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Gender, Sexuality and Intersectionality Studies
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EDUCATION

2011 Ph.D., Women's and Gender Studies
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
2003 B.A., Independent Program of Study
University of Illinois at Chicago

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Berkshire Conference of Women Historians
National Women's Studies Association
Sociologists for Women in Society

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Vandana Shiva Associate Professor

2021- Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectionality Studies, Connecticut College

Vandana Shiva Assistant Professor

2015-2021 Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectionality Studies, Connecticut College

Visiting Assistant Professor

2012-2015 Gender and Women's Studies, Connecticut College

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Department Chair

2023- Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectionality Studies, Connecticut College

Vice President

November 2021-November 2023 National Women's Studies Association

Interim Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion

August 2021-January 2022 Connecticut College

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Movements, Gender and Women's History, Labor Studies, Ethnic Studies, Queer and Sexuality Studies, Disability Studies, and Digital Humanities

PUBLICATIONS (a comprehensive list of all following areas is available upon request)

Books

Rotramel, Ariella. 2020. *Pushing Back: Women of Color-led Grassroots Activism in New York City*. Athens: University of Georgia Press. Since 1970: Histories of Contemporary America series. <https://ugapress.org/book/9780820356662/pushing-back/>

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Rotramel, Ariella, Megan Tracy, and Emma Coles. 2023. "Weighing the Value of Femininity: Costumed Beverage Servers and Weight-based Appearance Standards." *Fat Studies: Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight & Society* 12, no. 1: 162-175. Fat Femininities special issue. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21604851.2021.2009682>

Rotramel, Ariella and Denis Ferhatovic. 2021. "'No, just an alien': Disability, Sexuality, and the Extraterrestrial in Gloria Anzaldúa's 'Interface.'" *Journal of Lesbian Studies* 25, no. 3: 242-257. Lesbian Lives, Disabled Lives special issue. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10894160.2020.1778848>

Rotramel, Ariella. 2021. "Discarding Homes: New York City Public Housing and Single Mother-led Households (1963-2016)." *Women's History Review* 30, no. 2: 320-338. Women, Work, and the State special issue. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09612025.2020.1757884>.

Rotramel, Ariella, Rose Oliveira, and Rebecca Parmer. 2019. "Engaging Women's History through Collaborative Archival Wikipedia Projects." *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy*. Issue 14. <https://cuny.manifoldapp.org/read/engaging-women-s-history-through-collaborative-archival-wikipedia-projects-d740f8d7-aa00-4b11-8d4d-f23fc206679b>.

Rotramel, Ariella. 2012. "'We make the spring rolls, they make their own rules': Filipina Domestic Workers' Fight for Labor Rights in New York City and Los Angeles." *AAPINexus: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice, and Community Journal* 10, no. 2: 77-97.

<http://www.aapinexus.org/2012/10/01/article-we-make-the-spring-rolls-they-make-their-own-rules-filipina-domestic-workers-fight-for-labor-rights-in-new-york-city-and-los-angeles/>.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Rotramel, Ariella. 2021. "Feminist Historiography as Feminist Praxis." In *Companion to Feminist Studies*, edited by Nancy A. Naples. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing, 301-320.

Rotramel, Ariella. 2017. "'This is like family': Activist-Survivor Histories and Motherwork," in *U.S. Women's History: Untangling the Threads of Sisterhood*, edited by Leslie Brown, Anne Valk and Jacqueline Castledine. Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 49-62.

Rotramel, Ariella. 2016. "U.S. Presidents and LGBT Policy: Leadership, Civil Rights, and Morality Claims, 1977–2015," in *The Gendered Executive: A Comparative Analysis of Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Chief Executives*, edited by Janet M. Martin and MaryAnne Borrelli. Philadelphia: Temple University Press: 123-146.

Book Chapters in Production

Accepted and under contract with the University of Illinois Press. Rotramel, Ariella and Kimberly Sanchez. "Challenging Hierarchy: Feminist Praxis and Sustainable Community Collaboration." In *Feminist Collaborations: Intersectional and Transnational Teaching & Learning* (tentative title), edited by Barbara Shaw and Isis Nusair.

