Gender, Women's, and Sexuality Studies

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Gender, women’s, and sexuality studies (GWSS) is an interdisciplinary field that promotes social justice and full citizenship by asking when and how gender intersects with sexuality, class, race, ethnicity, nationality, globalization, and physical ability in ways that can exclude and oppress but that also can enrich cultures and expand opportunities. GWSS trains students to investigate how gender and sexuality shape challenges people face in areas such as the environment, culture and the media, education, health, violence, and the economy. Critical thinking and analysis and development of expertise in writing, research, and presentation provide the program’s graduates with the professional skills they will need to pursue careers or graduate study in a wide variety of fields or academic disciplines.