# Breaking Ground, Building Bridges: Communication, Gender, and Social Change
Ohio University
WGS Graduate Student Association
Conference 2014

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12:00PM-7:30PM: Conference Registration (Baker Center, 2nd Floor Atrium)

1:00PM-2:15PM: Workshop Session 1 (Concurrent Sessions)
WS 1A: Jan Griesinger, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, Learning to Challenge Ageism: The Value System that Says Young is Always Better than Old (Women's Center, Baker 403)

WS 1B: Nancy Gomez and Kazi Priyanka Silmi, Ohio University & Hollaback Appalachian Ohio, Geography of Street Harassment on the Female Body (Alden Library 319 Friends Room)

2:30PM-3:45PM: Workshop Session 2 (Concurrent Sessions)
WS 2A: Dr. Risa Whitson, Associate Professor, Geography and Women & Gender Studies, Ohio University, Academic Publishing for Graduate Students: Getting Started, Getting Published (Women's Center, Baker 403)

WS 2B: Sherri Saines and Hilary Bussel, Subject Librarians, Alden Library, Ohio University, Radical Pedagogy and the World of Too Much Information (Alden Library 319 Friends Room)

4:00PM-5:15PM: Workshop Session 3 (Concurrent Sessions)
WS 3A: Ohio University WGS Graduate Student Association, Open discussion on the Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Student Association at OU: Where do We Go from Here? (Women's Center, Baker 403)

WS 3B: Dr. Catherine Cutcher, Director, Global Studies Program, Ohio University, Feminist Popular Education for Social Change (Alden Library 319 Friends Room)

5:30PM-7:30PM: Welcome Reception & Networking Hour (1804 Lounge-Baker 5th Floor)
Meet and greet with the keynote speaker and conference participants
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00AM-10:30AM: PAPER SESSION - GROUP 1 (CONCURRENT PANELS)

Session 1A: Communication of Sexuality and Violence in the Media (Baker 229)
Moderator: Kazi Priyanka Silmi

- **Jordan Lovejoy**, West Virginia University, “Gender and Challenges to Sexual Content in the Young Adult Novels Angus, Thongs, and Full-Frontal Snogging and Speak”
- **Melissa Eaton**, Mercy Housing-San Francisco, “Women, Trauma, and Substance Use: The Importance of Harm Reduction Policies within Social Service Providers”
- **Leah Davidson**, Eastern Michigan University, “Communicating Safety and Sexual Assault: Deconstructing Narratives of Language, Body and Culture in Campus Literature”
- **Kelly Choyke**, Ohio University, “Is Your Vampire Boyfriend Abusing You?: The Twilight Saga and Perceptions of Intimate Partner Abuse”

Session 1B: Gender and Representation (Baker 233)
Moderator: Dr. Nicole Reynolds

- **Dongjing Kang & Meiying Li**, Ohio University, “Gender (Mis)representation: Vernacular Discourse of Mosuo Nationality ‘Walking Marriage’ on Chinese Microblog Weibo”
- **Begüm Saçak and Sylvia Nyegenye**, Ohio University, “Gender stereotypes in Written American Advertisements: African and American Perspectives”
- **Liliana Acevedo Callejas**, Ohio University, “Camping like a ‘Queen’: How Spanish gay youth use humor as political rhetoric and YouTube as a counter-public space”
- **Benedine Azanu**, Ohio University, “Framing of African Female Presidents in US Newspapers”

Session 1C: Communication Against Sexual Oppression and Gender-Based Violence (Baker 235)
Moderator: Nancy Gomez

- **Hassan Akibu Olalekan**, Ogun State Universal Basic Education Board, “Brick Walls: LGBTQ in Nigerian Communities”
- **Kaustavi Sarkar**, Ohio State University, “Mahari Then and Now, Queering Performativity in Odissi”
• **Nihal Said**, Ohio University, "Street and Sexual Harassment in Egypt; the Use of Communication Tools for Fighting Violence against Women"

