

Student Research & Honors



Congratulations to our newest MAST-er, Elizabeth Hensley, who defended her thesis, titled, "The Pride of America: Cruise Ship Hospitality in Transnational Perspective"! Her Committee was comprised of Dr. Charles Parrott and Dr. Stacy Keltner.



Elizabeth and her partner Richard spent the past several months living in their converted skoolie and sharing about it on their youtube channel "Little House on the Highway." She finished her thesis while traveling the east coast and contributing to tiny house conventions.



GWST Focus Week Events will be held at both the K & M campus locations during the week of March 18-20. Highlights include a book discussion, film screening, STEAM Art Show and a Student Mixer and Engagement Fair. Info on our website:

<https://chss.kennesaw.edu/isd/>

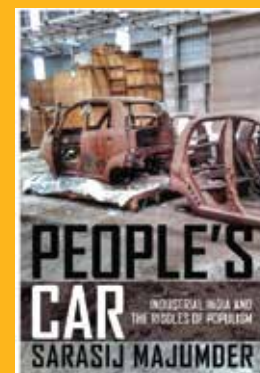
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Elizabeth Miles' essay, "Manhood and the Burdens of Intimacy," was published in the edited volume *Intimate Japan: Ethnographies of Closeness and Conflict*, published by the University of Hawaii Press.

Kenneth Williamson was awarded a Summer Research Grant to study "Spirituality and Social Movements: Candomble' and Black Political Activists in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil." This research project encompasses the activities of the black activists and Candomble who promote religious and cultural diversity and social, racial, and gender equality in Brazil.

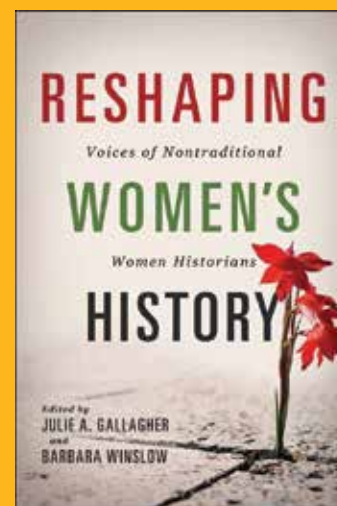
Anne Richards published an article titled "The World Parliament of Religions, the Swami, and the Evangelist: Contextualizing Late 19th-Century American Responses to Hinduism" in the *Journal of Global Initiatives*.

Sarasij Majumder's book, *People's Car: Industrial India and the Riddles of Populism*, was published by the Fordham University Press in Fall 2018.



Federica Santini contributed a chapter in the book *Those Who From Afar Look Like Flies*. This anthology of Italian poetry after World War II was published by the University of Toronto Press.

Robbie Lieberman had an article in the March 2019 issue of *Journal of American History*, "Teaching the Vietnam Antiwar Movement: Confronting Myths and Misconceptions."



LaShonda Mims shared her story in a chapter in this book, *Reshaping Women's History*, published by the University of Illinois Press.



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Silo Smashers

Calling all Southern Studies Scholars! Join these Interdisciplinary Research Collaborative Campus-Wide Meetings:

Feb. 15 - Crowdsourcing Session - 1:30-2:45 pm - SO 2005. Share what you're working on, roadblocks you've encountered, read other's work for feedback, and get ideas from others!

Feb. 27 - Coffee & Computers 9:00 am - noon. Drop by 5002 to work on your research. The coffee pot is on!

March 13 - Small Group Writing/Revising Session. 12-2:00 pm in the Sturgis Library study rooms.

March 25-29: Small/Group Writing/Revising/Accountability (Online)

April 9: Whole Group Presentations 3:30-5:00 p.m. SO 5002
Come to share what you've accomplished this semester.

April 26 - Whole Group Presentations 12:30 pm.
Location TBD
An extra whole group presentation/feedback session if needed.

End the semester with a social gathering off campus to celebrate our work!

Need more info? Contact :
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These sessions are open to scholars from every college and campus to encourage interdisciplinary research by Kennesaw State University faculty.

Interdisciplinary Studies Department

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Spring 2019

The ISDs of March

As someone just reminded me, the "ISDs of March" are here! We have many events in the spring, some of which will be over by the time you read this newsletter. In March alone, we are co-sponsoring a series of lectures by Professor Olutayo Charles Adesina on "Understanding the African Youths' Mediteranean Surge" as well as the Year of Morocco conference. Gender & Women's Studies will hold their annual Focus Week events March 18-20, followed by the African and African Diaspora Studies' student conference on March 20-21. We will also hold our regular gathering with Asian Studies majors and minors to let them know about courses being taught next year as well as study abroad and internship opportunities, and to be sure we are meeting their needs.

