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*Representation, Resilience, and Renewal*  
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## Program

### **9.00 am ET – Opening remarks**

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### **The Organizing Committee**

Wanda Balzano (Wake Forest University)  
Shannon Gilreath (Wake Forest University)  
Cristiana Panico (Sant'Anna Institute)  
Marco Marino (Sant'Anna Institute)

**Introduction:** Jieun Lee (Wake Forest University)

### **9.30 am ET - Session 1: Home, Identity, Politics, and Reform**

Moderator: Alessandro Buffa (Sant'Anna Institute)

- ✓ Chynar Amanova (Northern Illinois University): *Finding Home: Where does Central Asian feminism belong?*
- ✓ Yenlik Dairova (Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan): *Gender Identity Policies in Kazakhstan: Reviews and Recommendations*
- ✓ Peyton Bond (University of Otago, New Zealand): *The Dunedin Model: Dunedin sex worker experiences under decriminalisation in Aotearoa New Zealand*
- ✓ Sophia Lisam (“Indira Gandhi” National Open University, India): *On Representation and Inclusion: Tales of Laiphadibi and Its Makers (India)*

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### **10.45 am ET - Session 2a: Gender, Race, and Space**

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Moderator: Khadija Tyson (Wake Forest University)

- ✓ Amal Raju (“Indira Gandhi” National Open University, India): *The Gendering of Space - From Households to Public Spaces*
- ✓ Margaret Canady (Harvard University): *The Mixed Race Project: Exploring the Identity and Experiences of Mixed Race Individuals*
- ✓ Marina Sidow (New College of Florida): *The Metaphysics of Social Kinds: Consequences of Race, Gender, and Natural Kinds*

- ✓ Amari Grey Johnson (Harvard University): *Abolition of the Human: Black Propaganda & Aesthetics of the Black*

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### **10.45 am ET - Session 2b: Resistance and Resilience**

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Moderator: Marco Marino (Sant'Anna Institute)

- ✓ Rosa E. Cordero Cruz (University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras): *Negotiating Power: Women, Sexual Violence, and the Law During Puerto Rico's Colonial Transition (1880-1920)*
- ✓ Anna Watson (Elon University): *The Injustice in Intersectional Gender Violence*
- ✓ Sara Spencer (Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey): *Addressing Gender-based Violence in Palestine*

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### **12 pm ET - Session 3a: Literary Representations**

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Moderator: Marco Marino (Sant'Anna Institute)

- ✓ Audrey Barnett (American University): *Limited Imaginings of Freedom in Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale"*
- ✓ Rifat Rezowana Siddiqui (University of Northern Iowa): *Representing Her Own Kind: Begum Rokeya's Feminist Discourses in "Strings of Sweet Pearls"*
- ✓ Talia Marshall (American University): *Don't You Know That You're Toxic? Victorian Society and Kate Chopin's "The Story of an Hour"*
- ✓ Emily Lange (Elon University): *Monstrosity, Community, and Reproduction: Lacking Disabled Maternity in Contemporary Speculative Fiction*

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### **12 pm ET - Session 3b: Resisting Oppression and Objectification**

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Moderator: Cameron Allen (Wake Forest University)

- ✓ Molly Ritter (Chatham University): *De-Objectify: A Program for Reducing Self-Objectification*
- ✓ Queen Mckee (Wake Forest University): *Pronouns: An Object Lesson*

- ✓ Dana Colarocco (American University): *Involuntary Celibates: A Case Study in Constructed Narratives of Oppression*
- ✓ Jasmine K. Evans (Wake Forest University): *Womanist Voices & Black Feminist Expansion: Dismantling Pulpit Politics in The Black Church*

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### **1.15 pm ET - Session 4a: Negotiating Power Throughout History**

[Link](#)

ID: 990 4411 1996, Passcode: 831223

Moderator: Shannon Gilreath (Wake Forest University)

- ✓ Regina Danielle Fatcher (University of Pittsburgh): *A Decade of Power: A Comparison of Urban and Rural Gay Print in the 70's*
- ✓ Lizzy Iconomopoulos (University of California Santa Barbara): *Solidarity, Resistance, and Survival Strategies of University Student Sex Workers*
- ✓ Alix Swann (Spelman College): *Gay is (Not) Okay?: Queer Identities at an All-Women's Historically Black College*
- ✓ Paulina Martin (The College of the Holy Cross): *"To Guard Our Girls:" White Women, Nationalism, and Forging Citizenship at the 1895 U.S. National Purity Congress*

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### **1.15 pm ET - Session 4b: Arts, Creativity and Renewals**

[Link](#) (to Session 4b and the Final Remarks)

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Moderator: Wanda Balzano (Wake Forest University)

- ✓ Tasha Pick (SOAS University of London, UK): *Desert (An)aesthetics: Flat Affect and Apocalypse*
- ✓ Shanique Mothersill (Florida Atlantic University): *Flesh, Blood, Sweat & Human Spirit: A Poetical Study of LGBTQ++ Protest Placards*
- ✓ Skylar M. Bergeron (St. Lawrence University): *"What's Your Ghost?": Exploring Hauntology, Interphobia, & Settler Colonialism Through Zine Making*

#### **Final remarks**

Wanda Balzano (Wake Forest University)

Marco Marino (Sant'Anna Institute)