• **Kareem Damanhoury**, Ohio University, "The Use of Entertainment-Education to Combat Female Genital Mutilation in Egypt"

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**Session 1D: Gender, Empowerment and Leadership (Baker 237)**

Moderator: Aarti Arora

• **Dr. Neva Helena Alexander**, City University of New York, "Saudi Female Students’ Perception of Effective Female Leaders"

• **Sana Mahmud**, Ohio University, "Shedding Stereotypes about Pakistani Women: A Look at Women in Sports in Pakistan"

• **Jillian Prusa**, Ohio University, "Sports Development Initiatives and Gender"

• **Alaina Morman**, Ohio University, "Rekindling the Warrior Spirit: Indigenous Women Embracing Environmental Justice Issues through Policy and Activism"

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**Session 1E: Women’s Representation in Media and Pop Culture (Baker 239)**

Moderator: Dr. Kim Little

• **Benjamin Braddock**, Ohio University, "The Invisible (Wo)Man and Miley Cyrus: Toward a Definition of Ratchet"

• **Shannon McMahon**, Ohio University, "Meeting Virginia: Train's Hit Song as Third Wave Feminist Text"

• **Nii Kotei Nikoi**, Ohio University, "Women in Popular Ghanaian Music Video"

• **Alane Presswood**, Ohio University, "Using the Lesbian Gothic to Combat the Male Gaze in Film and Literature"

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**10:45AM-12:15AM: PAPER SESSIONS- GROUP 2 (CONCURRENT PANELS)**

**Session 2A: Gender and Economic Development (Baker 229)**

Moderator: Katty Alhayek

• **Alicia Aikens and Michelle Acevedo**, Ohio University, "Los Ceibos: Group of Artisans in Bella Maria Ecuador"

• **Kelsey Hoffman**, University of Cincinnati, “‘The Second City Industrially’: Early Twentieth-Century Chicago, African American Working Women and the Political Manipulation of Women’s Trade Union League”

• **Margaret Holleman**, University of Oklahoma, “In the Middle: Mediators of Transborder, Faith-based Development in Oaxaca, Mexico”
Session 2B: Feminist inquiry in research (Baker 233)
Moderator: Dr. Jenny Nelson

- Laura Hyde, Ohio University, “The Ethics of Research and Representation of the Marginalized ‘Other’: A Five-Person Perspective”
- Jing Guan, Sichuan University, “Writing Project in the Translation of The Color Purple”
- Hannah Abrahamson, Ohio University, “Negotiating Colonization: Women in Colonial Brazil and Mexico”
- Tijana Knezevic, Ohio University, “Using Visual Communication for Women’s Empowerment in Novi Knezevac, Serbia”

Session 2C: Gender, Development and Health (Baker 235)
Moderator: Robin Burnette

- Sharon Colvin, Ohio University, “Maternal Precariousness Influences Infant Protection from HIV Infection”
- Chikondi Khangamwa, Ohio University, “Maternal Health in Malawi Delegitimizing Local Resources”
- Meiying Li, Ohio University, “Care for the Caregivers”
- Kazi Priyanka Silmi, Ohio University, “Impact of Climate Change on Public Health in Bangladesh: A Gendered Perspective”

Session 2D: Gender, discourse and development (Baker 237)
Moderator: Dr. Anne Oberhauser

- Michael Frechen, Ohio University, “The Value of Diversity: Attitudes Toward the Environment and the Morality of Species Extinction”
- Toluwani Adekunle, Ohio University, “Through the Lenses of Feminist Political Economics: Observing Women’s Economic Contributions through their Role as Social Reproducers”
- Mohammad Hashim Pashtun, Ohio University, "Association of South Asian Women for Environmental Sustainability"
- Erin Kuester, Ohio University, The Politics of Gendered Discourse Markers

Session 2E: Gender and Education (Baker 239)
Moderator: Dr Neva Alexander

- Dr. Dorothy Sack, Ohio University, “Grandmother’s Ice Axe”
• Yunqi Zhu, Ohio University, “Education Problems Faced by Migrant Workers’ Children in Beijing, China”