AWARDS

Connecticut College

2019 Helen Mulvey Faculty Award for Fostering Student Achievement

2017 Faculty Mentor Award, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program

2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Faculty Service Award

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External

2023 State of Connecticut Open Educational Resource Grant

Connecticut College

2021-2023 Fellow, Digital Scholarship Program

2020-2021 Walter Commons Faculty Fellow, Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA)

2019-2021 Associate Fellow for Community Engagement, Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology

2019 Open Educational Resources Grant

2018-2019 Fellow, Residential Education Fellows Program (REF)

2017, 2018 Research Matters Grant

2017-2018 Fellow, Technology Fellows Program

2015-2018 Fellow, Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology

2019-2021, Fellow, Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy

2015-2017

2016 Margaret Sheridan Community Learning Award, Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy

2015 Faculty-Student Engagement Fund Grant

2013, 2014 Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity Grant

2013 Digital Enhanced Learning Initiative Grant

2013 International Curricular Development Fund Grant

PRESENTATIONS, ROUNDTABLES, AND WORKSHOPS

Confronting Institutional & Legislative Attacks on Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Programs, Presidential Session. National Women's Studies Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 2022, Organizer and Facilitator

Black New York, Conversations in Black Freedom Studies. Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York. Virtual, February 2022, Invited Speaker.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QXj6Y2bxWyU>

Feminist Collaborations: From Pedagogy to Praxis. National Women's Studies Association Conference. Virtual, October 2021, Discussant

Sexualized Work: Representation and the Struggle for Rights, American Historical Association Conference. Virtual, June 2021, Presenter

Community, Affinity, and the Politics of Identity: A Roundtable Discussion, Women's and Gender Studies Conference. Southern Connecticut State University, Virtual, April 2021, Organizer and Co-Discussant

Opening Up Knowledge: Wikipedia as a Site of Collaboration and Learning, Arts&Feminism CT. Trinity College, Virtual, March 2021, Invited Workshop Leader

<https://dsp.domains.trincoll.edu/artandfeminism/>

Author Meets Critics Conversation: Grassroots Activism and Lessons for Post-Election Action. Discussion of Pushing Back with Lynn Itagaki, Miliann Kang, Miranda Martinez, & Judy Tzu-Chun Wu. University of Missouri, Virtual, November 2020, Discussant

Fighting Casual Racism and Gentrification: Activists Claim Their Right to the City, National Women's Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 2019, Presenter

Pushing Back: Women of Color-Led Grassroots Activism in New York City, Social Justice Month invited lecture, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, November 2019, Invited Lecturer

Revisiting the Borgata Case in the #MeToo Era: Weighing Cocktail Waitresses' Rights, National Women's Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2018, Roundtable Presenter

Affording Home: New York City Public Housing's Women Residents (1963-2016), International Federation for Research in Women's History Conference, Vancouver, Canada, August 2018, Organizer and Presenter

Engaging the LGBTQ Community In and Outside of the Classroom, Queering Academia Conference, University of Westminster, London, England, June 2018, Co-organizer and Presenter

Rooting Feminist Praxis: Queer Motherwork's Lessons for Racial and Economic Justice-Oriented Research, National Women's Studies Association Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 2017, Organizer and Paper Presenter

We're Here to Raise the Stakes: Engaging Women's History through Collaborative Archival Digital Projects, Women's History in the Digital World Conference, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Ireland, July 2017, Co-presenter

Fighting for Our People: Queering Motherwork through New York Community Activism, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, June 2017, Organizer and Paper Presenter

Building Strength from the Margins: Economic and Carceral Justice Struggles in the LGBTQ Movement, The Global Struggle for LGBTQ Rights: Legal, Political and Social Dimensions Symposium, Rutgers School of Law, April 2015, Invited Speaker

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Sexual Violence and Politics: A Conversation, Office of Sexual Violence Prevention & Advocacy, April 2021, Discussant

Re-evaluation Our Languages: A Community Conversation with Gender and Sexuality Programs and Professor Rotramel, Women's Center, April 2021, Discussant

Let's Talk About It: Reproductive Justice, Gender, Sexuality, and Intersexuality Studies with the Office of Sexual Violence Prevention and Advocacy, November 2020, Co-organizer and discussant

Coronavirus and the United States' History of Anti-Asian Racism, REF Event, February 2020, Co-organizer and discussant

Who's Afraid of Identity Politics: Naming the Roots of Social Inequities, Faculty@Work Luncheon Presentation, Dean of Faculty Office, December 2019, Presenter

