

SYMPOSIUM ON THE POLITICS OF GENDER & SEXUALITY IN AFRICA

Friday, February 26, 2016

8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Ave
9:00 – 9:15 am	Opening Remarks Inderpal Grewal, Yale University
	<u>Health, AIDS, and Activism</u>
	Crystal Biruk , Oberlin College, <i>“Becoming MSM or WSW: The Value of Vulnerability in NGO worlds in Malawi”</i>
9:15 – 11:15 am	Sabrina Karim , Emory University, <i>“The Effect of Ebola on Maternal Health in Liberia”</i>
	Sanyu Mojola , University of Colorado, <i>“Re-inscribing Patriarchy? Reflections on Gender and Sexuality in the time of AIDS”</i>
	Discussant: Inderpal Grewal , Yale University
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Lunch Break
	<u>Gender and Policy</u>
	Amanda Clayton , Vanderbilt University, <i>“In Whose Interest?” Gender Gaps in Elite and Mass Policy”</i>
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Kara Ellerby , University of Delaware, <i>“The Problem With Gender Equality: Contextualizing African ‘Success’ in a Global Context”</i>
	Martha Johnson , Mills College, <i>“Economic Rights and Women’s Access to Executive Power in Africa”</i>
	Discussant: Stephanie Newell , Yale University
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Coffee Break

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Sexual Violence and Sexual Minorities

- 2:15 – 4:00 pm **Lyn Osesome**, University of Witswatersrand, *“States of Violence: Democratic Transitions and the Politics of Gender, Ethnicity, and Sexuality in Africa”*
- Basile Ndjio**, Princeton University, *“Nation and its Undesirable Subjects: Homosexuality, Citizenship and the Gay-Other in Cameroon”*
- Graeme Reid**, Yale University; Human Rights Watch, *“The Political Use of Homophobia”*
- Discussant: **Ali Miller**, Yale University
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm Reception at the Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies, 77 Prospect St

Saturday, February 27, 2016

8:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast
Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Ave

9:00 – 10:30 am **War and Refugees**

Amal Fadlalla, University of Michigan, *“Saviors, survivors, and Role Models: Gender and Transnational Humanitarianism”*

Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso, Babcock University, *“Rethinking Durable Solutions for Refugee Women in Africa”*

Discussant: **Louisa Lombard**, Yale University

10:30 – 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:30 pm **The Politics of Representation**

Josephine Ahikire, Makerere University, *“Debating Incentives and Politics of Gender Equity Policies in the South: The Case of ‘Domestic’ Legislation in Uganda”*

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Jessica Gottlieb, Texas A&M University, *“Do men and women have different Policy Preferences in Africa? Determinants and Implications of Gender Gaps in Policy Prioritization”*

Amanda Robinson, The Ohio State University, *“The Effects of Matrilineality and Matrilocality on Gender Differences in Political Behavior: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”*

Discussant: **Dan Magaziner**, Yale University

12:30 – 12:45 pm

Closing Remarks

Participant Bios

Josephine Ahikire is Associate Professor and Dean, School of Women and Gender Studies, Makerere University. She has over eighteen years of teaching Women and Gender Studies, Makerere University in the field of feminist theory, gender and politics, livelihood and cultural studies. She has key skills in policy analysis and wealth of experience in gender training and gender development practice. Ahikire has extensive experience in feminist research and has published widely in the fields of gender and politics, labour and cultural studies. Recent publications include a book entitled: *Localised or Localising Democracy: Gender and the Politics of Decentralisation in Contemporary Uganda* and another co-edited book entitled: *Gender Poverty and Social Transformation: Reflections on Fractures and Continuities in Contemporary Uganda*. She is also an Associate member of the African Gender Institute (AGI) and the Council for Development of Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA).

Crystal Biruk is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Oberlin College and a member of the Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies Committee at the College. Her research and scholarship is at the intersection of critical global health studies, science studies, and African studies. She is finishing a book titled *Cooking Data: Culture and Politics in an African Research World*, an ethnography of knowledge production in foreign-led survey projects collecting AIDS-related health data in rural Malawi. The book considers the social lives of quantitative data, and analyzes how data reflect and cohere the

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social worlds they claim to represent. Her second ethnographic project takes interest in the emergence of same-sex identities and activism in Malawi, with particular focus on how LGBT people come to occupy, perform and know their vulnerability in the context of transnationally circulating human rights frames and rhetoric amid the AIDS epidemic. She has a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania and a BA in Anthropology from Bryn Mawr College, and held a postdoctoral fellowship at Brown University's Pembroke Center in 2011-12. At Oberlin, she teaches courses in cultural theory, medical anthropology, science studies, and critical humanitarianism.

