Women’s Leadership in China” (UNL; mentor Dr. Gina Matkin; #7)

Sabrina Flowers, “Black Women: The Expectations and Reality of the Work Place,” (Kansas State University; mentor Dr. Valerie Padilla Carroll; #36)

**3:50-4:10pm Poster Session and Information Reception (E & refreshments)**

**Posters:**

Kaitlyn Becher, Lauren Geiger, Jacqueline Kral, Allie Ott, and Jada Ruff, “Student Safety and Title IX: Exploration of Student Perceptions of Safety on a University Campus” (UNK; mentors Dr. Toni Hill and Sgt. Ricci Fast, #34)

Destinie Bradberry Tripp, “Black Women’s Role in American Feminism” (UNO; mentor Dr. Peggy Jones; #38)

Mackenzie Brand, Jessica Braun, Kai Furusawa, Seth Soderlunch, and Nicole Williamson, “Clearly Clery Crimes: Examination of Campus Crime Reports Related to Title IX” (UNK; mentors Dr. Toni Hill and Sgt. Ricci Fast, #34)

Julie Bruns, “Baby Talk: Mothers and Infant Communication” (UNK; mentor Dr. Toni Hill; #23)

Gabriel Crocker, Cohl Gottschalk, Austin Helmer, and Julia Smiley, “Technologically Title IX: University Use of Technology to Enhance Campus Safety (group 2)” (UNK; mentors Dr. Toni Hill and Sgt. Ricci Fast; #34)

Rhonda Dutra Gross, “LGBTQ Awareness and Safety in the Intensive English Classroom” (UNL; mentor Dr. Pat Tetreault; #39)

Emma Finkin, “The Connection Between Misogynistic Attitudes and Sexual Orientation Prejudice” (UNL; mentor Dr. Laura Finkin-Creighton University; #40)

Preston Hall, Madison Kuxhausen, Dayton Sealey, and Nicole Spykstra, “Technologically Title IX: University Use of Technology to Enhance Campus Safety (group 1)” (UNK; mentor Toni Hill and Sgt. Ricci Fast; #34)

Breanna Hiner, “Sexual Assault on Single-Sex Campuses” (UNK; mentor Dr. Toni Hill; #16)

Georgia Kennedy, “Personal Identity and Sexual Objectification: Black Women and Fashion Designs” (UNO; mentor Dr. Peggy Jones; #41)

Lyndsey Maciejewski, Wuilian Martinez, and Ashlynn Marx, “Title IX Campus Resources: Review of Campus Resources Related to Student Safety” (UNK; mentor Toni Hill; # and Sgt. Ricci Fast, #34)

Anna Wagemann, “Gender and the Norton Anthology” (UNK; mentor Dr. Beissel-Heath; #42)

Caitlin Williams, “Doing Masculinity in College: An Examination of Gender, Alcohol Consumption, Academic Attainment and Sexual Assault” (UNK; mentor Dr. Sandra Loughrin; #32C)

**Information Tables:**

Department of Counseling & School Psychology at UNK

Iota-Iota-Iota (Triota) at UNK - Women’s & Gender Studies Student Assoc.

Queer-Straight Alliance (QSA) at UNK

Women’s Center at UNK

**4:10-5:30pm      Session #4 (panels 10-11-12)**

**PANEL #10: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING (4:10-5:30pm) ROOM B**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Stephanie Furrer (Hastings College)**

Haley Kottler and Sarah Kuborn, “What I Wish I Had Known: Analysis of High School Sex Education in Kansas” (Kansas State University; mentor Dr. Melinda Markham; #21)

Kimberly Ruiz, “The Effect of Ethnic Identity, Psychological Functioning, and Stress on Expectations for Children’s Lives” (UNL; mentor Dr. Cynthia Willis Esqueda; #28)

Eunice Adoukpe, “Patient: Unearthing the Implications of Slavery and Gynecology” (Hastings College; mentor Dr. Kittie Grace; #19)

**PANEL #11: CREATIVE ART: PORTRAYALS OF MASCULINITY & FEMININTY (4:10-5:30pm) ROOM C**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Michelle Warren (UNK)**

Edward Gabriel Acuna Quintana, “*Memories of My Melancholy Whores*: The Reconstruction of an Old Man’s Masculinity” (UNL; mentor Dr. Iker Gonzelez-Allende; #9)

Montse Fuente-Camacho, “The Role of the Victim in Luisa Etxenike’s *The Blind Spot*” (UNL; mentor #8)

Leonardo Brandolini Kujman, “Women and Identity: on Ricardo Piglia’s *La ciudad ausente*” (UNL; mentor; #37)

**PANEL #12: ACTIVISM (4:10-5:30pm) ROOM D**

**Faculty moderator: Dr. Lorna Bracewell (UNK)**

Emmaline Sabin and Laura Atherton, “‘Put My Fist in Her Like a Civil Rights Sign’: Kanye West’s Desecration of Sonic Black Radical Legacy through Misogyny” (UNO; mentor Dr. Peggy Jones; #10)

Jakki Forester, “‘They Don’t Come for a Social Justice Narrative’: Drag Queens of Central Kansas as Social Justice Advocates and Civil Leaders” (Kansas State University; mentor #14)

Makenzie Shofner, “Dangerous Gang or Female Activists? A Rhetorical Analysis of the Complicated Construction of Dialogue Between Minority Groups and Privileged Populations” (Hastings College; mentor Dr. Kittie Grace; #18)

**5:30pm      Closing Reception and Awards**

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