Presidential Candidates and LGBTQ Issues, REF Event, October 2019, Co-organizer and discussant

CNN/HRC LGBTQ Town Hall Viewing Party, REF Event, October 2019, Co-organizer

Politics on Campus, REF Event, August 2019, Co-organizer and discussant

What Role Does the Media Play in Shaping Conceptions of Leadership? REF Event, November 2018, Co-organizer and discussant

Out in the Night Film Screening and Discussion, REF Event, November 2018, Co-organizer and discussant

Sexual Assault Solidarity Event, Womxn's Center, October 2018, Discussant

Mental Health in Communities of Color, REF Event, October 2018, Co-organizer

Coffee and Conversation: Understanding the Zika Virus, REF Coffee and Conversation, March 2016, Discussant

Contemporary Feminisms, Women's Center, March 2016, Discussant

Environmental Racism, Classism and Justice, Sprout Environmental Racism Panel and Discussion, April 2015, Presenter

Breaking Binaries, Making Connections, 2014 Spring Preview, April 2014, Presenter

Reproductive Justice: Getting Politics Out of the Bedroom, CC Democrats, December 2013, Presenter

V-Men Rise: TED, Men & Feminism, TedXConnecticut, November 2013, Discussant

Roundtable on Diversity Discourse, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, Connecticut College, October 2013, Discussant

Cultural Perceptions of Sexuality, Women's Center, Connecticut College, October 2013, Discussant

Activism after College, LGBTQ Center, April 2013, Discussant

Affirmative Action Teach-in, November 2012, Discussant

Pussy Riot: Art & Political Dissent in the 21st Century, October 2012, Co-organizer and Presenter

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Service

Member, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Article Prize Selection Committee, 2022-2023

National Conference Theme Review Chair, National Women's Studies Association, 2014, 2015, 2022

Executive Director Search Committee Member, National Women's Studies Association, 2022
External reviewer, Eastern Connecticut State University Women's and Gender Studies Program, Academic Program Review, Spring 2021
Reviewer, *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism*
Reviewer, *Feminist Formations* (formerly the *NWSA Journal*)
Reviewer, *Women's Reproductive Health*
Graduate Student Mentor, National Women's Studies Association, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020
Connecticut College Service
Elected faculty representative, Presidential Search Committee, 2023-present
Faculty Steering and Conference Committee Chair-elect, 2023-present
Talking Teaching Co-Facilitator, 2023-present
Co-Faculty Facilitator, Tempel Summer Institute, 2022, 2023
Member, Ad Hoc Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Film Studies
Board Member as Interim Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Mellon C3 Executive Committee
Member as Interim Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Liberal Arts Diversity Officers
Member as Interim Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Flexwork Policy Committee
Member as Interim Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Educational Planning Committee
Member as Interim Dean of Institutional Equity and Inclusion, Student Experience Group
Member, Professional Student Support Specialist Positions Search Committee, Spring-Summer 2021
Appointed Faculty Representative, Presidential Staff Awards Selection Committee, Spring 2021
Faculty Steering and Conference Committee Representative, COVID Campus Programming Advisory Working Group, Fall 2020
Appointed Faculty Representative, Working Group on Continuity of Campus Life (COVID-19 Response), Spring 2020-Summer 2020
Member, Community Learning Designation Working Group, Holleran Center, 2019
Member, Social Difference and Power Curricular Requirement Steering Committee, 2019-2020
Co-director, Residential Education Fellows program, 2019-2020
Elected member, Faculty Steering Conference Committee, 2019-2021
Mode E (Social and Historical Inquiry) Consultant, Academic and Administrative Procedures Committee, Fall 2018, Fall 2019-Spring 2021
Participant and co-facilitator, Holleran Center Engaged Scholarship/Community Learning Seminar, Fall 2018
Member, Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectionality Studies Faculty Search, Fall 2018

