



## Chair's Report

Hello everyone. Well, we are coming to the end of a very strange, and for many, I am sure, difficult year. Congratulations on completing your courses/degrees and thank you for your ongoing enthusiasm in our online classrooms.

I will continue as both Chair and Graduate Coordinator until June 30, at which time Dr. Jen Roth will resume the position of Graduate Coordinator. I will be Chair throughout the 2021-2022 academic year. Over the summer I will not be in the office because of our work from home directive, but I am happy to answer your email questions or arrange a zoom meeting or phone call. I am happy to talk to you about course selection/registration, future plans, or any other concerns you might have. Please contact me, Dr. Lori Chambers, at [Ichambe2@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:Ichambe2@lakeheadu.ca) to make such arrangements.

Please note that Women's Studies will officially be called the Department of Gender and Women's Studies as of fall 2021 moving forward!



## Upcoming Spring/Summer Courses!

WOME- 2111- ADE	<b>Global Lgbtqi2s Rights</b>	Dr. Jackson
WOME- 3111- SDE	<b>Gender, Bodies and Sexuality</b>	Dr. Niittynen

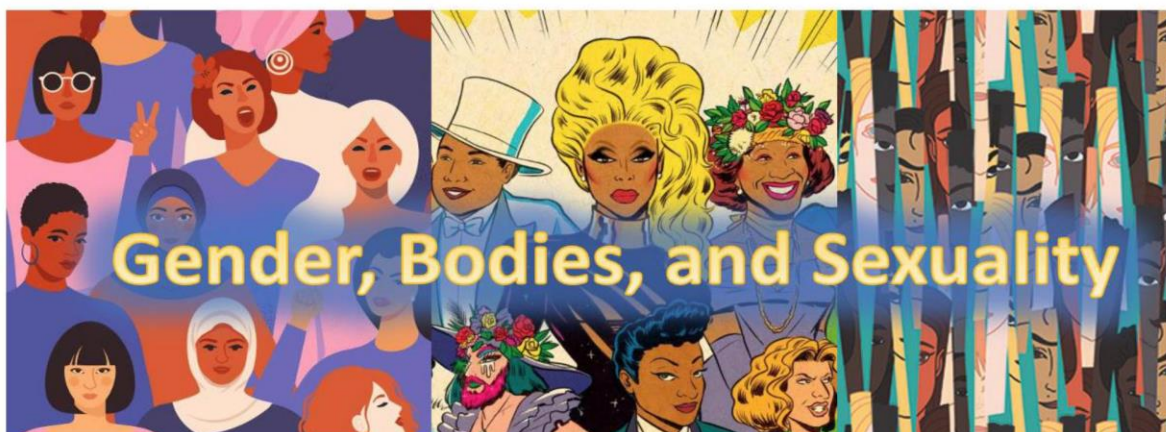
For more details, please see the posters on the following pages. These posters are also available on our department's Events webpage.



WOME-3111-SDE: Gender, Bodies, and Sexuality (Online Course)

May 3 to June 14, 2021

Instructor: Dr. Miranda Niittynen



### Course Description:

In *WOME 3213: Gender, Bodies, and Sexuality*, students will be taught a broad range of topics related to gender normativity, performativity, gender-bending, identity and agency, queer politics, disability, and the destabilization and subversion of oppressive power. From an intersectional feminist lens, this course will critically discuss themes of embodiment, power, subjectivity, performativity, and drag performance as they relate to social, scientific, and political constructions of the body. We will explore feminist written and creative responses to the personal, social, and global ways that bodies exist in all of its variety. Through online discussions, we will explore the critical fields of transgender studies, disability studies, decolonization and critical race studies, critical animal studies, and sexuality studies to convey perspectives and transform belief systems that reflect, relate, and diversify our own and shared embodied experiences.



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# WOME-2111-ADE: Global LGBTQI2S Rights

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00PM-4:00PM over Zoom

July 2-August 13 2021

In "Global LGBTQI2S Rights," students will explore lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and two-spirit human rights in contemporary Canada and around the world.

Crossing the Global North/South divide, our queer political journey will take us to Canada, Argentina, South Africa, Belgium, India, the Netherlands, Poland, Jamaica, Indonesia, and beyond! Students will also learn about differences in queer rights within Canada, documenting disparities from province to province and across other geographical divisions, diasporas, and intersecting social identities. In what ways do queer rights signal something significant about citizenship and belonging in the nation? What is the role of the state versus social movements in achieving queer rights and inclusion in particular countries? What role do international institutions and agreements play? How can we explain similarities and differences between nation-states when it comes to equality for LGBTQI2S people? How are "queer rights" much broader and deeper than simply the legalization of same-sex marriage and other legal structures and changes (which we will consider in detail but also move beyond)? Finally, how do stereotypes and problematic ideologies about LGBTQI2S rights in different countries (for example, the construct of a "homophobic nation") operate to advance other oppressions and to obscure much more complicated legal and social realities and histories of queer inclusion, oppression, and activism? These are just some of the questions we will consider as we document and deconstruct a queer new world!

