Gender and Women’s Studies

Overview

The gender and women’s studies major takes you from the basics of transnational feminism to an advanced understanding and application of theory, methodology and practice. You shape your experience according to your interests and talents, developing a personalized course of study by combining core courses with any of a range of interdisciplinary electives. Topics include include using gender and sexuality as categories of analysis, the history of women’s movements, contemporary struggles over issues such as sexual and domestic violence, gender equity in work, and women’s status in family, faith and nation.

Global-Local Connections

Students have opportunities throughout their coursework to put theory into practice. From community-based learning with New London community partners to summer internships in the U.S. and abroad, GWS students get hands-on experience working with GWS practitioners. Study abroad provides another opportunity for students to experience and learn firsthand about gender issues in other nations and cultures. GWS professors and students also sometimes travel together in the U.S. or abroad as part of their coursework or to participate in GWS-related conferences.

After Connecticut College

Our graduates draw upon the knowledge and skills they learn in GWS to passionately engage the world. The interdisciplinary and praxis focus of our department ensures that students graduate with experience in research and advocacy skills and in cross-cultural communication that is highly valued by employers and graduate schools. They are practitioners, advocates, intellectuals, teachers, artists and writers. Graduates may go directly into work in a range of fields from dance, human resources, publishing, and business or they may go on to do graduate work in law, public policy, and teaching.
Faculty

Andrea N. Baldwin, Visiting Assistant Professor in Gender and Women's Studies
B.A., Ph.D., University of the West Indies, Cave Hill
Transnational feminist epistemology; use of popular culture in feminist activism; Caribbean cultural studies

Candace Howes, Chair of the Gender and Women's Studies Department; Hogate-Ferrin Professor of Economics
B.A., Barnard College; Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Labor economics; low wage labor; care work

Ariella R. Rotramel, Vandana Shiva Assistant Professor of Gender and Women's Studies
B.A., University of Illinois at Chicago; Ph.D., Rutgers University
Gender and women's studies; queer and sexuality studies; social movements; women's leadership; ethnic studies; gender and work

Selected Courses

Transnational Women's Movements; Race, Gender and the Mass Media; Women, Religion and Modernity; Training for Transformation; Feminist Social Research Methods; Global Queer Histories; Love & Sex in the Middle Ages; Men & Masculinity

About Connecticut College

Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society. A leader in the liberal arts since 1911, the College is home to nationally ranked programs for internships, community action, arts and technology, environmental studies and international studies. Our beautiful 750-acre arboretum campus is located in the historic New England seaport community of New London, Conn.

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Development Coordinator, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services

Boston Account Manager, American Red Cross

Production and Editorial Assistant, Verso Books

Adviser, U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand of New York

Deputy Northeast Finance Director, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

Graduate Student, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services

Program Supervisor, City of Stillwater Multi Arts Center

Account Supervisor, Cline Davis & Mann

Assistant Program Supervisor, KEY Program Inc.

Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, Ohio State University

Executive Director, MPIL Steel Structures Ltd.

Senior Adviser, Tertiary Education Commission of New Zealand

Fair Climate Network Manager, National Wildlife Foundation

Kindergarten Teacher, New York City Board of Education

Development Officer, Grand Teton National Park Foundation

Sales Coordinator, EF Educational Tours

Teacher, Teach for America

Trial Preparation Assistant, New York County District Attorney’s Office

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