Dear GSRC Community,

August marked one year since I became the Director of the Gender Studies and Research Center, and I am continually honored and humbled to be trusted in this position. I have said many times over the past year that this is by far the most rewarding position I have held in my career in higher education. I have all of you - students, staff, faculty, and Wilmington community members - to thank. Your continued dedication to the GSRC mission of creating an interdisciplinary and inclusive center and program is what sustains me.

With that, I am pleased to offer you this newsletter with a review of all of the GSRC accomplishments from last year, some important highlights for the center and program, and a look at our year ahead. Even in our current virtual world, there is much excitement about the GSRC and WGS program - please join us!

With deep gratitude,

Dr. Dana M. Stachowiak, Director & Associate Professor
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Effective January 2020, the Women’s Studies & Resource Center became the Gender Studies & Resource Center to better serve the mission of the center and keep current with important issues and trends in the larger field of gender studies. For more info, [click here](#).

OPEN HOUSE

The GSRC hosted our Open House titled, "Racial Love: Building Community Through Meaningful Connections," on October 2nd. Drs. Maia Butler, Wilson Okello, and Candace Thompson performed a dramatic reading, spoken word poem, and song, respectively, to a packed house to kick off our year!

THINK TANKS

Faculty and staff interested in Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies research and scholarship came from across disciplines to engage in bi-weekly walk-in and collab hours for conversation, idea sharing, and research support at the Center.
The GSRC was all over! Students, staff, and faculty could find us at Seahawk Saturday, Involvement Carnival, Majors/Minors Fair, and College Day. We also held a successful fundraiser at Flying Machine Brewery that brought out many folx from the UNCW and greater Wilmington communities to support us!

The GSRC partnered with many groups across UNCW and Wilmington and secured a few grants to support speakers and events, including: SEVEN, Tarana Burke, International Writers Panel, Queer[ed] Storyscapes, She Rocks the Vote! (postponed to Fall ’20), and Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion in your Workplace (postponed to Fall ’20).

The GSRC + WGS Program benefitted from gifts and grants from the following: UNCW Center for Teaching Excellence; AAUW Cape Fear; Watson College of Education; UNCW Community Engagement Grant; College of Arts & Sciences; and Library Services & Technology Act.
The Front Porch is an interdisciplinary program that features local folx doing intersectional work that advocates for people of all gender identities to have a right to bodily autonomy, safety, health, and opportunity. During a laid-back hour of conversation, participants will hear about our guest’s research, advocacy, and/or activism and have a chance to ask questions about gender justice in their area of expertise.

The GSRC is proud to present Radical Equity and Collective Healing (REACH), a mentoring collaborative to support "othered" bodies (e.x., female, trans, BIPOC, disabled, queer, etc.) in accessing healing, health, and joy. Mindfulness, yoga, wellness, and health practitioners will engage folx in practice and lead organic conversation around equity and social justice.

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to apply for a Research Fellowship from the GSRC for Spring 2021. Applications will be available in early October and due November 18. Amounts will vary, and all fellows will be expected to share their research in a symposium at the end of Spring semester. Watch for details!
Dear GSRC + WGS Community,

Since joining UNCW in January 2020, I have felt right at home as a lecturer in the Gender Studies and Research Center. Teaching is truly my passion and working with UNCW students has been an absolute pleasure; I’ve been blown away by their intellectual curiosity, desire to engage in conversations on justice and equity, and willingness to push the boundaries of their knowledge.

It’s been incredibly exciting to join the GSRC during a time of growth and transformation. I’m eager to contribute to this growth through undergraduate programming, anti-racist activism, and an interdisciplinary research agenda.

In addition to my work with the GSRC, I am finishing my doctorate through the Department of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. My dissertation, tentatively titled, The Fantasy of Masculinity, explores the ways in which masculinities are performed, managed, and negotiated through sex work, specifically in strip clubs. I also have research interests in identity development and gendered violence. My work always aims to highlight how interlocking systems of privilege and oppression structure our lived experiences and reproduce social inequalities. In my free time, you will find me playing boardgames with friends, listening to musicals, or hiking with my partner and our two mischievous pups, Lucy and Dizzy (A.K.A. Sasquatch).

~Julie
GIVE TODAY!

Support the Gender Studies & Research Center and WGS Program

The GSRC strives to connect students, faculty, and staff in our WGS program with larger communities -locally, nationally, & globally-through programs, internship & volunteer opportunities, and collaborative projects. This is made possible largely through generous donations. If you would like to support the GSRC mission, please consider giving.

Gifts can be made specifically to address the needs in the following initiatives:

- Gender Studies and Research Center programming and events
- The Janet Mason Ellerby Women’s and Gender Studies Scholarly Award
- The Elizabeth "Betsy Ervin" Women's and Gender Studies Scholarship

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