

# WOMEN'S STUDIES AND GENDER & HEALTH GRADUATION RECEPTION



# 2019 Women's Studies and Gender & Health Graduation Reception

## Program

9:00 am | Doors Open

Breakfast buffet begins

9:45 am | Welcome

Elizabeth Wingrove, PhD

Interim Department Chair

Professor of Women's Studies and Political Science

Remarks, Awards, and Honors Theses Recognition

Sara McClelland, PhD

Director of Undergraduate Studies

Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Psychology

Presentation of Graduation Certificates

Donna Ainsworth

Undergraduate Coordinator

Sara McClelland, PhD

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Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Psychology

Abigail Stewart, PhD

Director of Graduate Studies

Sandra Schwartz Tangri Distinguished University Professor of Women's Studies and Psychology

11:30 am | End of Ceremony

## 2019 Feminist Practice Award

Presented annually, the Feminist Practice Award recognizes department majors or minors whose work in community service or social action best exemplifies the application of feminist thought to practice.

### Amani Echols

Amani Echols is graduating with a major in Community and Global Public Health and a minor in Gender & Health. Throughout her time at Michigan, Amani has been actively engaged in efforts to reduce health inequities across racial, economic, and gender barriers. As program coordinator of the Dial-a-Doula program at Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital, Amani organized an initiative to provide reduced-cost doula training to people of color and low income individuals. She founded and served as co-chair of the Health Equity High School Summit, which provided nearly 200 students with the opportunity to learn about health systems and policies to better understand how social identities affect experiences of health. Amani has also completed independent research on rates of breastfeeding among black women and has written in favor of more comprehensive sexuality education programs in American schools.

In the future, Amani plans to pursue a career dedicated to advancing reproductive health policy and hopes to augment women of color's voices in conversations about healthcare.

### Honorable Mention: Julia Whang

A Political Science major with a minor in Gender, Race, and Nation, junior Julia Whang worked as an intern for Congresswoman Cheri Bustos in summer 2018. During her time in Washington, Julia assisted legislative staff with contacting Fortune 100 Companies to ask that they consider adopting new policies for addressing sexual harassment in the workplace. Her work sought to make a tangible difference for workers at some of the largest companies in the world, and two companies promised to change their sexual harassment policies in accordance with her team's suggestions.

## 2019 Dorothy McGuigan Prize

Each year, the Dorothy McGuigan Prizes are awarded to the best essays on women written at the University of Michigan. The prizes honor the memory of Dorothy Gies McGuigan, a distinguished alumna of the University of Michigan who taught in the School of Business Administration and the Residential College.

### Iman Ali

#### Looking through the Archival Absence: My Mother's Narration of Home

Iman Ali's richly detailed exploration of her family tree offers readers a glimpse into both the everyday life of a young girl in Lebanon as well as geopolitical contexts of the 20th and 21st century. Looking through the eyes of her mother, Zahra, Ali examines childhood images of cherry trees and being forced from a formal education. "School was more often closed than it was open, for the teachers couldn't deliver a lesson on trigonometry with the snipers of sectarian militia penetrating the walls of their school and the homes around them," Ali writes. Zahra's life moves from Lebanon, to Syria, and later to America, and through these moves, we hear her "wanna-be anthropologist daughter" working to make sense of a life that has played out privately but is also a case study of war, diaspora, and family. Ali gorgeously weaves the images and stories her mother has shared with her through family sharing and interviews, providing insights about human connection, mourning, loss, and survival. All the while, she asks important questions of how daughters come to know their mothers (and vice versa) and how lessons are transmitted across generations.

### Jo Chang

#### Woman, Flesh, and the Body of God: The Phenomenon of the "Holy Anorexic"

Jo Chang's extraordinary illustrated text is a masterful weaving of drawn images, historical research, and personal reflections that dive into a complex conversation about women's bodies, eating, suffering, and spiritual devotion. Constructed and illustrated within a spiral-bound notebook, the text is filled with fine-line detailed illustrations of Saint Catherine and other characters. The notebook alternates between the author's reflections on learning about anorexia, historically researched details about religious worship through transforming one's body, and contemporary discourses about young women and eating disorders. As Chang writes, "I explore the various sociocultural factors within the Medieval phenomenon [of 'holy anorexia'] by focusing on the famous fasting saint Catherine of Siena, and how those implications can provide an additional insight into the modern phenomenon of anorexia nervosa." This historical graphic novel deftly analyzes the complex relationship between faith-based fasting and contemporary diets that stress treating one's body as a place of (internal) worship. It provides an incredibly rich tapestry of art, feminist analysis, and historical detail that teaches us to see something in a new way.

### Honorable Mentions: Michele Laarman and Riley Marshall



## 2019 Honors Theses

The Women's Studies and Gender & Health Honors Program allows students to complete a comprehensive, original independent project as a culmination of their undergraduate studies. Composed under the guidance of a faculty advisor, the thesis is researched and written during students' junior and senior years.

### Mari Alvarez

TRANSforming Healthcare: An Examination of Cisnormativity in Patient Provider Interactions  
Advisors: Andrea Bolivar, PhD and Rosario Ceballo, PhD

### Kate Austin

Riot Grrrl: Zines and the Exploration of Third-Wave Feminist Thought  
Advisor: Petra Kuppers, PhD

### Kalei Glozier

The Influence of Outness: Social and Sexual Experiences of Gay Men at the University of Michigan  
Advisor: Elizabeth Armstrong, PhD

### Alexandra Mangus

Appropriate Punishments for Perpetrators of Sexual Assault  
Advisor: Abigail Stewart, PhD

### Carly Marten

ኢፍ ጂ ኤም ("ef ji em"): A Case Study of Circumcision Narratives of Women in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Advisors: Timothy R. B. Johnson, MD and Savithry Nambodiripad, PhD

### Vidhya Nadarajan

Who Was Left Out?: The Sex and Gender Disparity in Pain  
Advisor: Nesha Haniff, PhD

### Miloni Shah

What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up? Cultural Expectations and Career Choices of South Asian American College-Aged Women  
Advisor: Donna Nagata, PhD

### Hanna Simmons

Novel Influences on National HPV Vaccination Programs: State Legitimacy and Political Freedom in Rwanda and Romania  
Advisor: Anna Kirkland, PhD

### Shriya Suresh

What Do Women Want in Postpartum Specialty Maternal Care? A Case Study  
Advisor: Joanne Bailey, PhD

## Class of 2019

### Women's Studies

Sally Amilcar  
Katherine Austin  
Waverly Baron-Galbavi  
Michelle Cao  
Chelsea Chai  
Delesiya Davis  
Angela de Leon  
Ashley Dudley  
Kalei Glozier  
Kayla Hatcher  
Kennedy Henderson  
Terri Hsieh

Hevhyinn Jackson  
Shannon Jajko  
Elizabeth John  
Harvinder Kaur  
Sarah Lime  
Alexandra Mangus  
Drew Mirman  
Vidhya Nadarajan  
Mahal Stevens  
Seaira Wainaina  
Jordan Vroman  
Kelly Yu

### Gender & Health

Salma Ali  
Mari Alvarez  
Kriti Babu  
Hailey Briscoe  
Katherine Bromm  
Danielle Bukacheski  
Quintella Cobb  
Rachael Curry  
Olivia Gunther  
Ciara Hancock  
Julissa Hernandez  
Danielle Jahnke  
Shoshana Kaplan  
Ayesha Khanam

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Divya Nair  
Kaleigh Niles  
Ashley Parker  
Maya Reyes  
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