

# The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual



## *Bodies, Spaces, and Powers*

Thursday, October 27 - Friday, October 28, 2016



### *Keynote Speakers:*

Dr. Danya Qato

Assistant Professor, University of Maryland-Baltimore,  
Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services  
"At the Margins: Women's Health Under Occupation"

Dr. Ladelle McWhorter

Stephanie Bennett Smith Chair in  
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Richmond  
"In Perpetual Disintegration: A Foucault-Inflected Look  
at How Machine-Bodies Became Normalized Bodies"

### **Special Thanks To:**



### **Thursday, October 27 (Gorecki Alumni Center)**

(Gransberg Room)

- 3:30 – 4:00 Registration
- 4:00 – 4:10 Welcome and Introduction  
Dr. Cindy Juntunen, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Education, College of Education and Human Development
- 4:10 – 4:15 Introduction of Dr. Danya Qato  
Dr. Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, Director of Women and Gender Studies
- 4:15 – 5:15 Keynote lecture: Dr. Danya Qato  
"At the Margins: Women's Health Under Occupation"
- 5:15 – 6:00 Reception hosted by College of Arts and Sciences

### **Friday, October 28 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Memorial Union)**

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration**  
(Fireside Lounge) Coffee and pastries served

### **9:00 – 9:50 a.m. sessions**

- Session 1.A Feminism in *Orphan Black***  
(Medora) Chair: Audrey D. Johnson, Lecturer WGS/English  
Speaker: "*Orphan Black*: Reimagining Sisterhood," Yvette Koepke, Associate Professor of English, UND  
Speaker: "You Don't Own Me: The Body, Agency, and Power in *Orphan Black*," Lauren Riccelli Zwicky, Professor of Literature and Language; Gender Studies, Metropolitan State University
- Session 1.B Women and Politics**  
(Memorial) Chair: Kate Schaab, Instructor of Integrated Studies  
Speaker: "An Analysis of Media Coverage of Democratic Women Running for the US House of Representatives," Paige Blanchard, Undergraduate (Communications), UND  
Speaker: "Female Progressive Organizations in North Dakota, 1960-1980," Sandra Kruse, Undergraduate (English and Women and Gender Studies), UND

**Session 1.C Cultural Negotiations of Female**

(Badlands)

**Embodiment**

Chair: Gary Suchor, UND Alumnus (B.A., Philosophy and English)  
Speaker: "Feeding," Michele R. Willman, PhD student (English), UND  
Speaker: "Sex Sells: How Advertising Agencies' Commodification of Image Affects Older Women in Advertising," Diane Fittipaldi, MBA, Ed.D., St. Catherine University

**Session 1.D Reading Between (Gendered) Lines in**

(Presidents)

**Literature**

Chair: Kjerstine A. Trooien, MA student (English), UND  
Speaker: "Catherine Morland and the Female Imagination," Meghan Heitkamp, Undergraduate (English and Communications), University of St. Thomas  
Speaker: "My Big Fat Young Adult Literature: Common Obesity Tropes in Young Adult Literature," Aimee A. Rogers, Assistant Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning, UND

**10:00 – 10:50 a.m. sessions**

**Session 2.A Postcolonialism, Trauma, and Torture**

(Badlands)

Chair: Michelle M. Sauer, Professor of English, UND  
Speaker: "Elegies to Dead Children And Murdered Indigenes: Guilt and The 'Lost' Child in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Anglophone Settler Stories," Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, Professor of English, UND  
Speaker: "Writing the Literature of Torture: The Subaltern Speaks in Beauvoir and Gisèle Halimi's *Djamila Boupacha*" Sarah Mosher, Associate Professor of French, UND

**Session 2.B Luce Irigaray and Embodied Discourse**

(Memorial)

Chair: Lucian Stone, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UND

*(Session 2.B 10:00-10:50 a.m. continued)*

Speaker: "Luce Irigaray Reads *Antigone*," Janessa Joy, Undergraduate (Classics and Philosophy), UND  
Speaker: "Exploring the Feminine Discourse with Luce Irigaray," Ekram Kofiah, Undergraduate (Philosophy), UND

**Session 2.C Gender and the Military**

(Medora)

Chair: Kjerstine A. Trooien, MA student (English), UND  
Speaker: "The Minnesota Army National Guard: Infantry Expectations of Male and Female Soldiers," Corbin D. Routier, MA student, Sociology, UND  
Speaker: "A Tale of Three Inches: The Gendered Body in Aircraft Design: The Joint Primary Aircraft Training System," Paul Cline, PhD Candidate in Aerospace, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, UND

