



Institute for Women's Studies
Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

CALL FOR PAPERS/PROPOSALS

WOMEN & GIRLS IN GEORGIA CONFERENCE

The Institute for Women's Studies at UGA invites proposals for its 8th biennial Women and Girls in Georgia Conference.

2019 Conference Theme: Community

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Location: Athens, Georgia

With **Community** as its theme, the 2019 Women and Girls in Georgia Conference will explore the possibilities and potential of communities in organizing social movements and grassroots activism. We encourage participants to examine the meaning of community, highlighting effective strategies for building solidarity in Georgia and how women and girls are pivotal in shaping communities. The growing social justice movements for civil rights, environmental justice, trans and queer rights, voting rights, migrant and indigenous rights, disability rights, sexual assault survivors, workers' rights, the expansion of multi-issue women's marches, and the range of responses to challenges in democratic engagement are indicators of how women and girls are vital actors in struggles for social change, education and all forms of justice. These increasing demands for justice through community organizing in Georgia are a microcosm of justice struggles across the nation and the world.

The 2019 Women and Girls in Georgia Conference on **Community** seeks to connect communities and to provide opportunities to create and fortify networks, especially as they involve women and girls in our diverse state. The conference will highlight the possibilities for community engagement, sustainable coalition-building, movements for justice, and feminist strategies to address the pressing challenges of our times.

This biennial event highlights feminist research and connects academics, advocates, activists, and community members from across the state and region in a collaborative and supportive conversation. The conference presents cutting-edge scholarship on its theme and embraces traditional and non-traditional presentations of research and scholarship, including reports from the field, performances, and exhibits. The conference provides opportunities for networking, building bridges, and linking theory and analysis to practice.

We encourage submissions that engage the intersections of gender, sexuality, race, class, age, and other dimensions of identity, and that acknowledge the diversity of women and girls in Georgia (including immigration issues, disabilities, LGBTQIA, etc.). We particularly welcome knowledge-generating presentations that incorporate community involvement, applied research, knowledge sharing, service learning, and student participation. We seek individual papers, group panels, workshops, and other formats.

Possible topics include:

* Coalition Politics * Community Engagement * Challenges of Community Building * Black Lives Matter * Sanctuary * Sovereignty * Reproductive Justice * Immigrants and Refugees * Youth Activism * Oppositional Politics * Prison Reform & Abolition * Community and Movement Histories * Environmental Justice * Food Security * Economic Justice * Health-care & Justice * Novel Approaches to Community and Justice Movements * Transformative Justice * Ending Violence * Solidarity & Allyship * Sexualities * Local Access to Science, Knowledge, Justice * Education * Grassroots Movements * Intersectionality & Feminist Praxis * Radical Hope * Building Alternative Futures *

We welcome qualitative, quantitative, theoretical, and other varied methodological feminist approaches.

Each proposal submission should include:

- 1) One-page abstract including the title of the paper(s)**
- 2) Name(s) and affiliation(s) of all presenters**
- 3) Email address(es) of all presenters**
- 4) Information about technology needs or preferences**

Please submit proposals via email to WAGGconf@gmail.com with "WAGG 2019 Proposal Submission" in the subject field. We welcome proposals in English or Spanish.

Deadline for submissions: ~~Wednesday, June 5, 2019~~

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

For more information or questions, contact WAGGconf@gmail.com. Papers and presentations from the conference may be posted on the Women and Girls in Georgia website, <http://iws.uga.edu/wagg>. For more information on the Institute for Women's Studies at the University of Georgia, visit <http://iws.uga.edu>.