

CALL FOR PAPERS

New Scholars Series at Bates College

Gender in the Global South: A New Scholars Symposium

April 27, 2018

The Department of Politics at Bates College invites papers on any topic related to Gender in the Global South, for a day-long graduate workshop showcasing the work of emerging scholars (recent PhD or ABD) from historically underrepresented groups. We especially welcome applications from individuals of Black/African American, Latinx, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, or Native Pacific Islander descent.

We welcome papers from a variety of methodological approaches, and are particularly interested in papers that examine gender in the global south using an empirical (as opposed to a normative) lens, including (but not limited to) transnational feminisms; the impacts of globalization, diasporas, and colonialism on gender and sexuality; how gender norms structure interventions into the development and management of conflict; transgender politics in different cultural contexts; women and domestic or reproductive labor; the implication of gender in political processes, such as state formation, democratization, authoritarianism, and nationalism. While the workshop is housed in the Politics department, we are open to a wide range of methods and approaches, and hope that the symposium will reflect our commitment to methodological pluralism.

The Gender in the Global South New Scholars Symposium will take place April 26-28, 2018. Invited speakers will have their travel expenses covered and will be guests of the College from the evening of April 26 through breakfast on April 28, with all paper presentations to occur on April 27. The format of the panels will be a paper workshop: speakers will pre-circulate their papers, which will be read and discussed by Bates faculty and students, with additional roundtable and Q&A sessions running throughout the day. We aim to create an intellectually enriching experience for all interlocutors, including the selected speakers and the faculty and students of Bates College. In addition to active participation from a range of faculty, we anticipate having 30-40 students attending each workshop.

The application process is competitive, as Bates will provide travel and a small stipend for the panelists. To apply, please submit the following in PDF format to politicsconference@bates.edu:

- A 300-word abstract describing the paper's argument, critical context, and significance
- A current *cv*
- A 1-sentence statement confirming self-identification as a member of a historically underrepresented group

The deadline is March 7, 2018. Speakers will be notified of acceptance by March 16, 2018. For more information, please contact politicsconference@bates.edu.