Program, ‘Gender and Trauma: Material, Methods, Media’ Conference, Sept. 20–21, 2019

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FRIDAY, September 20

8–8:45 – Registration

8:45–9am -- Opening remarks: greetings and introduction

Session 1: 9:00–11am

PANEL: Theoretical Approaches to Gendered Violence

Chair and commentator: Michael Geheran (U.S. Military Academy, West Point)

Anne Freese (Humboldt University in Berlin)
The Sex of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. Gendered Vulnerability, Experiences of Violence and Emotional Styles in Psychotraumatology

Benjamin R. Nestor (Marquette University, Wisconsin)
Perpetrator Trauma: Defending Atrocities through Masculine Duty

PANEL: Gender and Trauma in Contemporary Peru

Chair and commentator: Michael Huner (Grand Valley State University)

Alejandra Ballón Gutierrez (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)
State Eugenics, Genocide and Gender Control as Social Trauma

Cynthia Meléndez (University of Connecticut)
Queering Testimony: Queer Memory, and Identity in Peru

Margarita Saona (University of Illinois, Chicago)
Testimonial Theater and Collective Healing in Peru

Tania Torres Oyarce (University of Illinois, Chicago)
Resistance and Transgression: The Case of Forced Sterilizations in Peru
Coffee break: 11-11:15am

Session 2: 11:15-1:00pm

**PANEL: Gender, Trauma, and the Legacies of the First World War**

Chair and commentator: Erika Kuhlman (Idaho State University)

Egor Lykov (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zürich)
*Gender, Sexuality, and Violence in Austro-Hungarian Internment Camps, 1914–1917*

Heather Perry (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)
*Nourishing the Volk: War, Food and National Belonging in Germany’s Long Great War*

Jennifer Evans (Harvard University)
*Orgasm as Resistance: The Trauma of War and the Politicization of Sexuality in Interwar Europe*

**PANEL: Parents and Children: Early Life-Cycle Trauma and its Effects**

Chair and commentator: TBA

Gwenden Dueker, Mary Bower Rus, Jeff Kieliszewski (Grand Valley State University, Michigan)
*Links between Childhood Trauma and Adult Functioning in the Lives of Parents who Maltreat their Children*

Beth Rankin (University of Kansas)
*The Critical Need for Research on Secondary Trauma in the Female-Dominated Field of Education: A Review of the Literature and Self-Reflection*

Andreea Prundeanu-Thrower (Kalamazoo College, Michigan)
*Unwilling and Unprepared: Traumatic Wartime Motherhood*

Taiwo A. Olaiza (Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, Nigeria)
*Narratives of Single Mothers and Intra-gender Trauma in Africa*

Lunch: 1:00–2:00pm

Session 3: 2:00–4:00pm
PANEL: Agency and Jewish Women’s Memories of Trauma

Chair and commentator: Ville Kivimäki (Tampere University, Finland)

Andrea Sinn (Elon University, North Carolina)
(Re-)Writing History: Introducing Jewish Women as Agents of War Memory

Ashley Valanzola (The George Washington University)
Traumatic Memory: The Work of Jewish Women in France’s Holocaust Commemoration Ceremonies

Delphine Barré (Paris Ouest Nanterre University and Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)
Bodies in Camps, Women in Camps: The Body, Testimony of the Feminine Experiences in Nazi Camps

PANEL: Women’s Narratives of Trauma through Varied Media

Chair and commentator: TBA

Iro Filippaki (Johns Hopkins University)
Women, War Trauma, and Fetishes of Endurance

Chelsea Markuson (Michigan State University)
Artist Talk: Healing the Emotional Dead: Embodied Art Actions

Pallavi Joshi (University of Warwick, Gibbet Hill Road)
Dance, Trauma and Rupture in Les Chatouilles/Little Tickles, 2018

GREAT LAKES LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH WORKSHOP (Conference Room)

Karen Racine (Guelph University) Mock Monarchs: Latin American Royalty in London 1824

