

# 21st Women's and Gender History Symposium University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Levis Faculty Center Room 210 & Zoom

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## Friday, March 3rd 2023

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

*Introduction and Opening Remarks with Dr. Antoinette Burton*

### Panel 1: Examining Gender Variance Through Biography

11:15 AM - 11:40 AM

**Daniella Posy, Yale University**

*Performing Heteronormativity: Gladys Bentley and the Social Construction of Sexuality and Gender in Early to Mid-20th Century Periodicals*

11:40 AM - 12:05 PM

**Cassandra Euphrat Weston, University of Michigan**

*"A Crank on Socialism" with an "Ekht-Mansbilshe Kop": Gender Variance, Jewishness, and Dr. Samuel Ackerman*

12:05 PM - 12:40 PM

**Mix Mann, University of Michigan**

*Addie and Rebecca: Notes on Black Women's Love in the Face of Precarity*

12:40 PM - 1:00 PM

**Questions**

1:00 PM - 1:20 PM

**Short Break**

### Panel 2: Gender and Class

1:20 PM - 1:45 PM

**Mischa Wolfinger, University of Maryland**

*"Your magazine interests me very much," : Transvestia Magazine and Middle-Class Trans-Community Building*

1:45 PM - 2:10 PM

**Lance Pederson, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

*The Exceptional Position of Monsieur: Philippe d'Orléans in his Brother's France*

2:10 PM - 2:35 PM

**Julie Haltom, California State University, Long Beach**

*Crossing the Prairie in Ribbons and Bows: Women and the Contradictions of Gender on the Frontier*

2:35 PM - 3:00 PM

**Questions**

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM

**Short Break**

### Keynote Address

3:20 PM - 4:30 PM

**Dr. Toby Beauchamp, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

*Trans Studies for Grim Times*

**Reception and Meet & Greet**

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

*Join us for hors d'oeuvres and an informal meet-and-greet with our keynote speakers*

**Saturday, March 4th 2023**

**11:00 AM - 11:15 AM**

**Opening Remarks**

**Panel 3: Constructing Gender Through Medicine**

**11:15 AM - 11:40 AM**

**Megan McGraw, University of Connecticut**

*The Threat of Deviancy: Medical Discourses on Queer Men in Post-Risorgimento Italy, 1858-1910*

**11:40 AM - 12:05 PM**

**Laurel Darling, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

*"The Same Misfortune Had Happened to Her Several Times Before": Infertility and Pregnancy Loss in Eighteenth-Century Britain*

**12:05 PM - 12:40 PM**

**Christopher M. Rudeen, Harvard University**

*The Case of Mr. S.: Transvestism between Medicine and Fashion*

**12:40 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Questions**

**1:00 PM - 1:20 PM**

**Short Break**

**Panel 4: Contemporary Histories of Gender**

**1:20 PM - 1:45 PM**

**Soraya Cipolla, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

*Gender-Neutral Language, Queer Identities & Monstrosity Tropes in Italian Culture and Literature: the case of Jonathan Bazzi*

**1:45 PM - 2:10 PM**

**Muhammad Yousuf, University of California San Diego**

*Muslim Masculinities, Inclusion, and the Work of Patriarchal Violence in 'the West'*

**2:10 PM - 2:35 PM**

**Emily Lauletta, Claremont Graduate University**

*"Deceptacon" to Cyborg: Exploring the Digital Transformation of the Riot Grrrl Movement*

**2:35 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Questions**

**3:00 PM - 3:20 PM**

**Short Break**

**Keynote Address**

**3:20 PM - 4:30 PM**

**Dr. Clare Sears, San Francisco State University**

*Dress and Defiance: Policing Gender from Cross-Dressing Laws to Drag Show Bans*

**Reception and Meet & Greet**

**4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

*Join us for hors d'oeuvres, light drinks, and an informal meet-and-greet with our keynote speakers*

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