

# *Gender M@tters Bi-monthly*

*Department of Gender Studies Bi-monthly Newsletter*

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## *Talks*

- **Carolyn Merchant** will be a Branigin Lecturer from March 29 to 31, 2009. Her lecture, *Partnership with Nature: Women and the Environment*, will be held on Monday, March 30, at 4 p.m. in the University Club, Indiana Memorial Union.
- On Sunday, March 29, 3:00 p.m. **Marlon Bailey** will discuss *The America Play*, Suzan-Lori Park's suggestive, poetic, and dramatic riff on ritual, memory, history, language, ethnicity, and the acts of viewing and performing. The talk will be in the Wells-Metz Theatre.

## *Publications*

- **Lessie Frazier's** publications include:
  - An article that she co-wrote with Deborah Cohen and is now in press forthcoming in May 2009. "The sixties: gender, sex, and sexuality in US and Canadian scholarship" *Clio: Histoire, Femmes, et Société*.
  - She also has a book now in press, *Gender and Sexuality in 1968: Transformative Politics in the Cultural Imagination* Palgrave. It should be out in October 2009 and was co-edited with Deborah Cohen.
  - Received three new reviews of *Salt in the Sand* (Duke 2007) in *Journal of Latin American Anthropology*, *A Contracorriente A Journal of Social History and Literature*, *Estudios Interdisciplinarios* (Univ of Tel Aviv)
- **Bradley Lane** has three articles that have been placed for forthcoming publication:
  - Arousing Suspicions: The Visual Culture of Contemporary Anti-Pornography Feminism." Forthcoming in Gentile, Kathy (Ed.), *Sexing the Look: Sexualized Imagery in Popular Visual Cultures*. Cambridge Scholars Press, 2010
  - Suddenly Last Semester: What Tennessee Williams' Suddenly Last Summer Taught Me about the Queer Dis-ease." Forthcoming in Battis, Jes (Ed.), *Homophiles: Queer Grads Reading Culture*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2010
  - "Being Made Up: Semiotics, Pedagogy, and Identity in America's Next Top Model." Co-authored with Jessica Giles, Department of Psychology and Human Development, Vanderbilt University. Forthcoming in Columbus, Frank (Ed.), *Social Changes*. Nova Science Press, 2009

## *Awards*

- **Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams** was awarded The John H. Edwards Fellowship for the year 2009-10. This is one of Indiana University's most prestigious academic awards. The John H. Edwards Fellowship is awarded on the following basis: good citizenship, character, especially attitude toward public service and the likelihood of future usefulness to society, scholastic ability, intellectual capacity, and upon such other bases and qualifications.
- Congratulations to **Brenda Weber** on receiving the Gender Studies Departmental Teaching Award and **Colin Johnson** on receiving the Gender Studies Departmental Service Award!!
- **Brenda Weber** was selected this year to receive an at-large Trustees Teaching Award.

## *Conference Presentations*

- **Lessie Frazier** will present two papers this summer.
  - “Sex and socialist revolution” at the Tepoztlan Institute for Transnational History of the Americas July 2009 (Mexico)
  - “Police, state, and desire in Chile” and roundtable presentation "Transnational feminist scholarship on the Americas" Latin American Studies Assoc. June 2009 (Rio de Janeiro).
- **Bradley Lane** has presented or will be presenting the following papers at national conferences this semester:
  - International Communication Association [Chicago, IL 2009], he will be presenting "Digital (In)Justice: Mediating Sex Panic and Online Predation" in their Popular Communication Division; to the American Culture Association / Pop Culture Association [Albuquerque, NM, 2009]
  - He also presented “All in the Family? The Queer Intimacies of *Sex with Mom and Dad*” in the Reality Television Division. I also organized a panel series on Gender and Reality Television for the PCA/ACA this year, and next year, I am co-Chair of the Reality Television Division for PCA/ACA
  - He will be presenting materials associated with his dissertation, *A Visual Politics of the Perverse: Sexual Predation and the 'Perversion' of American Visual Culture*, as part of the "New Research in Cultural Studies" Seminar at this year's national meeting of the Cultural Studies Association [Kansas City, MO, 2009].
- **Melissa Stein** was one of four fellows selected by Center for Liberal Arts and Society at Franklin and Marshall College for its inaugural Symposium for Emerging Scholars, held March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and focusing on the theme of “Resonance.” The fellows were chosen “based on their research, which embodies the ideals of liberal arts scholarship and the values of liberal learning, including inter- and trans-disciplinary practice, critical

thinking, and broad relevance to fundamental human questions.” As part of the symposium, she gave a public lecture entitled “‘Nature is the author of such restrictions’: Science, Medicine, and Segregation, 1877-1915.”

- **Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams** will present her paper "Is there a Native American and Indigenous Diaspora?" at the Herman C. Hudson Graduate Research Symposium on the IUB campus, Saturday April 4th at 9:15-10:45am in a panel entitled: Rebirth of a Nation: Navigating Political & Racial Identities in the U.S. The conference begins Friday April 3 and concludes Saturday evening with a keynote address from Chuck D. Please visit AAADS website ([www.indiana.edu/~afroamer](http://www.indiana.edu/~afroamer)) for more information.

### *Announcements*

- **Marlon Bailey** has been contracted as the Principle Investigator for a Needs Assessment study for HIV/AIDS and MSM (men who have sex with men) for the Indiana State Health Department.
- **Lessie Frazier** has been elected to the Bloomington Faculty Council.
- **Betsy Jose** performed in Manoranjanam, showcasing a sample of Indian music, dance and theater arts on March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center.
- **Bradley Lane** has successfully passed the department’s first doctoral exams this past December, with distinction. He plans to defend his dissertation prospectus this semester.

Articles for the next Gender M@tters Bi-Monthly are due in the office by Monday, **April 6, 2009**. You can e-mail them to Nina Taylor at [njtaylor@indiana.edu](mailto:njtaylor@indiana.edu).