12:15PM-1:15PM: LUNCH – BAKER UNIVERSITY CENTER 240/242 (PROVIDED FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS)

1:30PM-2:30PM: KEYNOTE SPEECH: DR. RICHA NAGAR, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MUDDYING THE WATERS: CO-AUTHORING FEMINISMS ACROSS SCHOLARSHIP AND ACTIVISM (BAKER THEATRE-2ND FLOOR)

2:45PM-4:15PM: PAPER SESSIONS- GROUP 3 (CONCURRENT PANELS)

Session 3A: Gender and Communication Discourse (Baker 229)
Moderator: Dr. Kim Little

• Zhou Li, Ohio University, The Embodiment of "Leftover Ladies (Sheng nv 剩女)" In the Age of Chinese-styled Capitalist Patriarchy--A case study on a poplar reality TV dating show
• Sera Mathew, West Virginia University, "Women's Literacies and Empowerment: Investigating the Gender Paradox in Kerala, India"
• Nurchayati Muksam, University of Sydney Australia, “Indonesian Nationalist Discourse on Migrant Workers vs. the Real Dangers that Migrant Housemaids Face in Their Journeys Back Home”
• Erin McKelle Fischer, Ohio University, “'Am I Pretty Or Ugly?: Why Online Harassment is the New Sexism”

Session 3B: Women and Educational Leadership (Baker 233)
Moderator: Dr. Dwan Robinson

• Rashmi Sharma, Ohio University, “Grassroots Strategies and Global Mandates: Educational Empowerment of Rural Women in India”
• Lauren Volpe, Ohio University, “Women and Educational Leadership: The Case of the United States”
• Grace Annor, Ohio University, “Women and Educational Leadership: The Case of Ghana”
• Dr. Dwan Robinson, Ohio University, “Global Conceptions of Women's Roles in Leadership and Decision-Making
Session 3C: Gender, Violence and Migration (Baker 235)
Moderator: Tracy Tinga

- Vilashini Somiah & Azliana Azi, Ohio University, “Filming the Repercussions of AmbiguousBoundaries: Insurgency in Sabah”
- Emily Burns, Ohio University, “Selling Sex to Survive: Prostitution, Trafficking, and Agency within the Indian Sex Industry”
- Sergina, Ohio University, “Violence against Indonesian Female Migrant Workers and the Applicability of CEDAW by Indonesian Government”
- Ibrahim Sesay, Ohio University, “Communication and Female Genital Mutilation: The role of men as ‘Positive Deviant’”

Session 3D: Gender in the Domestic and Public Sphere (Baker 237)
Moderator: Jocelyn Probasco

- Dr. Ann Oberhauser, West Virginia University, “Rural Space for Gender and Development: Perspectives from sub-Saharan Africa”
- Carol Kelly, Eastern Michigan University, “The Mummies on the Bus Learn Astrophysics: How Following Your Husband’s Job around the Globe Can Leave Every Woman, Even an Astrophysicist, Vulnerable”
- Annie Wu, University of Sydney, “Changing Fortunes, Changing Identities: Social Identities and Vietnamese Wives and Mothers in Taiwan”
- Jessica Barnes, Ohio State University, “Women Crafting Lives and Livelihoods: A Case Study of Entrepreneurial Crafters in Columbus, Ohio”

Session 3E: Disability, Communication and Development (Baker 239)
Dr. Jenny Nelson, School of Media Arts & Studies, Ohio University, "The Rhizomatics of Disability/Accessibility: a Performance Case Study"

This multi-media performance enacts the trajectory of a group of twenty-five first-year masters’ students in the Communication & Development program as they navigated their way through a variety of institutional structures on a 15-week odyssey that ended with a conference celebrating the city of Athens’ inaugural International Day of Persons with Disabilities event. What started as a cipher – an item line on a meeting agenda – was transformed into a collaborative ethnographic research project that exemplifies the interplay of institutional structures and grassroots social change. Rather than a linear presentation with “results” presented by individual panelists, a performance format more accurately reflects the logic of our topic, that of mobilizing rhizomatic, grass-roots social change. The performances will include disability simulations, audience participation, and short videos that were produced throughout the semester.

