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For  
Colored  
Girls  
who have  
considered suicide  
when the  
Rainbow  
is enuf



**BY NTOZAKE SHANGÉ**

*Directed by Indya Jackson & Claudy Norome*

Friday, **February 7**, 7 pm  
Saturday, **February 8**, 2 pm & 7 pm  
Sunday, **February 9**, 2 pm

**Studio Two Theatre** (AL-9, Room 102) | FAU Boca Raton

A talk-back with cast and directors will follow each performance. Friday will be led by  
**Candace Harrinarine**, Victims Services Coordinator at FAU. Saturday matinee will be led by  
**Jeanette Coleman, MA**, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

American Sign Language Interpretation for both Matinee performances provided by  
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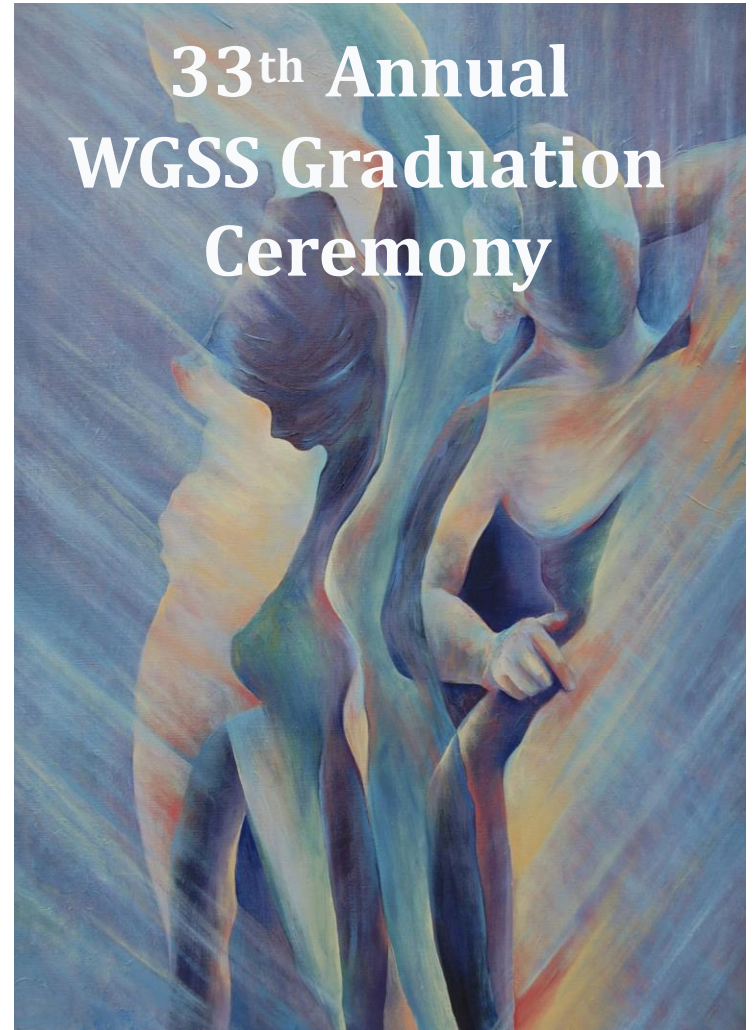
"For colored girls who have considered suicide  
when the rainbow is enuf" by Ntozake Shange

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**FAU** CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER  
AND SEXUALITY STUDIES

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters  
Florida Atlantic University

# 33<sup>th</sup> Annual WGSS Graduation Ceremony



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## Welcome and Annual Report

Dr. Nicole Morse, PhD, Director, Center  
for Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve and the Director of the Center for Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Florida Atlantic University for the past 4 months. This has been a very strange spring, but the incredible work of our undergraduate and graduate students has been a sign of hope for all of us who are connected to WGSS.

Times like these make evident the critical contributions that our field makes to a world grappling with profound challenges--from the pandemic to climate change to those issues that our graduating Masters students are studying: phenomenology of illness and embodiment(Emily O'Connell), LGBTQ+ inclusivity on campus (Annelyn Martinez), sexual violence education and prevention and sexual health education (Kelsey Prober), and access to menstrual products and reproductive care(Elena Steinhaus) I am extremely proud of our graduating class, who have also received positive feedback on their teaching and graduate assistantship work. While thanks goes to all those who have supported them in their education – from the core faculty (Josephine Beoku-Betts and Jane Caputi) to faculty associates (too many to list!) to the two interim directors (Barclay Barrios and Adam Bradford) – their success is a testament to their own commitment to their education.

