Description

Mission Statement
The mission of the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality is to advance the interdisciplinary scholarly exploration of gender and sexuality and to create and share knowledge with students, scholars and the public.

Vision Statement
The study of gender and sexuality requires flexibility and interdisciplinary inquiry, therefore the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality will regularly assess its vision and structure, and will evolve accordingly. The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality will advance the scholarly exploration of gender and sexuality through four focus areas: Academic Programs, Public Scholarship, Research, and Student Academic Services.

Academic Programs
The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality offers two minors; the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies minor and the Women Studies minor

Public Scholarship
Through committed community association, public engagement, educational programming, and relationships with the media, the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality will become a local, regional and national leader on the discourse and understanding of important topics related to the gender and sexuality. Teaching and learning will extend beyond the Kent State University student population through a commitment for sharing knowledge, research and creative activities with the public.

Research
The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality will foster interdisciplinary research and creative activities about gender and sexuality, support grant development and student scholarships and assistantships, and become a regional leader and nexus for sponsoring scholarly inquiry on gender and sexuality.

Student Academic Support and Services
The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality will become an academic home for students at all Kent State campuses who are engaged in learning about gender and sexuality. It will collaborate with student support staff, offices and resources to ensure that program students from all campuses, colleges and schools have their advising and academic support needs met.

Value Statement
The intellectual and scholarly work of the Center intersects with scholarly work about race, class, nationality, religion, immigrant status, ability and other identity markers. Because of this intersection, the Center is committed to forging relationships within and beyond Kent State University that uphold global human rights, economic equality, and ecological justice. The Center will engage in meaningful and progressive discourse about marginalized groups and intersecting identities with the goal of improving society. In addition, because social constructions of gender, gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation frequently connect to social and structural violence, the Center faculty, staff and programs will work toward understanding and resisting state, societal and interpersonal coercion and violence.

Minors

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies
- Women’s Studies

LGBTQ Studies (LGBT)

LGBT 20020  INTRODUCTION TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER STUDIES  3 Credit Hours
Introduction to the field of LGBTQ Studies as well as an introduction to critical issues in LGBTQ lives.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

LGBT 20095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN LGBTQ STUDIES  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Introduction to a current and specialized topic in LGBTQ studies.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

LGBT 30095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN LGBTQ STUDIES  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Study of special topics related to LGBTQ Studies.
Prerequisite: LGBT 20020.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

LGBT 30196  INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION IN LGBTQ STUDIES  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Individual investigation in areas of interest not covered in courses.
Prerequisite: Junior standing; and special approval.
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation
Contact Hours: 3-9 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

LGBT 40095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN LGBTQ STUDIES  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) This course will provide new and emerging topics for students to study.
Prerequisite: LGBT 20020 or LGBT 41198.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
LGBT 40192  PRACTICUM IN LGBTQ STUDIES (ELR)  3-6 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Guided study of various aspects of the LGBTQ experience through involvement in the community, government agencies, non-profits, educational institutions, and other areas.
Prerequisite: Special approval.
Schedule Type: Practicum or Internship
Contact Hours: 8-18 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

LGBT 40201  INTRODUCTION TO TRANSGENDER STUDIES  3 Credit Hours
Serves as an introduction to transgender studies, which addresses theories, practices, laws and other cultural expressions of sexed embodiments, gender identity and gender expression.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

LGBT 40202  QUEER THEORY  3 Credit Hours
Explores theories related to sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

LGBT 41198  LGBTQ RESEARCH METHODS (ELR)  3 Credit Hours
Explores different qualitative and quantitative methodologies through applied research on LGBTQ-related topics.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture, Research
Contact Hours: 1 lecture, 2 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

Women's Studies (WMST)

WMST 20095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES  1-5 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit when topic varies) Study of particular contemporary figures, events and social practices or phenomenon as they relate to women's studies. This includes women and war, women and work, and women and interpersonal violence.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-5 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

WMST 20193  VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN WOMEN'S STUDIES  1-6 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Workshop focused on a specific topic within women's studies.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Workshop
Contact Hours: 1-6 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

WMST 30000  COLLOQUIUM IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (DIVD)  3 Credit Hours
A critical investigation of the position and category of women from a cross-cultural, historical and interdisciplinary perspective with special emphasis on major themes and issues in women's studies. Issues including race, ethnicity and sexuality will be addressed.
Prerequisite: Junior standing.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Diversity Domestic

WMST 30095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES II  1-5 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit when topic varies) Study of selected topics in women's studies organized around historical and theoretical issues and movements. This includes contemporary feminist theory, suffragist movement and third wave feminism.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-5 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

WMST 30100  HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES  3 Credit Hours
(Cross-listed with HIST 31075) An exploration of the political, economic, social, intellectual, and cultural forces that have shaped women's lives, women's thought, perceptions of womanhood, and feminism for 1607 to the present in what is now the United States.
Prerequisite: none.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 3 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

WMST 30196  WOMEN STUDIES INDIVIDUAL INVESTIGATION  1-3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) The design and completion of a scholarly research project related to women's studies, and the presentation of findings at the end of the term. Typically a capstone course for those completing the women's studies minor. Arrangements must be made in the semester prior to registration.
Prerequisite: Special approval of faculty member and department.
Schedule Type: Individual Investigation
Contact Hours: 3-9 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
WMST 40095  SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES III  1-5 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit when topic varies). Informed study of critical issues in women's studies from an international or global perspective.
Prerequisite: WMST 30000 or WMST 30001.
Schedule Type: Lecture
Contact Hours: 1-5 lecture
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

WMST 40193  VARIABLE TITLE WORKSHOP IN WOMEN'S STUDIES 1-6 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) Workshop focused on a specific topic within women's studies.
Prerequisite: None.
Schedule Type: Workshop
Contact Hours: 1-6 other
Grade Mode: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory

WMST 40992  PRACTICUM IN WOMEN'S STUDIES (ELR)  3 Credit Hours
(Repeatable for credit) An assignment at a private, public or nonprofit organization that centers on women's issues such as education, health and policy making. Arrangements must be made in the semester prior to registration.
Prerequisite: Permission.
Schedule Type: Practicum or Internship
Contact Hours: 9 other
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Attributes: Experiential Learning Requirement

Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Faculty
- Holt, Suzanne L. (1984), Professor, Ph.D., Kent State University, 1987
- Merryman, Molly B. (1996), Associate Professor, Ph.D., Bowling Green State University, 1995
- Vachon, Lauren (2012), Assistant Professor, M.F.A., Kent State University, 2013