QUEER MILTON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST | THE GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY
4:00PM-7:00PM | ROOM 4406

This book launch and roundtable celebrates the release of the landmark collection Queer Milton, an overdue intervention in the field of Milton criticism. A glittering assemblage of the volume’s contributors will discuss their essays, with topics ranging over gender and sexuality, ecocriticism, and biopolitics. They will also point to paths not yet taken, to queer Miltons waiting to be explored. Mario DiGangi will situate panelists’ remarks in the larger landscape of queer early modern studies.

Participants:
Corey McEleney, Fordham
Erin Murphy, Boston U
David Orvis, Appalachian State
Melissa E. Sanchez, Penn
Steven Swarbrick, Baruch, CUNY

This event is co-sponsored with the Renaissance Studies Certificate Program and The Joseph A. Wittreich Lectures in Milton Studies.

LOVE: A BLUES EPISTEMOLOGY FROM THE UNDERCOMMONS WITH MIA WHITE
TBD

What does it take to build and sustain movements in the millions? Through research, practice and an exploration of the concept “abolition”, Mia White lifts up and amplifies an answer that appears all around us: it takes the spatial practice of abolition and simultaneously understanding these labors as the love we ultimately seek and must make. These spatial practices are found in our “undercommons” - those spaces inhabited and produced by black people, indigenous peoples, queers, and poor people. Mia’s presentation will explore abolition as a spatial-love ethic, one that is embodied, erotic and evident through empirical practices of trauma-healing in our haunted places (body, land, relation).

This event is co-sponsored with the Center for the Study of Women and Society.

MAPPING THE SACRED: TRANSFORMING THE MEDICAL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WITH CARA PAGE
THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH | THE GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY
6:00-8:00PM | ROOM 9205

This talk will ground us in the historical lineage of Healing Justice based on the work Cara Page has done on the front lines for over 20 plus years within social justice movements, from the Southeast to New York City, building healing justice strategies as a political tool for transformative justice interventions and racial justice strategies. We will explore the impact of the Medical Industrial Complex as an extension of policing and state violence including how to “unsurveil the surveilled” by challenging scientific racist notions of “blood quota and dna,” as well as reimagine our sacred practices and traditions that are integral to our collective survival and liberation that are rooted in our ancestral geographies.

This event is co-sponsored with the Center for the Study of Women and Society.

BOOK SALON WITH MICHELLE FINE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH | THE GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY
6:30-8:30PM | SKYLIGHT ROOM

For the Center for the Study of Women and Society’s first Book Salon of the Spring 2019 semester, Michelle Fine will be in conversation with Wendy Luttrell and Limarys Caraballo around Fine’s newest book, Just Research.

This event is co-sponsored with the Center for the Study of Women and Society.
CLAGS DISSERTATION PRIZE TALK: RESILIENCE, STRATEGY AND HIV-NEGATIVITY FOR BLACK MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM)
MONDAY, APRIL 8TH | THE GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY
6:30-8:30PM | ROOM 9204

Black gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) carry a large share of the burden of the HIV epidemic in the US. Because their identities lie at the intersection of race and sexual orientation, they are more likely to experience negative social determinants of health, which are associated with greater HIV acquisition. Although the majority of Black MSM maintain an HIV-negative status, few studies have identified what contributes to their HIV-negativity maintenance. In order to address this gap in knowledge, CLAGS Dissertation Prize Recipient, Dr. Jagadīśa-devaśrī Dacus explored HIV-negativity prevalence among a cohort of Black MSM in New York City in order to explain their resilience amidst high seroprevalence. He will be discussing the results of his research, which suggest that Black Men’s unique strengths, resiliencies, and strategies are indubitably interconnected with their intersecting identities.

AFTER MARRIAGE EQUALITY PANEL DISCUSSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH | THE GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY
7:00-9:00PM | SKYLIGHT ROOM

Please join us for a roundtable event to celebrate the release and success of the After Marriage Book Series. Building on a major conference hosted by CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies (2016) entitled “After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship,” the editors have collected academic papers, edited transcripts of selected conference sessions, and interviews with activists. This collection presents some of the first works of empirical scholarship and first-hand observation to assess the realities of queer families, communities, and movements after same-sex marriage. Additionally, the collection draws from critical and intersectional perspectives to explore the questions and issues facing the next chapter of LGBTQ activism and social movement work.

The discussion will be moderated by Imara Jones and will feature series editors Joseph Nicholas DeFilippis, Angela Jones, and Michael Yarbrough alongside several activists and scholars who contributed to the volumes.

RELIGION AND POLITICS IN BRAZIL: JAIR BOLSONARO, THE “GAY KIT” AND THE Rhetorical CONSTRUCTION OF “ENEMIES”
MONDAY, MAY 6TH | THE GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY
6:30-8:30PM | ROOM 9204

In 2018, Brazil joined a growing list of countries that have elected so-called, “populist” right-wing governments, with the ascension of Jair Bolsonaro to the presidency. A key factor that enabled Bolsonaro’s rise to power was his repudiation of pro-LGBT policies. In particular, his condemnation of measures to combat discrimination in schools and allegations that a so-called “Gay Kit” posed a “social risk” to Brazilian children became a central issue in the election. Today, the Brazilian congress is in the midst of debates concerning a series of bills that seek to censor discussion of gender and sexuality in schools. These bills are informed by a transnational Catholic campaign against “gender ideology,” which Brazil’s politically powerful neo-pentecostal churches equally embrace. As activists, professors and researchers who support gender equality and recognition of sexual diversity have been cast by the new president as “enemies” of the Brazilian people, Dr. Tatiana Lionço (Adjunct Professor of Psychology at the Universidade de Brasília) will discuss this conservative backlash in Brazil and its implications for sexual and gender politics.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD AND CLAGS FUNDRAISER
MAY 2019 | 6:00-9:00PM

This event is an awards ceremony and fundraiser to honor a member of the LGBTQ community who has made a lasting impact and a fundraiser for CLAGS.

JOSÉ MUÑOZ AWARD CEREMONY
JUNE 2019 | THE GRADUATE CENTER, CUNY
6:30-8:30PM

The José Muñoz Award is given in honor of LGBTQ activists who have promoted queer and trans studies and visibility in their work. Previous awardees include Janet Mock and Jose Antonio Vargas.

This event is co-sponsored with CUNY Graduate Center Public Programs.