**Session 2.D Sexual Identity in Art and Literature**

(Presidents)

Chair: Sarah Heitkamp, MFA candidate (Visual Arts), UND  
Speaker: "Becoming Sotiria Bellou: Her Singing Body in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Greece" Kathleen Dixon, Professor of English, UND  
Speaker: "What the Night Numbered: Writing the Stories of Gay Liberation," Bradford Tice, Associate Professor of English, Nebraska Wesleyan University

**11:00 – 11:50 a.m. sessions**

**Session 3.A Interrogating Gendered Symbols and Monuments in History**

(Badlands)

Chair: Joseph Glatt, Alumnus (Psychology), UND  
Speaker: "Removing, Relocating, and Reinterpreting Monumental Sculpture," Cynthia Culver Prescott, Associate Professor of History, UND  
Speaker: "Considering Nobility in the Medieval Reclusive Vocations: Vowesses & Anchoresses" Michelle M. Sauer, Professor of English, UND

11:50 am-12:50 pm Lunch break

**Session 3.B Postmodernity and Feminism**

(Memorial) Chair: Lucian Stone, Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Speaker: "Why I Shouldn't Like Postmodernism ...So Bordo Says," Caleb Faul, Undergraduate (Philosophy), UND  
Speaker: "A Materialist Analysis on the Death of Eros and the Hyperreality of Pornography," Gary Suchor, Independent Scholar (Alumnus, Philosophy and English from UND)

**Session 3.C Women in Fantasy and Science Fiction**

(Medora) Chair: Marcus Weaver-Hightower, Professor & Chair of Educational Foundations and Research  
Speaker: "Abjection and Loss: the Incoherent and Uncanny in Buffy the Vampire Slayer's 'The Body,'" Erin Meagan Schwartz, Undergraduate (Women and Gender Studies Honors), University of Winnipeg  
Speaker: "A Fandom of Their Own: The Correspondence of Gertrude M. Carr and Marion Zimmer Bradley, 1951-1960," Audrey D. Johnson, Lecturer in Women and Gender Studies and English, UND

**Session 3.D Work, Gender, and Parenting**

(Presidents) Chair: Krista Lynn Minnotte  
Speaker: "Outcomes of Discrimination Against Parents in the U.S. Workforce," Krista Lynn Minnotte, Professor of Sociology, UND  
Speaker: "Job Insecurity and Coworker Support among U.S. Workers: Are There Gender Differences?" Tailer Varud, Undergraduate (Psychology and Nonprofit Leadership), UND [collaboration with Krista Lynn Minnotte]

*Dining options are located on the first floor of Memorial Union, as well as across University Avenue at Archives Coffee House, and in the Museum Café (located in the basement of the North Dakota Museum of Art) on Campus Road.*

**12:00-12:50 pm Red Sand Project collective participation**

(East side of the quad, in front of O'Kelly Hall)  
Led by Dr. Nikki Berg Burin,  
Assistant Professor of History and Women and Gender Studies

*Attendees are invited to meet near the "Persistence" sculpture on east side of quad on Centennial Drive to participate in releasing red sand in the sidewalk cracks. The Red Sand Project raises awareness about victims of human trafficking.*

**1:00-2:00 p.m.**

(Lecture Bowl)

**FRIDAY KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Introduction of Dr. Ladelle McWhorter  
Dr. Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, Director of Women and Gender Studies

Dr. Ladelle McWhorter, Stephanie Bennett  
Smith Chair in Women, Gender, and Sexuality  
Studies and Professor of Philosophy and  
Environmental Studies, University of Richmond  
"In Perpetual Disintegration: A Foucault-  
Inflected Look at How Machine-Bodies Became  
Normalized Bodies"

**2:00-2:30 p.m.**

**Keynote Reception: Fireside Lounge**

Hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences, UND

### 2:30-3:45 p.m. sessions

#### **Session 4.A Roundtable: Combatting Commercial**

(Memorial)

##### **Sexual Exploitation in North Dakota: Lessons from the Past and Present**

Chair: Paige Blanchard, Undergraduate  
(Communications), UND

Speaker: "Lessons from the 'New Abolitionists' of the  
Late 19th Century," Nikki Berg Burin, Assistant  
Professor of History and Women and Gender Studies,  
UND

Speaker: "Lessons from Today's Abolitionists," Flint  
Devine, Undergraduate (Women and Gender Studies),  
UND