The WGSS core faculty and faculty associates are outstanding scholars who are making critical contributions to their disciplines as well as to the interdisciplinary field of WGSS. I encourage you to review their accomplishments and congratulate them. I want to offer heartfelt thanks to the Executive Committee (Josephine Beoku-Betts, Susan Brown, Jane Caputi, Sika Dagbovie-Mullins, Dawn Froot, Mary Ann Gosser, Ingrid Jones, Ashvin Kini, Christine Scodari, and Lotus Seeley) who have offered critical support, institutional knowledge, and guidance as I have been learning how to do this job. Our Program Coordinator, Ji Bae, has done an incredible job supporting faculty and students through the normal challenges of the academic year as well as through the new challenges we're facing working remotely. She has also pursued professional development opportunities to expand her knowledge of creating an inclusive academic culture.

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## Welcome and Annual Report, Cont.

Dr. Nicole Morse, PhD, Director, Center  
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We have new leadership from the School of Interdisciplinary Studies, and William Trapani will be advocating for WGSS at the College level while supporting me in achieving the long-term goals that I, the WGSS Executive Committee, and the Dean of the College have articulated. This includes some exciting future developments that are in the works: a proposal to transform the undergraduate certificate into an undergraduate minor, a proposal for an IFP course that highlights our unique strengths, revision of the graduate curriculum, expansion of the Advisory Council, and developing resources and engagement opportunities for Faculty Associates – among many other things.

We recently went through a Program Review with external reviewers who are leaders in the field of WGSS. The review they submitted to the Provost highlights our strengths and advocates for many of the resources that WGSS needs in order to build upon these strengths. I'm excited to draw upon this review to make long-term and short-term plans for WGSS. Amid significant uncertainty about the State of Florida's finances, we are fortunate to have the incomparable support of our Advisory Council (headed by Lisa Armbrust and Skeets Friedkin). We have also received a new graduate scholarship from the Howard Greenfield Foundation, which we will be awarding to incoming graduate students.

This coming year will have many opportunities and challenges that we can't yet anticipate at this time, but I'm looking forward to strengthening WGSS and highlighting, supporting, and expanding our critical contributions to the institution and our communities. In a zine marking the 50th anniversary of the field as an academic discipline, one collective of WGSS scholars argues these difficult times are exactly when we most need the insights of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Along with first-year graduate student Daniella Orias, I wrote a piece for the zine discussing ecofeminism and FAU's unique ability to articulate the connections between WGSS and environmental justice. Over the next few years, I am committed to showcasing and enriching all that our WGSS Center has to offer to scholars, artists, activists, and the community

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## WGSS Center Events 2019- 2020

FAU ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (WGSS)  
invites you to the 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS IT IN YOUR BACKYARD?

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 | Thursday, 6:15 - 9 pm

**The Atrium**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room,  
West Entrance, 2255 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida  
*Reception, Panel and Discussion*

#### \$75 per person

All proceeds support WGSS  
MA student scholarships; per  
IRS regulations, \$45.00 of your  
contribution is considered  
tax-deductible.

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**Raymond James &  
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Register online at  
[fauf.fau.edu/cwgss](http://fauf.fau.edu/cwgss)

For more information:  
Ji Young Bae at FAU at  
561-297-4801  
Lisa Armbrust at 305-926-9829  
Skeets Friedkin at 561-866-6203

#### FEATURED PANELISTS

**David Aronberg**, State Attorney, PBC  
**Arthur Corrieri**, PsyD., Victim Assistance Specialist, DHS  
**Special Agent Louise Miller**, Homeland Security Investigation, DHS  
**Karen Walsh**, President & CEO, Collaborate to End  
Human Trafficking

#### MODERATOR

**Mario Ariza**, Federal Reporter, South Florida, *Sun Sentinel*

#### SILENT AUCTION

Trips, Hotels, Restaurants

WGSS ADVISORY COUNCIL | LISA ARMBRUST- CO-CHAIR, SKEETS FRIEDKIN -  
CO-CHAIR, HEATHER BLUMBERG, TONYA JARVIS, TIA CRYSTAL, MARILYN DAVIS,  
PENNY ASHWANDEN, CLARENCE BROOKS, ROGER MESSENGER,  
LALITA JANKE, KARINE WEBER, COLLEEN HANEY, SHEILA JAFFE,  
SENATOR NAN RICH AND EDITH STEIN

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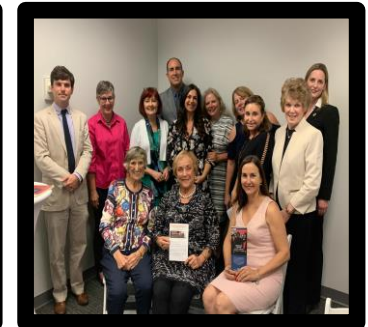


“Human Trafficking”  
by Advisory Council of the Center for Women,  
Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS).

