

WGS NEWS

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Calendar



March: **Women's History Month**

22 [Seat at the Table](#)

24th [Lola Olufemi Keynote 12pm](#)

and again at [6pm](#)

For more WHM events, join the

[Women's History Month Teams](#)

Things to Do

[National Women's History Museum, Fab Five](#)

Lola Olufemi Podcast

[Conversation: Feminism, Interrupted](#)

Women in Art

[Mickalene Thomas](#)

Things to Read

Feminism, Interrupted

by Lola Olufemi

The Truths We Hold

by Kamala Harris

Women in White Coats: How the First Women Doctors Changed the World of Medicine

by Olivia Campbell



Women's History Month

Every March UTA's WGS celebrates Women's History Month. And really, WHM isn't that old — only 34 years old! Before the official WHM existed, there was Women's History Week, started by The Education Task Force of California's Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women in 1978 (NWHM). National Woman's Day started in the early 1900s; the "first official National Woman's Day" was "held in New York City on February 28, 1909." Then, in March 1911, "the first International Woman's Day was held, drawing more than one million people to rallies worldwide" (Pruitt, 2021). And now, here we are: women are beginning to fill every office (so it seems) as scientists, directors, CEOs, Representatives, Senators, and Vice President. We're another step closer to a woman President while some countries already have or had women as Prime Ministers.

This year, WGS is asking students, staff, and faculty the daring question, "What does feminism mean to you?" Join us, won't you, in answering that question.





Thanks to our Trinity University friends

WGS Graduate Certificate

The WGS Graduate Certificate program is an interdisciplinary program that advances knowledge and research in the fields of women's and gender studies.

- 12 credit hours of courses with an emphasis on women, gender, sexuality, or related topic
- Students MUST meet with the WGS Director each semester
- 3 credit hours of graduate level THEORY selected from approved list
- 9 additional course credit hours; 3 credit hours may be thesis/dissertation hours if research focused on women's and/or gender issues.

For more information about the WGS Graduate Certificate, please contact the WGS Admin, Trudi Beckman, at tbeckman@uta.edu

WGS is proud to announce that Ms. Lola Olufemi will be our Keynote Speaker on 24 March, presenting a talk at noon and again at 6 p.m. The link to her virtual presentation is in our Calendar section on page 1 of this newsletter. Join us!

Olufemi is a black feminist writer, organizer and CREAM/Stuart Hall foundation scholar from London. Her work focuses on the uses of the feminist imagination and its relationship to political demands and futurity. She is author of *Feminism Interrupted: Disrupting Power* (2020) and a member of 'bare minimum,' an interdisciplinary anti-work arts collective.



From the book jacket:

"More than just a slogan on a t-shirt, feminism is a radical tool for fighting back against structural violence and injustice. *Feminism, Interrupted* is a bold call to seize feminism back from the cultural gatekeepers and return it to its radical roots. Lola Olufemi explores state violence against women, the fight for reproductive justice, transmisogyny, tendered Islamophobia and solidarity with global struggles, showing that the fight for gendered liberation can change the world for everybody when we refuse to think of it solely as women's work. Including testimonials from Sisters Uncut, migrant groups working for reproductive justice, prison abolitionists and activists involved in the international fight for Kurdish and Palestinian rights, Olufemi emphasizes the link between feminism and grassroots organizing.

"Reclaiming feminism from the clutches of the consumerist, neoliberal model, *Feminism, Interrupted* shows that when 'feminist' is more than a label, it holds the potential for radical transformative work."



LGBTQ+ Program peeps outside Ransom Hall, giving out Pride swag & talking about feminism for Women's History Month. Photo by Kendra Small.



Women's March 2017, Ft Worth, TX

(Photo by T. Beckman)

Student Corner

Being a Pride Peer means . . .

“Giving back to the community.”

“To educate others on LGBTQ+ topics.”

“Community. Empowerment. Advocacy.”

“Educate & create a courageous campus for LGBTQ+ students.”

Thanks to Jessica Sanchez (Assistant Director, RVSP and LGBTQ+ Program) and her Pride Peers for promoting community at UTA.

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Faculty Corner

Dr. Pam Malone (School of Social Work) reports publication of her chapter, “Wonder Woman and Delayed Grief” in J.A. Harrington & R.A. Niemeyer's *Superhero Grief: The Transformative Power of Loss* (Routledge, 2021). She will record a webinar for the 42nd annual conference (April 2021) of the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) on “Non-Death Loss During Adolescence.”

Dr. Michael TenEyck (CRCJ) reports he will receive the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Mentor Award Spring 2021. He was nominated for the prestigious award by 2 of his graduate students. The ACJS is one of only two national organizations in criminal justice.

Dr. Molly Cummins (Communications) co-authored with Dr. Grace Brannon (Communications) the chapter “The Balancing Act is Magnified: U.S. Mothers’ Struggles amidst a Pandemic” to be published in *Mothers, Mothering, and COVID-19* (Demeter Press, 2021).

Message From the WGS Director

Welcome to our second newsletter. We're really excited to have this means of connecting with you and keeping you updated on what's happening in our program. We're halfway through an amazing month of programming to mark Women's History Month and have highlighted some of the remaining events above.

We have some exciting news. Thanks to the generous commitment of a \$100,000 endowment from alumna Abbe Patton, the WGS Program is excited to announce the Abbe Doss Patton scholarship. The scholarship is for any UTA student who is a non-traditional or returning student, including transferring from another institution. Preference will be given to students who are single parents.

After March, we'll be focusing on developing a long-term strategic plan for our program, reaching out to students prior to fall registration, and turning our attention to fall when we hope to be back on campus with our classes and programs.

I'd like to leave you with a link to a [#WomanOfTheWeek](#) interview that Dallas Professional Women conducted to highlight UTA's Michele Bobadilla. Among her titles, Bobadilla is the Assistant Provost of Hispanic Student Success, and in this interview, she talks about mentorship.

Dr. Dustin Harp, Director