#### **Session 4.B Erotic Agents and Contestations of Control**

(Medora)

Chair: Joseph Glatt, Alumnus (Psychology), UND

Speaker: "Purity Culture and Princess Culture's  
Effects on the Body," Morgan Devine,  
MA student in Sociology, UND

Speaker: "Taking Back Femininity and Erotic  
Education," Michala Prigge,  
Undergraduate (English), UND

Speaker: "(Sk)Inquiring Self(ie) -Representations,"  
Christina Hajjar, Undergraduate (Women's and  
Gender Studies and Business and Administration),  
University of Winnipeg

#### **Session 4.C The Performing Body as Subversive and Normative**

(Badlands)

Chair: Elyssa Ford, Assistant Professor of History,  
Northwest Missouri State University

Speaker: "The Commodification and Consumption  
of Femme Lesbian YouTubers," Jamie Campbell,  
PhD student in Political Science, Tulane University

Speaker: "Cowboys for Sale: Advertisements and  
Imagery in the Gay Rodeo," Elyssa Ford, Assistant  
Professor of History, Northwest Missouri State  
University

### *(Session 4.C, 2:30-3:45 p.m. continued)*

Speaker: "The Normative Politics of Charlotte  
Cushman's Subversive Celebrity as 'Greatest American  
Actress,'" Sara Lampert, Assistant Professor of History,  
University of South Dakota

#### **Session 4.D Feminist Critique in/of the Academy**

(Presidents)

Chair: Sheila Liming, Assistant Professor of English,  
UND

Speaker: "Gendered Identities and Professional  
Academic Literacies: Cases of Early Career Women in  
English Studies," Kathleen Vacek, Instructor,  
Teaching and Learning, UND

Speaker: "Work-Life Conflict and STEM Faculty  
Health: Gender Similarities and Differences," Daphne  
Pedersen, Professor of Sociology, UND; Krista Lynn  
Minnotte, Professor of Sociology, UND

Speaker: "(Why) Should I Care? Feminist Praxis and  
Economies of Care in the Neoliberal University,"  
Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, Director of Women and  
Gender Studies & Associate Prof. of Philosophy, UND

### 3:50-5:05 p.m. sessions

#### **Session 5.A Intersections of Race and Gender**

(Medora)

Chair: Sara Lampert, Assistant Professor of  
History, University of South Dakota

Speaker: "Aestheticizing Body Hair in the South  
Asian Diaspora," Noor Bhangu, MA student (Cultural  
Studies), University of Winnipeg

Speaker: "Black Female Sexuality: The Effects of  
Colonialism, Racism, and White Supremacy in 19<sup>th</sup>  
and 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Cheyne Page, Undergraduate  
(Women and Gender Studies), UND

Speaker: "'Some of Us are Brave': Embodying  
Comadrazgo in the Academy as a Queer Xicana  
Femme Professor," Kandace Creel Falcon, Associate  
Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, Minnesota  
State University Moorhead

### **Session 5.B Negotiating Work and Family**

(Presidents)

Chair: Andrew Harnish, PhD candidate in English and Creative Writing

Speaker: "To Parent or Preach: The Work-Family Balance of Women in Ministry," Amira Allen, MA student in Sociology, UND

Speaker: "Can Workplace Effectiveness Enhance the Mental and Physical Health of Working Mothers and Fathers?" Natalie Martinson, MA student in Sociology, UND; Krista Lynn Minnotte, Professor of Sociology, UND

Speaker: "Gendered Outcomes of the Division of Household Labor," Trevor Waagen, PhD student in Counseling Psychology, UND; Krista Lynn Minnotte, Professor of Sociology, UND

### **Session 5.C Labor Market, Crime, and Women's Contested Agency**

(Badlands)

Chair: Crystal Alberts, Associate Professor of English

Speaker: "Gender Inequalities in Bakken Oil Communities: How a Gendered Labor Market and Perceptions of Safety Shape Women's (In)Dependence," Liz Legerski, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UND; and Dheeshana Jayasundara, Associate Professor of Social Work, UND

Speaker: "Sociological Changes in Crime Patterns in Areas with Rapid Population Growth," Nicole E. Johanneson, PhD student in Criminal Justice, UND

### **Session 5.D Trans-Identities and Narratives**

(Memorial)

Chair: Paul Cline, PhD Candidate in Aerospace, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, UND

Speaker: "The Cost of Authenticity," Adelynn Mrosko, Undergraduate (Commercial Aviation), UND

