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MISSION

The National Women’s Studies Association leads the field of women’s studies.

VISION

Our members actively pursue a just world in which all persons can develop to their fullest potential – one free from ideologies, systems of privilege or structures that oppress or exploit some for the advantage of others. In support of their work, we believe:

- Women’s Studies is vital to education;
- Women’s Studies is comparative, global, intersectional, and interdisciplinary;
- Scholarship, activism, and teaching are inseparable elements of a single whole.

We are further committed to a vision of education and scholarship that includes:

- Faculty, students, centers, other campus organizations, and community scholars;
- The exchange of regional, national, and international scholars;
- Critical reflection and dialogue among community organizations on the social meaning and use of women’s and gender studies broadly conceived.
MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

This year the National Women’s Studies Association celebrated its 40th anniversary. Our field was born out of struggle and activism, and we honored those beginnings through our statements, our conference, and our commitment to better engaging activists in our work and to learning from their insights and experiences. Today more than ever there is an urgent need to amplify the voices of feminist scholars and activists.

In the wake of the US presidential election we issued a statement encouraging our members to “[s]peak out loudly and consistently through letters, petitions and collective statements. We cannot accept the skewed argument that it is not our place, or it is somehow unprofessional, to speak out. On the contrary, speak out we must. It is our ethical obligation to do so.”

We know because you answered the call. We felt your energy at our annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Combahee River Collective Statement. FORTY YEARS AFTER COMBAHEE: Feminist Scholars and Activists Engage the Movement for Black Lives was one of our largest meetings ever, with over 2,600 registrants, and with one of the strongest participation levels for scholars of color. We received powerful and positive feedback from the many new registrants who attended the conference. And there are exciting plans in the works for next year in Atlanta.

Thanks to your membership and engagement NWSA is stronger than ever. We look forward to sustaining you in your work on campuses and in communities.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ransby
NWSA President, 2016-2018
Distinguished Professor of African American Studies,
Gender and Women’s Studies, and History
University of Illinois at Chicago

Allison Kimmich
Executive Director
FIELD BUILDING

The National Women’s Studies Association supports the work of women’s studies and women’s center professionals through online and face-to-face events throughout the year.

**Online**
NWSA plans webinars designed to strengthen and support the field. Our “How to Grow Your WGSS Enrollment” session attracted nearly 50 participants.

**Doctoral Chair Meeting**
Every year NWSA organizes a meeting of doctoral program chairs in order to promote information sharing, networking, and support for graduate education.

**Chair and Director Meeting**
This annual event brings together chairs and directors from across the country to connect and strategize about building women’s and gender studies programs and women’s centers. The Chicago, IL meeting served more than 70 members.

**Pre-Conferences**
The Program Administration and Development and Women’s Center Pre-Conferences take place at the annual meeting and offer a forum for chairs and directors to gather, network, and present papers. In 2017 more than 200 chairs and directors attended.
FORTY YEARS AFTER COMBAHEE:

Feminist Scholars and Activists Engage the Movement for Black Lives
November 16-19, 2017 | Baltimore, MD

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ACTIVIST TRAVEL FUND

NWSA 2017 linked activists and scholars intergenerationally and across lines of race and ethnicity, and made a powerful contribution by infusing history, theory and transnational framework into the political discourse surrounding the movement.

Activist Fund Committee

- Barbara Ransby, University of Illinois at Chicago (chair)
- Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Spelman College
- Lisa Lee, University of Illinois at Chicago

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**Angela Davis**  
Distinguished Professor  
Emerita of History of Consciousness and Feminist Studies, UC Santa Cruz

**Alicia Garza**  
Special Projects Director, National Domestic Workers Alliance Co-Founder, #BlackLivesMatter

AMAZING!  
Realize the need to broaden my own thinking,  
TO DREAM AND TO ENGAGE THE DREAM.
PLENARY SESSION

Combahee Revisited, Movement for Black Lives & Current State of Black Feminist Organizing and Leadership: Intergenerational Conversation

This intergenerational panel will bring together some of the original members of the Combahee River Collective, including CRC statement co-author Barbara Smith, along with leaders of the Movement for Black Lives and #Sayhername, to talk about the history of Black feminist organizing and the impact of the Combahee River Collective statement on Black feminist praxis today.

