

October Edition

WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES PROGRAM

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Welcome Message from the WGS Director

Hi everyone!

I hope to see many of you soon for our large-group advising session sometime later this month (date/time/place TBA over email by the end of this week!) We will introduce some exciting curricular changes in the works, including a few important updates in our course offerings, and also an "action plan" that will make it easier for folks across the university who are interested in gender-related topics to pick up a WGS double-major or minor. We'll also share our plans for this year's "WGS at work" series and solicit your ideas for panels that might interest you! These sessions will include pizza and soda!

Elizabeth Neiman

Upcoming Events and Lectures

Thursday, **October 13th** || Walk With the Ones You Love at 12:15pm starting in front of the Fogler Library

Friday, **October 14th** || March Against Domestic Violence at 3pm starting at the Fogler Library

Monday, **October 17th** || Speaking with Laurie Osher, of Maine House of Representatives from 4:30-5:30pm in Stevens 355

Thursday, **October 20th** || End of Policing Webinar at 6:30pm on Zoom:
<https://maine.zoom.us/j/84987737890?pwd=RFBOdWZFdUFpdFd6KzR1aktFRXQwZz09> (passcode: 748297)

Wednesday, **October 26** || Meet with Faith Barter and joining in discussing legal form in antebellum African American Literature in COE room of Union from 12-1pm

Upcoming WGS 230 Course!

Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies is excited to offer the course "WGS 230: Women, Health and the Environment" for the second time during winter term. This 3-week online course explores the connections between health and environmental hazards generated from colonial systems. Readings for the course emphasize memoir and feminist texts from bell hooks, Rachel Carson, Terry Tempest Williams, Sandra Steingraber, and Eli Clare, among others. Students in biomedical and natural sciences programs are especially encouraged to take the course. Interested students can reach out to instructor Dr. Katie Glover (katherine.glover@maine.edu) with questions."

UMaine Academic Calendar Dates

Monday, **October 10th** || Fall break begins

Wednesday, **October 12th** || Classes
resume

Monday, **October 24th** || Enrollment
for Spring 2023 begins

Thursday, **November 10th** || Last Day to
Drop with "W"

Friday, **November 11th** || No Classes
Veterans Day



GROUP ADVISING MEETINGS!

Calling all WGS majors and minors! Keep on the look out for an email from WGS Director Elizabeth Neiman with a poll for potential times for group advising meetings.

These meetings will include information on exciting curricular changes, important updates on course offerings, an action plan to make double majoring and minoring in WGS easier, and plans for our "WGS at Work" series! Additionally, these sessions will include pizza and soda for attending students.



YOU'RE INVITED TO:
Walk With the Ones You Love
Thursday, October 13th
12:15 from steps of Fogler Library



Please join us between your Thursday classes on Oct 13th
(classes end at 12:15 so join us during the break between classes before your 12:30 class)

Meet in front of Fogler Library – you’ll see us on the steps with the rainbow flag - for the 10-minute walk around the mall with your friends. Show your support for a loving campus that embraces diversity as part of Coming Out Week.

The Christian Chenard Walk With the Ones You Love is a statewide action to promote a vision of a Maine where all people -- regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity -- should feel safe and respected to walk hand-in-hand with their significant others.*

* Christian Chenard graduated from the University of Maine in 2006 with an IPhD in Nursing. Sadly, he passed away the following year after his battle with pancreatic cancer. He had worked as a nurse practitioner with the City of Portland Public Health *Positive Healthcare Program*, providing primary healthcare and HIV specialty care to persons living with HIV/AIDS. The walk he co-founded in 1998 with his life partner, Elliott Cherry, was renamed in his honor in 2007.

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WGS at Work Presents:

Maine House of Representatives, Laurie Osher (Orono, District #123)

Laurie Osher, in addition to serving as an elected official, is a soil scientist, small business owner, and former member of the UMaine faculty.

Join Us on Monday, October 17th from
4:30PM to 5:30PM in Stevens 355 to
Learn More!

WGS at Work Series Presents:

**Black Pro-Se: Authorship and the Limits
of Law in 19th Century African American
Literature**

Faith Barter (she/her), Professor at University of Oregon, discusses legal form in antebellum African American literature. Barter also shares how and why her work as a lawyer was foundational for her transition to an English Ph.D.

***Join Us in the Coe Room on
Wednesday, October 26th
from 12pm to 1pm with Pizza!***





To support the scholarship of Indigenous academics and speakers whose cultures help shape linguistics, archeology and cultural anthropology, and to also acknowledge the contributions of Indigenous Peoples globally, an invitation is extended for abstract submissions to present, or to register to attend the RIVAS 2022 conference. For conference and registration information, or on how to attend, visit, <https://www.umt.edu/nsilc/basepage.php>. Questions about the Host institutions, abstract submissions, the history or reasons the conference was created, contact: neyooxet.greymorning@mso.umt.edu

Invited speakers: Yellowknives Dene Scholar **Glen Coulthard** - *Once Were Maoists: Third World Currents in Fourth World Anti-Colonialism*, Palestinian Scholar **Zeina Jallad Charpentier** - *Identity Annexation: Israel's Non-Territorial and Psychic Annexation of the West Bank Samaritans in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*, Penobscot Scholar **Sherri Weh'na Ha'mu Kwasset Mitchell** - *Sacred Instructions: Indigenous Wisdom for Living Spirit-Based Change*, Anishinaabe Scholar **Bimadoshka Pucan** - *Land, Language and Medicine at Chief's Point*, Penobscot Scholar **Darren Ranco** - *Decolonizing Land Relations in the Dawnland: Landback and Rematriation Across Wabanakik*, former Australian Senator and Gumbaynggirr Scholar **Aden Ridgeway**.

- The RIVAS conferences aim to provide and promote:
- 1) a venue for the exchange of ideas and constructive debate,
 - 2) a platform for rising Indigenous scholars to present their work and connect with a wider scholarly network,
 - 3) Indigenous points of view on current local and global phenomena, histories, and issues,
 - 4) discussions about and awareness of positive trends and obstacles that still hamper the participation of Indigenous scholars within an arena of global academic discourse,
 - 5) the exploration of past, present and future Indigenous experiences in both academic and non-academic contexts

Times for open discussions with speakers constitute a fundamental component of the conference and will be made available to the public at specified times each day during the conference.

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Monday-Friday



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The End of Policing:

a webinar with author **Alex Vitale**
Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 pm

The End of Policing

Alex S. Vitale

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The problem is not police training, police diversity, or police methods. The problem is policing itself.

Alex S. Vitale

The End of Policing

Updated edition

Presenter:

Dr. Alex Vitale, Professor of Sociology,
Brooklyn College and CUNY Graduate Center

Facilitator:

Dr. Brian Pitman, Assistant Professor of Sociology,
University of Maine

Responders:

Wendy Allen, Restorative Justice Institute

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