



DEPARTMENT OF
GENDER, SEXUALITY,
AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

Ruth Wynn Woodward Lecture Series Rethinking Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

All talks are held at SFU Vancouver - Harbour Centre Campus
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Speakers' Bios:

Cindy Holmes is a Ph.D. candidate in Interdisciplinary Studies (Women's Studies, Sociology, Geography) at the University of British Columbia. She completed her MA in Sociology and Equity Studies in Education from OISE/University of Toronto. Her SSHRC-funded dissertation research applies an interlocking feminist framework to the study of anti-violence and health promotion strategies in queer communities. Her other research interests include hetero/homonormativity; racial violence in white settler societies; violence against women; geographies of belonging and human rights; and racial politics within social justice movements. Alongside her academic work, Cindy has worked with community groups for over twenty years in the areas of community-based research, evaluation and anti-violence, health and anti-oppression education. Her publications have appeared in the journal *Gender, Place and Culture* (2009), and numerous books including *Intimate Partner Violence in LGBTQ Lives* (2011), *Who's Your Daddy? And Other Writings on Queer Parenting* (2009) and *Survivor Rhetoric: Negotiations and Narrativity in Abused Women's Language* (2006).

Aren Z. Aizura is Postdoctoral Fellow in Gender, Race and Science in the Department of Gender Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington. Originally from Melbourne, Australia, completed a doctorate on the politics of transnational travel and migration within representations of transsexuality at the University of Melbourne (Australia) in 2009. Aizura has published scholarly articles in the journals *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*, *Asian Studies Review*, and *Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Studies of Health and Illness*, and has essays forthcoming in *Trans Gender Migrations* (Routledge) and *Gender Trans Gender* (Temple University Press).

Dana Olwan is Assistant Professor of Gender Studies and is cross-appointed to the Department of Cultural Studies at Queen's University. She is also the Future Minority Studies Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Women's and Gender Studies at Syracuse University for Spring 2011. She completed her Ph.D. in English literature at Queen's University in 2009 and her dissertation examined the publication and reception of Arab American women's literature post 9/11. Her current work focuses on contemporary anti-racist and feminist solidarity movements in national and international contexts. She is interested in issues of power and resistance, especially as they relate to Muslim women and their relationship to multicultural states like Canada.