Member, Information Services Digital Scholarship Advisory Committee, Spring 2017
Member, Full Participation Working Group, Spring 2017
Member, Task Force on Faculty Bias Policies, Spring 2017
Member, Task Force on Careers, Spring 2017
Consultant, Gender and Women's Studies Faculty Search, Fall 2016-Spring 2017
Member, LGBTQIA Center Director Search Committee, Spring 2016-Summer 2016
Elected Secretary, AAUP Connecticut College Chapter, Spring 2016-Spring 2018
Elected Member, Integrative Pathway Approval Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2018
Participant and co-facilitator, Holleran Center Engaged Scholarship/Community Learning Seminar, 2015-2016
Member, Gender and Women's Studies Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2016
Member, Title IX Coordinator Search Committee, Summer 2015
Member, Gender and Women's Studies Faculty Search Committee, Spring 2015
Member, Inclusive Excellence/Full Participation Working Groups, Winter 2015-Summer 2015
Member, Title IX Task Force, Connecticut College, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
Working Group Member, Mellon Initiative on Global Education, 2014-2016
Member, Steering Committee, Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, Fall 2013-
Member, Women's Center Advisory Board, 2013-2016
Member, Steering Committee, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, 2012-2015

COURSES TAUGHT

Connecticut College

Race, Sex, Gender (FYS 132D) - Fall 2012

Women on the Loose: The "F" Word, Political Consciousness, and Social Change (FYS 133F/FYS 107V) - Fall 2013, 2017

Sex, Gender, Culture: Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies (GWS 103) - Fall 2014, 2016, 2023

CC: Sex/Work (GWS 200 Special Topics/GWS 202) - Fall 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, Spring 2024

Public Policy and Social Ethics/Foundations of Community Action (CA 201) - Spring 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021

Introduction to Queer Studies (GWS 203) - Fall 2012, 2013, 2014

Feminist Approaches to Disability Studies (GWS 207) Spring 2014

Transnational Women's Movements (GWS 224) - Spring 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016; Fall 2019

Training for Transformation (GWS 295) - Spring 2013

Social Justice Praxis (GWS 302) - Spring 2018; Fall 2018

Advanced Readings in Feminist Theory (GWS 306) - Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Feminist Social Research Methods (GWS 312) - Spring 2013, 2016
Leather & Glitter, Co-taught with Prof. Denis Ferhatovic (GWS/ENG 319) - Spring 2021, 2023
Workers Unite! (GWS 325) - Spring 2020
Queer Theory and Activism (GWS 381) - Fall 2018; Spring 2020
Desiring Justice: Sex, Difference and Social Movements (GWS 402) - Spring 2015
Senior Capstone in GWS (GWS 410) - Spring 2017, 2018, 2023, 2024
Claim Your Education: GSIS Tutorial (GWS 470) - Spring 2021

INVITED CLASSROOM LECTURES

University of Massachusetts – Amherst

Queer Motherwork, Global Mommy Wars, Women, Gender (Sexuality Studies 393G)

Coast Guard Academy

Social Justice Activism, American Social Movements (2131)

Connecticut College

Gender and Sexuality Issues, Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA) Gateway Course (IS 201)

Social Justice Activism, Bodies and Embodiments Pathway Thematic Inquiry Course (EMB 201)

Intersectionality, STEM Identity (FYS 109J)

Intersectionality, Ammerman Center Senior Seminar (AT 402)

LGBTQ Issues with Erin Duran, Cultural Psychology (PSY 335)

Community Engagement and Africana Studies, Introduction to Africana Studies (AFR 201)

ADVISING

Honors Theses

Advisor, *In the Belly of the Beast: The Legacy of Puerto Rican Women in the Development of Anti-Imperialist Feminism*, Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectionality Studies, 2020-2021

Advisor, *Asylum as an Extension of the Biopolitical State: An Analysis of US Sexual Orientation-Based Asylum Cases*, Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectionality Studies, 2019-2020

Advisor, *The Need for Intersectional Animal Justice: The Presence of Speciesism and Anti-Asian Racism in Animal Activism*, Gender and Women's Studies, 2017-2018

Advisor, *Women and Incarceration: An Exploration of Audience Engagement*, Gender and Women's Studies, 2017-2018

Advisor, *Women's Migration in Post-recession New Hampshire*, Gender and Women's Studies, 2014-2015

Independent Studies and Certificate Senior Integrative Projects

Intersectional Feminist Reading Group, Spring 2024

Race and Gender Dynamics in Service Work, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

PICA Certificate Senior Integrative Project, Consent and K-12 Comprehensive Sex Education, Spring 2021

Chinese Birth Mothers and Transnational Adoption, Fall 2018

PICA Certificate Senior Integrative Project, Non-profit Board Diversity, Fall 2018