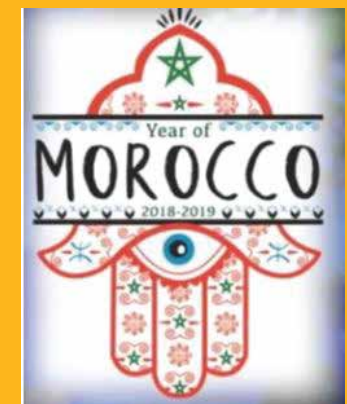
In the middle of May, GWST and ISD are hosting a workshop on transgender pedagogy as one of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences' Student Success Initiatives. We are also in the midst of planning for our 10 year anniversary next year!

This has been a difficult year for many of us, but ISD faculty continue to do all they can to provide the best education and opportunities for our students. A number of faculty helped students apply to present at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research that will be held on the KSU campus in April. Several faculty members are receiving support for developing new online classes, and we continue to have award-winning teachers. We are also in the process of creating department awards for our students.

Additionally, we are also trying to be more visible in our efforts to foster interdisciplinary research; see the schedule of "Silo Smashers" events for Spring. We hope to launch several more of these groups next year around other research topics that cross the boundaries of different fields and disciplines, and we invite faculty to send us suggestions!

Please take note of the achievements of our students, some of which are featured in this newsletter. Our faculty presented and published all sorts of fascinating research, which is featured on the back page, and a number of them received grants to support their work. Last but not least, please come see the exciting classes we have scheduled for Summer 2019, which are highlighted on the wall outside of our suite.

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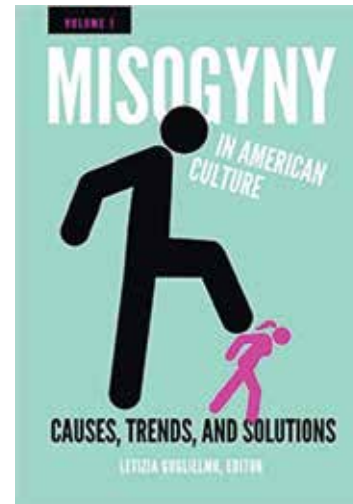


Nathalia Jaramillo joined us as a faculty member and teaches in the Latin American & Latino Studies and Gender and Women's Studies Programs in ISD. She is the author of *Immigration and the Challenge of Education: A social drama analysis in South Central Los Angeles* (Palgrave, 2012), co-editor of *Epistemologies of Ignorance in Education* (Information Age Publishing, 2011), and is the author or co-author of numerous essays on critical education, decolonial thought, feminist studies, and politics of education. See: <http://auckland.academia.edu/NathaliaJaramillo>

ISD Faculty Awards 2019



ISD Outstanding Book Award
Letizia Guglielmo



ISD Outstanding Teaching Award
Stacy Keltner



ISD Outstanding Part-Time
Faculty Award
J. Steve Miller

Congratulations to all on the many accomplishments this semester!

ISD Student Accomplishments

The following students from Dr. Mim's Research Method's class in ISD will be presenting research projects at the National Council on Undergraduate Research in April: **Vanaszja Casey:** "A Mind Only a Mother Could Love? The Effects of Mental Illness on Black Men's Romantic and Familial Relationships." **Ash Scarborough:** "#Transpregnancy and Representations of the #Pregnantman: A Content Analysis of Pregnant Transgender Men on Instagram." **Kristina Gifford:** "Racial Representation in Consensual Non-Monogamy." **Faith Farmer, Sabrina Anderson, and Christina Bridges** from Ken Williamson's Black Masculinity course will present a poster presentation at NCUR: "Who Am I? An Explorative Study of Black Women in the Diaspora." Seneca Vaught, Letizia Guglielmo, and other ISD faculty will also have students presenting at NCUR.



Suporna Chaudhuri is a senior who will graduate in May with a major in International Relations and a minor in Asian Studies. She has concentrations in diplomacy and international service. To gain experience and personal satisfaction, she made it a goal to fulfill 150 hours of volunteer work through the Volunteer KSU portal (VKSU) during her undergraduate career. She has also just accepted a paid, on-campus internship from Atlas RVM in partnership with Coca-Cola to raise sustainability awareness and contribute to Coke's "World Without Waste" initiative. Suporna is fluent in six languages, and is about to receive her TEFL certification. Suporna plans to someday use her service experiences and academic accomplishments towards a career in the UN to be an ambassador for disenfranchised women and children in developing countries



AADS Student Engagement Conference

Erasing Borders, Activism, Art and the Academy

March 20 & 21, 2019

Philip Agnew, co-founder of Dream Defenders is the featured speaker. He will present a student activism roundtable and deliver a keynote speech in the Social Science Auditorium SO 1021 at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Student and faculty presentations will take place all day, 3/21 followed by an evening of music in the University Rooms, Kennesaw Student Center. Join us for Beat Wars 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Atlanta actress Danielle Deadwyler will appear as part of a panel on feminism on Thurs. 3/21 from 11:00 - 12:15 p.m. in SO 2025.

We will be honoring several outstanding students with the Ida B. Wells Award. Please join with us as we congratulate the nominees!

