

IFC Intercollegiate Feminist Center

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IFC CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2018

Congratulations to the twelve students graduating with degrees in gender/women's/feminist/sexuality studies! CMC students **Roselyn Cantu**, **Jerry Jiarun Li**, and **Indira Isabel Sanchez** have completed the Gender and Sexuality Studies sequence; Pitzer students **Olivia Feeney**, **Nina Lee**, and **Sydney Levine** are graduating with degrees in Gender & Feminist Studies; Pomona student **Sagarika Gami** is graduating with a major in Gender & Women's Studies; and Scripps students **Evelyn Gonzalez**, **Lauren Hartz**, **Laura Kent**, **Faye Ellen LaFond**, and **Emma Snyder** are graduating with majors or minors in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Evelyn plans to pursue a Master's in Public Health; Emma plans to work in clinical research in the Boston area, ultimately seeking a graduate degree in genetic counseling; and Laura will return to the Bay Area and plans to pursue graduate work. Faye will be working with schoolchildren in Seattle.



Pomona Senior Sagarika Gami (center) with thesis advisors Erin Runions (left) and Zayn Kassam (right). Sagarika will attend law school next year.

This year's recipients of the CMC thesis prize in Gender Studies are **Jasmine Shirey** (Literature/Neuroscience) for "Systems of Expression: Counter-Discourse in Online Intersex Communities" and **Rebecca Ayala** (History) for "A Path Towards Visibility: Chicana Feminist Organizing During the 1970s." Contenders for the Toni Clark Prize in Gender & Women's Studies at Pomona are **Sagarika Gami**, **Ki'Amber Thompson**, and **Teofanny Saragi**. Jasmine also received the Davis Peace Prize and a Napier fellowship for a project installing and maintaining weather stations in Zimbabwe to provide data for farmers, mostly women; she will work with the Forum for African Women Educationalists and the Trans-African Hydro-Meteorological Observatory. Teofanny also received a Napier fellowship for a project making documentary shorts featuring stories of community care and refugee resilience among Cambodian deportees.

ONLINE ARCHIVE FOR CLAREMONT STUDENTS' FEMINIST WORK

Students in Aimee Bahng's Disability Studies class have created digital archive for student-produced feminist, queer, and women-of-color work at the Claremont Colleges, including projects and scholarship in feminist studies, disability studies, gender studies, and queer studies. Past and current work is welcome. The archive is at <https://feministarchive-claremont.tumblr.com/>. Please contact feministarchive@gmail.com to contribute.

AIMEE BAHNG'S NEW BOOK

Aimee Bahng, Assistant Professor of Gender & Women's Studies at Pomona, has just published her book *Migrant Futures: Decolonizing Speculation in Financial Times*. The book publication was celebrated with a panel discussion and reception on April 23. Discussants were Aimee, Jih-Fei Cheng (Scripps), David Seitz (HMC), and Joseph Jeon (UC Irvine). Congratulations, Aimee! You can find Aimee's book in the IFC library.

CYNTHIA STEPHEN'S VISIT

On March 30, Scripps FGSS sponsored feminist Dalit writer and activist Cynthia Stephen for a conversation with Claremont students, faculty and staff on "Dalit Women's Mobilizations, Theorizing and the Way Ahead." Listen to Scripps student Priya Prabhakar's interview with Stephen for KSPC: <https://soundcloud.com/dj-lal-salam/dalit-history-month-featuring-cynthia-stephen-aporia-hours-w-dj-lal-salam>. Materials from Equality Labs, an organization dedicated to ending caste, are available in the IFC library.

IFC SPRING 2018 IN REVIEW



In February IFC hosted a lunch honoring the 2017-18 Grace Berry Award recipients, Claremont Graduate University students JungJa Joy Yu (seventh from left) and Madison Clark (last on right). Yu and Clark presented their current research in Women's Studies in Religion and Applied Women's Studies, respectively.



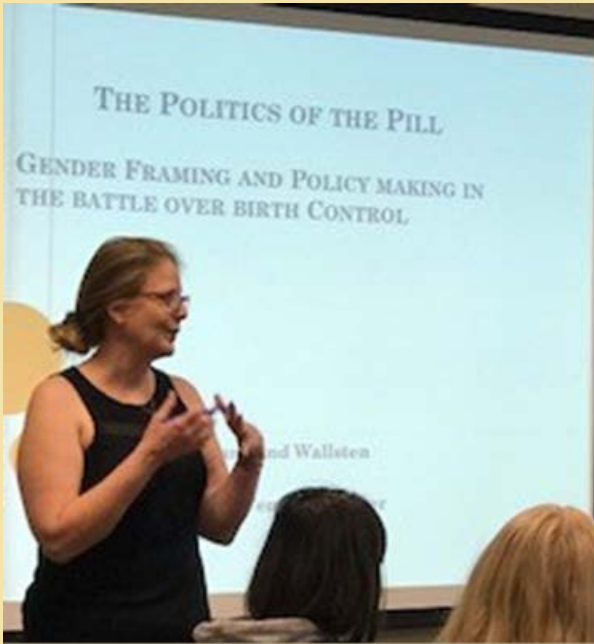
Also in February, Ellen Barry, senior consultant for Women & Justice Issues Consulting and co-founder of Critical Resistance, gave a talk about the treatment of women in U.S. prisons based on her own legal and advocacy work, *Intersectional Justice: Women Prisoners and Mass Incarceration*.



Heidi Grunebaum, Senior Researcher at the Center for Humanities Research (CHR), University of the Western Cape, South Africa and public scholar, activist, and poet, was a visiting scholar/activist-in-residence at IFC in March. While here, she conducted a Q&A following the screening of her documentary *The Village Under the Forest*. Grunebaum addressed the Claremont community in a talk on state violence and *A Conversation on Healing: Truth and Reconciliation and Restorative Justice* with Jenny Escobar of California Conference for Equality and Justice. She also engaged students through a student activist lunch and classroom visits.



Judy Wu, Professor and Chair, Asian American Studies at UC Irvine, and students presented their research on Asian American and Pacific Islander women at the 1977 National Women's Conference. Wu and her students used materials from the conference that are housed in Special Collections in the IFC library.



Associate Professor of Politics Rachel Van Sickle-Ward (PZ) presented her research at a lunch talk, "The Politics of the Pill: Gender Framing and Policy Making in the Battle over Birth Control." Rachel was also interviewed on the KPCC program, "[How the DACA debate is playing out in California](#)" in January.



Visiting Professor of Gender and Women's Studies Amanda Apgar (PO) presented her research on special needs parenting memoirs in "Becoming Narratives."



In April, IFC co-sponsored Barrios Unidos' interactive display on solitary confinement, "The Prison Cell Project." The display includes a full-sized replica of a solitary confinement cell for visitors to experience.



IFC outreach efforts included hosting Scripps Tea and representing IFC at Admitted Student weekend.

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