

Villanova Gender and Women's Studies
Annual Spring Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

Submission deadline: **Friday, February 11, 2022**

To be presented on: Friday, March 25, 2022

Each year the Villanova Gender and Women's Studies Program hosts a student research conference. It is an exciting opportunity to showcase your work, discuss your interests with students and faculty from Villanova, and see the broad range of intellectual disciplines encompassed by Gender and Women's Studies.

Submit your paper in one of the following three categories:

1. Papers or creative works by first year undergraduates (4-10 pages)
2. Papers or creative works by sophomores, juniors, and seniors (5-20 pages)
3. Papers or creative works by graduate students (12-30 pages)

Eligibility

Essays and creative work **must engage gender, sexuality, or feminist theories**; a biographical or historical account of women or a woman is not sufficient. For example, a paper might: critically explore actions and reactions caused by gender prejudice or discuss how gender functions in some aspect of society; analyze a text using elements from feminist theory; or report an empirical study that engages gender. All papers must have been written during Spring or Fall 2020, 2021 or written specifically for the conference.

We encourage submission of alternative forms of expression, including but not limited to original scripts, poetry, or films that engage gender analysis. If the feminist or gender analysis is not overt in the creative work itself, the work should be accompanied by an essay that explains the theory's application.

Submission Guidelines

- Essays should be formatted in Word, using 12 pt. Times New Roman font with 1 inch margins. Please include page numbers.
- Outside sources, documented in a bibliography or reference section, are strongly encouraged.
- Include a cover sheet with the following information: student's name, major or program and year of graduation, email address, phone number; the name of the course and professor for which the paper was written (if any).
- At the head of the paper, provide 4-8 keywords (such as "philosophy," "Beauvoir," "body," "life writing" AND a brief description of the paper for undergraduate papers / 100-word abstract for graduate papers.
- Marks of identification, except for the work's title, should not appear anywhere else in the paper.
- Please **email** the paper as a Word document to **gws@villanova.edu** by Friday, February 11, 2022.

All papers will be presented at the conference on Friday, March 25, 2022.

Attendance at the conference constitutes an excused absence from classes.

Questions? Email us at gws@villanova.edu.