

## National Women's Studies Association Conference

The call for papers for the National Women's Studies Association conference, which will be held next June in Cincinnati, is available at this link:

[http://www.nwsaconference.org/2008/downloads/NWSA\\_CFP2008.pdf](http://www.nwsaconference.org/2008/downloads/NWSA_CFP2008.pdf)

The deadline for proposals is **November 1, 2007**—you can submit them by email. This is a great opportunity to attend and participate in NWSA without spending a ton on airfare, I hope many of us will put together proposals.

For those of you who are interested in transgender and body image:

Please forward this call for papers for two panels at the upcoming NWSA conference to our affiliated and joint faculty and our grad students instructors and those with a WS concentration or minor. Thanks.

Dear WMSTL: Please note TWO call for Proposals for the NWSA Conference below. Please help by forwarding on to anyone who might be interested. I thank you in advance for your help and consideration! - Joelle

CFP: National Women's Studies Association, Cincinnati, OH, June 19-22, 2008

The Bailey Brouhaha: Community Members Speak Out on Resisting Transphobia and Sexism in Academia and Beyond

For this panel, I invite individuals to submit abstracts who are interested in presenting papers about the controversy surrounding J. Michael Bailey and his theories regarding the lives and identities of transgender/transsexual women. While Bailey's book *The Man Who Would Be Queen* was released in 2003 to overwhelmingly negative reviews, the book caused a stir for its assertion that trans women can be split into two groupings: "homosexual transsexuals" and "autogynephilics." Trans activists and allies mobilized and took Bailey to task for his bogus claims and helped to document a compelling case against him. Many considered it an open-and-shut case until the 2007 appearance of an article by Bailey colleague and intersex researcher Alice Dreger, who published a lengthy apologia for Bailey in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* and castigated trans women activists for their attempts at "ruining" Bailey.

Possible paper topics may include (but are not limited to):

- The colonization of trans bodies and identities by non-trans academics
- The invisibility of transpeople in academia
- the vital importance of resisting "Master Narratives" like those produced by Bailey, Dreger et. Al.
- The role of "Science" in perpetuating transphobia and sexism
- The mobilization by the trans community post-publication of *The Man Who Would Be Queen* as a unique liberatory project in the history of transgender activism, including the Internet and the blogosphere
- An analysis of the work performed by specific trans

advocates in the wake of the Bailey fiasco, such as Andrea James, Lynn Conway and Deirdre McCloskey • (dis)similarities between The Man Who would be Queen and Janice Raymond's The Transsexual Empire • How the discourse of Bailey, Dreger et. Al. helps to further a chilly climate for transpeople in academia and in society as a whole • The sexism in J. Michael Bailey's book The Man Who Would Be Queen • The interrelationship between misogyny, heterosexism and transphobia • Bailey's connection to eugenics and reparative therapy and its impact on trans communities • Bailey's alleged research misconduct, including sex with a trans woman research subject

Proposals should be submitted via e-mail to Joelle Ruby Ryan (joeller@bgsu.edu) no later than Monday, October 29, 2007. Please write NWSA Proposal in the Subject Line. Please include a 250-500 word proposal description, a brief bio and a 50-100 word abstract and the following info:

Name  
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Fat Feminisms: Body Image, Gender Politics and F(l)abulous Visions of the Future

This panel seeks papers which explore the intersections of gender, sexuality, feminism, and fatness from a theoretical, philosophical and political perspective. In particular, I am interested in papers which call upon personal narratives and lived experiences as multiply-"othered" bodies to theorize the boundaries of fat feminist discourse.

How can we shape a feminist studies which is fat-positive and a fat studies which is unapologetically feminist? How do we teach fat liberation in the classroom and what does fat feminist activism look like? This will be the first panel organized by the Fat Studies Interest Group, which will become a recognized entity at the 2008 Conference!

Possible Topics Include (but are not limited to):

- Personal narratives about the intersection of gender and size
- Teaching fat politics and liberation in the Women's/Gender Studies Classroom
- Fat feminist utopias: what does your ideal future look like?
- Fat feminist media/literary criticism

- Fat feminist political activism: how do we use our agency to provoke change?
- The intersection of gender/size with race, class and dis/ability
- Fat sexualities, gender identities and gender expression and sex-positive feminism

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Please note that I am also looking for a Moderator for this session. Contact me if interested.