

**RED RIVER WOMEN'S
STUDIES CONFERENCE**

**FEMINIST VISIONS
FOR THE
FUTURE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

**University of North Dakota
Memorial Union
2901 University Avenue
Grand Forks, North Dakota**

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WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the University of North Dakota's Women and Gender Studies Program, we are happy to welcome you to the Red River Women's Studies Conference! This annual conference, which travels to a different campus every year, is supported by the Women and Gender Studies Programs of UND, NDSU, MSUM, and Concordia College.

This year's conference theme is Feminist Visions for the Future. We are bringing together voices to build a common framework for envisioning feminist futures – local, national, and global – rooted in equality, equity, diversity, and inclusivity. Using feminist tools to analyze connections between past, present, and future, we will begin building pathways and alliances. Thank you for joining us!

Your RRWSC Co-Chairs,
Nikki Berg Burin, Merie Kirby, and Krista Lynn Minnotte
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Today, the University of North Dakota rests on the ancestral lands of the Pembina and Red Lake Bands of Ojibwe and the Dakota Oyate - presently existing as composite parts of the Red Lake, Turtle Mountain, White Earth Bands, and the Dakota Tribes of Minnesota and North Dakota.

We acknowledge the people who resided here for generations and recognize that the spirit of the Ojibwe and Oyate people permeates this land. As a university community, we will continue to build upon our relations with the First Nations of the State of North Dakota - the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation, Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.



JENNIFER COOK

**Assistant Professor
University of North Dakota
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Jennifer J. Cook is an Assistant Professor of Law and teaches first year law students legal research, analyses, writing, and oral advocacy in the Lawyering Skills program. She also teaches upper-level law courses in Privacy Law and Social Justice Lawyering.

Professor Cook received her B.A. in Mass Communication with a minor in History from North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota. She received her J.D. with distinction from the University of North Dakota School of Law. While in law school, she wrote for the North Dakota Law Review, was president of the Environmental Law Society, and a member of the Law Women's Caucus and Delta Theta Phi.

After law school, Professor Cook worked as a judicial law clerk to Magistrate Judge Karen K. Klein of the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota. She then became the policy director for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Dakota (ACLU). While serving as the ACLU of North Dakota's policy director, Professor Cook successfully lobbied the North Dakota legislature for stronger legal protections for juvenile and adult confidential informants, privacy safeguards related to unmanned aerial vehicles, and against infringements of the First Amendment rights to protest and freedom of religion.

Prior to her legal career, Professor Cook served in the Army National Guard for ten years. She attained the rank of First Lieutenant and commanded troops while deployed to Washington state during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Memorial Union 220 – Henry Family Ballroom

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Sessions 1-3

Session 1: Feminist Leadership in Higher Education

Memorial Union Room 340

Moderator: Dr. Randi Tanglen, University of North Dakota

Panelists:

- Dr. Daphne Pedersen, University of North Dakota
- Dr. Cynthia C. Prescott, University of North Dakota
- Dr. A. Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, University of North Dakota
- Dr. Anne Kelsch, University of North Dakota

Respondent: Dr. Liz Legerski, University of North Dakota

Session 2: An Intergenerational Conversation on Feminism: What Kind of Stories Will Carry the Feminist Movement into the Future?

Memorial Union Room 207

Moderator: Katherine Dachtler, Intersectional Resources, LLC, and A Johnston Therapy, PLLC

Panelists:

- Katherine Dachtler, Intersectional Resources, LLC; A Johnston Therapy, PLLC
- Jill Beithon, Just Right Consulting
- Sheila Dachtler, Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND
- Ada Dachtler, Grand Forks Central High School
- Nellie Dachtler, Elroy Schroeder Middle School

Session 3: Representations of Women in Literature and Drama

Memorial Union Room 245

Chair: Dr. Sarah E. Mosher, University of North Dakota

Presenters:

- Dr. Sarah E. Mosher, University of North Dakota, "Imprisonment, Destruction, and Gender Equality in *Who Shall Die?* By Simone de Beauvoir"
- Kyle Robert Moore, University of North Dakota, "'Whose beauty he had heard much:' Beauty and Its Connection to Marriage in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*"
- Samuel M. Amendolar, University of North Dakota, "'Whate Wemen Desyren Moste': Female Subversion and Estates Mobility in The Wedding of Sir Gawain and Dame Ragnelle"

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Morning Snack and Poster Session

Morning Snack

Memorial Union Room 220 - Henry Family Ballroom

Poster Session

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- Sherina Hume, University of North Dakota, "Sharing the Feminist Vision of Your Organization"
- Tyler Horne, Concordia College, "Feminism and Freedom in the Renaissance Faire"

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM Sessions 4-7

Session 4: The Future of Feminist Disability Studies

Memorial Union Room 207

Chair: Dr. Anastassiya Andrianova, North Dakota State University

Presenters:

- Dr. Anastassiya Andrianova, North Dakota State University, "A Feminist Future Without War? Women's Bodies and Sexual Difference in Girls Cutting Their Locks"
- Jainab Tabassum Banu, North Dakota State University, "Disability, Gender and The Politics of Recognition: Using Feminist Disability Studies to Read Mary Shelley's Frankenstein"
- Alexandra Rowe, North Dakota State University, "Absurd Performance and Rhetoric: Stagnation, Anti-ableism, and Women in Samuel Beckett's Plays"
- Amanda Swenson, North Dakota State University, "'A Future and a Hope': Abjection and Trauma in Paddy Considine's Tyrannosaur"

