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A 1973 newsletter, revitalized.

Student Spotlight

Rory Ahern - WGST '2023

Rory Ahern is a Junior WGST major and Studio Arts minor from Hingham, MA. His hobbies include cooking, listening to music, and art of all kinds! Regarding his time in the department, Rory shared that his "gender studies classes actually get to the root of our world's problems and critique the systems that we need to dismantle, rather than teaching us to conform to them. WGST gives [him] a space to rethink gender and sexuality, both in the ways we construct them and reproduce norms around them, as well as the ways [he] personally internalize[s] those norms." Rory's favorite WGST class has been Genders and Sexualities: Queer of Color Critique with Dr. Borges.

Pictured below is our WGST faculty!



Department Updates

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Dr. Apgar invited to speak at 60 Second Lectures

Dr. Apgar was invited to be one of six LMU professors to lecture at this annual LMU event. The 2021 theme was "why we fight ourselves," and Dr. Apgar gave a 60-second speech about feminists fighting feminists. "The critics said we don't even need the patriarchy," Apgar said. "We will destroy ourselves." The lecture ended on a more hopeful note: "Yes, feminists fight ... but we identify more precisely the world we are fighting for."

Dr. Borges research featured at BCLA Faculty Research Symposium

Dr. Borges will be giving a talk entitled "Heterocolonialism: The Colonial Logics of LGBTQ Migration," on November 5 from 12:40 - 1 p.m. Students can register for the symposium on the BCLA Faculty Symposium website.

Paint, Decorate, Appreciate event

This event is co-hosted by Somewhere Under the Rainbow, LGBTSS, and WGST. It will take place on November 15 at 7 p.m. in U-Hall 3500. Students will have the opportunity to paint pumpkins and planters and can leave with crystals! RSVP on Leo or @lmu_sur's Instagram page.