

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Overview

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Department of Women's and Gender Studies (<http://www.wcupa.edu/womensstudies/>)

Dr. Lair (WGSChair@wcupa.edu), *Chairperson*

There are no programs leading to a graduate degree in women's and gender studies. The department offers, on a limited basis, graduate courses in this area.

Affiliated Faculty

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Faculty

Professors

Martha Donkor (mdonkor@wcupa.edu) (2014)

B.A., University of Cape Coast; M.A., University of Guelph; Ph.D., University of Toronto

Lisa C. Huebner (lhuebner@wcupa.edu) (2007)

B.A., Bowling Green State University; M.A., University of Cincinnati; Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Associate Professors

Liam Lair (llair@wcupa.edu) (2017)

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Texas Christian University, B.A.; Roosevelt University, M.A.; University of Kansas, Ph.D.

Tabassum Ruby (truby@wcupa.edu) (2016)

B.A. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon; M.A. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon; Ph.D. York University, Toronto

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B.A., M.A., Old Dominion University; M.A., Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park

Courses

WOS

WOS 502. Special Topics. 3 Credits.

Graduate-level, in-depth study of selected topics in woman's and gender studies.

WOS 502 Prerequisite: Graduate standing or enrollment in an accelerated program.

Repeatable for credit.

WOS 568. Violence, Systems & Resistance. 3 Credits.

This course will teach students how to recognize, understand, and resist three primary forms of power-based violence that are interrelated: 1) those perpetrated by individuals, e.g. sexual assault, partner violence, mass shootings; 2) those perpetrated by hate groups, e.g. lynching, bombing, violence against trans and non-binary people; and 3) those perpetrated by the state, e.g. war, police violence. Students will study multiple forms of violence to understand the root causes and dynamics of violence (how it happens), the effects on people, families, and communities (what is the cost); and personal, community, and national resistance methodologies (what they can do about it).