The Newberry Seminar on Gender and Sexuality gathers scholars from a variety of fields to share their works in progress. We explore diverse topics and genres—such as: race, ethnicity, diaspora, indigeneity, disability, intersectionality, violence, religion, performance, memory, family, aesthetics, and activism—through prisms of gender and/or sexuality. Our focus is on the United States and North America across all time periods. However, we also welcome transnational scholarship as well as papers on non-American aspects of the history of gender and sexuality. Ideally, our meetings will stimulate wide-ranging discussions applicable for use in classrooms and professional forums.

Presenting at the seminar is open to graduate students, independent scholars, and faculty in women, gender, and sexuality studies; theatre and performance studies; art and art history; American studies; critical race and ethnic studies; queer and trans studies; and other fields. To maximize time for discussion, papers are circulated electronically in advance. Priority will be given to individuals who are a stage in their research at which they can best profit from discussion, and to individuals who need a venue to present their work. The seminar will meet on selected Fridays during the academic year, 3:00-5:00 p.m., at the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois.

If you have questions, please contact seminar coordinators: Francesca Morgan, Northeastern Illinois University; Elizabeth W. Son, Northwestern University; and Ronak K. Kapadia, University of Illinois at Chicago are the coordinators for the 2019-2020 seminar.

To submit a proposal, please visit our webform at https://www.newberry.org/seminar-proposal-form (the form will be open from March 22- June 3, 2019) and upload a one-page proposal, a statement explaining the relationship of the paper to your other work, and a brief CV. Applications will not be accepted via email.

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