

**2020-2021 IRW Seminar Schedule**  
**Knowing Bodies: Science and the**  
**Sex/Gender Distinction**

**September 10: Opening Session**

**September 17: Readings**

**September 24: Readings**

**October 1: Carlos Decena**

“Circuits of the Sacred: Introduction – *Por un pensar maricón*”

Respondent: Stacy Klein

**October 8: Readings**

**October 15: Leslye Obiora**

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Respondent: Kate Riley

**October 22: Scholarly Publishing Workshop**

**October 29: Readings**

**November 5: Readings**

**November 12: Readings**

**November 19: Tyler Carson**

“A Return to the Maternal Body: Psychoanalysis, Queer Theory, Secularism”

Respondent: Smruthi Bala Kannan

**November 26: No meeting – Thanksgiving**

**December 3: Stacy Klein**

“The Militancy of Gender and the Making of Sexual Difference in Early English Literature, ca. 700-1100 AD”

Respondent: Roseli Rojo

**December 10: Readings**

**January 21: Readings**

**January 28: Smruthi Bala Kannan**

“‘Clean Bodies in School’: School-children’s experiences of health, hygiene, and sanitation discourses in Tamil Nadu, India”

Respondent: Elizabeth Corredor

**February 4: Norah Mackendrick**

“Balancing The ‘Hormonal Body’ Toxic Threats, Sexed Bodies and Self-Help In Contemporary Wellness Culture”

Respondent: Sarah Orsak

**February 11: Readings**

**February 18: Readings**

**February 25: Roseli Rojo**

“Distressed Bodies in Colonial Havana (1790-1850)”

Respondent: Ellen Ledoux

**March 4: Readings**

**March 11: Ellen Ledoux**

“Professions of the Body: The Eighteenth-Century Man-Midwife”

Respondent: Sara Perryman

**March 18: No meeting – Spring Break Readings**

**March 25: Sarah Orsak**

“Disability’s Discontinuities: Narrating Chronic Illness Against an ‘Easy Diagnosis’”

Respondent: Tyler Carson

**April 1: Kate Riley**

“Queer Sex and Cultural Sovereignty in the Marquesas, French Polynesia”

Respondent: Leslye Obiora

**April 8: Elizabeth Corredor**

“It’s Biology...You Can’t Change Sex’:  
Understanding Moral Panic as Power  
Devaluation within Right-Wing Movements”  
Respondent: Basuli Deb

**April 15: Basuli Deb**

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Respondent: Norah Mackendrick

**April 22: Sara Perryman**

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Respondent: Carlos Decena

**April 29: Final Session - Wrap-Up**

**Conveners:**

Arlene Stein  
Director, Institute for Research on Women

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