



Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Student Fellowships
Spring Research Seminar 2016
Application Deadline: February 10, 2016

The Gender Research Institute is accepting applications for its Spring 2016 research seminar “**Gender Matters: Feminist Ecologies and Materialisms.**” Director: Aimee Bahng (English). Postdoctoral Fellow: Max Hantel (GRID).

Gender studies frameworks, long invested in disrupting dualistic and hierarchical thinking, offer a particularly generative set of analytic tools with which to think beyond the human-animal binary and the nature-culture divide. Even as recent critical moves beyond the human in ecocriticism, animal studies, affect theory, object-oriented ontology, speculative realism, actor-network theory, and other new materialisms unsettle notions of gendered and racialized subjectivities, “Gender Matters” maintains that histories and structures of gender discrimination, labor exploitation, colonial and neo-colonial legacies of racial capitalism are also constitutive of global ecosystems wherein cultures of disposability produce massive amounts of disavowed “waste” that spans a range of biological and inorganic matter.

Our objective is to generate constructive engagements across the natural, social, and humanistic sciences to engage in interdisciplinary approaches to questions of biopolitics, environmental justice, and global health. We hope to entangle feminist lines of inquiry with central debates happening in: geography, biology, physics, literature, media and cultural studies, linguistics, philosophy, political science, history, art and art history, environmental and earth sciences, engineering, anthropology and archaeology, music, and other disciplines willing to question human-animal hierarchies and engage non-androcentric and non-eurocentric perspectives. Together we might ask: What might *activism* entail beyond a human rights framework? How does *justice* shift its tenor in the all-too-rapid but relatively slow temporality of climate change? And how do feminist, queer, and trans theories inform these vital conversations about liveliness, ecologies, and materialisms? From the microbial to the planetary scale, what has been relegated to the afterthought of globalizing capitalism? To what extent does gender “matter” beyond the human?

Faculty, postdocs, and professional staff who become GRID Fellows will commit to participating regularly in the seminar, to attending the guest speaker events, and to producing scholarship after the seminar's conclusion leading to publication or public presentation.

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Fellows will attend the following public lecture events, as well as have the opportunity to meet and engage the confirmed speakers in a smaller seminar setting.

April 15 (Friday): “Animating Entanglements” with [Jasibr Puar](#) (Rutgers University), [Dana Luciano](#) (Georgetown University), and [Mel Chen](#) (UC-Berkeley)

April 30 (Saturday): “Archipelagic Entanglements” with [Vanessa Agard-Jones](#) (Yale University), [Zakiyyah Iman Jackson](#) (George Mason University), [Maile Arvin](#) (UC-Riverside), [Neel Ahuja](#) (UNC), and [Larisa Mann/DJ Ripley](#) (NYU).

May 9 (Monday): “Onto-Epistemological Entanglements” with [Deboleena Roy](#) (Emory University), [Banu Subramanian](#) (UMass-Amherst), [Neda Atanasoski](#) (UC-Santa Cruz), [Kalindi Vora](#) (UC-San Diego), and [Angie Wiley](#) (UMass-Amherst).

An Alumni/Activist/Artist panel to be confirmed shortly.

Undergraduate students interested in participating in the seminar will enroll in WGST 96: Advanced Research in Women's and Gender Studies.

GRID faculty and staff fellows will receive a research stipend of \$2,000.00. Student fellows are eligible for small travel grants for research or conference participation.

Interested faculty, professional staff, and graduate students should send a one-to two-page letter of intent (500 words or less) and C.V. explaining (1) how participating in the seminar would enhance their research and (2) how their current research would contribute to the goals of the seminar.

We encourage the faculty, staff, and students in all disciplines, divisions, and schools of the College to apply.

Please email applications and questions to: GRID@Dartmouth.edu

For more information about GRID, please direct questions to director Annabel Martín (annabel.martin@dartmouth.edu) or to GRID's Program Manager, Nancy O'Brien (Nancy.O'Brien@Dartmouth.edu).