Amanda Clayton is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Vanderbilt University. Prior to joining Vanderbilt, she held a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Free University of Berlin as well as a Research Fellowship at the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Political Science at the University of Washington in 2014. Amanda Clayton is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Vanderbilt University. Prior to joining Vanderbilt, she held a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Free University of Berlin as well as a Research Fellowship at the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She received her Ph.D. from the Department of Political Science at the University of Washington in 2014. Her work has appeared in or is forthcoming in *Politics & Gender*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Organization*, *The Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, and *Representation*. Prof. Clayton has also consulted for the World Bank as well as research institutes in the US and Africa.

Kara Ellerby is an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Political Science & International Relations with a joint appointment in Women & Gender Studies at the University of Delaware. She earned her PhD from the University of Arizona in 2011. Her research interests include global gender norms and equality, gender and security, African post-conflict peacebuilding and Feminist International Relations. She is finalizing a book manuscript with New York University Press titled *The Problem With Gender Equality: Norms, Policies and the Politics of Women's Inclusion*. She teaches *International Organization* and *Feminist International Relations Theory* at the graduate level and *Introduction to Global Politics*, *Gender and Politics* and *Introduction to Women's Studies*, and the *Politics of Diversity* for undergraduates

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Amal Hassan Fadlalla is Associate Professor of Anthropology, Women's Studies, and Afroamerican and African studies at the University of Michigan. She is the author of *Embodying Honor: Fertility, Foreignness, and Regeneration in Eastern Sudan* (Madison: the University of Wisconsin Press, 2007) and the co-editor of the book, *Gendered Insecurities, Health and Development in Africa* (Routledge, 2012). She is also the co-editor of *Human Rights and Humanitarianism in Africa*, a journal issue forthcoming in *Humanity*, spring 2016. Some of her other publications appear in *Signs*, *Urban Anthropology*, *Identity*, and *SAR* advance seminar series. She is the recipient of many awards from the Rockefeller foundation, the Population council, the Harvard School of Public Health, the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, and the Human Rights and Humanity awards from the University of Michigan. She is currently finalizing a book manuscript on Sudanese activism in the diaspora.

Dr. Jessica Gottlieb is an assistant professor in the Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M University. She earned her PhD in political science Master's degree in economics from Stanford University. Her research and teaching interests include democratic accountability, political and economic development, and formal and informal norms and institutions – including those around gender. Much of her research has been in sub-Saharan Africa, where she has conducted field experiments, lab experiments, and surveys. Through studies in Mali, Senegal and Benin, her work examines the role of information asymmetries, social norms, and local leaders in undermining accountability in new electoral democracies. Her work is published or forthcoming in the *American Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*, and *British Journal of Political Science*. Prior to her doctoral studies, Gottlieb worked at the Center for Global Development on a project encouraging international aid organizations and governments to better learn what works in development through improved impact evaluation.

Inderpal Grewal is Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She is also Professor in the Ethnicity, Race and Migration Studies Program, and the South Asian Studies Council, and affiliate faculty in the American Studies Program. Her research interests include transnational feminist theory; gender and globalization; NGO's and theories of civil society; theories of travel and mobility; South Asian cultural studies, and postcolonial feminism. She is the author of *Home and Harem: Nation, Gender, Empire and the Cultures of Travel* (Duke University Press, 1996) and *Transnational America:*

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Feminisms, Diasporas, Neoliberalisms (Duke University Press, 2005). With Caren Kaplan, she has written and edited *Gender in a Transnational World: Introduction to Women's Studies* (Mc-Graw Hill 2001, 2005) and *Scattered Hegemonies: Postmodernity and Transnational: Feminist Practices* (University of Minnesota Press, 1994). With Victoria Bernal, she has edited *Theorizing NGO's: States, Feminism and Neoliberalism* (Duke University Press, 2014). She has forthcoming a book on the relation between security, gender, race and American neoliberalism, entitled "Exceptional Citizens? Advanced Neoliberalism, Surveillance and Security in Contemporary USA" (Duke University Press, 2016). Her ongoing projects include essays on the relation between transnational media, corruption and sexual violence, and a book project on masculinity and power in the memoirs of elite bureaucrats in postcolonial India.

