

Call For Papers Proposals Due: December 15, 2016

Creating Global Change: An Interdisciplinary Conference in Women's and Gender Studies

Thursday, March 23 – Saturday, March 25, 2017

Middle Tennessee State University Campus, Murfreesboro, TN
(30 miles from Nashville, TN)



We invite individual or panel proposals **for presentations on any topic on women's, gender, and sexuality issues and debates** from scholars, activists, non-profit professionals, and graduate students **in all scholarly fields and disciplines, including the humanities, sciences, social sciences, education, arts, design, business, law, health and sports.** We are especially interested in presentations that provide feminist perspectives on the influence of women's, gender, and sexuality movements on gendered existence, global and social justice, and institutional transformation.



Featured Speaker Urvashi Vaid

LGBT Leader, Attorney, Community Organizer, and Author Vaid depicts an award-winning analysis of the gay rights movement. As the Director of the Engaging Tradition Project, she studies the use of tradition in arguments by advocates of gender and sexuality-based social justice projects to shape legal and legislative strategies, frame public education messages, and strengthen arguments that advance the rights of groups seeking social justice.

Jodi Solomon Speakers Bureau

The 2017 conference theme emphasizes social transformation and empowerment in women's, gender, and sexuality movements. Conference topics may include coalition building and community activism; LGBT+ movements; ecofeminism; women's health, sexuality, and reproductive justice; gender and economic development; refugee and migrant women in transition; gender and workplace transformation; women as change agents; third wave feminism; social media and activism; pedagogies of empowerment; service-learning and student activism.

Proposals from all disciplines are welcome.

We welcome a variety of presentation formats, such as individual paper presentations, panel sessions, roundtable discussions, performances, short films, and posters. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, to be followed by questions and discussion. All proposals should meet the following criteria:

- 250-500 word presentation abstract in a Word document (for panel submissions, provide a description of the panel and of each individual presentation)
- One-page bio
- Equipment request. Please be specific.

DEADLINE: Proposals must be submitted by December 15, 2016

Email proposals to: womenstu@mtsu.edu

For conference information, please go to <http://www.mtsu.edu/womenstu/conference> or contact us at 615-898-5910.