

DEMOCRACY WIDE OPEN

Critiquing the Present, Imagining a Feminist Future

Our current political situation demands renewed attention to the successes, failings, and unrealized promises of democracy. Globally, there are growing threats to the institutions, norms and practices of democratic governments. Far-right politicians and political parties are gaining power, often by promoting a politics of resentment targeting the most vulnerable populations. Feminist scholars have long engaged with the thorniest issues for democratic governance, including power, representation, deliberation, legitimacy, inclusion, freedom and justice. Despite criticisms, feminist scholars also defend the importance of democratic practices and the crucial possibilities for social justice that emerge from activism. Join us as we discuss with scholars, activists and public servants how to understand the current crisis, to imagine what a feminist democratic future would look like, and to create that future.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

[7:00pm @ Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center]

Suffrage: Women's Long Battle for the Vote

Book Signing + Reading with **Dr. Ellen Carol DuBois** UCLA

Sponsored by Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center and Talking Leaves Books

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

[5:00pm-6:00pm] ***Putting Feminist Politics into Practice at the Local Level: Policy Interns***

- **Dr. Karen King** Commissioner of Public Advocacy, Erie County Commission on the Status of Women
- GGS Students: **Jessica Mason, Ebehitale Imobhio, Alanna Fino, Angela Menditto**
- Moderator: **Karolina Kulicka** Global Gender and Sexuality Studies

[6:00pm-7:30pm] ***Building a Just Community Through Activism in Buffalo***

- **Zainab Saleh** Frontline Arts Buffalo
- **Jennifer Connor** Justice for Migrant Families
- **Rebecca Town** Public Defender, Legal Aid Bureau Buffalo

[7:30pm-8:30pm] Reception OPEN TO ALL

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3

[9:30am-10:00am] Conference Registration and Breakfast

[10:00am-10:15am] Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Dr. Gwynn Thomas** University at Buffalo

[10:15am-12:15pm] ***Crossing Borders, Living at Intersections, Dreaming Feminist Possibilities***

- **Dr. Anna Sampaio** Santa Clara University
- **Dr. Danielle Phillips-Cunningham** Texas Women's University
- **Dr. Rachel Havrelock** University of Illinois, Chicago

[12:15pm-1:15pm] Lunch provided for all conference participants

[1:15pm-3:15pm] ***Finding Freedom through Poetics and Religion***

- **Dr. Natasha Behl** Arizona State University
- **Dr. Marla Segol** University at Buffalo
- **Dr. Zenzele Isoke** University of Minnesota

[3:15pm-3:30pm] Coffee Break

[3:30pm-5:30pm] ***Imagining New Paradigms and Transforming Cultures***

- **Dr. Renee Heberle** University of Toledo
- **Dr. Susan Burgess** Ohio University
- **Dr. Sara Angevine** Whittier College

[5:30pm-6:00pm] Closing Reflections

For details and to register, visit:

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