

## *Preparing for Your Future*

Our Ph.D. program is designed to prepare students for scholarly careers in feminist research and teaching interdisciplinary gender, women, and sexuality studies and/or related disciplines at the university/college level.

Graduates of our Ph.D. program may also find employment with governmental agencies, non-governmental agencies (NGO's) and non-profit organizations working on social issues.

In recent years our graduates have taken tenure-track positions at major universities, postdoctoral fellowships, research positions with and directorships of Women's Centers and writing centers, and leadership positions in international organizations.

### *OUR DEPARTMENTAL EXPERTISE*

The UW department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies is reputed for scholarly expertise in women of color and transnational feminisms.

We have growing foci in the digital humanities, where we are well-known for innovative experimental exchanges with communities through music, dance, and visual cultures, and in queer studies, especially queer of color and transnational queer scholarship.

## *The Heart of the Program*

### *SCHOLARSHIP IN OUR DEPARTMENT CAN BE DISPLAYED ACROSS SEVERAL OVERLAPPING CLUSTERS*

- Gender, sexuality, violence and social justice
- Transnational perspectives on gender, racism, ethnicity and U.S. ethnic formations
- Political economy, popular culture and commodity circulation
- Theorizing power and representation
- Feminist science and social science studies and inquiry
- Feminist cultural production and public humanities



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# Feminist Studies Doctoral Program

Gender, Women  
&  
Sexuality Studies



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

## WHO WE ARE

The Graduate Program in Feminist Studies at the University of Washington has a strong interdisciplinary orientation. Intersectional and transnational perspectives foreground our studies of race and ethnicity in U.S. and global contexts, as we analyze how these social formations intersect with gender, women and sexuality in specific times and places. Our core faculty specialize in research and scholarship informed by disciplines such as History, Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, Cultural Studies, English, and Political Science. In addition one hundred adjunct and affiliate faculty members from departments all around campus hold appointments in Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies and offer courses and consultative expertise to students in our Graduate Program.

## OUR HISTORY

The Women Studies Program at the University of Washington was founded in 1970 and achieved departmental status in 1996. Two years later the graduate program in Women Studies was founded and our first cohort enrolled. More than 30 doctoral students have successfully completed the program, with the department granting an average of 3 PhDs each year since 2006. In 2011 the department changed its name from Women Studies to Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, and the graduate program was renamed Feminist Studies to better reflect the scope and direction of the program and our fields of inquiry.



## APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM

Students applying to this program should ideally have a strong academic or activist background in Women, Feminist, or Gender, Studies and desire to further their education in Feminist Studies. Applicants may have a bachelor's or master's degree in any discipline but should have a record of academic coursework or activism that includes study of such subjects as feminist theoretical and/or empirical analysis of the impact of race, class, sexuality, and gender on society.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing the Ph.D. must complete at least 60 credits of course work, which include 15 credits of core seminars: GWSS 501: History of Feminism; GWSS 502: Cross Disciplinary Feminist Theory; and GWSS 503: Feminist Research and Methods of Inquiry, taken sequentially; Feminist Pedagogy; and 45 credits of coursework in research methods and the student's area(s) of concentration. Students will typically take courses in at least two other methodologies and satisfy our language requirement. Ph.D. students take a written and oral General Examination at the end of end of course work, usually in the third year of study. Successful completion of this exam results in admission to candidacy for the Ph.D. and marks the start of more intensive dissertation research. Students must then complete 27 credits of research culminating in dissertation completion.

## PROGRAM FACULTY

- **Angela B. Ginorio, Ph.D.**  
Access to science & engineering of under-represented groups, impact of socially defined identities, parental involvement, mentoring
- **Michelle Habell-Pallan, Ph.D.**  
Cultural Studies Methodologies, Chicana Feminist Theory & Methodologies, Feminist Pop Music & Pop Culture Criticism
- **Cricket Keating, Ph.D.**  
Political theory, Feminist democratic theory, Queer politics
- **Nancy J. Kenney, Ph.D.**  
Assisted Reproductive Technologies, Egg Donation, Motherhood, Role of Reproduction on women's lives, social attitudes and experiences
- **Priti Ramamurthy, Ph.D.**  
Gender and international economic development, agricultural biotechnologies, agrarian transitions, consumption and commodity cultures, transnational feminisms
- **Chandan Reddy, Ph.D.**  
Cultural Studies, Queer of Color Critique, Postcolonial and Globalization Studies
- **Luana Ross, Ph.D.**  
Criminology and deviance, race, ethnic relations, gender, documentary film
- **Amanda Lock Swarr, Ph.D.**  
African, Queer, Transgender, and Postcolonial Studies; Feminist theory and methodology; Medical equity; Transnational social movements
- **Sasha Su-Ling Welland, Ph.D.**  
Feminist ethnography and oral history, visual and expressive culture, transnational feminisms, China/East Asia, Asian America
- **Shirley J. Yee, Ph.D.**  
U.S. Women's History, Race, Gender, and Class in U.S. History (colonial to present, 19th-early 20th century U.S. Social History)