

Visiting Scholars Program
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
Northeastern University
Call for Applications, Academic Year 2021-2022

Each year the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) program at Northeastern University hosts a group of 1-3 competitively selected scholars for a period of one academic year. The program is open to scholars of all disciplines and ranks who have obtained their terminal degree and who would enjoy working in an interdisciplinary environment that encourages critical feminist exploration addressing intersections of gender and sexuality with race, class, nation, religion, and a wide range of social justice issues. The WGSS program at Northeastern University (www.northeastern.edu/wgss) has a vibrant feminist community, an active undergraduate minor, and an established graduate certificate program. We collaborate closely with the [Graduate Consortium in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality](http://www.gcws.org) (GCWS), a group of nine area institutions of higher education, housed at MIT. Northeastern and the WGSS program are the editorial home of *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* (<http://www.signsjournal.org>).

Visiting Scholars **provide their own financial support** during the residency, though the program may support modest research expenses. Scholars will have access to the Northeastern University library and to shared workspace (so long as public health protocol permits) as well as email privileges and are invited to participate in all program events and to collaborate with colleagues through research clusters, reading groups, a feminist writing collective, and affiliated seminars. We connect each scholar with a faculty liaison to help integrate them into the feminist community on campus and in Boston. There may also be the possibility of teaching a course in the Spring semester in one of the following areas: Introduction to WGSS; Gender, Social Justice, and Transnational Activism; Digital Feminisms; Sex, Gender, and Pop Culture; and Gender and Sexuality in World History. Applicants who are interested in teaching should indicate this in their cover letter and should include a teaching statement and sample syllabus along with the materials listed below.

Scholars are expected to give a public presentation to the Northeastern campus community and the public on their ongoing works-in-progress during their residency, or to engage the community in a work-in-progress through a workshop or other medium. Scholars are expected to be in residence from September 2021 to May 2022 but are welcome to remain in residence throughout the summer of 2021. Of course, we will monitor the public health protocols surrounding COVID-19 and may make adjustments to expectations of residency based on public health guidelines, including canceling the program if public health protocol deems it unsafe to return to campus. Decisions regarding if and how the Visiting Scholar program will be run will be made with plenty of advance notice.

Applications should include a current curriculum vitae, a 1-2 page letter describing the research activities the scholar will conduct during the residency, and 2 letters of reference. We may, as the process develops, request writing samples as well. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2021. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of WGSS faculty, including program director Professor Suzanna Walters. Send all materials by email attachment to: **Ms. Kiki Samko, Program Coordinator**
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