

**NEW JERSEY WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES CONSORTIUM'S
14TH ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM**



FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium is a state-wide forum for a discussion and support of all aspects of the functioning of Women's and Gender Studies Programs.

The mission of the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium is to ensure the continued strength, visibility and development of interdisciplinary women's and gender studies at universities and colleges in New Jersey. The Consortium stands as the formal organization of WGS programs, departments and initiatives across New Jersey. The Consortium serves as a network of WGS programs, departments and initiatives and provides collaborative space where WGS students, staff and faculty can share resources, knowledge and strategies for achieving our common goals of feminist, multicultural education, research education, research and practices for social justice.

Erica Ryan, Rider University, Co-Chair

Cynthia Minivaggi, Georgian Court University, Co-Chair

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:00—9:00 am - Registration/Breakfast
Brower Student Center 225 East

9:00—9:30 am—Welcome and Introductions
Cecilia Colbeth, The College of New Jersey
Ellen Friedman , Professor of English, TCNJ
Dr. Barbara Gitenstein, President, TCNJ

9:45 - 11:15 am - Panel Sessions
Panel A - Brower Student Center 101
Panel B - Brower Student Center 222
Panel C - Brower Student Center 224

11:30 am - 12:20 pm— Keynote Speaker
Jane Wong, Dean of the Humanities and Social Sciences, TCNJ
Introduction of Keynote - Rosie Driscoll
Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman

12:30 - 1:30 pm - Luncheon
Brower Student Center 225 East
NJWGSC Summer Internship Winners Briefing – Arlene Scala

1:45 - 3:15 pm—Panel Sessions
Panel D - Brower Student Center 101
Panel E - Brower Student Center 222
Panel F - Brower Student Center 224

3: 20—4:00 pm - Closing Remarks/ Awards Ceremony
Erica Ryan and Cynthia Niniavaggi, Co-Chairs of NJWGSC
Brower Student Center 225 East

PANEL A

Moderators: Arlene Scala

Student Moderator: Rushabh Solanki

Feminist Health Studies

- ◆ "50 Shades of Discomfort: A Woman's Sexual Journey" Josephine Latimer (WPU)
- ◆ "The Limits of Breast Cancer Awareness" Lisa Infosino (TCNJ)
- ◆ "The Rest Condemnation: A Fate of Declining Mental Health"
Ann Marie Masiello (RVCC)
- ◆ "You Know Me and You Don't" Valerie Vanone (GCU)
- ◆ "I'm Proud of Who I am, But It's Nobody's Business: Bisexual, Millennial Women
and Sexual Orientation Disclosure in the Workplace" Victoria Platnochka (Rutgers)

PANEL B

Moderator: Erica Ryan

Student Moderator: Jackey Delaney

Feminist Resistance & Recovery

- ◆ "Nora Helmer: A Feminist Archetype in *A Doll's House*" Virginia Destefano
(RVCC)
- ◆ "Emphasis on the 'Ish'" Chloe Weiss (Drew)
- ◆ "The Lost Cause and the Confederacy: Not so Lost" Cristina Tenreiro (Rider)
- ◆ "The Soap Box" Lynn Johnson (BCC)

PANEL C

Moderator: Jennifer Musial

Student Moderator: Lauren Barbour

Problematising Gender in the Intersections

- ◆ “LGBTQ+ Erasure in the Latinx Community” Kimberly Rodriguez (Rider)
- ◆ “Subborn Mules and Empty Wallets: Mythology as Cautionary Tales of Black Patriarchy in Hurston’s *Their Eyes Were Watching God*” Tyrisse James Holloway (Rowan)
- ◆ “The Influence of Gender Roles in *A Raisin in the Sun*” Sarah Cook (GCU)
- ◆ “And the Women? The Feminization of Migration in United States Immigration Policy” Corinne Winters (TCNJ)