Speaker: "Becoming: Essentialism and the Ethics of Being Transgender," Xanthe Kuhn, Independent Scholar (Alumnus, Philosophy and English from UND)

Speaker: "Transphobic Hate Crimes and Victimization," Janet Martin, MA student in Forensic Psychology, UND

### ***Conference History***

The Red River Women's Studies Conference began in 2000 as a result of collaboration between the Women Studies programs at Moorhead State University, the University of North Dakota, and North Dakota State University. We each took a turn hosting the first three conferences at the different campuses in the order listed. The goals were many and included closer networking between the Women Studies programs in the area, a chance to share our scholarship and creativity in a collegial atmosphere, a chance to encourage student involvement and expose them to scholarship and activism in our fields, and a chance to network with the communities in the valley to raise their awareness of us and to raise our appreciation of their efforts and activism.

The conference typically draws participants from the Valley area and beyond; from the south as in South Dakota to the north as in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from the east as in Minneapolis to the west as in Bismarck and places in between. Funding and setting the theme for the conference are the responsibilities of the institution hosting the conference. We do share a set logo and title for the conference as well as an agreement to hold it in the fall semester and to honor the goals originally set for the conference.

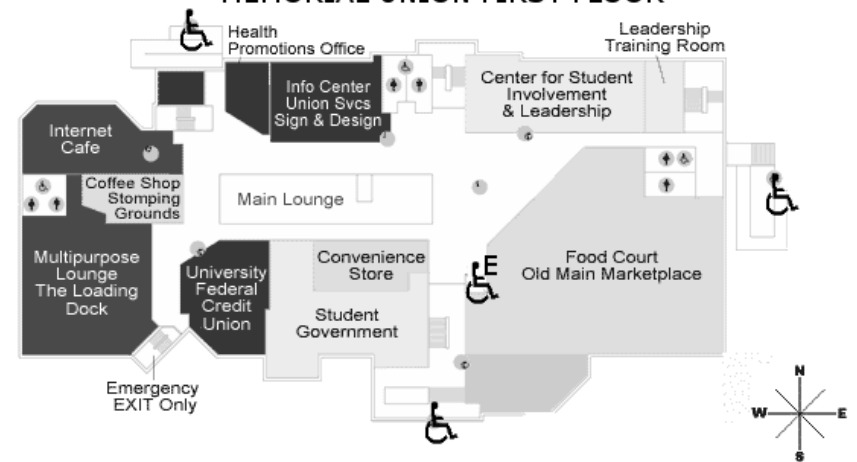
Over the years we have had hundreds of panels, play acts, and exhibits and the conference has always been free for students and open to and supportive of members of the community. We have had numerous notable keynote speakers and playwrights including: Brenda Daly, Kathleen King, Winnona LaDuke, Dianna Hatfield, Kathleen Brokke, and others. Based on town hall meetings at the end of each conference and evaluations from conference participants and planners, the plan is to attempt to grow the conference so it can be shared with as many participants and visitors as possible and to continue it into the foreseeable future.

***Submitted by Dr. Wendelin Hume, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and past Women Studies Director, University of North Dakota.***

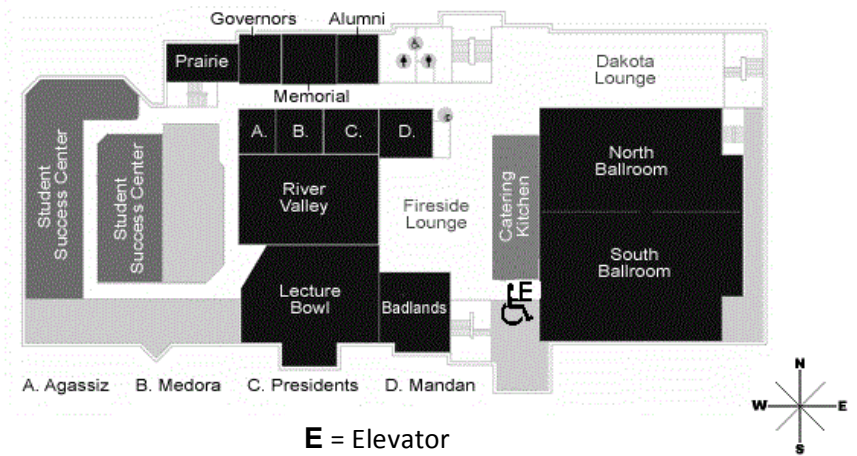
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