Session 3F: Gender, Conflict, and Displacement (Baker 236)
Moderator: Dr. Julie White
• **Elizarni**, Ohio University, “Mélange of Voice: Pre-Post Conflict and Political Educational Experiences of Women in Aceh, Indonesia”

• **Majd Mariam**, Ohio University, “Communication Strategies from Gender Perspectives to Address the Issues of the Syrian Children with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder”

• **Michael Wolven**, Ohio University, “Gendered Environmental Hazards for Resettled Refugees”


4:30PM-6:00PM: **PAPER SESSIONS - GROUP 4 (CONCURRENT PANELS)**

**Session 4A: Gender, Activism and Social Movements (Baker 229)**
Moderator: Dr. Julie White

• **Katty Alhayek**, Ohio University, “Double Marginalization: Mainstream Online Activism and the Invisibility of Syrian Refugee Women’s Voices”

• **Cory Chan-Frederick**, Ohio University, “Transgender Awareness and Virtual Communities: Using Social Media to Advance the Movement”

• **Rebecca Lee**, Ohio University, “Eve Ensler’s the Vagina Monologues as Feminist Activist Ecology”

• **Jennifer Seifert**, Ohio University, “Bridging the Paradox: SlutWalk, Culture, and the Quest for Identity”

**Session 4B: Gender, Beauty and Body Image (Baker 233)**
Moderator: Dr. Nicole Reynolds

• **Saran Indigo Goodson**, Ohio University, “The Mane Story: Colonialism, Standards of Beauty, and Black Women’s Hair Texture”

• **Kirsten Lawrence**, Ohio University, “Between War and Vanity: Gendered Language in Children’s Advertisements”

• **Imran Mazid**, Ohio University, “Body Image Dissatisfaction and Makeover Culture”

• **Henry Boachi**, Ohio University, “Shame & Body Curves: Visual ‘Conversations’ about An Alleged Corrupt Female Government”

**Session 4C: Gender, Health, Representation (Baker 235)**
Moderator: Michelle Acevedo Callejas

• **Franklyn Charles**, Ohio University, “Mixed Messages through Thick and Thin Sexy or Unhealthy: Obesity in Caribbean Women”
• **Hannah Farchione**, Ohio University, “Nothing Tastes as Good as Skinny Feels: An Exploration into the World of the Media and Eating Disorder”

• **Jill Klimpel**, Ohio State University, “Taking Advantage of Modernity: Exploring the High Rates of C-Sections in Sao Paulo, Brazil”

• **Dr. Catherine Cutcher**, Ohio University, “The Medicine is Education: Sexual and Reproductive Health Education among Women’s Groups in Kenya”

**Session 4D: Gender, Development and Communication for Social Change in Jamaica (Baker 237)**
Moderator: Liliana Acevedo Callejas

• **Kay-Anne Darlington**, Ohio University, “Gender and Sexual Representation in Jamaican HIV Prevention Television Advertisements”

• **Sherica Hawthorne**, Ohio University, “All about Women? Gender Representation in Jamaican Development Plans”

• **Sabena Thomas**, Ohio University, “Women in Development: Empowerment through Equity”

• **Alicia Aikens**, Ohio University, "Barriers to Care and Prevention among the MSM Population in Jamaica: Suggestions for Change"

**Session 4E: Gender, leadership and communication (Baker 239)**
Moderator: Zhou Li

• **Mary Fairio**, Ohio University, "Why is it difficult for women to be elected? Looking at the electoral system in Papua New Guinea"

• **Elizabeth Story**, Ohio University, "Kurdish Women as Leaders in Bahman Ghobadi’s Niwemang"

• **Robin Burnette**, Capital University, "Latina Immigrant Women Leaders in the US Immigrant Movement Today"

• **Thu Hoan Do**, Ohio University, "Vietnamese womanhood and discourse of nationalism"
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