PANEL D

Moderator: Arlene Scala

Student Moderator: Catronia Leary

Theory & Interventions

- ◆ "Implications of 'Son of a Whore'" Jeanne Donohue (Kean)
- ◆ "Knowledge Paradigms: The Feminist Influence on Scientific and Jewish Communities" Micaela Bottari (Rider)
- ◆ "Corporate Cannibalism: The Real Meaning of Consumer Rights" Laura Lee (WPU)
- ◆ "The Rejection of Collective Identity" Daniel Ginchereau (GCU)

PANEL E

Moderator: Roseanne Alavarez

Student Moderator: Shannon Joyce

Feminist Praxis

- ◆ "Girtz in the Hood" (Film) Tye-Asha Haynes (NICU)
- ◆ "Flush the Labels" Stephanie Pasco, Sacha Garcia-Cruz, and Luis Perez (NICU)
- ◆ "Podcast/Oral History Project" Chelsea Shafro (BCC)
- ◆ "Why You Should Be Pissed, Too" Victoria Cattelona (BCC)

PANEL F

Moderator: Marla Jaksch

Student Moderator: Kamryn Richardson

Intersectionality

- ◆ “Mom’s the Word: Counternarrative Constructions of Single Motherhood in 1970s-1980s Popular American Literature” Alexa Young (Drew)
- ◆ “The Marginalization of Women and People of Color in Nerd Culture” Sachel Debrosse (WPU)
- ◆ “Intersectionality and Women’s Public Health in sub-Saharan Africa” Jahnavi Upreti (TCNJ)
- ◆ “The Significance of Diversity in Feminist Theory” Mishelle Lema (RVCC)



Bonnie Watson Coleman, a long-time and influential advocate for the people of New Jersey, is currently serving her sophomore term in the United States Congress. Prior to her election as Representative for New Jersey's 12th Congressional District, Watson Coleman served eight consecutive terms in the New Jersey General Assembly.

The daughter of legendary state legislator John S. Watson, Watson Coleman has continued a family legacy of public service fighting for women, economically and socially disadvantaged populations, and other vulnerable groups in our society. Watson Coleman shattered racial and gender barriers to become the first Black woman to serve as Majority Leader of the New Jersey General Assembly, and as the Chair of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee. Her election to the House of Representatives makes her the first Black woman to represent New Jersey in Congress.

Watson Coleman has led the call for reforms to prisoner re-entry programs, fighting tirelessly to shut the revolving door of recidivism for individuals who have returned from incarceration. During her time as Majority Leader, Watson Coleman convened a year-long series of public hearings on the topic while shepherding legislation through the New Jersey Assembly that The New York Times called “a model for the rest of the nation,” on prisoner rehabilitation and release.

For her second term, as a member of the 115th Congress, Watson Coleman was selected by her colleagues as the Vice Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Committee, where she is also Ranking Member on both the Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security. She also serves on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Watson Coleman has championed legislation to protect vulnerable Americans and communities related to gun safety, environmental protection, and long-term unemployment. Watson Coleman is the author of the Healthy MOM Act, which would allow women to enroll in, or change their health coverage if they become pregnant, the End For-Profit Prisons Act, which would prohibit the federal government from contracting with for-profit prison corporations and, the SAFER Pipelines Act that would reform the gas pipeline approval process overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

In 2016, Watson Coleman, alongside two of her colleagues, founded the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls, the first House caucus to study policy issues related to the continued success and accomplishments of that population. Watson Coleman is an active member of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

NJWGSC Summer Internship Awards

For the Summer 2017 program, the New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium (NJWGSC) awarded a grant of \$1,000 to Serenity Coleburn of Passaic County Community College, who did her internship with the Coordinator of the Violence Against Women Program at Passaic Community College.

