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Call for Papers

GENDER AND WORK:

Exploring Intersectionality, Resistance, and Identity

2015 Biennial Women and Gender Conference

April 9-10, 2015

Vermillion, South Dakota

Keynote speakers

Alice Kessler-Harris, Columbia University

Teresa Cordova, University of Illinois

The University of South Dakota's 2015 Biennial Women and Gender Research Conference invites submissions on the theme *Gender and Work: Exploring intersectionality, resistance, and identity*. Organizers seek proposals for individual papers or panels on topics related to gendered work environments (whether formal or informal) and all the nuanced meanings of "work" in the context of feminism and gender equality. The 2015 conference seeks to explore several questions:

- The work of feminism: What are the main tasks still facing feminism? How do various feminist groups construct their identities through the lens of "work to be done"? How does feminism's work intersect with the goals of other social movements, such as sustainability and eco-feminism?
- Gendered meanings of work: What is women's work? What is men's work? What is a work of art? What is a work of heart?
- Work-related intersections of gender, class, and race: What creative negotiations of gender, race, and class occur in various work environments? How do class and race influence gendered definitions of women's and men's work? How are these gendered meanings being resisted or re-defined?
- Gendered pay: How do class and race influence the wage gap? How have these influences changed over time? What other social and cultural factors influence compensation? What is fair compensation for work outside the formal workplace, including childcare, housework, and research work (especially conducted by graduate students)?
- Labor, unionization, and Title IX: How does the unionization of college athletes affect colleges' Title IX enforcement and compliance? How does Title IX apply to the academic workplace? Are pregnant graduate students and faculty protected by Title IX?
- Work and stress: How do gendered work environments affect women's and men's health? How do gendered ways of coping with stress affect long-term health outcomes? How does the stress resulting from gender, race, and class discrimination affect decisions to leave the formal workplace or transition to part-time work? What are the effects of telecommuting on the dynamics of the gendered workplace?

The conference is interdisciplinary. Proposals for teaching panels and interactive practical workshops, in addition to research abstracts and papers, are welcome and encouraged. Perspectives from anthropology, art, business, communication, education, economics, film, history, journalism, languages, law, linguistics, literature, medicine, music, philosophy, political science, popular culture, psychology, religion, and sociology are welcome. Please submit a one-page abstract or panel proposal by October 25, 2014, to Miglena Sternadori at miglena.sternadori@usd.edu. Full papers may also be submitted by October 25. Submissions will be evaluated through a peer-review process by December 1, 2014. Student authors of accepted research proposals must submit their full papers by March 15, 2015, in order to be considered for one of three cash awards of \$100, \$75, and \$50.