

North Dakota State University Women and Gender Studies Program

Women in the World

The 11th Annual Red River
Women's Studies Conference



Friday, October 7, 2011

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Memorial Union

North Dakota State University

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Najla Ghazi Amundson

“REveiling identity: A Muslim woman's story of wearing the Hijab for
the first time”



8:30 – 9:15 a.m. – Registration - Great Room

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – First Session

Gender and Education – Rose Room

Moderator and Discussion Leader: Jeffrey Langstraat, University of North Dakota

Feminist Rhetoric and its Application in the First-Year Composition Classroom, Michele Willman, University of North Dakota

Gender Roles in the Homeschooling Household, Lauren Wold, Minnesota State University-Moorhead

Sexist Education: Language Bias in Health and Biology Textbooks, Maia Randklev, North Dakota State University

Gendered Writings in English – Arikara Room

Moderator and Discussion Leader: Muriel Brown, North Dakota State University

Addressing Retaliation Against Migrant Farmworker Women Experiencing Sexual Violence, Robin Runge, University of North Dakota School of Law

To Convert a Monster: Comparing the Encounters with Monsters in Elene and Beowulf, Jason R. Miller, University of North Dakota

The Role of Eve in Rappaccini's Daughter, Jessica Jolliffe, University of North Dakota

Shifting Masculinities in the Anglo Saxon Elene, Kirby Lund, University of North Dakota

Imposters and Outsiders: Women Scientists in the History of Western Science – Hidatsa Room

This panel will focus on the imposter phenomenon and how it relates to the experience of inauthenticity in the lives of female scientists, how women scientists may be considered "outlaw," followed by a case study of a scientific "outlaw" who challenged how scientific discoveries are executed, acknowledged, and accepted.

Panelists:

Claudia Murphy, Philosophy and Women's and Gender Studies, Minnesota State University-Moorhead

Linda Fuselier, Biology, Director of Women's and Gender Studies, Minnesota State University-Moorhead

Deepa Trivedi, student, Biology, minor in WGS, certificate in Women in Science, Minnesota State University-Moorhead

10:45-11:45 a.m. – Second Session

Plenary Session: Battle of the Sexes: 'Diversity' at Cross-Purposes?—Hidatsa Room

Presenter: Kathleen Dixon, University of North Dakota

This presentation will employ a rhetorical analysis of a faculty rights case to explore the question of whether a university's actual practices can live up to its diversity policy – in this case, with regard to women and gay men. Dr. Dixon will present a case study, which will be followed by comments from Elizabeth Birmingham (English, NDSU) and Carrie Anne Platt (Communication, NDSU). The issues presented in this case study transcend a particular university and are worthy of discussion and contemplation by all academics.

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch and Keynote Address, REveiling identity: A Muslim woman's story of wearing the hijab for the first time, Dr. Najla Ghazi Amundson – Great Room

Keynotes

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Reproductive Rights in the World – Hidatsa Room

Moderator and Discussion Leader: Deb White, Minnesota State University-Moorhead

Supporting Teen Mothers: A Guide for a Teenage Mother Support Group, Heather Jackson, University of North Dakota; René Leier, University of North Dakota; Patricia Winters, University of North Dakota

Understanding Ideological Gridlock: Grids as an Archival Research Method for Political Letters, Becca Hayes Mellum, North Dakota State University

Escaping the Chains of Medical Patriarchy through Control over Birth, Natalie Smith Carlson, North Dakota State University

Women's Growth in the World – Rose Room

Moderator and Discussion Leader: Wendelin Hume, University of North Dakota

Medicine Seed, Jamie Holding Eagle, Minnesota State University – Moorhead

From Buffalo Commons to Boomtowns: Exploring North Dakota Texts to Conceptualize Gendered Sense of Place and Economic Equity in the Globalized World, Sam Larson, North Dakota State University

Exploring the Power of Connection: Using Relational Cultural Theory to Understand Women's Development, Michelle Wilson, North Dakota State University

***Women of Color Feminists: Bridging the World through New Social Media—
Arikara Room***

This interactive and multimedia panel embraces Gloria Anzaldúa and Cherríe Moraga's articulations on the ways that women of color often are bridges between cultures via our bodies and spirits (1981, "This Bridge Called My Back"). Taking this metaphor of bridges, the panelists embrace it as a means for exploring the realities of women of color identities within the space of new social media.

Panelists:

Kandace Creel Falcón, Minnesota State University – Moorhead

Natassja Gunasena, Minnesota State University – Moorhead

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Sexuality, Violence and HIV-AIDS – Hidatsa Room

Moderator and Discussion Leader: Linda Fuselier, Minnesota State University – Moorhead

Translating the Feminine in a Fifteenth Century Devotional Miscellany, Michelle M. Sauer, University of North Dakota

Down-Low Brothers and Sisters with AIDS, Jeffrey Langstraat, University of North Dakota

Wondering Why: Lady Gaga – Examining Women of the World and Blurring the Differences between Victimized and Victimizer, Wendelin Hume, University of North Dakota

Gendered Perspectives in the World – Arikara Room

Moderator and Discussion Leader: Kathleen Dixon, University of North Dakota

Dark and Bright Sides of Pornography Consumption Among Female College Students, Amber Rasche, North Dakota State University

Different Genders, Different Memories, Dandan Chen, North Dakota State University

From “Berdache” to “Two-Spirit”: An Inquiry into Indigenous Identity, Gender and Sexuality in Anthropological Terminology, Madisson Whitman, University of North Dakota

Women, Gender and Nature – Rose Room

Moderator and Discussion Leader: Kjersten Nelson, North Dakota State University

Food Politics, Jamie Holding Eagle, Minnesota State University – Moorhead

Rachel the Romantic: Reactions to Rachel Carson and Silent Spring, Christine Grossman, North Dakota State University

Scientific Revolutions: DIY Science, Jamie Holding Eagle, Minnesota State University – Moorhead

World Marketplace - Great Room - 2:30-4:30

The goods that will be sold during the World Marketplace were either made by women, or the proceeds will benefit women.

Participants:

Mary Ann Sheets-Hanson, Asante Network - Crafts from Tanzania and Uganda

Danilo Martinez - Crafts from Juarez, Mexico, Palestine and Guatemala

Mary Tate - Fair trade items from Tajikistan and Uzbekistan

Amy Crawford - Ethiopian coffee

Heather Silbernagel - Massage therapist

Tammy Bulger - Homemade jewelry

Service for Change - Items from Guatemala

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Notes

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