Call for Proposals

16th ANNUAL RED RIVER WOMEN’S STUDIES CONFERENCE

BODIES, SPACES, AND POWERS

October 27-28, 2016

University of North Dakota Memorial Union, Grand Forks, North Dakota

The 16th Annual Red River Women’s Studies Conference will focus on the theme Bodies, Spaces, and Powers. This interdisciplinary conference will examine gendered human bodies’ interactions with the political and social spaces in which they operate.

We invite proposals for panels, individual papers, workshops, posters, and creative presentations for this year’s conference. Possible topics for presentations include but are not limited to:

- Colonization, occupation, gentrification: contestation and negotiation
- Intersectionality of oppressions
- Prisons, incarceration, surveillance of bodies, and the modern police state
- Depictions of the body in media and popular culture
- Modes of self-disciplining, training, or containing the body
- Rape culture, issues of consent, trespass, bodily integrity and boundaries
- Women and minorities in academic spaces
- Reproductive rights, medical and legal powers
- Parental and caretaker rights
- Postmodern/fluid/plastic/virtual bodies
- Access to health care
- Human trafficking

The University of North Dakota’s Women and Gender Studies Program invites students, faculty, independent scholars, and community activists to submit proposals for panels, papers, and workshops that address any of the key areas above, or other themes relevant to the fields of Women and Gender Studies. Panel proposals should include a 250-word description of the panel topic, as well as 250-word abstracts of each paper/presentation. Proposals for individual presentations or posters should provide a 250-word abstract of that presentation/poster. Electronic proposals are preferred, and should be emailed to RRWSC2016@gmail.com. Hard copies of proposals may be mailed to: RRWSC 2016/Women and Gender Studies, University of North Dakota, 221 Centennial Dr., Stop 7113, Grand Forks, ND 58202-7113. All proposals will be evaluated on a competitive basis through the peer-review process.

**Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2016.**