Gender, Sex, and Power

7th Annual Gender Conference

Keynote Speaker

Sheri Davis-Faulkner, PhD

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Women, Violence, and Power

Room: Bayou
Moderator: Bill Davis, MA, LPC-S, LMFT, Social Sciences

“Positive Discrimination in Federal Sentencing”
Diana Metzger
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“We, the Oppressed”
Candice Gordon
University of Houston-Downtown

“Algerian Women's Voice and Silence”
Lisa Kurland
University of Houston-Downtown

Closing Remarks: 5:00-5:15 pm
Assistant Dean Crystal Guillory

Reception in Coffee House: 5:15-6:00 pm
Session E: 4:00-5:00 pm

Gender, Power and De-colonialist Literary Analysis

Room: White Oak
Moderator: Rachel Dickson, MFA, LMSW   Arts and Humanities

“Lashes on a Nigerian Woman’s Back: An African Woman’s Reading of African American Literature”
Ekwutosi Egbuna, (Chair)
Texas Southern University

“Tradition and Liberation in African Women’s Literature”
Sarah Moustapha
Texas Southern University

“Colonialism and Women’s Disempowerment in African/Diaspora Literature”
Ravin Porter
Texas Southern University

Gender Roles and Literary Analysis

Room: Houston
Moderator: Dr. Tammis Thomas, English

"The Origins of Masculinity in Fairy Tales: An Analysis of Grimms' 'Rumpelstiltskin'"
Salina Sanchez
University of Houston-Downtown

“Law and Women in Antigone”
Justin Tellez
University of Houston-Downtown

“Macbeth: Sexual Roles Redefined”
Cassandra Rodriguez
University of Houston-Downtown

“Challenging Patriarchal Sexual and Social Order in John Cheever’s 'The Five-Forty-Eight'”
Todd Snider
University of Houston-Downtown

Registration: 8:30 - 9:00 am

Introduction and Welcome: 9:00 - 9:15 am

Opening Remarks: Dean Fulton & Dr. Theresa Case

Session A: 9:15-10:15 am

Muslim Women and the Veil
Room: White Oak
Moderator: Dr. Giuliana Lund, English

“Under the Veil of the Algerian Women”
Alma Sanchez
University of Houston-Downtown

“Mental Enslavement of Women in Algeria and the Orient”
Damaurriah Butler
University of Houston-Downtown

“Muslim Women are Capable of Making their Own Choices”
Kiara Balthazar
University of Houston-Downtown

“Oppression of Women in the Middle East”
Cheyanna Phillips
University of Houston-Downtown
Gender, Sexuality, and Stereotypes
Room: Houston
Moderator: Dr. Joe Sample, English
“Gold Digging Women and Money Hungry Men”
Aida Sliva
University of Houston-Downtown

“Income Constraints and Alienation from Financial Services: Retirement Savings Difficulties in the LGBTQIA Community.”
Kelly Moynihan
University of Houston-Downtown

“Heterosexism and Gender Stereotypes: The Root of Homophobic Bullying”
Kenneth Foster
University of Houston-Downtown

“Trans-people: Different but Equal”
Diane Conkling
University of Houston-Downtown

Poster Presentations and Visual Arts
Room: Houston
Moderator: Dr. Sharon Worley, Arts & Humanities

“Ethnic Labels & Art from a Chicana Prospective” (Poster Presentation)
Monica Villareal
University of Houston-Clear Lake

“Fluidity” (Visual Art)
Aisha Bouderdaben
University of Houston

“Latina Representation in Politics” (Poster Presentation)
Phylicia Real
University of Houston-Downtown

Race, Gender and Spirit in African and Diaspora Literature and Literary Characters
Room: Bayou
Moderator: Dr. Sara Farris, English
“African American Women’s Enlightenment through Persecution”
Trelisa White (Panel Chair)
Texas Southern University

"The Traditional African Woman Laments the Colonizing of African Men."
Stephanie Curry
Texas Southern University

“Racism, Reality and Spirit in African American Women’s Literature”
Hoda Moghaddam
Texas Southern University

Zhuwen Zhang
University of Houston-Downtown

“Marlene Dietrich, Josef von Sternberg, and the Masquerade of Gender”
Natalie Franguillie
University of Houston-Downtown

