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A 1973 Newsletter, Revitalized.

Feminist News, Today

It's time for boldness.

President Biden's inauguration was a signal of hope for many across the globe.

Within his first several hours as president, Biden had already begun to address a slew of important issues, including the environment, immigration, and the pandemic. His inaugural address spoke of great responsibility — and the President called for bravery among the American people. "It's time for boldness," he said.

And isn't it? As a department of women's and gender studies, situated within a Jesuit institution, it is us who are responsible for being bold. Being bold in our opinions, bold in our politics, bold in our actions, bold in speaking the truth. Even being bold in ourselves — in our genders and expressions, in our speech and our research, in our learning and our open-mindedness — is a task well suited for WGST members.

*Be bold in standing up for people.
Be bold in standing up for yourself.
Be bold, as a feminist, as a member of the Women's and Gender Studies Department, and as a part of a community. Boldness creates progress more than timidity ever will.*

Quote of the month

"But one thing is certain, if we merge mercy with might and might with right, then love becomes our legacy and change our children's birthright."

—Amanda Gorman

Faculty Spotlight

This month's spotlight is WGST assistant professor, Dr. Sandibel Borges. Dr. Borges grew up in Mexico where her father migrated back and forth from the U.S. Eventually Dr. Borges joined her father in Washington state. Dr. Borges comments that as "An immigrant growing up poor and working class, I was never meant to graduate high school, let alone college. As a college professor, I now reflect back and am extremely grateful to my family." Dr. Borges received both her M.A. and Ph.D. in Feminist Studies from UC Santa Barbara. After being away from Southern California for a while, Dr. Borges returned to LA in 2020 to join the WGST Department at LMU! Dr. Borges expresses her excitement to be back in LA doing what she loves: "I am excited to connect with other queer immigrants, think collectively, join and co-create radical spaces, and continue to do the research that I love, and which nourishes my soul." Dr. Borges' field of study is queer migration studies. She states: "In my research, I look at how systems of power interact and interlock with one another in the oppression of Latinx LGBTQ migrants, exploring how Latinx LGBTQ migrants resist systemic violence in their quotidian lives." Dr. Borges envisions the WGST Department "to continue to grow and recruit additional queer and trans faculty of color to join us in this journey of radical feminist work, and to support, guide, and mentor our students, especially those who are BIPOC women, queer, trans, and gender nonconforming."

Upcoming Events

Library series on research and power First event this Wednesday, more info here: <https://library.lmu.edu/irdl/speakerseries/>

The Philosophy of María Lugones Meets Transgender Studies: A Complex Conversation by Cal State LA
Friday, Feb 12, 3-5pm PST:
<https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/83016887361>

Social Reproduction In/Under Crisis from UC Berkely, more info here: <https://events.berkeley.edu/index.php/calendar/sn/gws.html>