# Conference Schedule

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| **7pm** | Thursday Reception (Themes)  
- Research  
- Graduate School Mentoring  
- Activism  
- SEWSA State Meetings | Friday Reception (Cohort Groups)  
- Undergraduate Students  
- Graduate Students  
- Faculty & Staff  
- Community Organizations |
PROGRAM DETAILS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 9:30 AM

NWSA PRESIDENTS’ WELCOME

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
Panel Chair: Dr. Stephanie Evans, Director and Professor
Dr. Julie Kubala, Senior Lecturer of WGSS
Jordan Keesler, Graduate Student
Baylor Andrews, Undergraduate Student
Charles Stephens, Alumni & Director of Counter Narrative Project

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
Panel Chair, Federica Santini, WGSS Program Coordinator
Katherine Gross, Undergraduate Student
Andrea Putala, Graduate Student
Dr. Laura Davis, Faculty
Amy Stewart, Alumna
Dani Alexander, Community Partner

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University of Georgia  
*Panel Chair: Dr. Juanita Johnson-Bailey, Director of the Institute for Women's Studies*
Dr. Cecilia Herles, Assistant Director of the Institute for Women's Studies
Teresa Tran, Undergraduate WMST major, Leader of Women's Studies Student Organization (WSSO) and Triota honor society
Nina Reddy, former UGA WMST student, National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum
Ty Baker, former UGA WMST student, Jeannette Rankin Foundation

Spelman College  
*Panel Chair: Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Founding Director of the Women’s Research and Resource Center. Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women’s Studies and English*
Dr. M. Bahati Kuumba, Faculty
Holly Smith, Archivist
Malika Redmond, Alumni
Sophia Howard, Student

Valdosta State University  
*Panel Chair: Dr. Christine James, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies*
Dr. Deborah Davis, WGST Internship Program, University Archives
Dr. Jennifer Lambert-Shute, WGST Internship Program, Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic
Tiffany Jordan, Dept. Assistant in African American Studies and Women's and Gender Studies
Dr. Marilyn Denise Lovett, African American Studies Program Coordinator
4:30 PM

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

PROVOST & DEAN WELCOME

Wendy Hensel
GSU Provost

Sara Rosen
College of Arts & Sciences Dean

5:00 PM

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Speaker Introduction: Caroline Jackson, WGSS MA Student, Georgia State University

Caroline Jackson is currently a second-year student in the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program at Georgia State University. Her bachelor’s degree in Women’s and Gender Studies was obtained from the University of South Florida – Tampa. During her time at USF she was active in educating students on college sexual assault and organizing on campus against measures that would restrict resources for survivors of violence on campus. While her undergraduate research focused on trans studies and media representation, her work at GSU has taken a different direction under the guidance of Dr. Susan Talburt. Her master’s thesis which is about to enter the proposal defense stage, is about the role of affect and discourse in personal narratives of queer disabled sex. Alongside her thesis work and completing her degree, Caroline is enjoying her first semester teaching her Intro to WGSS class and is excited to continue to a PHD program to obtain her goal of being a WGSS professor and researcher.

Although school takes up most of her time, Caroline loves exploring the city of Atlanta with her partner Josh, cooking, and seeing live music (in a pre-COVID world). For Caroline, WGSS is truly her home, where she loves to make connections with people who may have a variety of research and personal interests but can all agree on the same fundamental principles regarding gender, sexual, and racial justice.
**Stacey Abrams** is a *New York Times* bestselling author, serial entrepreneur, nonprofit CEO and political leader. Abrams is author of two books, *Lead from the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change* (2018) and *Our Time is Now: Power, Purpose, and the Fight for a Fair America* (2020). After serving for eleven years in the Georgia House of Representatives, seven as Democratic Leader, in 2018, Abrams became the Democratic nominee for Governor of Georgia, winning more votes than any other Democrat in the state’s history. Abrams was the first black woman to become the gubernatorial nominee for a major party in the United States, and she was the first black woman and first Georgian to deliver a Response to the State of the Union.

After witnessing the gross mismanagement of the 2018 election by the Georgia Secretary of State’s office, Abrams launched *Fair Fight Action* to ensure every American has a voice in our election system through programs such as Fair Fight 2020, an initiative to fund and train voter protection teams in 20 battleground states. Over the course of her career, Abrams has founded multiple organizations devoted to voting rights, training and hiring young people of color, and tackling social issues at both the state and national levels. In 2019, she launched *Fair Count* to ensure accuracy in the 2020 Census and greater participation in civic engagement, and the *Southern Economic Advancement Project*, a public policy initiative to broaden economic power and build equity in the South. For Abrams’ full profile of initiatives, awards, and contributions, visit [https://fairfight.com/about-stacey-abrams/](https://fairfight.com/about-stacey-abrams/).
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Mercer University
Panel Chair: Dr. Virginia Young, Chair, Women’s and Gender Studies
Dr. Natalie Bourdon, Faculty
Emily Rose Thorne, Student
James L. Stair, Alumni
Jamie Bormann, community partner from Crisis Line and Safe House of Central Georgia.

Perimeter College at Georgia State University
Panel Chair: Dr. Dana Wiggins, Associate Professor of History
Dr. Kathy Dolan, Associate Professor of Sociology
Dr. Sabrina Freeney, Assistant Professor of Communication
Loron Benton, Adjunct Instructor
Katherine Day and Bridget Bailey: Students, Feminati members, New Gender Studies Majors

Georgia Southern University
Panel Chair: Dr. Lisa Costello, Director, Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program
JT Hughes, Associate Dean (head of IDS programs)
Dr. Jane Rago, Dr. Felicity Turner, and Dr. Marcus Mitchell, Faculty
Ree Bajwa, Jade Scott, Gabrielle Peterson, and Nora Cook, Students

FRIDAY PLENARY SESSION

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 12:00pm – 1:00pm | ONLINE

RACE, GENDER, & THE VOTE
WGSS.GSU.edu October 22-23, 2020
Gender Studies in Georgia Virtual Conference

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Emory University
*Panel Chair: Beth Reingold, Associate Professor and WGSS Department Chair*
Stu Marvel, Assistant Professor of WGSS
Samantha Pinson Wrisley, PhD Candidate
Rachel Silver, WGSS Major & Honors Program Student
Chanel Craft Tanner, PhD, Director, Center for Women at Emory, WGSS Graduate Alumni and Community Partner
Natalie Turrin, PhD, Assistant Director, Center for Women at Emory, WGSS Graduate Alumni and Community Partner
Ashley Brown, WGSS Undergraduate Alumni
Kosha Tucker, Staff Attorney with the ACLU, Community Partner

Agnes Scott College
*Panel Chair: Elizabeth Hackett, Associate Professor of WGSS & Philosophy*
Lauran Whitworth, Assistant Professor of WGSS
E.R. Anderson, Executive Director, Charis Circle
One’ Carrington, WGSS major, class of ‘21
Grace Davis, WGSS major, class of ‘22

Clark Atlanta University
*Panel Chair: Dr. Eric D. Duke, African American Studies, Africana Women’s Studies and History (AWH) Department Chair*
Dr. Stephanie Sears, AWS Faculty & Advisor
Mrs. Philesha Colquitt, AWS Alumna
Ms. Donielle Pace, AWS PhD Student
Ms. Ummul-Khairi Adamu, AWS MA Student