Gender, Power, and the Role of Women in Early Cinema
Room: Bayou
Moderator: Dr. Johanna Schmertz, English
“I Will Write Myself into Film History, and I’m Taking You with Me, Sister!”
Melissa Catalan
University of Houston-Downtown

“Alice Guy Blache: Sexuality and Gender Staged for Cinema”
Elizabeth Tekulve
University of Houston-Downtown

Zhuwen Zhang
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Lunch and Keynote Speaker: 12:45-2:30 pm

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Keynote Speaker—Dr. Sheri Davis-Faulkner
Precious Opportunities: A Critical Race Feminist Approach to Media
1:30-2:30 pm (includes Q&A)

Session D: 2:45-3:45 pm
Gender, Education and Influence
Room: White Oak
Moderator: Dr. Amy Larsen, English

“Gender vs. Education”
Yolanda Melendez
University of Houston-Downtown

“Education the Root of Problems”
Samuel Bernal
University of Houston-Downtown

“Pushing the Human Divide: The Feminist Influence among Primatology and Communication”
Amanda Kott
University of Houston-Downtown

“The Shewolf”
Catherine Joor
University of Houston-Downtown

Session B: 10:30-11:30 am
Race, Gender, Power, and Performance
Room: White Oak
Moderator: Dr. Stacie DeFreitas, Psychology

“African American Students Academic Performance in Predominately White Institutions”
Gregg Pelt
University of Houston-Downtown

“Solomon, Let Me Weep: Agency and Black Womanhood in 12 Years a Slave”
Tianna Thomas
University of Houston-Downtown

“Black Women Exercising Power”
Aubrey McKenzie
University of Houston-Downtown

“Oroonoko’s Imoinda”
Alexandra Maranos
University of Houston-Downtown

Race, Gender, and Healthcare
Room: Houston
Moderator: Dr. Claude Rubinson, Sociology

“The Infant Mortality Rate among African Americans”
Courtney Coleman
University of Houston-Downtown

“Women of Color and Proper Prenatal Care”
Jeneane Keys
University of Houston-Downtown

“Gender and Healthcare”
Laura Hunter
University of Houston-Downtown

“PTSD Among Female and Male Soldiers”
Kathryn Arnst
University of Houston-Downtown
Analyzing Women in Literature

Room: Bayou
Moderator: Dr. Merrilee Cunningham, English

“Murderous Ambition, Queen Gertrude vs. Ophelia”
Stephanie Ramirez
University of Houston-Downtown

“It’s Not Real, But It’s Okay”
Sara Cox
University of Houston-Downtown

“The Fairy Queen’s Silence: Women’s Inequality in William Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream”
Anita Jones
Prairie View A&M University

“Ntozake Shange and All Her Stuff; A Tribute to Women”
Kathryn Velasquez
Houston Baptist University

Session C: 11:45 am -12:45 pm

Faith: A Hypothetical Narrative of a Woman of Color in STEM (UH-Clearlake Panel)

Room: White Oak
Moderator: Dr. Aimee Roundtree

Eva Bergara
University of Houston-Clear Lake

Linda Sulpacio
University of Houston-Clear Lake

Heather Tolleson
University of Houston-Clear Lake

Sonya Herridge
University of Houston-Clear Lake

Martha Sendejo
University of Houston-Clear Lake

Gender and History: Sexism, Ideology, and Tourism

Room: Houston
Moderator: Dr. Johanna Schmertz, English

“From Housewives to Pieces of Meat: An Analysis of the Evolution of Sexism in Print Media”
Chelsea Conaway
University of Houston-Downtown

“The Infernal Feminine: Women, Ideology and Political Violence in Fascist Europe (1934-1945)”
Brahim Ammoune
University of Houston-Downtown

“Silent Triumph of the Divine Feminine”
Dana Ayres
University of Houston-Downtown

Tracy Butler
University of Houston

Creative Writing: Valentine, Plant, and Media

Room: Bayou
Moderator: Dr. Jane Creighton, English

"My Lady, Valentine”
Rachel Lee
University of Houston

“What Media Makes Us”
Ashe Vernon
Stephen F. Austin State University

“Everything but the Plant”
Nicole Starch
University of Houston-Downtown