

Provost's Initiative

Course Development Grants for Women and Gender Studies Courses

Application Process

The Provost's Office and the Center for Gender and Sexualities Studies (CGSS) invites applicants to seek funding from the Women and Gender Studies (WGST) course development grant. This grant will provide a stipend to faculty and teaching staff in an effort to develop new courses that will further develop, strengthen, and diversify the WGST course curriculum. The purpose of this summer stipend is to expand the number of course offerings that fit well within the WGST program. Preference will be given to proposals for courses that actively examine the intersections of race, gender, and sexualities; explore aspects of men and masculinities; or emphasize current literature on sex, sexualities, and queer studies. To extend our students' abilities to engage complex subjects in a face-to-face environment, we are looking for course proposals that stress frequent in-person interactions and peer to peer conversations.

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by the CGSS board and the WGST curriculum development committee. Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Quality of the course as exemplified by the syllabus
- Course emphasis on diversity within gender and sexualities studies
- Preference will be given to proposals that build upon existing courses (e.g. part of a series or is a revised required course)
- Availability of course offerings (frequency, number of sections)
- Sustainability of the course (instructor status, likely appeal and probable footprint)

ELIGIBILITY: All Marquette faculty and teaching staff are encouraged to apply.

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES: The Office of the Provost will provide faculty members up to a \$5,000 stipend for course development. Funds may, however, also be used for course materials, travel, research, or student assistants. All funds must be paid out by August 30th of each year.

DEADLINE: Applications should be emailed to Angie Harris (cgss@marquette.edu), Director of Center for Gender and Sexualities Studies, by **Monday, January 23, 2017**. Awards will be announced in mid-February. Initial teaching of course will be in the academic year 2018-2019.

PROCEDURES:

Interested faculty and staff should email a Word document containing the following information:

- **Instructor information:**
 - Name
 - Department, Position, title at Marquette
 - Briefly (150-200 words) describe your background and why you want to teach or revise a course for inclusion as a WGST offering

- **Course description**
 - A brief 100-200-word course description explaining the content, purpose, and interdisciplinary nature of the course
 - Briefly (50-200 words) describe how your course focuses on issues of gender and sexualities in your discipline
 - Briefly (50-200 words) describe how this course integrates feminist/womanist and/or queer scholarship
 - A brief statement (no more than 100 words) that address how this course examines one of the following:
 - 1. Men/masculinities studies
 - 2. Queer/LGBT studies
 - 3. Intersections of race/ethnicity and gender/sexualities
 - Budget justifying stipend and/or TA or RA salary and other materials needed in the development and implementation of the course

- **Statement of Support from Chair**
 - A statement of support from your department chair indicating that the department will offer the course once a year for the next 3 years. This can be submitted separately via email from the department chair.

- **Please attach/upload the following:**
 - Sample syllabus that:
 - Has clearly articulated and tangible learning objectives,
 - Highlights how student interaction will occur,
 - Provides at least a sample assignment that indicates to readers the direction of what students might be expected to do
 - Overall student assessment plan, that is, how are students going to demonstrate their ability to engage the subject and have face to face conversations about gender and sexualities studies?
 - Readings, articles, texts, etc. used in the course
 - An updated CV

About WGST:

The Women and Gender Studies program at Marquette University is an interdisciplinary program which explores the ways in which gender, sexuality, race, class, and other social identities and locals impact not only society, but the lived experiences of individuals and their social relationships in both a national and transnational context. Based on its origins in examining gendered power and inequality, this program examines the path of societies, communities, and individuals through social, political, cultural, and other contexts that are influenced by their identifiers. This includes topics such as family, workforce, schooling, socialization, and health, among others. Additionally, there is an emphasis on examination of topics through a feminist lens, as it seeks to understand the roles of members of society by understanding the intersecting aspects of their identity, much in line with the Jesuit ideal of “cura personalis,” meaning “care for the whole person,” which advocates taking into account everyone as an individual.