Michael Huner (Grand Valley State University) A Curious Republic Born: Paraguay, 1810–1820

Reception: 4:00-4:45pm
Drinks and snacks in the Regency Room
Keynote: 4:45–6:15pm (at the Loosemore auditorium)
Pumla Gobodo–Madikizela (Stellenbosch University, South Africa), Trauma and Women’s Voice in Public Testimony: Presencing the Future Past
Chair and introduction: Peter Leese (University of Copenhagen)

SATURDAY, September 21

8:30–9am -- Registration

Session 1: 9–11:00am

**FILM SCREENING:** *A Mots Couverts/ Shades of True* (Alexandre Westphal, Violaine Baraduc, 2015)
Discussion to follow screening (moderated by Julia B. Köhne)

**PANEL:** Student panel, GVSU undergraduates

Coffee break: 11-11:15am

Keynote: 11:15am–12:45pm
Dagmar Herzog (City University of New York), Sexual Violence and the Nazi Holocaust
Chair and introduction: Julia B. Köhne (Humboldt University in Berlin)

Lunch: 12:45–1:45pm

Session 2: 1:45–3:45pm

**PANEL:** Jewish Women Writers Articulating Trauma

Chair and commentator: Andrea Sinn (Elon University, North Carolina)

Carla Damiano (Eastern Michigan University)
*Liana Millu’s “I ponti di Schwerin”* (“The Bridges of Schwerin”)

Elisabeth Däumer (Eastern Michigan University)
*Maternal Trauma and Violence in Gertrud Kolmar’s “The Jewish Mother”*

Deanna Mihaly (Virginia State University)
*Alicia Partnoy and Literary Testimony as a Revisioning of Trauma*
PANEL: Cultural Constructions of Gendered Trauma in Diverse Contexts

Chair: Carolyn Shapiro-Shapin (Grand Valley State University)
Commentator: Jason Crouthamel (Grand Valley State University)

Sebastian Fitz-Klausner (Universität Koblenz-Landau)
Visualising Traumatized Cyber-Men – Or: How Futuristic Technology Constructs Trauma and Gendered Bodies in Contemporary US Science-fiction-cinema

D. M. Cicchiello (Oregon State University)
Traumatic Transitions on Material Bodies: Identity Creation, Individual Agency, and Performing Queerness at the Institute for Sexual Science

Temitope Yetunde Bello (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)
After the Suicides: The Birth of Mob Justice as Insecurity of Women in Northern Nigeria

GREAT LAKES LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH WORKSHOP (Conference Room)

Bridget Chesterton (SUNY Buffal State) TBA

Julia Jesko (Grand Valley State University)
Pillars of Society: West African Women and Marriage in Western Senegal, 1848–1895

Coffee break: 3:45-4:00pm

Session 3: 4:00-5:45pm

PANEL: Comparative Approaches to Trauma and National Gender Identities

Chair and commentator: Ronen Steinberg (Michigan State University)

Devlin M. Scofield (Northwest Missouri State University)
Patriots or Turncoats? French and German Constructions of Alsatians during the First World War

Patrick Furlong (Alma College, Michigan)
Racial Conflict in South Africa, Sexual Violence, and the White Woman as an Icon of Preserving ‘National’ Identity

Patrick Bethel (Marquette University, Wisconsin)
The Stalwart Manhood and Virtuous Womanhood of Our Race Flying Away to Distant Lands — Eviction Scenes in Nineteenth-Century Irish Nationalist Discourse

PANEL: Colonialism, Gender and Trauma

Chair and commentator: TBA

Stephanie X. Wu (New York University School of Medicine, New York)

Perpetrator Radio: Listener Victimization as the Foundation for Mass Trauma and Violence

Luming Zhang (Duke University, North Carolina)

Traumatic Life and Nation — Female Body in “The Goddess”

Ankita Mukherjee (University of Newcastle, UK)

Creation of Solidarity Networks and Politics of Naming and Membership Among Hijras

5:45-6:15pm  Final discussion