Charlene A. Carruthers  
Black Youth Project 100

Kimberlé Crenshaw  
Professor of Law at UCLA and Columbia Law School

Demita Frazier  
Combahee River Collective Founding Member

Mary Hooks  
Co-Director of Southerners on New Ground

Margo Okazawa-Rey  
Fielding Graduate University

Barbara Smith  
Author, Activist, Independent Scholar
PLENARY SESSION

Global Context and National Connections

Transnational solidarity and anti-imperialism were core principles of the Combahee River Collective statement and are very much a part of the political practice of the Movement for Black Lives. This plenary will explore the character and challenges of transnational solidarities in the struggle for Palestinian autonomy, indigenous rights, immigrant rights, decolonial praxis, and anti-police violence organizing.

Gina Dent
University of California, Santa Cruz

Tara Houska
Honor the Earth National Campaigns Director

Chandra Talpade Mohanty
Syracuse University

Keeanga-Yamhatta Taylor
Princeton University

LIFE GIVING.

Love the multi-generational, global perspectives of anti-racist, intellectually-engaged, and intersectional feminist activism
WOMEN OF COLOR LEADERSHIP PROJECT

The WoCLP is designed to increase the number of women of color students and faculty within the field of women’s studies and women’s centers and, consequently, to have an impact on the levels of participation and power by women of color in the field of women’s studies and women’s centers, in NWSA, and in the Program Administration and Development and Women’s Center constituent groups.

Woman of Color Leadership Project Organizers

- Treva Lindsey, The Ohio State University
- Cara Hagan, Appalachian State University
TEACH-IN

The NWSA One-Day Teach-In, specifically for Baltimore City (and surrounding counties) teachers and paraprofessionals, is designed principally for full-time and part-time classroom teachers and librarians in public, charter, independent, and religiously affiliated schools.

Curriculum

The Teach-In curriculum builds off of the 2017 NWSA Conference theme, 40 YEARS AFTER COMBAHEE: Feminist Scholars and Activists Engage the Movement for Black Lives. The goal was to engage, inspire, and educate teachers and thus the Teach-In was best suited for educators who currently incorporate or who are interested in incorporating civic, social and cultural topics into their instruction.

Teach-in Organizers

- Ileana Jiménez, FeministTeacher.com
- Stephanie Troutman, University of Arizona
- Karsonya (Kaye) Wise Whitehead, Loyola University Maryland
Vision and Commitment Award

The National Women’s Studies Association recognized Dr. Irma McClaurin with a Special Award for Vision and Commitment, for her contributions to the Association’s growth and vitality at its annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland on November 17, 2017. When McClaurin served as a Ford Foundation program officer she awarded NWSA two major grants that allowed the association to engage in strategic planning and to foreground women of color initiatives.

Irma McClaurin is an activist anthropologist and writer who holds the MFA in English and PhD in anthropology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst where she recently founded the Irma McClaurin Black Feminist Archive. She is a past president of Shaw University, and an award-winning author who was named “Best Columnist of the Year by the Black Press of America in 2015. Recently, selected as a Fulbright Specialist, she is the founder of McClaurin Solutions, a leadership consulting firm.

Sara A. Whaley Book Prize Winners

Hanan Hammad, Texas Christian University

*Industrial Sexuality: Gender, Urbanization, and Social Transformation in Egypt*

University of Texas Press, 2016

Shatema Threadcraft, Rutgers University

*Intimate Justice: The Black Female Body and the Body Politic*

Oxford University Press, 2016

Sara A. Whaley Book Prize Honorable Mention

Attiya Ahmad, George Washington University

*Everyday Conversions: Islam, Domestic Work, and South Asian Migrant Women in Kuwait*

Duke University Press, 2017
**Sara A. Whaley Book Prize Committee**
- Patti Duncan, Oregon State University (Chair)
- Priya Kandaswamy, Mills College
- Jae Basiliere, Grand Valley State University

