



CALL FOR PAPERS

Body, Gender and Sexuality

An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference

Hosted by the Department of Religion at Concordia University

The Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference, hosted by the Department of Religion at Concordia University, invites graduate students to consider the roles played by Body, Gender and Sexuality in their respective disciplines. Throughout the twentieth century and into the new millennium, work done in the humanities and social sciences has challenged and expanded our beliefs and expectations regarding human bodies, genders, and sexualities. Much of this discourse has worked towards shedding the longstanding tendency to view human embodiment and sexuality in closed or binary terms. This conference seeks to further this tradition by exploring, critiquing, and challenging assumptions, principles and approaches related to the Body, Gender and Sexuality. We welcome papers on the topics listed below, as well as contributions on related issues.

- Body practices in religion
- Philosophy, methods and theories
- Political Science
- Life & Death
- Arts (Films, visual arts, music)
- Food
- History
- Athletics and Body discipline (Yoga, Meditational practices, Sports)
- Constructs of identity
- Life science, medicine and technology

Papers are welcome to approach these topics through a variety of theoretical lenses—such as: Gender, Queer and/or Trans Studies; Post-colonialism; Marxist structures; cultural studies; cognitive approaches, etc.

We strongly encourage presentations either in French or English. Your abstract of 250 words must be submitted by **December 12, 2015**. Please include your name, e-mail address, university affiliation and level of study, as well as any special needs required to attend the conference. All received submissions will be acknowledged. A notification of decision will be sent early in January 2016.

All accepted presenters will have the opportunity to enter a peer-reviewed essay contest, with a first place prize of \$100, and a second place prize of \$50. In order to be considered for the essay contest, please send your complete paper (no longer than 2,500 words) by **January 15th 2016**. See our website for more information (<http://agicconcordia.wordpress.com>).

Please note that the best papers will be published in the proceedings of the Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference, in collaboration with the Journal of Religion and Culture (JRC).