Gender and Race in New York City Housing Authority Resident Data, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018

PICA Certificate Senior Integrative Project, Latinx Health Literacy in New London, Connecticut, Spring 2018

PICA Certificate Senior Integrative Project, Violence against Women in Guatemala and Women's Biography, co-directed with Lisa Wilson, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017

PICA Certificate Senior Integrative Project, Reproductive Autonomy Organizations Research Project, Spring 2017

Gender Identities, Expressions and Intimacies Research Project, Fall 2016

Community and Campus-based Work on Intimate Partner Violence, Spring 2016

Ammerman Center Arts and Technology Certificate Campus Life and Identity Project, Fall 2015 and Spring 2016

PICA Certificate Senior Integrative Project, Women in STEM Mentoring Project, Fall 2015

PICA Certificate Senior Integrative Project, History and Current Challenges in Sex Therapy Provision Project, Spring 2015

PICA Certificate Sexual Assault Representation and Advocacy Project, Spring 2015

Theorizing and Representing Embodiment, Fall 2014

Feminist Youth Engagement, Spring 2014

Feminist Pedagogies, Fall 2014

New London Continuing Adult Education's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program, Spring 2013

Student Research Assistantships

ConnSSHARP Internship, Summer 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2023

Funded Sophomore Summer Research program, Summer 2021

Career Internship, Summer 2020, 2021

PICA Internship, Summer 2020

New London High School research intern, Summer 2019

Funded Sophomore Summer Research program, Summer 2019

CAAAV Photo Archiving Project, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Wellesley College and California State University, Long Beach research interns, Summer 2014

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

Workshop co-facilitator w/ Cassandra Olmedo, research assistant, Identity, Community, and Society, BRILLA Program: A Summer Leadership Program, La Latina Network, Hispanic Alliance, New London, CT July 2023

Workshop facilitator, Gender Identities and Sexuality Training, Friendship Service Center, New Britain, CT March 2023

Workshop facilitator, College Experience and Identity, BRILLA Program: A Summer Leadership Program, La Latina Network, Hispanic Alliance, New London, CT July 2022

Workshop facilitator, LBGTQA+ for All, Groton Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Collaborative, June 2022

Speaker, Groton Town Hall Pride Flag Raising, June 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il1Oq9CufiY>

Workshop facilitator, Gender and Sexualities Training, Advancing CT Together, March 2022

Co-presenter, BRILLA Program: A Summer Leadership Program, La Latina Network, Hispanic Alliance, New London, CT July 2019

Workshop facilitator, Feminism 101, Girls Rock! Rhode Island, July 2017

Workshop facilitator, Social Justice & Music, Girls Rock! Rhode Island, August 2016, March 2017

Workshop facilitator, Environmental Justice, FRESH New London, July 2016

Meeting facilitator, New London County Food Policy Council, April 2015

Staff retreat facilitator, Hearing Youth Voices, August 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee, Hispanic Alliance, New London, 2023-present

Scholarship Selection Committee, Hispanic Alliance, New London 2022-present

Scholar expert, Palmer-Warner House, Connecticut Humanities Planning Grant, Connecticut Landmarks, Summer 2021

Volunteer, Immigration and Advocacy Support Center, New London, Winter 2019-2021

Advisory Board Member, FRESH New London, CT, Fall 2016-Fall 2017

Volunteer, Higher Edge, New London, CT, Winter 2016

MEDIA

- Guest, Social Justice Education in Higher Education, In CONNversation Podcast of Gund Dialogue Project, April 2021, <https://anchor.fm/gund-dialogue-project>
- Guest, "Wikipedia at 20: The Promises and Pitfalls of The 'Free Encyclopedia,'" Where We Live, WNPR, January 28, 2021 (Rebroadcast March 11, 2021), <https://www.wnpr.org/post/wikipedia-20-promises-and-pitfalls-free-encyclopedia>.
- Gao, Hongdeng. "Pushing Back: Interview With Ariella Rotramel," New Books in New York City History, Gotham Center for New York City History, October 30, 2020, <https://www.gothamcenter.org/blog/pushing-back-interview-with-ariella-rotramel>, also available on the New Books Network, <https://newbooksnetwork.com/ariella-rotramel-pushing-back-women-of-color-led-grassroots-activism-in-new-york-city-u-georgia-press-2020/>.