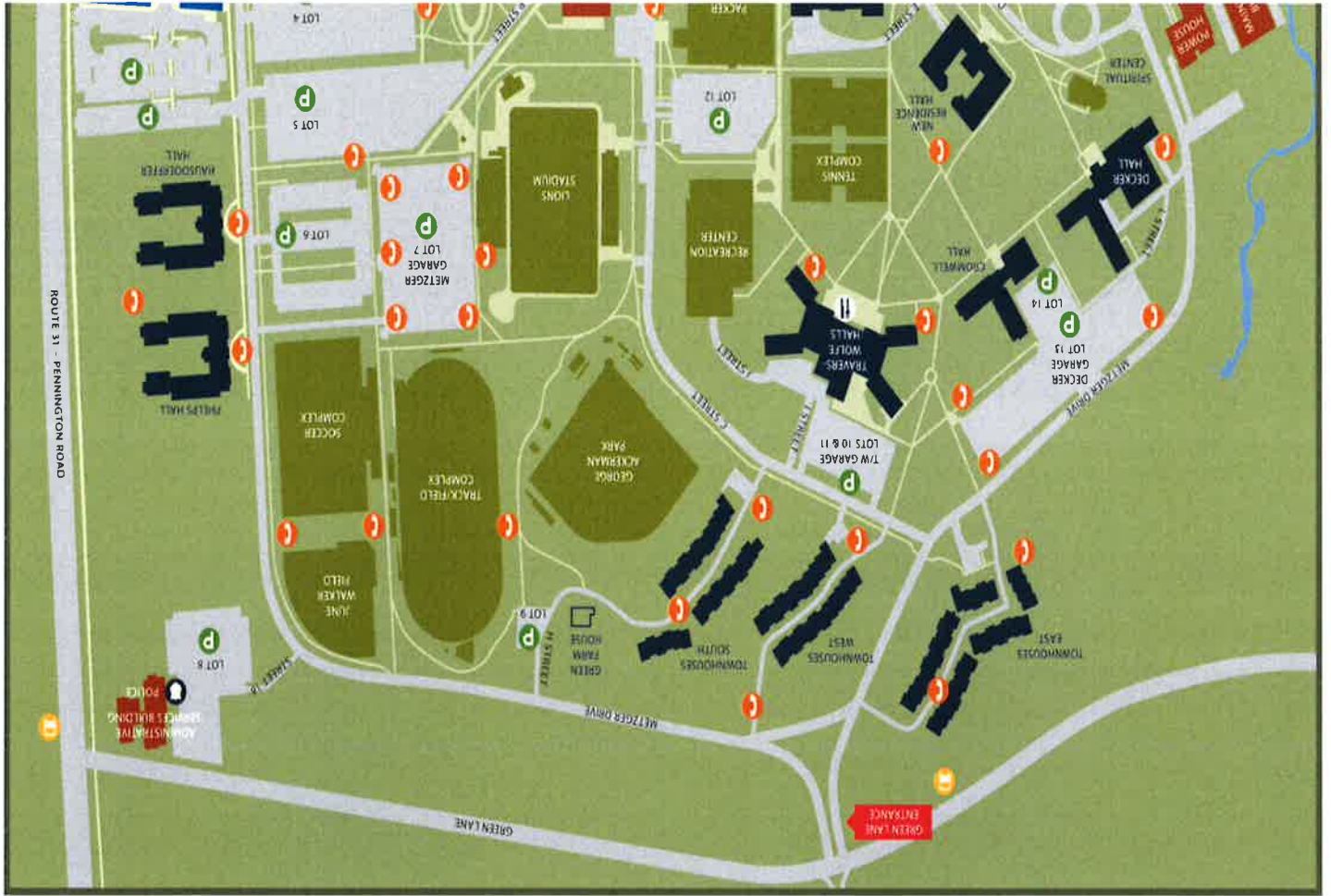
Congratulations!

NJWGSC members should encourage their students to apply for the Summer 2018 Summer Internship Awards.

Eligibility - All undergraduate students (preference given to rising juniors and seniors) currently enrolled at a college of university in the state of New Jersey who will be doing an internship related to women's and gender studies during the summer of 2018.

Applications can be found at <http://njwgsc.pages.tcnj.edu>







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