Sabrina Karim will start as an assistant professor in the Government Department at Cornell University in the fall of 2016. She is currently a doctoral candidate at Emory University. She is the co-authors of a forthcoming book with Oxford University Press entitled *Equal Opportunity Peacekeeping* (with Kyle Beardsley). She has forthcoming and published work relate to security, peacekeeping, and gender in *International Organization*, *The Journal of Peace Research*, *International Interactions*, and *International Peacekeeping*. A completely separate project, her dissertation, focuses on security sector reform (SSR) and post-conflict peace cross-nationally and in Liberia. She has conducted extensive fieldwork in Liberia and Peru, and employs multiple methods in her work including field experiments. She is a recipient of both the Fulbright Fellowship and the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship. She received her master's degree as a Clarendon Scholar from Oxford University and her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University.

Martha Johnson is Assistant Professor of Government at Mills College, a liberal arts women's college in Oakland, CA. She completed her PhD in Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley in 2009. She has conducted fieldwork in Senegal and Burkina Faso and speaks French and Wolof. She has published in *Development and Change*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Africa Today*, and *Development Policy Review* on the topics of bureaucratic capacity, foreign aid, state-building, and livestock policy. Her current book manuscript asks how democratization and aid dependence impact bureaucratic capacity in Senegal. Her recent work with Leonardo Arriola examines women's participation in executive politics across sub-Saharan Africa. Their

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findings regarding the negative impact of ethnic patronage politics on women's political empowerment was published in the *American Journal of Political Science* in 2014, and their work on the type of ministerial appointments women receive in African countries was shared in a Monkey Cage blog. Their current research examines the impact of restrictive economic laws on women's political advancement.

Louisa Lombard is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Yale University. She is a cultural anthropologist who studies African borderland areas where the state is largely absent, and a range of actors govern. Her research locales, primarily the remote and little-populated eastern reaches of the Central African Republic (C.A.R.), are further marked by violent histories that continue into the present. How, in such contexts, do people navigate fragile relationships of trust and claim access to resources and authority? Her main fieldwork interlocutors are among the region's men-in-arms, such as anti-poaching guards and rebels. In addition to introductory and theoretical approaches to socio-cultural anthropology, she teaches classes on sub-Saharan Africa, and especially African politics; anthropology and law; international development and humanitarianism; war, violence, and conflict; conservation and the management of "wilderness"; and the social and historical aspects of inter-species categorization.

Dan Magaziner is a historian of 20th century Africa. He received his PhD in 2007 from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, and taught at Cornell University before coming to Yale in 2011. An intellectual historian specializing in South Africa, he published his first book, *The Law and the Prophets: Black Consciousness in South Africa, 1968 – 1977*, in 2010. *The Law and the Prophets* is a history of political thought in 1970s South Africa, focusing especially on the ways that young South African activists deployed radical Christian, indigenous African and global 1960s ideas to reinvigorate resistance to the apartheid state. *The Law and the Prophets* grew out of his dissertation research at Wisconsin, for which he was awarded a Fulbright Hays, and various other awards. He is currently working on two book projects. The first is about the intellectual history of art education in 20th century South Africa, focusing especially on black teachers who were trained and employed by the white minority apartheid. Tentatively entitled *The Art of Life in South Africa*, the book reframes our image of black cultural and intellectual life under apartheid; it is a meditation on the nature of creativity and about how historical actors work with the possible to fashion beauty from their time and place. Dan's second ongoing project, tentatively entitled *A History of Post-Colonial Style*, considers the history of architecture, design and urban planning in post-colonial Africa. At Yale, Dan

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teaches courses on South Africa, modern Africa, religion, political thought, popular culture and the African Diaspora.

Sanyu A. Mojola is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado Boulder. She is currently a sabbatical fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois Research Institute housed in the Hutchins Center for African and African American Studies at Harvard University. Her work examines the social structural production, maintenance and reduction of health disparities in the context of the HIV pandemic as it unfolds in various settings such as Kenya, South Africa and the United States. Her book “Love, Money and HIV: Becoming a Modern African Woman in the Age of AIDS” (University of California Press, 2014) won the 2015 Distinguished Book Award from the Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association and was a 2015 finalist for the African Studies Association Bethwell Ogot Prize for Best Book on East African Studies.