Session 5: Moving Feminisms Forward

Memorial Union Room 245

Chair: Dr. Jeremy Kingsbury, University of North Dakota

Presenters:

- Cori Edgerton, Minnesota State University Moorhead, "Intersectional Feminism: Striving for a More Inclusive Liberation"
- Zeke Langemo, Concordia College, "The Role of the Queer Woman in Feminism"
- Ben Archuleta, Concordia College, "Women's and Gender Studies: Spreading a Message Across the Nation"
- Oluwatusin Gbadamosi, University of Hull, "Feminist Leaders Today and In the Future"

Session 6: Balancing Caregiving & Work: Visions of a Feminist Future in Higher Education

Memorial Union Room 340

Moderator: Dr. Rebecca A. Kuehl, South Dakota State University

Panelists:

- Dr. Jana M. Hanson, American Indian Higher Education Consortium
- Dr. Molly Krueger Enz, South Dakota State University
- Dr. Rebecca A. Kuehl, South Dakota State University
- Dr. Erica J. Moore, American Indian Higher Education Consortium

Session 7: Women's Experiences in Health Care

Memorial Union Room 233

Chair: Christina Sambor, Gender Justice

Presenters:

- Taryn Noehre, University of North Dakota, "Am I Still Whole? Examining the Loss of the Breast Through Cancer Treatment"
- Tierney Jo Stewart, Concordia College, "Ignoring Women's Issues: A Healthcare Crisis"
- Sydney Stock and Danielle Lahn, Prairie Action North Dakota Institute, "Empowering Advocacy and Communication in the Post-Dobbs Era"

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM

Keynote Address and Luncheon

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Memorial Union Room 220 - Henry Family Ballroom

"When There Are Nine: Why Nine Female U.S. Supreme Court Justices Won't Be Enough - A Feminist Vision for the Future of the Judiciary"

- Jennifer Cook, University of North Dakota School of Law

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Sessions 8-11

Session 8: The Labor that Women Perform Across Contexts

Memorial Union Room 207

Chair: Dr. Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota

Presenters:

- Dr. Liz Legerski and Dr. Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota, "The Cognitive Labor of Identifying Sexual Harassment among Restaurant Servers"
- Rylee Lunnie, University of North Dakota, "Emotional Toll: Women Carrying Generations of Grief"
- Erik Bristow, University of North Dakota, "Unsung and Unwaged: The Future of Surrogacy and Pregnancy"

Session 9: Explorations in Activism

Memorial Union Room 245

Chair: Dr. Wendelin Hume, University of North Dakota

Presenters:

- Dr. Wendelin Hume, University of North Dakota, "Tribal Elder Justice Coalition: "The Web", Positive Peace and the Future of a New Field – Tribal Elder Justice"
- Sadie Lerum, Concordia College, "The Change We Could Make Together"
- Sydney Negri, Concordia College, "The Stories We Choose to Tell"
- Mahratun Samha, North Dakota State University, "Development of Feminist Thought on Education as a Social Agency"

Session 10: A Critical Conversation: Curating Art Exhibitions of Women Artists Past, Present, Future

Memorial Union Room 340

Chair: Dr. Anna Sigridur Arnar, Minnesota State University Moorhead

Panelists:

- Dr. Anna Sigridur Arnar, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Liv Palme, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Trent Regner, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Mikaela Knutson, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Aubrey Pfennig, Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Annabelle Matthews, Minnesota State University Moorhead

Session 11: Gendered Experiences of Fertility and Infertility

Memorial Union Room 233

Chair: Merie Kirby, University of North Dakota

Presenters:

Dr. Melissa Gjellstad, University of North Dakota, "Making Infertility Visible: Representations of Mothers in the Fertility Industry"

- Georgia Reemts, Concordia College, "Women's Birthing Experience in the Past, Present and Changes Promoted by A Feminist Future"
- Dr. Thyra E. Knapp, University of North Dakota, "German Women Artists: Making the Maternal Matter"

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Session 12: Representations of Women in Film, Plays, and Comics

Memorial Union Room 233

Chair: Dr. Yvette Koepke, University of North Dakota

Presenters:

- Dr. Eric Ross, University of North Dakota, "Wild Justice: Gender, Revenge, and Time in Euripides' Hecuba"
- Aspen Jewkes, University of North Dakota, "Cancel Conversion: Conversion Therapy, Queerness, and Religion in the film The Miseducation of Cameron Post"
- Ella R. Risnes, Concordia College, "Wonder Woman: Goddess Reflecting the Modern Woman"

Session 13: Student Visions for the Future

Memorial Union Room 207

Moderator: Dr. Krista Lynn Minnotte, University of North Dakota

Panelists:

- Erik Bristow, University of North Dakota
- Dana Conley, University of North Dakota
- Molly Lamb, University of North Dakota
- Nyah Kauders, University of North Dakota
- Harmony Rhea, University of North Dakota

Session 14: Gendered Cultural Expressions

Memorial Union Room 245

Chair: Dr. A. Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, University of North Dakota

- Jessica Shaw, Concordia College, "Literary Censorship vs. Feminist Future"
- Sarah Mueller, Concordia College, "From Animal Crossing to Zero Dawn: An Analysis of the Depiction of Women in Video Game"
- Violet A. Ingeborg, University of North Dakota, "'Taste my forbidden fruit:' The Evil Queen, Queerness, and Agency in Swan Queen Fanfiction"
- Kylie Hartje, University of North Dakota, "Reappraising our Clothes for a Feminist Future: The Female Gaze and Touch as Means of Connection"

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