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Panel Discussion with State Attorney, David Aronberg;  
PsyD., Victim Assistance Specialist, DHS, Authur Corrieri;  
Special Agent, Homeland Security Investigation, DHS,  
Louise Miller; and President & CEO Collaborate to End  
Human Tranfficking, Karen Walsh.  
Moderated by Mario Ariza.



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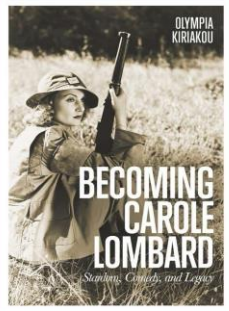


## WGSS Center Events 2019-2020

THE CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER & SEXUALITY  
STUDIES AT FAU PRESENTS

**Book Release and  
Screening: *Becoming  
Carole Lombard*  
by Olympia Kiriakou, PhD**

"Formulating a new historical  
approach to understanding  
gender, femininity, and  
identity in Hollywood  
comedies of the 1930s."



**MARCH 19TH, 7 PM,  
LIVING ROOM THEATERS  
\*RECEPTION TO FOLLOW\***

**RESERVE YOUR FREE  
TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT  
LIVING ROOM THEATERS**

Co-sponsors: Wimberley Library, Living  
Room Theaters, the College of Arts and  
Letters, and the School of Communication  
and Multimedia Studies

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mail morsen@fau.edu five days prior to the event

While this event was cancelled due to COVID-19, WGSS congratulates Dr. Olympia Kiriakou on the publication of her research!

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## Graduate Program



The Master's Degree in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is the core of the Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Within the MA Program students have three degree options: completion of a thesis, internship, or additional classes. These choices allow students to individualize the program. Graduates of the Center have enrolled in PhD programs and many work for community-based or national and international non-profit organizations.

Some students are awarded a Graduate Teaching Assistantship that allows them to apprentice with a professor during their first year of study and to teach a lower division class during their second year. Some students also receive the Annette Van Howe Memorial Scholarship. In the late 1990s, following her death, the family of Annette Van Howe established an endowment to provide assistance to graduate students at the Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis.



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## Student Awards & Recognition



### The Laura Sylvia Myers Memorial Award

Koutz, Kaylyn



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## Undergraduate Certificate Honorees

### Spring 2020

Bisan Amireh  
Amanda Capote  
Elaine DiRose  
Shytearia Hillman  
Terri K. Johnson  
Kaylyn Koutz  
Rachel Lacenere  
Dylita Maharaj  
Alexander Ring  
Janoah Robinson  
Amanda Serrano  
Bailee Szymanski  
Carrie-Anna Wade

### Fall 2019

Jillian Berson  
Marcela Callejas  
Sophia Munro  
Danielle Perry



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## MA Honorees

### Summer 2020

Emily O'Connell

### Spring 2020

Annelyn Martinez  
Kelsey Propper  
Elena Steinhaus

### Fall 2019

Jonathan Jackson



## The Graduate Certificate

The Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies offers the option of a graduate certificate. Students must complete 12 credit hours in approved courses to receive the certificate. This opportunity is available for students pursuing the MA or PhD in another area of study at FAU, or who want a graduate certificate independent of other graduate work.



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## The Undergraduate Certificate

The Center for Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies offers a certificate for undergraduate students.

Students must complete 15 credit hours in approved courses to receive the certificate.

These courses include "Introduction to Women's Studies" or "Introduction to Sexuality and Gender Studies," three core courses and one elective course.

The undergraduate certificate is a wonderful addition to any educational track or major, and allows students an in-depth and thorough exploration of gender, sexuality and its intersecting oppressions.

Students who receive a certificate are also eligible to apply for the Laura Sylvia Myers Memorial Award.

Laura Sylvia Myers was born in 1962 and died in a car accident in 1984. Each year, the WGSS Center presents an award to an undergraduate student in Laura's memory. The \$1,200 award recognizes a female student who has demonstrated scholarship in the WGSS program, leadership in Women's Studies and a proven commitment to feminist ideals.



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