*Dr. Kyle Jackson is the instructor of this course. He has taught approximately 33 classes at the university level in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Political Science.*



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# List of Upcoming 2021-22 Courses

Course Codes	Course Titles	Instructors
WOME-1100-YA	Madonna to Madonna	Dr. J. Oakley
WOME-1100-YDE	Madonna to Madonna	Dr. J. Chisholm
WOME-1100-YDF	Madonna to Madonna	Dr. J. Jurgutis
WOME-2012-WA	Body politics	Dr. J. Chisholm
WOME-2111-WA	Queer Activisms	Dr. M. Niittynen
WOME-2114-FA/O	Ecofeminism	Dr. J. Oakley
WOME-3030-FA	Theorizing Equality	Dr. J. Roth
WOME-3111-FA	Human Rights and the Museum	Dr. M. Niittynen
WOME-3133-WA	Women, Technology and Cyberculture	Dr. J. Roth
WOME-3214-FA	Queer Studies	Dr. L. Chambers
WOME-3357-WA/O	Law & Women's Lives	Dr. L. Chambers
WOME-4010-WA	Women, Gender & Social Justice	Dr. J. Chisholm
WOME-4214-FA	Regulating reproduction & Families	Dr. L. Chambers
WOME-5101-YA	Feminist Theories and Methods	Dr. J. Chisholm (Fall) Dr. J. Roth (Winter)

## News and Events

- Sarah Foulds (Abby) is being awarded the President's Award for the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at graduation. Congratulations Abby!
- About the [President's Awards \(Undergraduate\)](#): Awards are given annually to full- or part-time graduating students from Lakehead University. Students must have occupied positions of responsibility in student organizations and/or by their activities and achievements, have made contributions that have earned them the special gratitude of a Department, School, Faculty and/or the University. They must have achieved satisfactory academic performance.

## News and Events (continued)

- Dr. Kyle Jackson's article, "When Homonationalism Becomes Hegemonic: 'Homohegemony' and a Meaningfully Materialist Queer Studies", is accepted for publication and is slated to appear in the "Socialism in Dark Times" special issue of *New Political Science* 43.4 (December 2021).
- **Abstract:** There is limited contemporary Marxist, Marxian, or otherwise explicitly materialist queer studies scholarship, particularly by way of contrast to the post-structural scholarship that predominates in the queer theory field. While queer materialist scholarship is growing, it remains sparse and underdeveloped compared to the post-structural strain. This is a serious omission because we need the tools of materialist analyses now more than ever in order to grapple with incredibly important ethical issues that are not being discussed nearly enough within queer studies and social movements—such as LGBTQI2S youth homelessness, poverty, neoliberalism, (neo)colonialism, and racism. We need the tools of the queer materialist toolkit to chart more radical queer resistance. This discussion can be seen as a modest move in this direction, arguing for the utility of a novel materialist concept, “homohegemony,” to describe, explain, and deconstruct queer new ideological and institutional realities that we find ourselves embedded in, over a decade since Puar's pathbreaking and incredibly important coining of “homonationalism.” Drawing on and queering the ideas of Antonio Gramsci, the article theorizes “homohegemony” in order to make a broader case that more materialist interventions into queer studies are needed and have value, particularly in times when homonationalism is increasingly “common sense.”





# Student Clubs and Centres

**Gender Equity Centre (GEC):** houses a growing collection of books, journals and video tapes of interest to students in Gender & Women's Studies. With counseling, career information and other resources available, the [Gender Equity Centre](#) provides a welcoming environment in which to exchange ideas or simply rest with a cup of coffee.

**Office hours:** Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

**Pride Central:** is a service centre for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, and queer students, but their services are available to all students and community members. [Pride Central](#) works towards ending discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. You are encouraged to use Pride Central as a safe and supportive environment where you can engage with your own identity, connect with others, and flourish as a healthy, informed person passionate about social justice.

**Office hours:** Operates mid-August to late-April, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

**Women's and Gender Studies Student Association (WGSSA):** Represents Lakehead's Gender & Women's Studies majors, and the feminist movement on and off campus.

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