



**2022 Annual WFU Student Research Symposium On
Gender and Sexuality**
Justice During Troubled Times: Engaged Ideas and Lived Experiences
(March 18th, 2022)



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Program

9.00 am ET - Opening remarks

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The Organizing Committee

Wanda Balzano (Wake Forest University)

Angéla Kóczé (Central European University)

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William Boyce (Wake Forest University)

Opening Address:

Julia Jordan-Zachery (Professor and Chair Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies - Wake Forest University)

Introduced by Shannon Gilreath (Vice Dean of the Law School and Professor of Law and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Wake Forest University)

Session 1a - 9.30 - 10.45 am ET

TV, Music, and Video Games

Moderator: Marco Marino (Sant'Anna Institute)

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Lara Safinaz Balikci, Independent Scholar, "A Queer Phenomenology of Furniture Music: A Case Study of Alvin Lucier's *I am sitting in a room* (1969) as Musical Furniture"

Revena Correll Trnka, Victoria University of Wellington, "Monstrous Womanhood: Femininity and the Power of Queer Love in Western Television"

MuTzu Wu, Wake Forest University, "When Feminism Encounters Queerphobia: The Case of Wang Leehom and Lee Jinglei"

Alexandria Purcell, Wake Forest University, "Queer Game Studies, Identity, and Moving Forward After #Gamergate"

Session 1b - 9.30 am - 10.45 am ET

Histories

Moderator: Khadija Tyson (Wake Forest University)

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Reg Futchter, University of Pittsburgh, "Pittsburgh's Trans History: An Oral and Archival History Project on Influential Trans Leaders and Organizations in Pittsburgh"

Victoria Steagall, College of Charleston, "19th/20th Century Sites of Homosocial Spaces for Working-Class Women in American Industrialized Cities"

Anthony Belotti, Virginia Commonwealth University, "Transcending Barriers to QTPOC Labor in the South"

Session 2a - 11.00 am - 12.15 pm ET

Beliefs

Moderator: William Boyce (Wake Forest University)

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Chloe Griffin, Wake Forest University, "Faith in the Face of Oppression: Calling Attention to the Christian Women of Afghanistan"

John Klugh, Wake Forest University, "Community Peacemaker Teams: Pacifists in the Face of Danger"

Madison White, Wake Forest University, "Concerned? You Shouldn't Be: How the Sifting Time Affects the Contemporary Moravian Church"

Session 2b - 11.00 am - 12.15 pm ET

Language and Identity

Moderator: Wanda Balzano (Wake Forest University)

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Marina Sidlow, New College of Florida, "Gender Identity and First-Person Authority"

Yelena Dzhanova, CUNY Graduate Center, "Eliminating Gendered Language: Tools to Re-Shape Journalism to Live Up to its Goals of Accessibility and Accuracy"

Kennedy Elaine Sanders, Wake Forest University, "Reflections"

Session 3a - 12.30 - 1.45 pm ET

Counseling and Care

Moderator: Marco Marino (Sant'Anna Institute)

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Makayla T. Stanislas, Wake Forest University, "Impactful Counseling Interventions for Adults Living with Gender Dysphoria"

Megan Bobetsis, Simon Fraser University, "Healing & Justice for Sexual Violence Survivors: Communities of Care During a Global Pandemic"

Session 3b - 12.30 - 1.45 pm ET

Narratives

Moderator: Wanda Balzano (Wake Forest University)

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Yelena Dzhanova, CUNY Graduate Center, "Excavating Abortion Narratives to Document the Human Psyche"

Mollie Bowman, College of Charleston, "But He Knew Well Enough": Uncovering the Queerness of Stephen King's *It*"

Kimberly Fillion, Claremont Graduate University, "The Sisters' Paradoxical Space: Mapping Truth to Power"

Final remarks - 2pm ET

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"During troubled times: reporting from Hungary" - Angéla Kóczé (Chair of Romani Studies Program, and Academic Director of the Roma Graduate Preparation Program at Central European University, Budapest, Central European University)

Introduced by Wanda Balzano (Associate Professor and Founding Chair of the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Wake Forest University)