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**Gloria E. Anzaldúa Book Prize Winner**

Lorgia García-Peña, Harvard University

*The Borders of Dominicanidad: Race, Nation, and Archives of Contradiction*


**Gloria E. Anzaldúa Book Prize Honorable Mentions**

**Sara Ahmed**

*Living a Feminist Life*

Duke University Press, 2017

**Lalaie Ameeriar**, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Downwardly Global: Women, Work, and Citizenship in the Pakistani Diaspora*

Duke University Press, 2017

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- Janell Hobson, University at Albany State, University of New York (Chair)
- Keisha-Khan Y. Perry, Brown University
- Rebecca Wanzo, Washington University in St. Louis

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**Alison Piepmeier Book Prize Winner**

Eunjung Kim, Syracuse University

*Curative Violence: Rehabilitating Disability, Gender, and Sexuality in Modern Korea*

Duke University Press, 2017

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NWSA/University of Illinois Press First Book Prize Winner

Nicosia M. Shakes, The College of Wooster

*Gender, Race and Performance Space: Women’s Activism in Jamaican and South African Theatre*

NWSA/University of Illinois Press First Book Prize Honorable Mention

Elizabeth Verklan, Cotey College

*Objects of Desire: Feminist Inquiry, Transnational Feminism, and Global Fashion*

NWSA/University of Illinois Press First Book Prize Committee

- Richa Nagar, University of Minnesota (Chair)
- Ruth Nicole Brown, University of Illinois
- Dia da Costa, University of Alberta
- Treva Lindsey, The Ohio State University

2017 NWSA Graduate Scholarship Recipient

P. Michelle Morado Peters, University of Washington

**Dissertation Title:** “Past, Present, Pachuca: La Pachuca Sexuality and the Formation of Identity”

2017 NWSA Graduate Scholarship Honorable Mentions

Armaghan Ziaee, University of Cincinnati

**Dissertation Title:** “Transnational Modernization and the Gendered Built Environment in Iran: Altering Architectural Spaces and Gender Identities in the Early Twentieth Century (1925-1941)”

Karen Hanna, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Dissertation Title:** “Makibaka!: A Feminist Social History of the Transnational Filipina/o American Left From 1969-1992”

2017 NWSA Graduate Scholarship Committee

- Carrie Baker, Smith College (Chair)
- Patti Duncan, Oregon State University
- Banu Subramaniam, University of Massachusetts Amherst
2017 NWSA Women of Color Caucus-Frontiers Student Essay Award Winner

Peggy K. Lee, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**ESSAY TITLE:** Care as Infrastructure: Black Feminism and the Burden of Self

**NWSA Women of Color Caucus- Frontiers Student Essay Award Committee**

- Lydia Kelow-Bennett, Brown University
- Karsonya (Kaye) Wise Whitehead, Loyola University Maryland

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2017 Lesbian Caucus Scholarship Winner

Rachel Stonecipher, University of Pennsylvania

**DISSERTATION:** People Change: Fluidity, Difference, Gender, and Race in Lesbian/ Queer Futurity

2017 Lesbian Caucus Scholarship Honorable Mention

Cristina Khan, University of Connecticut

**NWSA Lesbian Caucus Scholarship Committee**

- Karen Booth, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Anahi Russo Garrido, Metropolitan State University of Denver

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2017 Women’s Centers Awards - Emerging Leader

Jaclyn “Jackie” Northrup, University of Alabama Women’s Center

2017 Women’s Centers Awards - Outstanding Service

Heather Clayton Terry, Case Western Reserve University’s Flora Stone Mather Center for Women

**Women’s Centers Awards Committee**

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This conference was so much different than any I’ve ever experienced. It was not only relevant to my work (including presentations and discussions relevant to food, work, abolition, public housing and neo-liberalism, etc), but INSPIRING, RE-ENERGIZING AND HELPED ALLOW ME TO MEET PEOPLE I MAY NOT HAVE OTHERWISE HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET.
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