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Speaker Series for Women's History Month

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Veronica Tetterton, PhD: "My Life as a Psychologist in a Women's Prison: It's Not All CSI and Orange is the New Black"

Wednesday, March 3rd, 3:30pm via Zoom

Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Co-founder/
Chief of Operations of Anticipate Joy

Dr. Veronica Tetterton is a licensed clinical psychologist with experience in mental health, trauma, and substance abuse counselling. She worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons as Trauma Treatment Coordinator and Residential Drug Abuse Treatment Coordinator and was one of the first people to start a trauma treatment program for female offenders. She is also the co-founder of Anticipate Joy, which is a mental health-focused company which provides affordable professional counseling services. The focus of her

presentation will be on her experience working in a women's prison. This event is sponsored by the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, the Department of Psychology, the Department of Social, Cultural, and Justice Studies, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

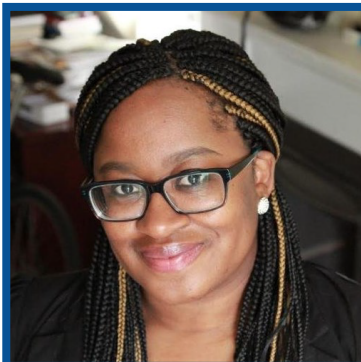


Keisha Blain, PhD: "Building a Movement: Black Women Organizing in the (Global) South"

Monday, March 15 at 4:00pm via Zoom

Historian, Professor, Author

Dr. Blain is Professor of History at the University of Pittsburgh and the president of the African American Intellectual History Society. She is currently a fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University. Her specialties include African American History and the modern African diaspora, as well as women and gender studies. She is a published author and an award winner for her book, *Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom*. The main topic of her presentation will be on Black global activism and, in particular, the politicization and organization of Black women activists globally, but especially during the Great Depression. This event is sponsored by the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, the Department of History, the Africana Studies Program, the Department of English, and the Department of Political Science and Public Service.



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Speaker Series for Women's History Month

Feminista Jones: "Intersectionality in Practice"

Tuesday, March 16th, 5:00pm via Zoom

Social Worker, Author, Activist

Feminista Jones is a third-wave feminist and media personality whose work on the promotion of Black feminism has earned her much recognition. She is the author of four books as well as a freelancer who has written for several publications including the *New York Times*, *Time* magazine, and the *Washington Post*. She strives to promote the voices of Black women from all backgrounds through the use of social media, which is the subject of her most famous book, *Reclaiming Our Space: How Black Feminists Are Changing the World from the Tweets to the Streets*.

The main focus of her presentation will be on how to take the idea of intersectionality from just a theory to something in the real world and more specifically, the lived experience of intersectionality. This event is sponsored by the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, the Department of Social, and Cultural, and Justice Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences.



Tiffany Florvil, PhD: Afro-diasporic Kinships: Audre Lorde and Black German Women



Monday, April 5 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Historian, Professor, Author

Dr. Florvil is Professor of 20th-century European Women's and Gender History at the University of New Mexico. Her specialties are primarily in the history of post-1945 Europe and the African and Black diaspora, as well as gender and sexuality. Her publication, *Mobilizing Black Germany: Afro-German Women and the Making of a Transnational Movement*, is the first full-length study of the history of the modern Black German movement. The focus of her presentation will be on diasporic kinships and Caribbean American feminist, Audre Lorde, and her role in the Afro-German movement. This event is sponsored by the Department of History and the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program.

Alumni News

Emily Hurst and Emily Quinn met nine years ago in early spring 2012. They were married at Old Stone Fort State park in October of 2020 and Hurst's grandfather, who is a Reverend, officiated.

Blake Harris is an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Salisbury University in Maryland.

Carla Fulgham is chair of the Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Committee for the Chattanooga State Technical and Community College library where she is a librarian with the Health Sciences Faculty.

Brittany Dillman is currently attending law school at American University, Washington College of Law in DC.

Kaitlin Cottle graduated from the University of Virginia's law school in 2020 and is an attorney with the Williams Mullen law firm.

Student Spotlight: Hope Smith



Hope Smith is one WGSS major who lives her feminism! A graduate of Maryville High School in Maryville Tennessee, Hope was selected for UTC's Honors College and is now a sophomore double-majoring in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Entrepreneurship. She is a member of the student Diversity and Inclusion Council, participated in last fall's voter registration drive co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Chattanooga and the UTC Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, and holds a leadership position on the Student Outreach and Networking Committee. She is hoping to plan an event that features an ASL/deaf culture speaker. "I've always been passionate about social justice and activism," stated Hope, "and the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program has enabled me to focus all of my interests into one major." Hope has been pleasantly surprised by the variety of WGSS courses offered because this has allowed her to choose and shape what she gets out of the WGSS major. She is currently engaged in a research project with WGSS/SCJS faculty member Dr. Elisabeth Sheff-Stefanick. In her down time she likes to play the piano and read. "We are so thrilled to have such an actively engaged student as one of our majors," stated Dr. Marcia Noe, Director of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program.

Alumni Spotlight: Natalie Holbrook

Natalie Holbrook graduated from UTC in 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Women's Studies. She is currently a graduate student at UTC working towards her Master's in Social Work. As a full-time student Natalie works a part-time job, has a full course load, and is working as an intern with the Victim Support Services program of The Partnership for Children, Families, and Adults, a non-profit that assists victims of domestic and sexual violence. Natalie is a passionate member of the Chattanooga community and she has participated as a volunteer in several organizations throughout the area, including the Community Kitchen and Ronald McDonald House. She hopes to continue her community outreach by working as a social worker as well as eventually continuing her education in pursuit of a PhD. The program that she plans to apply to after she completes her graduate course work is a PhD in Gender Studies with a specialty in Queer Theory and Feminist Literature. As a social worker, she would like to work to serve victims of domestic violence or participate in homeless outreach. Her ultimate goal through all of the work that she does is to help serve the community and improve the lives of community members.



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Voter Registration Drive

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Chattanooga

Sponsored by the UTC Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

& UTC's Mocs Go Vote Committee

March 30th - 31st

10:00am - 2:00pm

*Anyone looking to volunteer an hour or more of their time to help set up, staff, or clean up please contact WGSS intern Meredith Maxwell at zrp393@mocs.utc.edu

