The 16th Annual
Red River
Women's Studies
Conference

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

UND UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH DAKOTA
WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES
GREATER Grand Forks
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
Thursday, October 27th
(Gorecki Alumni Center, Gransberg Room)

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.  Registration
4:00 – 4:10 p.m.  Welcome and Introduction
                        Dr. Cindy Juntunen, Associate Dean of
                        Research and Graduate Education, College of
                        Education and Human Development
4:10 – 4:15 p.m.  Introduction of Dr. Danya Qato
                        Dr. Rebecca Rozelle-Stone, Director of Women and
                        Gender Studies
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.  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 28th
(2nd Floor of Memorial Union)

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

Session 1: 9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Session 1.A  Feminism in Orphan Black
(Medora)
Chair: Audrey D. Johnson, Lecturer WGS/English
Speaker: “Orphan Black: Reimagining Sisterhood,”
Yvette Koepeke, 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
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 Embodiment
(Badlands)
Chair: Gary Suchor, UND Alumnus (Philosophy & 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  \hspace{2cm} Reading Between (Gendered) Lines in Literature  
\hspace{2cm} Chair: Kjerstine A. Trooien, MA student (English), UND  
\hspace{2cm} 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

Session 2: 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Session 2.A  \hspace{2cm} Postcolonialism, Trauma, and Torture  
\hspace{2cm} Chair: Michelle M. Sauer, Professor of English, UND  
\hspace{2cm} Speaker: “Elegies to Dead Children And Murdered Indigenes: Guilt and The ‘Lost’ Child in 19th 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  \hspace{2cm} Luce Irigaray and Embodied Discourse  
\hspace{2cm} Chair: Lucian Stone, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UND  
\hspace{2cm} 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  \hspace{2cm} Gender and the Military  
\hspace{2cm} Chair: Kjerstine A. Trooien, MA student (English), UND  
\hspace{2cm} 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  
Speaker: “The Minnesota Army National Guard: Infantry Expectations of Male and Female Soldiers,” Corbin D. Routier, MA student, Sociology, UND

Session 2.D  \hspace{2cm} Sexual Identity in Art and Literature  
\hspace{2cm} Chair: Sarah Heitkamp, MFA candidate (Visual Arts), UND  
\hspace{2cm} Speaker: “Becoming Sotiria Bellou: Her Singing Body in 20th 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
Session 3: 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

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

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

Session 3.C  Women in Fantasy and Science Fiction
(Medora)
Chair: Marcus Weaver-Hightower, Professor & Chair of Educational Foundations and Research, UND
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]

Lunch Break: 11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

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 p.m. 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. FRIDAY KEYNOTE LECTURE
(Lecture Bowl)
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

Session 4: 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Session 4.A Roundtable: Combatting Commercial 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
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
(Badlands)

The Performing Body as Subversive and Normative
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
Speaker: “To Love, Serve, and Obtain Instruction: Desire and Ambition in Charlotte Cushman’s Fanmail,” Sara Lampert, Assistant Professor of History, University of South Dakota

Session 4.D
(Presidents)

Feminist Critique in/of the Academy
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

Session 5: 3:50 – 5:05 p.m.

Session 5.A
(Medora)

Intersections of Race and Gender
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 19th and 21st 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 Minnott, Professor of Sociology, UND
Speaker: “Gendered Outcomes of the Division of Household Labor,” Trevor Waagen, PhD student in Counseling Psychology, UND; Krista Lynn Minnott, 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