Basile Ndjio is Associate Professor of anthropology at the University of Douala, Cameroon, and currently a Member at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Study. His research deals with sexual and gender-based violence; sex, law and ethics; sexuality and politics; Chinese transnational sex labour migration, transnational organized crime, autochthony and the politics of belonging, global medicine and transnational healing processes; new wealth and occult economies, citizenship, leadership and governance, youth and marginalisation, etc. His most recent works include: ‘Sex and the transnational city: Chinese sex workers in the West African city of Douala’, *Urban Studies journal* (in press); “Magic body” and “cursed sex”: Chinese sex workers as “bitch-witches” in Cameroon, *African Affairs, Oxford Journals*(2014), 113, 452, pp. 370-386; ‘Sexualities and nationalist ideologies in postcolonial Africa’ in Saskia Wieringa and Horacio, F. Sivori, eds. *Sexualities and modernity in the global South*. Zed books(2013) pp: 120-143; ‘Postcolonial histories of sexuality: the political invention of a libidinal African straight,’ *Africa/International African Institute*, 82, vol.4(2012), pp. 609-631 .

Stephanie Newell is Professor of English at Yale University. Her research focuses on the public sphere in colonial West Africa and issues of gender, sexuality, and power as articulated through popular print cultures, including newspapers, pamphlets, posters, and magazines. She studies how local intellectuals—ranging from school leavers to nationalist leaders—debated moral and political issues through the medium of print. She is especially interested in the cultural histories of printing and reading in Africa, and the spaces for local creativity and subversive resistance in colonial-era newspapers. Her

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current research project, “The Cultural Politics of Dirt in Africa, 1880-present,” positions these interests in an interdisciplinary and comparative historical perspective, and includes the study of popular discourses about dirt in Nairobi and Lagos in relation to changing ideas about taste and disgust, sexuality, multiculturalism, and urbanization.

Lyn Ossome is Senior Research Fellow at the Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR), and holds a PhD in Political Studies from the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits). Her research specializations are in feminist political economy, land and agrarian studies and political theory. Her current work in democratic theory deals with ideas of emancipation through a critical engagement with histories of women’s political activism, contemporary politics of representation, popular movements, queer histories, and human rights. In the area of land and agrarian studies, her current research is concerned with the agrarian question of gender equity, subsistence political economies, women’s work and reproductive labour regimes in the process of agrarian change.

Graeme Reid, director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program, is an expert on LGBT rights. He has conducted research, taught and published extensively on gender, sexuality, LGBT issues, and HIV/AIDS. Before joining Human Rights Watch in 2011, Reid was the founding director of the Gay and Lesbian Archives of South Africa, a researcher at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research and a lecturer in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies at Yale University. An anthropologist by training, Reid received a master’s from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and a PhD from the University of Amsterdam.

Amanda Robinson is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at The Ohio State University. Her research interests are primarily in the field of comparative politics, and include the micro-foundations of national and ethnic identities, the relationship between culture and politics, and the political implications of ethnic geography. Her primary region of interest is Sub-Saharan Africa, and she has conducted research in Malawi, Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Zambia. She employs a variety of research methods, including original survey data collection, field experiments, lab in the field experiments, and GIS analyses. Before joining OSU in 2013, she completed a PhD in Political Science at Stanford University (2013) and a BA in Biology from Appalachian State University (2005).

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Olajumoke Yacob-Haliso holds a PhD in Political Science and currently teaches in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Babcock University, Ogun State, Nigeria. Her research has centred on African women in post-conflict situations, refugees and forced migration, gender and politics, and democracy in Nigeria. She is the recipient of research grants from the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, the Canadian International Development Research Centre and the University for Peace Africa Program amongst others. Dr Yacob-Haliso was also a postdoctoral Global South Scholar-in-Residence at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland in 2012. She is a member of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP), the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), the West African Political Science Association (WAPSA), The Liberian Studies Association (LSA), the American Political Science Association (APSA), the Global South Caucus of the International Studies Association (ISA), and so on. Dr Yacob-Haliso's research has been published in respectable journals internationally and she also currently serves as editor of the Journal of International Politics and Development (JIPAD).

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